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**CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA!**

**NATIONAL TOUR OF
JOHN NYATI POKELA**
CHAIRMAN, PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA

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The freedom struggle of the 25 million African people of Azania (the African name for white-ruled South Africa) is growing stronger. In 1983 over 380 illegal strikes were recorded, along with a marked increase in local rebellions and guerrilla attacks. The racist regime, whose four million white settlers have grown rich on the enslavement of the African majority, today stands condemned as guilty of crimes against humanity. The U.S. government has made South Africa its close ally and has armed it to the teeth with sophisticated weapons. Today South Africa is a police state, a country at war.

On April 13, John Nyati Pokela, Chairman of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, will speak in San Francisco. The PAC is one of two liberation movements in South Africa recognized by the U.N. and the Organization of African Unity. This U.S. tour, on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the PAC is a rare opportunity to hear a major leader of the African freedom fighters explain why and how his people are fighting to defeat the racist regime.

The Azanian people have not always been slaves to the whites. For hundreds of years, Africans fought fierce battles to resist the theft of their lands and birthright by the European invaders. The settlers created the white supremacist system called "apartheid" -- seizing the best 87% of the land, forcing the Africans to struggle for survival on reservations, called bantustans. This system condemns African people to genocidal conditions: an infant mortality rate of 50% by the age of five; conditions of martial law. South Africa is also responsible for invasions and sabotage against the independent revolutionary African nations of Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. It is illegally occupying the nation of Namibia with over 50,000 troops.

The Azanian people have refused to accept a life of terror and exploitation for themselves and their children. The liberation movements--the PAC and the African Nationalist Congress (ANC)--are leading the struggle to free Azania of oppression by the settlers and western imperialism. The PAC has built deep roots among the people. Representing the aspirations of millions to regain their land and dignity, it launched the armed struggle over twenty years ago and has survived all attempts by the racists to destroy the liberation movement. In 1984 the PAC is confronting the Reagan-South Africa alliance by mobilizing the whole people to fight for independence and socialism. Chairman Pokela is a veteran of 40 years in the African nationalist movement. In the 1960's, working underground, he led in the rebirth of the revolutionary armed struggle in Azania. Like many other leaders of his people, he was imprisoned in the concentration camps of the racist regime. He was released in 1981 after 13 years in South Africa's notorious Robben Island Prison. Since that time he has led in advancing the organization's drive towards "going home to liberate the country."

The United States has built South Africa into a military and economic fortress that dominates much of Africa. IBM computers regulate Black people's movements on their own land through the pass system, while the U.S. government covertly sends in shipments of illegal arms. Jeanne Kirkpatrick defends South Africa, vetoing U.N. condemnations of its invasions of Angola.

In the words of Undersecretary Chester Crocker -- the State Department's "Kissinger of Africa" -- "We share a fundamental identity of interests with South Africa." This is because America's own development is based on a similar system of white supremacy and internal colonialism. This goes back to the kidnap of tens of millions of Africans to be slaves in the U.S. The 30 million Black people in the U.S. are also oppressed as a nation, and their struggle for human rights and self-determination is a growing threat to the power of the U.S. empire. When we look at the rebellious faces of the Black youth in Miami filling the streets in response to the acquittal of a racist killer cop, we see the same spirit of resistance as in Soweto.

Come hear the leader of the Pan Africanist Congress, and join with us in working for the liberation of the people of Azania and the defeat of imperialism.

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