

TAPE FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 13

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL,

LAST WEEK, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TOOK ACTION ON AN ISSUE IN WHICH WE WERE FORCED TO OVERRULE THE PRESIDENT ON MORAL GROUNDS. HIS CONTINUED REFUSAL TO APPLY PRESSURE TO THE RACIST GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO CHANGE ITS SYSTEM OF APARTHEID, LED CONGRESS TO VOTE OVERWHELMINGLY TO OVERRIDE HIS VETO OF IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST THE PRETORIA REGIME.

WHILE I WAS VERY APPALLED AT THE ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT AS MUCH AS THE CONTINUED DEGRADATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS, I WAS HEARTENED TO SEE THAT AMONG THE LIST OF ITEMS ON WHICH THIS COUNTRY WILL NOW REFUSE IMPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA, IS COAL.

SOUTH AFRICA HAS BECOME THE CHIEF SUPPLIER OF IMPORTED COAL TO THE UNITED STATES -- COAL THAT IS MINED BY SLAVE LABOR WITH NO GOVERNMENTAL REGARD TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THESE MINERS. I FIND THIS EXPLOITATION OF HUMAN BEINGS SICKENING, AND I AM GLAD THAT THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT FOR THE PRESIDENT, HAS SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THIS INJUSTICE.

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