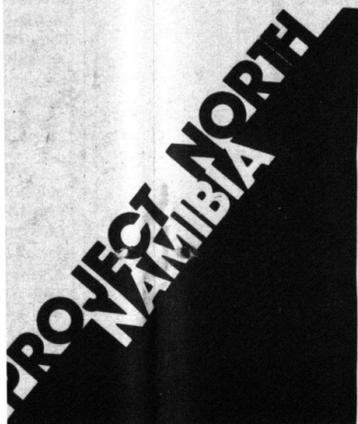


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A week of prayer and awareness for people of Namibia, October 25 - November 1, hopes to promote public awareness of the situation in southern Africa. As part of a two year long activity, Project North Namibia will study the



similarities between the oppression of African natives in Canada and of Africans in South Africa. The Lutheran Student Centre on campus is sponsoring the project along with LSM locals across the city. The public is invited to attend the scheduled events on campus. For more information and a schedule of events, contact the Chaplain's office in SUB.

illegal military occupation of their land. South Africa is now seeking to impose its will militarily on Angolans as well. United States policy supports South Africa, despite Chester Crocker's statement to the American Legion in Honolulu that the United States will reject those who "hold power through violence."

3. *The context of Zimbabwe.* South Africa is playing the role that the illegal Rhodesian regime played prior to the independence of Zimbabwe. It is seeking to legitimize a surrogate government installed in 1978 by an election held without international supervision. South Africa bombs locations in Angola just as Rhodesia did in Zambia. It invokes the spectre of a Marxist state which will drive out whites and oppress black minorities (even though black majorities in South African-administered countries have no bill of rights at the present time). Yet an investigation of the full context will reveal that the Patriotic Front, which was vilified as recently as two years ago in the same way that SWAPO is being vilified today, has emerged with responsible governing leaders who are bringing their country, against many odds, to a period of peace and reconciliation and stability. Numerous whites in Zimbabwe have testified that they had been misled by reports of their Rhodesian government.

4. *The context of propaganda.* Propaganda is rife on all sides of every question. The revelations of Muldergate, including the resignation of John Vorster in disgrace, are evidence that South Africa uses its gold to mold public opinion. We feel that effects of it in the United States, where South Africa portrays itself as the savior of Western civilization and as a bastion against communism.

Western civilization? A country that rejects such basic values as democratic rule

and freedoms of press, speech, movement, assembly and collective bargaining? Bastion against communism? Russia and South Africa hold many things in common: incarceration of political adversaries, control of the media and labor movements, and a ruling oligarchy, to name a few. South Africa's charge that SWAPO consists of "Marxist terrorists" would hardly lead anyone to speculate that there are chaplains in SWAPO who run refugee camps, and yet this is the case. Furthermore, SWAPO's official delegations from within the territory are composed largely of church leaders. When Assistant Secretary of State William Clark met the SWAPO delegation in Winhoek, four of the five in that delegation held high positions in their churches (Lutheran and African Methodist Episcopal).

Finally, the impression is given that the war goes on, and people are killed daily, because of SWAPO's terrorist activities and that South Africa yearns for a negotiated settlement. Yet it was Swapo in January of this year which declared at the beginning of the US sponsored preimplementation meeting that it was prepared to sign a cease-fire and participate on an equal basis with all other parties in a UN supervised election.

South Africa refused. While the raids were taking place in Angola, the SWAPO representative was speaking at the United Nations and saying that his organization was ready to meet South Africa "anytime, anywhere" to sign a cease-fire and proceed with elections.

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