

REGIME

Jose Luis Borya vs. George Feague

October 12, 1978

P R E S S S T A T E M E N T

BLACK COMMUNITY PROTESTS!

AGAINST IAN SMITH'S REGIME

AND

FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT

SUPPORTERS:

Black Federation of San Diego
Nia
Southeast Ministerial Alliance
NAACP
C.I.T.I.E.S.
Association of Black Social Workers
Black Student Union - City College
Black Student Council - San Diego State
African Liberation Support Committee
Campaign for Economic Democracy
Committee on Chicano Rights
World Community of Islam in the West
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Ian Smith being allowed to come to this country is a mockery of President Carter's human rights stance. It is particularly insulting to Black Americans, and to decent human beings throughout the world.

Our opposition to Ian Smith's visit to this country is based on his life time of criminal activities in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). These activities include murder, enslavement, imprisonment without trial, the robbing of a country's wealth, and the destruction and humiliation of the people of Zimbabwe.

After suffering years of barbarism at the hands of their European captors, Africans from all corners of that continent either fought and gained their independants or the colonizers left. However Ian Smith, head of the British colonial government, and two thousand other whites decided to stay. In 1965, instead of granting independance to what was then call Southern Rhodesia , he established the illegal racist regime of Rhodesia which continues to enslave 6 million Blacks.

Ian Smith has now come to America to explain his side of the story--a sick rationale for 13 years of brutal treatment to Blacks in Zimbabwe. Thirteen years of forced segregation, little or no education, slave wages, (blacks makes \$840 annually vs. whites making \$8800 annually for same tasks), and a land act comparable to that of his racist South African neighbors.

Ian Smith's trying to explain his position is like a bank robber who has murdered his victims and brags about it for 13 years. Now that he is surrounded by the posse, he wants a sympathetic ear for the murders he has committed and rights to the money he has stolen.

What about the sick, deranged ultra-conservative lead by S.I. Hayakawa, who brought Smith to this country. These are the same people who have been against any progress for Blacks and other minorities in this country.

When "Sominex Sam" Hayakawa returned from Rhodesia in June of this year, he concluded after twelve days that Ian Smith had the best solution for Zimbabwe. This is the same arrogant Ian Smith who said in 1971 that Blacks in Rhodesia would not be ready to rule themselves for a thousand years.

Every year the fourth of July is celebrated in this country as a reminder of white folks' struggle for independence. George Washington did not carry a picket sign. The American revolutionaries actually fought bloody battles and killed their oppressor, the British. Americans have heralded this as a monumental struggle for freedom. Why, then, is the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe being labelled terrorist by the American press and the conservative politicians of this country? Do they not have the same right to freedom as the Americans did?

The main concern of the American press and politicians is that Z.A.N.U., one of the groups in the Patriotic Front is of Marxist orientation. It appears they want to protect the people of Zimbabwe from Marxism by keeping them enslaved to Ian Smith and his puppets, Sithole, Chirav and Muzorewa.

The Patriotic Front is the main reason that it has not taken Blacks 1000 years to learn to rule themselves as Smith predicted. They fought like the American revolutionaries. They are the ones who should decide the fate of Zimbabwe.

We are calling for a protest march in Coronado to show support for the Patriotic Front and to express our indignation over Ian Smith's presence in this country. We denounce his illegal and puppet regime and seek to expose the conservative reactionary politicians who brought him here. The march will be held at the Hotel Del Coronado on Saturday, October 14 at 11:30 a.m.

IS THERE REALLY ANYTHING THIS HITLER-LIKE FACIST SMITH CAN SAY TO THE WORLD BUT..."I'M LEAVING ZIMBABWE?!?"

PROTEST

Ian Smith and his
Illegitimate Regime

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SUPPORT

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT

When: Sat. Oct. 14th 11:30 a.m.

Where: Hotel Del Coronado
(assemble on Ocean Blvd.)

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BSU City College, BSC S.D. State Univ., CITIES
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