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**BREAK THE CHAINS
OF PHARMACEUTICAL
COLONIALISM**

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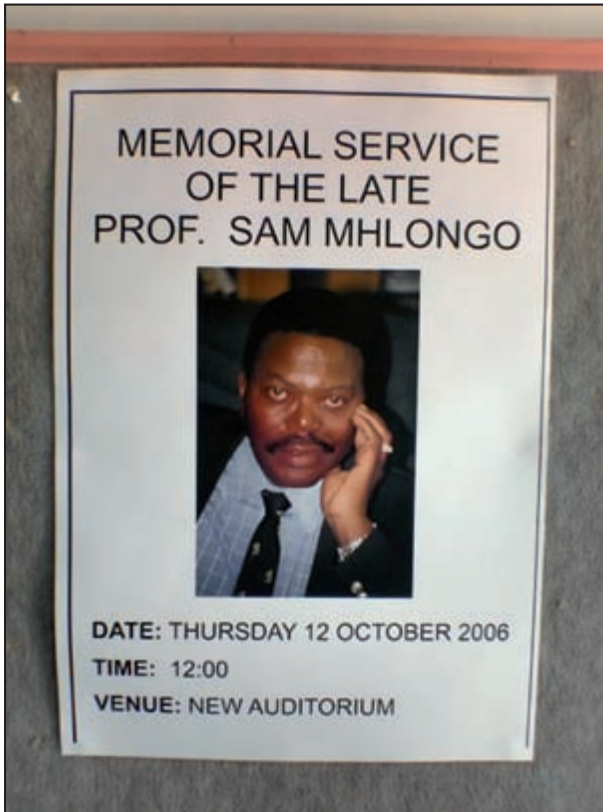
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A last "Good Bye" on the Student White Board at MEDUNSA for a teacher and role model Prof. Samson "Sam" Mhlongo (1940 – 2006)

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memory of Professor Samson “Sam” Mhlongo, head of the Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care at the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA).

For decades, Sam Mhlongo had been fighting Apartheid regime at home and in exile. After his return to South Africa he continued to fight a new enemy: the devastating impact of pharmaceutical “business with disease” in South Africa.

He was a member of the Presidential Aids Advisory Panel, where he explored and embraced viable alternatives to cope with this epidemic especially for the poor and marginalized.

In spring 2004, Prof. Mhlongo undertook the task to organise the first clinical study in South Africa to document the health benefits of vitamins and nutritional medicine in fighting Aids. However, for more than two years, he was obstructed and attacked by stakeholders of pharmaceutical colonialism – even from some of his colleagues at MEDUNSA.

In the evening of October 6, 2006, Sam left the university campus of MEDUNSA in his car to drive home. At the exit of the campus, he was ran over by a truck and killed.

At Sam’s funeral, his family invited Dr Rath to reflect on Sam’s struggle against pharmaceutical interests entrenched in South Africa and his vision of a new health care system for all people.

Dr Rath shared Sam’s conviction that the liberation from Apartheid was only a first step. While South Africa today enjoys political freedom, it is still been kept hostage by global economic interests, namely pharmaceutical colonialism. Without the liberation from the shackles of this deadly form of colonialism, that has already cost the lives of millions of South Africans, there can be no real freedom.

This book is dedicated to this liberation struggle and to the memory of Prof. Sam Mhlongo.

This book documents the background of a court case that is scheduled for trial in the High Court of Cape Town in late 2007.

The case is about the basic right of free access to natural health. Seeking to restrict this right are the promoters of the multi-billion Rand business with ARVs, such as the board of "South African Medical Association" and the ARV pressure group "Treatment Action Campaign."

Defending this fundamental right of free access to natural health for the people of South Africa are the Dr Rath Foundation and the Government of South Africa.

The significance of this case was immediately recognised by the media.

Long before the trial even starts, "The Cape Times" on May 11, 2007, published an article extensively covering the background of this case.

Excerpts from this article are documented on the opposite page:

CAPE TIMES

May 11, 2007

Apartheid regime 'part of global drug firms' plot'

... [Dr Rath] said in an affidavit filed with the Cape High Court: "This regime was the political arm to turn South Africa into a bridge-head of the pharmaceutical interests with the goal to conquer and control the entire African continent."

Rath also said the operations of the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) were "almost a copy" of Hitler's Brownshirt storm troopers in the 1930s and 1940s. ...

In his affidavit, which runs to 320 pages and is accompanied by eight files of documents, Rath says that, after eliminating competition from the field of natural health and consolidating their world position during World War 2, pharmaceutical interests dedicated the second half of the 20th century to cementing their global monopoly on health.

"The apartheid regime in South Africa was part of this global strategy," he said. "The apartheid regime became its political stakeholder."

Rath claims that after the war, thousands of high-ranking Nazi party members used the "corporate channels" of the huge German chemical manufacturing conglomerate IG Farben to find safe haven in South Africa, where IG Farben had established subsidiaries.

Also seeking refuge in this country were thousands of IG Farben managers who had participated in war crimes, he says.

The chemical and pharmaceutical industry became the economic pillar of the apartheid regime, and South Africa became a stronghold for pharmaceutical companies. ...

INTRODUCTION

The pharmaceutical business with disease is one of the world's most profitable investment industries. From the perspective of this investment industry, diseases and epidemics are multi-billion Rand market place for patented drugs. Promoting and expanding diseases increases profits for this industry. In contrast, eradicating diseases destroys their very market places and, eventually, will destroy the industry itself. Thus, the stakeholders of this industry will do everything to prevent that from happening.

These obvious business laws are also the governing principles for the pharmaceutical industry's approach to the AIDS epidemic in Africa and the developing world. Adhering to these laws is the basis for the expanding multi-billion Rand business with anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs).

Since ARV drugs are known to be no cure for AIDS and since financial resources in the developing world are scarce, the pharmaceutical multinationals depend on organisations that promote ARV drugs and push the governments of Africa to pay for these drugs. Under the deceptive veils of "charity" and "modern medicine" the AIDS epidemic is being developed into a gold mine for the drug industry.

From a scientific point of view, promoting ARV drugs to AIDS patients as a "cure" or as "life-saving" is a fraud. Moreover, the dimension of human suffering and death from the widespread use of these harmful drugs has reached genocidal proportions.



Over recent years this fraudulent business with the AIDS epidemic has been publicly criticised by a growing number of scientists, health organisations and even governments. This criticism has also exposed those organisations that are actively promoting ARVs in South Africa. Now, two of these organisations have chosen to launch a counter-attack – apparently in a desperate effort to distract from their questionable activities. The so-called “Treatment Action Campaign (TAC),” a group notorious for “organising rented crowds for the drug industry” has teamed up with executives of the “South African Medical Association” (SAMA) with close ties to drug interests. The background of both these organisations is detailed in this book.

Not surprisingly, the targets of these furious legal attacks were those organisations and individuals – including members of the South African government – who had publicly criticised the pharmaceutical investment business with the AIDS epidemic and had promoted science-based natural health approaches.

The South African government, in particular its Minister of Health, Dr Tshabalala-Msimang, are pioneers in promoting natural and nutritional health as part of public health policies. Dr Rath, his research team and his Foundation are pioneers in establishing the health benefits of vitamins and micronutrients in the fight against immune deficiencies and other diseases.

These two components, the scientific facts about natural health approaches and the political determination to use them for the benefit of the people, are an explosive combination – and they are the greatest threat to the multi-billion Rand ARV business with the AIDS epidemic. This combination of science and politics is also a precondition to help control the AIDS epidemic.

With their legal attack on the position of the South African government and the work of the Dr Rath Health Foundation, the TAC and SAMA have launched a public debate in South Africa that is long overdue: The need to break the chains of pharmaceutical colonialism in order to save millions of lives.

THE BACKGROUND

The AIDS Epidemic – a Human Tragedy

The AIDS epidemic is one of the greatest tragedies in human history. Particularly devastating is the fact that this disease takes its victims predominantly in Africa, a continent that has already been victimised by centuries of colonialism and oppression. Other relics of colonialism – above all hunger and malnutrition – create a perfect breeding ground for the unrestrained spread of immune deficiencies, including AIDS.

In Southern Africa alone, hundreds of thousands of people have already become victims of this epidemic and the economic basis of many African nations is being threatened by the pharmaceutical drug cost of combating this disease. But the AIDS epidemic is not just a threat to the people and governments of Africa. It is – at the same time – a giant business opportunity.



Exposure of Pharmaceutical Colonialism in South Africa

The AIDS epidemic is the basis for a multi-billion Rand business conducted by multi-national drug companies primarily headquartered in the former colonial countries: the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the United States.

The fact that these ARV drugs do neither cure HIV infections nor AIDS is well known to the manufacturers of these drugs. The only condition under which government authorities around the world – including South Africa – allow these drugs into their countries is if they contain an explicit warning note on every single package of ARV pills stating: “This drug is not a cure for HIV infection!”

The manufacturers of ARV drugs also know about the severe and often deadly side effects of these chemical drugs on the human body. These side effects include damage to such vital organs as the liver, brain, heart and, most significantly, the bone marrow – the production site of immune defence cells. These severe side effects are also part of a mandated warning message that comes with every box containing ARV pills.

It does not require a degree in biology or medicine to realise the absurdity of any claim to cure immune efficiency conditions like AIDS with toxic chemicals that actually target and destroy the immune system. It is immediately obvious to any person with a logical mind that such drugs cannot cure or restore a person's immune deficiency condition – but will, rather, aggravate it.

For the multinational pharmaceutical companies manufacturing ARV drugs the inability of these drugs to cure HIV or AIDS – the very disease they are marketed for – obviously poses a problem. To overcome it, the ARV producers have used billions of Rand to finance organisations promoting ARV drugs in Africa and around the world – which in most cases pose deceptively as “independent” from the drug industry.

With the help of these ARV drug pushers and their related propaganda machinery, the drug makers overtly bypass the government imposed warnings about the lack of any curative properties and about the severe toxicity of their ARV merchandise. Moreover, these ARV promoters within medicine, media and other strategic areas of society are used to deceive the public and create the false perception that these drugs are “life-saving” or the “only proven therapy for AIDS.”

With the help of these ARV promoters and their influence on the public, the pharmaceutical multinationals have been able to turn the AIDS tragedy in South Africa and other countries into a global ARV market worth hundreds of billions of Rand.

The Role of the Government of South Africa

The Government of South Africa is a global leader in reducing the detrimental economic consequences of pharmaceutical colonialism to the benefit of the entire developing world. Moreover, this Government has steadfastly resisted the onslaught of the pharmaceutical multinationals that wanted to flood South Africa with toxic ARV drugs and turn the AIDS-epidemic in South Africa into a “field of diamonds” for its global investment business.

At the same time, the Government of South Africa has made it clear that traditional and nutritional medicine are part of their comprehensive national health plan to help control the AIDS epidemic.

In particular, the Minister of Health Dr Tshabalala Msimang, has been promoting vitamin rich fruits, vegetables and



“Our view is that good nutrition does not only promote good health but it is also a critical component of a comprehensive response to diseases.”

Dr Manto Tshabalala-Msimang on April 10, 2005, at the WHO Consultation on Nutrition and HIV and AIDS, Durban

nutrition in general as key elements to strengthen the immune system. Her recommendations are based on the scientific fact that vitamins are the most effective substances known to biology to boost the human immune system.

Moreover, by promoting a higher intake of fruits and vegetables, she implemented the official recommendations of the Food and Agricultural Organisation and other United Nations organisations. For decades, these UN organisations have been promoting, amongst other things, community and school gardening as strategic public health measures to improve the immune system for millions of people – and to help fight immune deficiencies – especially in the developing world.

For promoting vitamin-rich nutrition as a science-based, safe and affordable public health measure, Dr Tshabalala-Msimang as well as the President of South Africa have been relentlessly attacked by the stakeholders of the pharmaceutical business with ARV drugs. Without any scientific proof for the superiority of ARVs over micro-nutrients in the fight against AIDS, the promoters of the multi-billion Rand ARV business had only one option left: personal attacks and public defamation of the Minister and the President.

This book documents the economic motives for these scientifically unjustified and ethically undignified attacks.

The Dr Rath Health Foundation

More than a decade ago, Dr Rath was the first to publicly reveal the true nature of the pharmaceutical investment business. This industry promises health to millions of people, but its entire existence is based on the exact opposite – the continuation of diseases.

Amazingly, never before had this sobering analysis been publicly made that the pharmaceutical industry – the industry that for decades had built a worldwide monopoly as the “exclusive pur-

veyor of health” – that this very industry is the biggest obstacle to achieving human health!

While common diseases are already attractive “markets” for the pharmaceutical investment business, wide-spread diseases like the AIDS epidemic are nothing short of a gold mine for this industry.



Moreover, this gold mine is constantly being expanded with the help of a trick: The ARV marketing scheme promotes toxic ARV chemicals that attack and weaken the immune system – under the false pretext of trying to strengthen it and fight AIDS! With the help of this deceptive marketing scheme, the multi-billion Rand ARV business with the AIDS epidemic has become the centrepiece of pharmaceutical colonialism across the developing world.

It is noteworthy that the AIDS epidemic is not the first global disease where the pharmaceutical industry has developed a multi-billion Rand business based on sustaining and promoting a disease – under the false pretext of fighting it. As documented in this book, the marketing campaign of drug multinationals with the AIDS epidemic is merely a copy of its campaign to build a global market with the cancer “epidemic” by promoting highly toxic chemicals – known to actually cause cancer – as so called “chemotherapy” to millions of cancer patients. Not surprisingly, after half a century of “chemo” drugs used to fight cancer, this disease is still spreading in epidemic proportions. Recently, decades of “chemotherapy” fallacy have been publicly summarised a “Toxic Procedure Without Benefits” by Europe’s largest news journal. This multi-trillion Rand global marketing scam – allegedly fighting cancer with cancer-causing drugs – did not bring any cure and has cost the lives of hundreds of millions of cancer patients over the past decades.

And now the same scam is being applied to the AIDS epidemic. Dr Rath not only exposed the deceptive nature of the pharmaceutical business with disease. Together with colleagues at his research institute, he developed science-based natural health approaches to help control today's most common diseases – including cardiovascular diseases, cancer and immune deficiencies. The details of this comprehensive natural health research can be studied on the web site of the Dr Rath Research Institute at www.dr-rath-research.org.

Obviously, the fact that Dr Rath not only exposed the unscrupulous nature of the pharmaceutical business with disease, but also developed effective, safe and affordable natural health approaches and initiated a world-wide natural health education campaign, made him and his Foundation a primary target of the stakeholders of pharmaceutical colonialism.

The Dr Rath Health Foundation in South Africa



In the spring of 2004, Professor Anthony MBewu, who today heads the Medical Research Council (MRC) of South Africa, invited Dr Rath and his colleagues to hold a scientific symposium on natural health at the MRC in Cape Town. Based on the scientific information at this symposium, Prof. MBewu suggested intensified research in this area – including clinical studies – with the goal to apply this knowledge to the benefit of

the people of South Africa. But all these efforts were blocked by the stakeholders of pharmaceutical interests.

These interest groups immediately realised that the medical advances focussing on non-patentable natural health are a mortal threat to the multi-billion Rand pharmaceutical investment business based on patented drugs. And they reacted.

Suddenly, during the spring of the same year, the stakeholders of the pharmaceutical interests abroad channelled no less than 4.2 billion Rand (R 4,200 000 000) to the very same MRC in Cape Town, exclusively designated for studies with ARVs and other patented pharmaceutical drugs. This was the single largest amount of drug money ever to arrive on the African continent and the timing of the payment, coinciding with the announcement of our symposium, left no doubt about its strategic purpose: From the perspective of the drug industry, the implantation of natural health science into the health care system of South Africa had to be stopped by all possible means! The details of this remarkable transaction – and how the drug industry even made the tax-payers of Europe pay for it – are documented in this book.

The stakeholders of the pharmaceutical industry in South Africa reacted too. For two years, they successfully blocked the start of a clinical study at the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA) in which AIDS patients would have received vitamins and other micronutrients to study the related health improvements. The doctor who was eager to conduct this study for the benefit of millions of people in Africa was Prof. Sam Mhlongo, the man to whom this book is dedicated. The mechanisms of how the stakeholders of the drug business fought Prof. Mhlongo and tried to block this important clinical study are also documented in this book.

One year later, the Dr Rath Health Foundation decided to donate micronutrients to the South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) who distributed them to the people affected by AIDS in Khayelitsha and other townships. The participants of this community vitamin programme filled out questionnaires about the status of their condition before and after taking vitamins for several weeks. The improvements in their conditions and the quality of their lives were so significant that they will have important impli-

cations for the global fight against AIDS. The results of this community health programme are also documented in this book.

The Promoters of ARV Drugs Try to Silence the Truth

At the risk of their own demise, the pharmaceutical investment business and the promoters of ARV drugs have to make sure that the fraudulent nature of the ARV business with the AIDS epidemic is not exposed. Moreover, they have to actively fight any and all attempts that could document any health approach – other than their ARV merchandise – as being equally effective or even superior to these drugs. Thus, even the free distribution of vitamins to the poor communities around Cape Town – and the documentation of the results in the form of questionnaires – had to be seen from their perspective as a massive threat to the multi-billion Rand ARV market.

Consequently, for the past two years the promoters of ARVs in South Africa have tried to use every trick and every opportunity to stop the distribution of vitamins to people affected by AIDS. These mechanisms included attempts to coerce patients, SANCO officials and even government authorities with the goal of obstructing or terminating the community vitamin programme.

Unable to reach their goals, these organisations tried to impose a censorship of natural health information across the country, depriving millions of South Africans of the opportunity to improve their health naturally. After this strategy failed too, the ARV promoting organisations resorted to the same public defamation tactics they had already used against the Government of South Africa. These erratic efforts are documented in this book too.

In a last desperate move to achieve their goals, the TAC and SAMA have now decided to launch the current litigation. The price for this move is high: After all, in such litigation there can be no more hiding behind institutions, organisations or behind anonymity. The

TAC and SAMA were so desperate that they lifted all the curtains. The lengthy complaint they filed reads like a “who’s who” of drug promoters in South Africa.

“The Trojan Horses” of the Multi-Billion Rand ARV Business Expose Themselves

During the decades of Apartheid, stakeholders of the pharmaceutical industry in South Africa were sitting at the cabinet tables of that brutal regime. In fact, as documented in this book, the pharmaceutical multinationals became the economic pillars of the Apartheid system.



In democratic South Africa, this was no longer possible. The stakeholders of the pharmaceutical “business with disease” were forced into opposition or even underground. Entrenched in their hideouts and hidden behind masks of anonymity, these stakeholders strategically infiltrated many sectors of society like “Trojan horses,” including medicine, media and even certain trade unions and churches.

The current litigation – amazingly brought about by ARV promoters themselves – exposes the entire “cast of characters.” This book documents the names of organisations and individuals directly and indirectly involved in this – thus far largely covert – network of pharmaceutical colonialism in South Africa.

Removing these individual and organisational masks of anonymity and presenting these characters in the clear light of day to the people of South Africa, is an important purpose of this book. For it is only then that the people of South Africa can act and – should they decide to do so – end pharmaceutical colonialism in South Africa.

Why the TAC and SAMA Launched this Litigation

As mentioned above, the main reason why the TAC and SAMA figure heads launched this litigation is to protect the multi-billion Rand market of ARV drugs. Apparently it is the idea of these organisations that the scientific truth can be outlawed by extending their fierce attacks and their defamation campaigns from the streets to the court rooms of South Africa. Their obvious goal: outlaw any public health information about non-patented natural approaches to prevent it from reaching the people – and thereby cementing the monopoly of the multi-billion Rand business with ARV drugs.

Their primary goal of banning the scientific facts about the health benefits of vitamins in fighting AIDS and other diseases is further evident from the fact that the same organisations that launched this litigation, have been publicly advocating legislation across South Africa that would essentially outlaw the dissemination of health information about any natural health approaches.

The TAC and SAMA are trying to blur this goal by presenting their so called “witnesses” – many of them with lists of affiliations and publications. Not surprisingly, however, most of these “characters” have a common denominator: They are economically or professionally dependent on the survival of the pharmaceutical business with ARV drugs.

This book provides an insight into the breathtaking mechanisms by which pharmaceutical multinationals have already infiltrated the South African Medical Association and other health care organisations in the country.

The Need for an International Tribunal to Terminate the ARV Business with the AIDS Epidemic

The figure heads of SAMA and the TAC who started this litigation must be aware that the promotion of ARV drugs as “cures” and “life-saving” is not sustained by any scientific proof. In fact, from a scientific point of view, such representations constitute fraud. Moreover, any effort of publicly discrediting and legally blocking new non-pharmaceutical approaches to AIDS endangers the health and lives of millions of people in South Africa and beyond.

These organisations should know that, sooner rather than later, the people victimised by them will no longer stay silent. They will hold the perpetrators of this fraud responsible – both individuals and organisations.



Executives of the world's largest pharmaceutical company were sentenced for crimes against humanity including slavery and mass murder in the Nuremberg Tribunal in 1948.

TAC and SAMA should also know that millions of people in South Africa and beyond have paid for this large scale fraud with their health and their lives. In fact, the dimension of this fraud in Africa alone borders on genocide. The TAC and SAMA should know that genocide and similar grave human rights violations are ultimately tried by International Criminal Courts or Tribunals.

The TAC and SAMA should be aware of the fact that during the largest international tribunal

in history – the Nuremberg World War II War Crimes Tribunal – the executives of the largest pharmaceutical company at that time – Germany's IG Farben – were sentenced among other charges to “genocide”. Moreover, half a dozen doctors, some of

them on the payroll of pharmaceutical companies, were sentenced to death and executed for their role as accomplices in using ineffective and toxic chemicals as drugs – among them the precursors of today's ARVs.

The TAC and SAMA must be aware that – in connection with their irresponsible promotion of toxic ARVs to millions of South Africans – they could be held responsible for organising or assisting genocide. It is apparently with this background that these organisations attempted to compare the distribution of vitamins in the poor communities with the illegal experiments conducted by pharmaceutical companies and their medical and political stakeholders in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany.

These desperate allegations made by the TAC and SAMA evidently invite a historical clarification. Thus, a great part of this book is dedicated to the criminal history of the pharmaceutical/chemical industry; its role in financing the rise of Nazi Germany; its role in launching WWII during which 60 million people died; its role in building up another dictatorship in South Africa – the Apartheid regime – and its role in conducting the unscrupulous and unethical business with the AIDS epidemic today.

Accusing the pharmaceutical industry of profiting from the business with the AIDS epidemic at the expense of millions of lives is a severe accusation. However, a look back documents that throughout history this industry has been involved in the largest crimes ever committed against humanity – including the darkest decades of South African history. Documenting these historical facts is a further important purpose of this book.

About This Book

This book contains the answering affidavit provided by Dr Rath and his colleagues to allegations made by the TAC and SAMA. Dr Rath's legal team which included Advocate Dumisa Ntsebeza and Christine Qunta assisted in the drafting of the answering affidavit especially the legal arguments therein.

It should be noted that the content of this book is the information contained in Dr Rath's sworn testimony. It has only been altered for brevity to fit the format of a pocket book and slightly edited to change legal terms into the language of a popular book.

The complete answers to the attacks by the TAC and SAMA by Dr Rath and his colleagues are documented online at www.dr-rath-foundation.org.za. The representatives of the Government of South Africa have filed their own response, which is on public record with the High Court of Cape Town.

Throughout this book you will find a star symbol at the end of certain paragraphs. This indicates that there is an additional document further explaining the contents of this paragraph. In order to keep the format of a pocket book, these "annexures" are not included; they are, however, documented as links to the online document and can be online or downloaded from the website of the Foundation.

The historical facts documenting the decisive role of the pharmaceutical / chemical multinationals behind the entire Second World War are documented on the online archive of the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal at www.profit-over-life.org.

We trust that the information in this book will encourage students, teachers, politicians, health practitioners, union members, church members, as well as the general public to learn more about the impact of pharmaceutical colonialism on every single life and take the appropriate action.

Dr Rath Health Foundation

Message by the President of the South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO)

I am confident that the decision we took as the South African National Civic Organisation to support the work of Dr Rath was a correct one. We recognised that as a community organisation we were not medical experts. But we equally recognised that the economic superstructures are not in favour of the poor, especially those in Africa. Therefore, although we remain ambivalent on the efficacy of anti-retrovirals (ARVs), we are in full agreement with the facts that Dr Rath presents.

When initially confronted with the extensiveness of his empirical evidence, we asked, "Why are South Africans not aware of these matters?" Sadly, the only conclusion we have arrived at is that when these debates occurred in the late eighties and early nineties in Europe and United States, as South Africans we were only concerned with defeating the fascist system of apartheid. Therefore we remained oblivious to the issues of the fascist origin of the global pharmaceutical industry, the self-same industry's involvement in supporting the apartheid regime, and the nature of the immoral business strategy of the pharmaceutical industry.

Today, for our support of Dr Rath's work, we are under attack by the alleged progressive structures in South Africa, such as the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC). Ironically, the media in South Africa, the majority of which did not support the struggle against apartheid, also support groups like the TAC. We remain convinced though that the work and views of Dr Rath are not just necessary for some idealistic notion of debate. The facts he presents on the pharmaceutical industry are not facts he has deduced or interpreted, rather, they are facts that have been accepted since the Nuremberg trials.

Further, to our knowledge, Dr Rath does not possess an iota of the resources available to the pharmaceutical industry and we cannot understand why this industry pays so much attention to him and his words. Unless, of course, because he presents facts they wish would rather go away.

For SANCO, this book represents an opportunity for South Africans to learn what we have learned about the role, nature and objectives of the pharmaceutical industry. We are convinced that once the South African public realises that this industry has its roots in fascism, has deliberately and consciously assisted the building of fascist movements, and continues to truck in keeping people ill for profit – then this industry will be appropriately regulated and its business practice obliterated.

Finally, we thank Dr Rath for having the moral conviction and strength to work towards bringing truth and enlightenment in conditions of abuse and insult. As SANCO, our support for his work is an issue of morality and not strategy.

MLUNGISI HLONGWANE

SANCO PRESIDENT

The promoters of the ARV drug business – here the South African Medical Association (SAMA) and the so-called Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) – argue that the pharmaceutical multinationals are benefactors of mankind and are saving millions of lives, especially in the developing world.

The facts on the following pages correct this myth.