

THE KENNEDY VISIT- THE TRUTH

Senator Edward Kennedy landed in South Africa all full of smiles and confidence. When he left the country, it was another Kennedy - shaken, scared and angry. In his wake he left a trail of unanswered questions.

People want to know: Why was Kennedy brought here in the first place? Can the multi-millionaire Kennedy really be a friend of the underpaid worker and land-starved peasant?

How can Kennedy, whose party voted R65 million aid to the brutal dictatorship in El Salvador to enable it to crush those fighting for freedom there, truly care for the oppressed and exploited of South Africa? Why did organizations like APDUSA, AZAPO, CAPE ACTION LEAGUE and the FEDERATION OF CAPE CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS oppose the Kennedy visit? Why did the latter three organizations publicly demonstrate against Kennedy with the slogan "Go home Kennedy"?

We are fortunate to be in possession of a leaflet entitled "KENNEDY - FRIEND OR FOE?" issued by our sister-organization, the Federation of Cape Civic Associations. Because it is an excellent document which answers the above questions, APDUSA decided to distribute this document.

The people of Natal are now given the privilege of reading what their fellow oppressed in the Cape have to say on this subject.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we offer to you the document "KENNEDY - FRIEND OR FOE?" for your consideration.

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KENNEDY - Friend or Foe?

Senator Edward Kennedy of the United States of America has made several anti-apartheid statements during his visit to South Africa. Whereas we welcome opposition to the apartheid system, it would be in our interest to know whom the senator represents and whose interests he serves.

Senator Kennedy is a representative of Foreign Capitalism-Imperialism - which has over R60 000 million invested in South Africa. Imperialism owns or controls most of the mines, factories and banks in South Africa eg., Ford, General Motors, Caltex, Consolidated Goldfields, Barclays and a host of other companies. The "White" ruling class, Botha & Co., together with the local capitalists (arch exploiters in their own right), manage and protect these investments in South Africa on behalf of Imperialism. Senator Kennedy is a member of and spokesman for the foreign capitalists who siphon R1 000 million every month (R35 million every single day!) out of South Africa in the form of SUPERPROFITS. They are able to reap such big profits because they pay oppressed workers in South Africa slave wages. This is the main reason for the poverty and homelessness of the majority of people in South Africa.

The Imperialists will never completely disinvest from S.A. because they make enormous profits from this system of oppression and exploitation. In addition, the South African state acts as a policeman protecting the interests of Imperialism, in the whole of Southern Africa.

Imperialism feels that the way in which the South African government is managing its affairs will ultimately endanger their super-profits. Senator Kennedy, on behalf of Imperialism is thus pressurising Botha & Co. to change certain of the more harsh features of apartheid. They call for the relaxation of the Group Area Acts, the Immorality Acts, forced removals and so forth - to mask the ugly face of Apartheid and Capitalism. The Imperialists are afraid that if the South African government does not bring about reforms quickly, they will lose their investments, properties and super profits during times of unrest and uprisings.

Senator Kennedy is attempting to strengthen and support liberal organizations and individuals, both 'black' and 'white', who want the same sham reforms in South Africa as the imperialists do. Bishop Tutu, Dr Boesak and the organizations they represent are either intentionally or unintentionally carrying out the dirty work of imperialism in South Africa. These people want to set up a National Convention to negotiate a deal with the ruling class. The deal will result in more "Black" faces in parliament and will ensure that poverty, oppression and exploitation is perpetuated.

The Imperialists and their allies are worried that the oppressed workers in South Africa are seeing through their evil capitalist system. Senator Kennedy is attempting to trick the oppressed into believing that the "FREE" enterprise system of capitalism is beneficial to them. They want to fool the oppressed and exploited people with gimmicks like the Sullivan Code and financial support for liberal organizations and certain

educational institutions. This is done to protect their (imperialism's) interests in South Africa and not the interests of the oppressed workers who will continue to be exploited.

American Imperialism has played a dirty role in other parts of the world to secure their investments. In Chile and Grenada they were instrumental in overthrowing democratically elected governments. Thousands were killed in the name of "FREE" enterprise. Nicaragua is being invaded by guerillas supported by American imperialists. In El Salvador thousands of people opposed to United States-backed dictatorship are being killed. They are also intervening and wreaking havoc in Namibia, Mozambique and Angola in collaboration with the South African ruling class.

With friends like these - Who needs enemies?

We oppose and reject the entrenchment of imperialism in South Africa just as we reject and oppose the evil system of apartheid.

We are opposed to the Kennedys, Jesse Jacksons, Andersons and ALL other imperialist agents and agencies who masquerade as the friends of the people.

WE DEMAND the total withdrawal of imperialism from Southern Africa.

WE DEMAND an end to foreign domination.

WE DEMAND an end to all oppression and exploitation.

WE DEMAND A SINGLE UNDIVIDED DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA WITH ONE NATION IN WHICH THE WEALTH OF THE NATION IS SHARED BY ALL.

IMPERIALISM AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES ARE OUR ENEMIES NOT OUR FRIENDS.

IMPERIALISM - The ENEMY!

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