Imperialism keeps Africans in poverty

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struck in South Africa they were thrown up. Let Wit go into so 
mines or assembly lines of Africa and 
attempt to tell the black 
workers that the main problem in 
Africa is not that of an oppressed 
working class. Hopefully, he will 
get hoaxed up.

Wit tries to dismiss the crucial 
point that the problem is indeed 
rich against poor, oppressors 
against the oppressed, and 
capitalists against the working class 
by stating the "situation in South 
Africa is much more severe and 
complicated." This statement is 
an "intellectual" attempt to try to 
attack the simple fact that the 
main problems in the world to-
day are a result of US and Soviet 
imperialism. The fact of the mat-
ter is that the problem is quite 
simple: it is quite simple that "inte-
llectuals" at MIT and other lack-
eys of the bourgeoisie try to dis-
miss this simplicity by saying that 
the problems are "very com-
plex," so complex that only a 
highly educated group of Kis-
singers or Kirkpatrick's can com-
prehend the problem. The strug-
gles in South Africa, El Salvador, 
Robux, Harlem, and other eco-
nomically depressed areas are not 
the struggles of the oppressed 
working class to free themselves 
of their racist imperialist masters.

Wit, in his naivete, has also 
attempted to dismiss the notion 
or existence of a working class by 
comparing... "...Russia 1917, 
[.] ...South Africa 1984." Un-
luckily for him, he does not realize 
that the working class is alive 
and well! Although it may be differ-
ent from Russia's in 1917, it still 
exists. Furthermore, Wit's in-
 Implicit attempt to also discredit 
the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 
cannot go unanswered. Even a 
Philistine knows that this glori-
ous moment in history liberated a 
mass of people from a repressive 
feudal system to a more libertar-
ian system where people were 
now at least properly fed. It is 
however true that today Russia is 
on par with US imperialism. Any 
individual who implies or de-
states the occurrence of 1917 and 
tries to imply that we should 
refrain from using the term 
working class since it became ob-
solete after 1917 should also be 
ready to admit "I am a bootlick-
er of the rich and will ever be 
their lackey." Wit has clearly 
identified himself to be so.

Wit has also used the similar 
methods of the bourgeois ances-
tors' colonial tactic of "divide 
and rule" in trying to discredit 
the Ayandura letter. He tried to 
impair members of the BSU by 
 stipulating he would like "to take 
this opportunity to praise the efforts 
of the BSU," and then attempted 
to denigrate Ayandura's "extre-
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the views of sympathizers within 
the BSU, and MIT community who 
are in solidarity with the op-
pressed working class of South 
Africa that has decided to choose 
revolt instead of the Gandhian 
way of non-violence.

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of the Ayandura letter is what 
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the letter since Ayandura has 
denounced the democratic reformist 
and liberalization solutions that 
the Botha government is propos-
ing. Ayandura, himself, used to 
be a careerist student politician 
and used to believe that reformist 
methods could solve the huge 
problems in society. Wit prob-
ably still believes in such reform-
istic approaches and therefore 
Ayandura's denunciation of the 
democratic reformist way of 
solving problems is what ticks 
Wit.

Wit is a careerist student poli-
tician and his future, as well as 
the future of other student op-
portunists' political careers, is 
based on selling the masses of 
people that through voting for 
them and supporting reformist 
platforms, the solution is at 
hand. If students, in turn, began 
to accept the fact that reformist 
methods can never resolve the 
main problem of the maldistribu-
tion of wealth, the future politi-
cal careers of Wit and his coun-
terparts would be obliterated. 
The fact is Wit realizes this 
meaning and has purposely 
stepped from this crucial point 
and in turn has bluntly lied in 
saying that the article is "full of inaccuracies."

Finally, for Wit to call the let-
ter a "joke" reveals his own 
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workers and oppressed is a joke, 
then he might as well say he sup-
ports apartheid because through 
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will South Africa ever achieve 
true liberation. Ayandura's 
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rious letters in The Tech in the 
past two years. It calls for action, 
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