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In April of 1960, the Japanese people living in the Republic of South Africa were given the status labelled “Honorary Europeans” or “Honorary Whites”, because the Japanese business people came to South Africa as friendly partners. In February of 1963, at the Third Afro-Asian People’s Solidarity Conference held in Moshi, Tanganyika (now Tanzania), Noma Kanjiro, Tanaka Toshio, Tanaka Sumiko and others met the delegation of the African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa and were urged to take actions against the Japanese Government and big corporations which gave support to apartheid. Then, in Japan, the anti-apartheid movements started. Since then, 5 decades have passed, and memories of the anti-apartheid movements in Japan are fading and almost forgotten. This issue of “Africa NOW” features the effort to shed light on the memories of the anti-apartheid movements in Japan and gives some lessons for today.

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MIYAMORI, a student and youngest participant of the open workshop, writes that it was a surprise that many participants in the anti-apartheid movements also made actions against the Vietnam War, Hyakuri military air-base construction, and discrimination against Koreans living in Japan etc.

### Special Topic 2: **Demand withdrawal Sono Ayako’s essay supporting apartheid**

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As a cultural anthropologist, KAMEI calls attention to ‘segregation in the name of cultural differences’ and points out that it is the majority group within the Japanese society who should change attitudes and behaviors for making Japan a society easier to live for anyone.

pp.30-31 **‘On the spot in Africa: South Africa ~ We are here to LOVE you’ by KOMATSU Haruna**

KOMATSU loves camp activities because she can discover a new side of herself there, and loves Africa because she can become an only Japanese there. Thus she took part in the Camp Sizanani in South Africa, last September. Her experiences will encourage you to challenge a new world.

Back cover **‘Hitotsu no musubime toshite’ and Daily information**

Information and daily report from the secretariat of AJF to readers.