

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 1985

Mr. OWENS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling upon the President to grant asylum to those individuals who seek asylum in the United States rather than serve in the South African armed forces in support of apartheid.

Whereas there is a universal draft of white males in South Africa;

Whereas alternative service is available only to members of certain religious groups;

Whereas a white male who, when drafted, refuses induction in the South African armed forces is subject to a court martial under which the individual is presumed to be guilty unless proven otherwise and, if convicted, may be sentenced to 6 years in military prison;

Whereas all draftees are subject to the requirement that they take up arms in support of apartheid as members of the South African armed forces; and

Whereas the system of apartheid is morally repugnant: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That the Congress calls upon the President of*
- 3 *the United States to grant asylum to those individuals who*
- 4 *seek asylum in the United States rather than serve in the*
- 5 *armed forces of South Africa in support of apartheid.*

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 Jul 31, 85  
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 BILL DICEST ..... Jul 13, 85.  
 Call upon the President to grant  
 asylum to individuals who do not want to serve  
 in the armed forces of South Africa because of the policy of  
 apartheid.



# South African and On Asylum

## Bill Urges Asylum For South Africans

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WASHINGTON - A member of Congress is coming to the aid of South Africans who refuse to support their country's apartheid policy and seek U.S. asylum. "People who refuse to engage in violence in South Africa deserve our wholehearted support," said Rep. Major Owens (D-NY) who introduced his resolution in to the House last week and has already garnered 14 co-sponsors.

The bill urges President Reagan to grant asylum to South African draft resisters who refuse military service because it would mean helping suppress internal disorder.

"These internal security functions are essentially the support of apartheid by force of arms," Owens said.

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Office, and Malcolm are. Also a copy of the House Resolution Major Owens put in which you may wish to pass on to E.C. and others you think it may be of interest to. And I think a letter from them thanking him for the efforts he is putting in would be something he would appreciate. a letter to Sean Smith Hoffman who has been the contact I have had. I have done the work for the bill would also be appropriate. The letter in the newspaper saying how nice it was on the streets with the stayaway rally show how raw the people are. P.W. is really acting quite dumb in his speak asking why the Press is always out areas where violence occurs - do they get hopped off or are the behind it. I didn't quite understand about

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