

REPORT FROM CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACIAL EXPLOITATION (CARE) TO THE AOAAW
IN TOKYO, JAPAN , AUGUST 27TH-29TH 1988.

CARE AUSTRALIA is the United Nations recognised and largest anti-apartheid organisation in Australia. Affiliated to it are 20 specifically anti-racist organisations, from each state in Australia, and approximately 60 other affiliates, including trade unions, church, student, aid and community organisations.

Because of Australia's continuing oppression of its indigenous Aboriginal population, CARE feels that it has a responsibility to be an anti-racist organisation concerned with domestic racial oppression as well as apartheid, Namibia and defense of the Front Line States. '

International Orientation

CARE supports the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front in South Africa, SWAPO of Namibia, and the Front Line States. CARE successfully lobbied the Australian Government for the establishment of ANC and SWAPO offices in Australia in 1983, although unfortunately the Government does not provide financial support to these offices.

The representatives of these Organisations in Australia are:

ANC: Mr Eddie Funde, ANC Information Office, 4 Goulburn Street, SYDNEY 2000

SWAPO: Mr Joe Kaapanda, SWAPO Information Office, Rm 207-9, 2nd Floor, 328 Flinders Street, MELBOURNE 3000.

Current Activities of CARE and its Affiliates

Each of CARE'S affiliates is autonomous and, as a national body, CARE seeks to co-ordinate the anti-racist work of its affiliates. CARE's activity as a national body in the past year has included:

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1. Co-ordinating Shell Boycott Campaign; distribution of stickers, lobbying governments and Shell management in Australia, distributing leaflets to affiliates, Nation-wide pickets of Shell offices in March 1987 and (planned) pickets for the international week of action in November, 1987.
 2. Lobbying Australian Government; Regular lobbying has occurred of the Australian Labor Government and Parliamentarians.
 3. Publishing Newsletter; The CARE Newsletter is the largest and most regular anti-racist publication in Australia.
 4. Scholarships; CARE and its affiliates have lobbied for more support for anti-apartheid Southern African students to study in Australia. CARE has also supported the Jim Gale Memorial African Scholarship Fund which supports two students and CARE has successfully lobbied for the establishment of two scholarships at the University of Adelaide.
 5. International Visits; CARE and its affiliates have assisted in facilitating visits by Oliver Tambo and Desmond Tutu in 1987. These tours were highly successful.
 6. Demonstrations and Pickets; CARE and its affiliates have organised Shell Boycott pickets, nationwide pickets against the South African TV 3 mini-series 'Shaka-Zulu', pickets outside supermarkets selling South African goods and outside the South African Airways Office, and pickets of sportspeople including jockeys, golfers, tennis players and cricketers as well as of the Australian Rugby Union. A number of large demonstrations were held in major cities across the country on June 16, 1987.
 7. UN Cultural Boycott; CARE) has been active in approaching visiting international artists/singers to sign the UN Pledge not to perform in apartheid South Africa.
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8. Preparation of Aid Submission; CARE prepared a major submission in support of a SWAPO aid project which resulted in an Australian Government grant of \$60,000.

Australian Government Record on South Africa and Namibia.

Attached is a summary by the Australian Government of its record since 1983 on Namibia and South Africa. In CARE's view Australia has taken many positive steps against apartheid South Africa since 1983. Our major criticisms of Australia's position are:

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General refusal to act unilaterally.

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No ban on investment in South Africa and Namibia.

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Failure to financially support the ANC and SWAPO, and continued channelling of aid through internal South African agencies.

No ban on imports from South Africa and Namibia. This is particularly irrational in areas where such imports compete with similar Australian products.

Continuing doubts over the immigration to Australia of white racists from South Africa.

Formation of Australia-Mozambique Association

During 1987, an important development in support of the Frontline states

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has been the formation of this society to campaign in support of Mozambique.

Its address is:

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Greetings from CARE Australia.

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