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ITT Target Set for Boycott As mentioned in the last newsletter the Gulf Boycott Coalition has phased out. Our congregation's South Africa Boycott Committee contains the same people as GBC and now has selected ITT as its target. (See news release on back.)

ITT/SA Information Enclosed Enclosed is a sheet printed on both sides on ITT and South Africa which is taken from the People's Almanac. It is better written than we could have done. We suggest you Xerox or Insty-Print these yourself. We have small amounts for sale at 10 for 30¢ and 25 for 50¢ (send stamps).

ITT #1 on Questionnaire Returns We were very pleased to receive over 30 replies to our questionnaire. Many of you said "Yes, I want to work on a corporate boycott." Six of you picked ITT as the target, the highest number. Others receiving votes were GE, Caltex, GM, Texaco, Union Carbide & Chrysler. Thanks for all the names of workers (they will get a big materials mailing unless they write personally.)

TWO BOOKLETS FOR SALE Two booklets that are musts in understanding are put out by the Intl. Defence and Aid Fund (London). We have them in limited quantities. Apartheid Quiz (85¢) gives answers to 75 questions on South Africa (76). South Africa: the Imprisoned Society (\$1.25) gives an overview of the massive oppression in SA including prison testimony and apartheid law

ITT Materials Planned We are planning to produce basic materials this fall including pins, leaflets, bumper sticker, etc. We hope to send you samples of everything when they are ready (funds permitting). We would be glad for help in ideas and your need. If you want to put out a flyer we would like that. If you can do research, great! Let us know.

Gary & DC Boycott ITT Both Gary and Washington, DC City Councils voted to boycott all ITT products last January. They voted to also boycott IBM, Motorola, & Control Data. If you want to work on institutional boycotts by city governments or other institutions, let us know.

Dick Righter & Hal Fox to Handle News-letter Dick Righter, Pastor of the Congregation for Reconciliation and Hal Fox, a farmer/professor, are responsible in our collective/group to put out this newsletter at least every other month. If you have news to pass on, let us know so we can spread the word. The congregation is the organization that launched the Gulf Boycott and it still encourages our boycott action. If you want to know more about the non-establishment congregation read Gideon's Gang by Jeffrey Hadden and Charles Longino. One chapter is on the Gulf Boycott.

Influential Blacks Work for Corporations and South Africa In a large news report the NY Times 7/2/76 tells how Vernon Jordan, Ex. Dir of Natl Urban League, traveled to SA as a board member of Xerox. Franklin Thomas of Bedford-Stuyvesant Corp did the same for Citibank as a board representative. Dr. Kenneth Clark, noted Black educator, traveled for Seagram to KwaZulu "homeland" and returned with neutral remarks. Andrew Hatcher, former Kennedy associate press secretary, joined Baron & Co. public relations firm, to service their new client, the REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA!

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The former Gulf Boycott Coalition announced recently a new boycott effort in support of majority rule in racist South Africa. The new target is I.T.& T., the huge American multinational conglomerate corporation whose goods include the following: WONDER BREAD, HOSTESS cakes, SHERATON hotels, AVIS rent-a-car, and HARTFORD insurance. The new South Africa Boycott Committee succeeded the Gulf Boycott Coalition in January 1976. The committee selected IT&T as its target after six months of research including a questionnaire sent to its 600 support groups throughout the "western" world.

Rev. Richard Righter, boycott organizer, spelled out the reasons for targeting IT&T. "We selected IT&T 1) because boycottable consumer products; 2) its bad image from Chile, politics, etc.; 3) its heavy investment in essential goods in South Africa; 4) its classic multinational image; 5) its heavy involvement in Europe; 6) IT&T as number one target response from our questionnaire; 7) its close tie to hunger and nutrition issues; 8) its selection by certain city governments for boycott; and 9) the mass of research and hearing material available including the famous book by Anthony Sampson, THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF IT&T," he said.

IT&T's South African investment ranks first of American companies after four auto/oil companies. With over \$70,000,000 invested IT&T Standard Telephone and Cables is one of South Africa's largest electrical manufacturing concerns. Its other large subsidiary is IT&T Supersonic Africa which is expanding quickly with the recent introduction of television to South Africa. IT&T is a large TV manufacturer in South Africa and Europe.

"Actually, technology is probably IT&T's greatest contribution to the maintenance of South Africa's 'way of life'," Righter said. "that is the reason that IT&T is so crucial a target for American consumers", he remarked.

All Americans became acutely aware of the horrible conditions in South Africa when South African police and military slaughtered over 100 South African blacks as they demonstrated to stop schools teaching Afrikaans language in all their courses. Most blacks speak an African tongue and English so the new requirement to make the Dutch related Afrikaans the state school language was unacceptable. American television blindly called the eruption a spontaneous outbreak of violence by blacks when it actually was a South African response to a month old boycott of seven schools by over 2000 black students.

The South African regime struck viciously in Soweto township, Africa's ninth largest city, but a city many maps don't even show. For years this 26 square mile concentration camp for blacks only has been a racial powderkeg. With most of its housing crowded, without electricity and plumbing even the US Asst Secretary of Housing H. R. Crawford recently called Soweto and other black townships "modified concentration camps." "I consider most of these townships to be a form of human degradation and breeding ground for frustration." So they are as blacks responded to South African brutality with rebellion, burning, and confiscation of many government facilities and businesses in their black townships surrounding Johannesburg, South Africa's major city.

Reaction to South African violence was immediate. Zambia's government newspaper stated that the killings of Africans "mark the beginning of a prolonged racial war that the whites will lose in the end." The UN Security Council with US concurrence (surprise) joined in strong criticism of the Pretoria regime calling the policy of apartheid (the official separation of the races) a "crime against the conscience and dignity of mankind and a serious danger to peace and security." "Until South Africa gains majority rule or IT&T stops its South Africa support of apartheid, we will urge all people to boycott all IT&T products," Righter said.