

Washington Update March 11, 2009

The 111th Congress of the United States is now seated and again the bill we are concerned with, known in the last Congress as HR 2003, The Ethiopia Human Rights Accountability Act will be proposed. The last time it was passed by the House unanimously so we are very hopeful of passage again. Please contact your members of Congress and urge them to pay attention to this action. Of especial interest are contact with Representatives Donald Payne, chairman of the House African Affairs Subcommittee and Chris Smith the committee's ranking member.

Please go to this Web document issued by the United States State Department on Human Rights in Ethiopia 2008:

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2008/af/119001.htm>

You will find there dramatic confirmation of what we all know about the violent and repressive policies of the Meles regime.

We have had here in the United States recently had some distinguished guests visiting Seattle, Washington this past Sunday. The All Ethiopia Unity Party's Vice-President Ato Abayeneh Berhanu and Dr. Taye Woldesmait, AEUP advisory board chairman They spoke to the Washington State audience about the present situation in Ethiopia and about the organizing successes for the AEUP in creating new chapters and strengthening old ones. They spoke about the necessity for support from us here in the United States that was needed for the AEUP to succeed. The AEUP needs support of all kinds, moral, financial, and in helping to inform the American people as a whole as to the truly desperate situation in Ethiopia.

The radio show of last Sunday, March 8th, the weekly broadcast of

The Voice of Kinijit/AEUP Radio was carried on WZHF- am 1390 in Washington , DC at 11:30 am EDT. The show featured a discussion on the victory of Adowa. We went on to discuss the present status of Ethiopian affairs as it concerns the government of The United States, the whole Congress and the new Obama administration and a review of policy toward Ethiopia.

Next week we have a very special guest on the show - President Engineer Hailu Shawel, Ato Abayeneh Berhanu and Dr. Taye will be addressing Ethiopians here in the United States to help organize for peaceful change in Ethiopia. Tune in again on Sunday, March 15th at 11:30 am EDT to WZHF- am 1390 in Washington , DC.

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