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PRESS RELEASE

The African National Congress of South Africa deplores the treatment and reception of the President of Zambia, Dr. K.D. Kaunda was given by the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr* Eduard Heath and the President of the United States of America, Mr* Richard Nixon in London and Washington respectively*

Dr* Kaunda, at the head of the O.A.U* mission and the delegation representing the non-aligned nations, is a champion of the aspirations of the oppressed and struggling masses in Southern Africa* In both instances, Dr, Kaunda exposed the dishonesty and chicanery employed by these two western leaders in their dealings on problems concerning Southern Africa* Their actions clearly show the callousness with which the western nations approach the critical situation in Southern Africa generally and the particular South African

The question of arms sales to South Africa is a clear case of profits and racial considerations being put above the basic human principles which the

black people in South Africa are struggling for* Already West Germany and Portugal are selling arms to South Africa and Britain now intends to supply more of these arms which are specifically meant for the brutal suppression of the black masses and also against the progressive independent African States,

The treatment given to Dr* Kaunda by Mr* Heath and Mr* Nixon showed that the western nations are not prepared to listen to Africa's statesman who was chosen to speak on behalf of free Africa, the non-aligned nations and in particular the voiceless black masses of Southern Africa*

This is part of the strategy the western nations will adopt and an indication of the lengths they will go to protect their economic and financial interests in South Africa, at the expense of the black people who are held at

the mercy of the whims and wishes of the fascist racists in our country* Britain and the United States have thus aligned themselves directly with

the enemies of progress and human freedom*

In his speech at the United Nations* General Assembly earlier this week,

President Kaunda provided a rallying point for the progressive forces in the world, and those who are opposed

to racism as practised in South Africa,
to stand firmly in their convictions in opposing reactionary forces in the world* This is the time for the African States, the socialist countries and the whole of mankind to fight tenaciously in defence of freedom and human dignity*

We the people of South Africa assure His Excellency, Dr* Kaunda* the OAU* and the non-aligned nations of our unflagging support in the fight against the supply of arms to South Africa by Britain, France and West Germany. The struggle of the people of South Africa is against apartheid, racism and imperialism in South Africa for the creation of a peaceful world in which mankind will live.

Thomas T. Nkomo
Chief Representative.

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