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eventual banishment? To promote trade unionism. SAC-TU is the politically strongest trade union movement because it calls not only for economic rights for workers but also political emancipation from all aspects of apartheid. Only trade unions which are "paralleled" - i.e. under the domination of white unions — are allowed to operate openly in South Africa.

SACTU's position and the reason its members are banned is that it correctly argues that economic gains without political liberation is "a betrayal of the interests of workers." How can

the Pretoria 12 trial have already told the court after giving evidence that they had lied under oath to avoid further torture. When witness Frank Kunene was

sity and from a recognition that of apartheid is increasing rather than decreas ing Recent uprisings

> While Vorster, like Smith in Rhodesia before him, desperately attempts to convince the world that things are changing, the international community is increasingly aware of the facts. Bantustans becoming "independent," sport becoming "multiracial," and an end to "petty-" apartheid laws each new public relations gimmick becomes less credible.

> Robert Hughes, Labour Party MP in Britain, spoke of these "changes" as follows: "Far from moving towards the open society and ending apartheid, the trial) of the Pretoria 12) shows that the South African government is moving in the opposite 'direction."

International pressure on the Vorster government maybe intensified. In Canada, the Canadians Concerned about South Africa (CCSA) is organizing the opposition to the Pretoria 12 trials in this country. CCSA calls on Canadians to write directly to Pretoria condemning these trials and demanding a release of all political prisoners in South Africa. Also, letters should be sent to MPs asking them to initiate pressure from the Canadian government through diplomatic channels,

In each of the major Canadian centres, support groups are assisting in the distribution of information regarding these trials. In Edmonton, many individuals and organizations have been contacted by the Free Southern Africa Committee.

Strong words have never weakened apartheid. Only actions based on fundamental political and humanitarian principles can make their effects felt.

We should never forget one important historical fact: in 1942, Prime Minister John Vorster was arrested as a sympathizer of the Nazi Party. He has publicly likened Christian Nationalism in South Africa to National Socialism in Germany.

It is the entire structure of apartheid that must be put on trial — not the Pretoria 12 and others like them.

Do something — it is a matter of life or death.

re-arrested during an interruption in the trial, he screamed that police would kill him. Anoher witness, Ian Rwaxa, appealed to the Judge for protec-

an African seriously fight for higher wages when he can be instantly dismissed and removed from the urban areas under thes pass law? The South African legal practice also contravenes international law regarding the treatment of political prisoners.

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should be treated as prisoners of war. As the prosecution charges that four of the Pretoria 12

performed the role of soldiers national law in this respect.

Two of the key state witnesses in has openly demonstrated its

INTERNATIONAL APPEAL

From the Sharpeville and possessed weapons, South massacres (1960) to Soweto, and Africa openly disregards inter- from Soweto to the Pretoria 12 trials, the South African regime

unwillingness to allow a peaceful solution to the-injustice of apartheid! Armed struggle by the South African people has been a choice made out of neces the institutionalized violence

students, demonstrations by workers, and the political trials themselves attest to the determination of South Africans wihtin the country and those forced into exile to struggle jointly for a democratic, nonracial society.

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