

Africans speak on March 12

"Namibia will be free" will be the topic of Aaron H. Shihepo and Lyle Mvula, two SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization) members at their lecture and discussion in Halifax on March 12. The two spokespersons will be presenting an up-to-date report on the struggle of Namibia to free itself from illegal South African occupation. Namibia was occupied by British South African troops during World War I and became a League of Nations Mandate in 1920, to be administered by South Africa on behalf of the British crown. South Africa immediately proceeded to impose its racist laws and regulations upon the African population. Practically all the apartheid laws of South Africa are applied in Namibia; an all-white voters' roll and legislature, a white monopoly of administrative, clerical and supervisory posts, inferior standards of

education, lower health services and social welfare for the black man, "Bantu homelands", strict residential and social segregation, riches for the white minority settlers and abject poverty for the Africans.

Namibia contains rich mineral deposits of diamonds and base metals which have been efficiently exploited by foreign, primarily Western, companies. Canadian firms, such as Falconbridge Nickel Mines of Canada which produces some fifty thousand tons of ore monthly, Etosha Mineral Company (whose parent organization is Brilund Mines of Canada Ltd.), Woodford Oil and Gas Company Ltd. (Canada) and Etosha Petroleum Company, are presently engaged in extremely profitable activities in Namibia. Western business investment in Namibia is helping South Africa to consolidate its colonial

grip of Namibia with a view to keeping Namibia as a permanent buffer zone essential to the security of white privilege and supremacy in Southern Africa. The forty-four corporations benefit not only from easy concession terms, but also from the forced cheap African labour, which the apartheid ideology and practice guarantees. The average monthly income for an African worker in the mining industry is \$27.11 against \$473 for a white worker. The income differential is coupled with the fact that two-thirds of Namibian land has been expropriated by white settlers while Africans make up 86% of the total population.

The South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) was formed in 1959. It organized protest and resistance to apartheid policies; by December 1963, the South African regime banned SWAPO from holding public meetings and it was forced to go underground. However, by this time, SWAPO had acquired a sufficiently broad following in Namibia. In October of 1966, South Africa was deprived of the Mandate over Namibia by decision of the United Nations General Assembly. This was confirmed by the International Court of Justice in June 1971. The People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) was formed in 1963,

had its first armed encounter with South African troops in 1966 and continues to this day to wage an armed struggle. The popular upsurge of resistance has been met with the establishment of a chain of torture chambers which has been exposed by Rev. Albertus J. Maasdorp, the Namibian Secretary of the World Federation of Lutheran Churches. They have also been confirmed by Bishop Auala of the Ovambokavango Lutheran Church. Nevertheless, resistance to South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia continues.

The current situation and the state of the struggle in Namibia will be discussed on Sunday evening, March 12 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 115 of the Weldon Law Building. The lecture in Halifax is the last leg of a cross-Canada tour of the two SWAPO members (sponsored by CUSO and the Southern Africa Information Group of Nova Scotia); admission is FREE.

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Third Regina increase

REGINA (CUP)—Forty students occupied a board of governors meeting room at the University of Regina March 2 to argue against possible tuition fee increases and education cutbacks.

They watched the nine board members devour \$25 meals, then refuse to discuss anything with students present. The board finally moved to another room to meet in private.

There they decided to raise tuition fees 8.2 per cent and incur a \$100,000 university deficit in the coming year, student president and board rep Jeff Parr said after. The meeting was informal: a final decision will be made at a March 14 board meeting.

After the meeting, Parr spoke to 500 people in the student pub. "I have just come from a board of governors meeting," he said. "People demonstrating this afternoon impressed upon the board that students can't afford a tuition fee increase.

"Instead of going with a 9.6 per cent fee increase, the board went for a 8.2 per cent increase. If

students don't want any increases they should start kicking back." The pub exploded in a bedlam of cheering and table thumping.

"On March 7," Parr continued, "the provincial government is going to bring down the provincial budget. We should be there demonstrating with placards against cutbacks in education funding." The applause and table thumping was louder than any rock band has ever received, one pub veteran said.

Cutbacks in education funding and tuition increases hurt everyone except the rich, Parr said later. "Somehow we've got to voice our anger when governments follow this sort of restrictive policy.

"What we're asking is for the board to join with us to say 'no we can't do it this way. The government can't cut back on one of the most important things it does.' Unless the board supports us there'll be the same old runaround with various levels of government blaming it on someone else."

A tuition fee increase would be the third in three years for Regina students.

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Carter's line of absolute concepts of abstract morality above classes is advanced in a slightly hidden way of "social irresponsibility", of "unethical use of the community's financial resources" under the smokescreen of the "issue" of "investments" and "Canadian imperialism".

6. Accusations against the students of "complicity" (an accomplice in a crime, a partner in guilt). By actually creating the impression that Dal investment policy is determined by the students, staff and faculty, opportunism is blaming them as the racists and imperialists while absolving the rich financiers of the B.O.G., the moneybags of Canada and USA, from all blame.

7. Denial that racism is the official ideology and practise of the bourgeoisie at home and abroad in the service of U.S. neo-colonial exploitation and plunder in South Africa. The rich and their state can "support racism" abroad and be "democrats" at home. If the rich "withdraw money from banks which support apartheid" do they then become opponents of apartheid when the day before they were "firmly planted on the other side

supporting systematic oppression with their investment policies"? It is the rich, the tycoons of Alcan, Falconbridge, Ford and the Dal B.O.G. who are racist. Their state, their superstructure—be it in Chile or South Africa or Canada and Dalhousie—and their ideology, thinking, aspirations and aims are preserved and protected by the system of oppressor states and massive investments.

8. Detachment of the struggle here from the national liberation struggle. Thus, no articles which research and detail the effects and causes of the shifting of the burden of the economic crisis by the rich and their state onto the backs of the students, staff and faculty to arouse public opinion to defend the basic interests of the students are written.

In short, an ideology of conciliation and national and social chauvinism, and liquidation of practical struggles at home and abroad. Instead of clarifying, massive confusion is generated so that when the axe falls, the students are unprepared.

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