

South African blasts apartheid . . .

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The United States is supporting an openly racist South African government, United Nations member Thami Mlamdiso charged in a campus speech Friday.

Mlamdiso represents the revolutionary African National Congress, formed in 1912 to unite African tribes in their struggle against the ruling whites. Mlamdiso described his organization to more than a hundred students who gathered to hear him in the EMU as the "spokesman and leader of the African people, now in the vanguard of the revolutionary effort." The organization is outlawed in South Africa.

His voice rising and falling with the passion of his argument, Mlamdiso said the United States, along with Britain, France, West Germany and Japan, is keeping the present apartheid South African government in power. The U.S. alone, according to Mlamdiso, had invested over \$1.78 billion. Much of this money, Mlamdiso said, is invested directly through bank loans. The rest comes from interest in gold and diamond monopolies and investments from firms such as Xerox and Polaroid.

"Over 400 firms and American subsidiaries are serving to prop up



Drawing by Cecily Reeve

the system of apartheid," said Mlamdiso. "The South African government alone would never be as powerful as it is without Western intervention."

The present South African government officially condones a policy of apartheid, which Mlamdiso defined as a "legal separation of races." Mlamdiso explained the disadvantages of this system, "In South Africa, of course, only whites can be elected to parliament. They have used their voting privilege to gain control of the economic, educational and social aspects of our culture."

Mlamdiso also lashed out at the present division of land in South Africa. "There are 18 million blacks and 4 million whites in South Africa. Under the present system the 18 million blacks are given 13 per cent of the land. A social crisis has developed in South Africa that can only be solved by revolutionary change."

The goals of the National Congress, Mlamdiso believes, are less drastic than those of other South African revolutionary groups. "Our struggle is not simply that of blacks against whites," he explained. "We do not wish to

drive the whites into the ocean, but to build a state where the African will have the right of self-determination." Mlamdiso added that after revolutionary take over, his organization hopes to nationalize all resources.

The revolutionary movement, according to Mlamdiso, is gaining momentum. "The revolution is spreading," he said. "Students, above all others, are determined upon fighting. They are out demonstrating, using sticks and stones against bullets. They are prepared to face death."

Mlamdiso also admitted that resistance to the revolutionary movement has increased. "Over 1,000 students have been murdered from June to the present date by South African police," he said. Mlamdiso added that this outbreak of killings occurred after the police commissioners returned from a visit to the United States.

"I ask you this question," said Mlamdiso. "What did these police officials learn when they visited your country? What law enforcement officials aided them?"

Mlamdiso ridiculed the United States attempts to intervene in the South African conflict. "Suddenly the United States has rediscovered the South African continent, after acting for so long as if it were not there," he scorned. "Kissinger is frantically trying to see that a settlement is reached. To us it is quite clear that this is because he wants a safe haven for American investment."

Mlamdiso said his organization sees no hope for a negotiated peace in South Africa. "When Kissinger meets with the present

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...as blacks flee to avoid arrest

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — More than 600 black students reportedly have fled from South Africa to neighboring Botswana and Swaziland to avoid arrest in connection with recent racial clashes.

The Botswana government said at least 500 of the students, most from the segregated township of Soweto near Johannesburg, have slipped across the border since rioting first erupted June 16.

Government officials in Swaziland say 130 other students between 16 and 25 years old have entered that country in recent weeks.

A government spokesman in Botswana said most "political refugees" apply for U.N. travel documents and then go elsewhere. But a number of those entering Swaziland told officials they wanted to undergo military training in Tanzania.

That country is used as a base by the black African National Congress (ANC), which opposes South Africa's white minority government.

Ernest Schlatter, southern African representative of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, said in an interview published by the Johannesburg Star newspaper that there was nothing to

stop the students from joining the ANC or becoming guerrillas.

"Each one can do as he pleases once he is resettled by the U.N. commission," said Schlatter.

The students sparked and led many anti-government protests in South Africa and scores of students have been arrested on a variety of charges since the riots in Soweto began. At least 345 persons have died in the anti-government rioting since June. All but three were black or colored

and most died from police gunfire.

South African Minister of Police James Kruger issued a statement Monday declaring students who have left South Africa illegally may return without fear of prosecution on that charge.

But he added any who return will not be exempt from prosecution on other charges related to the wide-spread racial unrest.

Black reaction to Kruger's remarks has been generally skeptical.



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