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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S.A.

Dear Comrades,

I write to you in connection with the recent announcement by the U.S. State Department that sanctions against the racist South African regime were to be eased including the lifting of the embargo on the supply of certain items to Army and Police departments. The U.S. administration seeks to justify this outrageous action by a claim that the regime has shown signs of a retreat from its vicious policies of race oppression.

We have every confidence that your Party and all genuinely democratic groups in your country will dismiss this claim with the contempt it deserves. This latest measure is consistent with the undisguised policy of the Reagan administration to lend its encouragement and support to despotic and tyrannical regimes in every part of the globe and makes a mockery of its so-called concern for "human rights".

Events in our country in the recent period have demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that the South African regime is daily intensifying its system of race oppression and sharpening its instruments of terror against the people and their legitimate leaders. The recent onslaught on the black trade union movement, involving the arrest, torture and murder of workers leaders in police cells, is only one of a series of outrages which continue unabated against any and all true opponents of Apartheid. Neil Aggett secretary of the Transvaal Food and Canning Works Union was murdered in his cell. Torture perpetrated against Thozamile Gqweta, President of the South African Allied Workers Union and Sam Kikine, General Secretary of SAAWU, has in recent weeks led to their complete mental breakdown necessitating treatment in a Psychiatric hospital.

Externally, the Apartheid war machine is intensifying its acts of aggression against the neighbouring independent states and is raining death and destruction on their inhabitants.

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A full catalogue of the crimes against humanity being committed by the regime, both internally and externally, is beyond the scope of this short letter. Suffice it to say that the South African racists has found in the Reagan Administration a powerful new friend and ally in its murderous path towards perpetually white racist supremacy at all levels of social life. In addition it is being groomed as a gendarme to reverse the dramatic gains of the black liberation revolutions in Southern Africa.

The publicity organs of the racist State hardly pretend to hide their glee and joy about the progressive cementing of relations and mutual support between them and U.S. reaction. It has greatly encouraged the white supremacist state to stem up its internal and external policies of terror and to move with even greater vigour, though its Bantustan policy, to transform the overwhelming indigenous majority into permanent "foreigners" in the land of their birth.

On behalf of our oppressed people we appeal to you to do all in your power to mobilise all genuine American democrats to demand the reversal of the recent lifting of sanctions and put a halt to a policy by the Reagan Administration which is clearly designed to make the American people accomplices in one of the most blatant forms of racist tyranny which the world has yet experienced.

With Communist Greetings,

Yours Fraternally,

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