

sharpeville day tue. 21 march

A DAY OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST APARTHEID

On this day 18 years ago, Black South Africans gathered to peacefully protest the South African Pass Laws. These laws require that each Black South African carry a passport-like document with them at all times. The Pass Laws enable the South African regime to restrict the movement of Blacks solely to the areas where they work and live. Further, cheap Black labor is guaranteed by the South African regime through the practice of apartheid, a system of "government" in which the white-minority rulers maintain the Black population in a position politically, economically, and socially inferior to whites.

This racist, white-minority regime feared the peaceful protest at Sharpeville would spread and disrupt their control of the Black population. They suppressed the protest with violence to "intimidate" other potential eruptions of protest. In the massacre, they killed 69 and wounded 180 people. This was not the last of the protests, nor the last of the massacres of innocent Black South Africans.

SHARPEVILLE: THE U.M. CONNECTION...

The freedom fighters in South Africa have asked the world, (including the U.S.), to withdraw all support of the South African regime by calling for the complete withdrawal of economic support of the corporations doing business in South Africa. These corporations, which economically support apartheid, can be of no help to the struggle for freedom for Blacks in South Africa. U. of M. has ignored this plea, and the Regents voted last week to keep its investments in corporations and banks in South Africa.

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JOIN US IN REMEMBERING SHARPEVILLE

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