

PRESS RELEASE

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First ITT  
Flyer  
Produced

"Don't Buy ITT," our first flyer is enclosed in your mailing. On the back we have some quotes which we will expand on next month for your education and action. Flyers are available at 10 for 25¢ and 100 for \$2.00 (postpaid if payment enclosed). More materials will come in next few months including more flyers, bumper sticker, pin, and T-shirt decal. We have an advertiser working with us so we should have some good stuff.

Pardon the  
delay of  
August  
mailing

The July mailing was delayed until late August because of the post office refusal to send it under the church non-profit mailing permit. We are protesting and are seeking support from the ACLU since the boycott effort is the "overseas mission" of our congregation (United Church of Christ/Presbyterian).

New Mailing  
Policy  
Adopted

The post office now charges 25¢ for each letter returned to us with an address change. Since last month's charge was \$6.50 we have stopped this postal service. It means you will need to let us know when you move.

Mailing &  
Membership  
Fees Set

We also have a new strategy on who gets our mailings. Since we have next to no money we have to charge. Those working on the boycott or trading us their South Africa publications are free. Newspapers can send tear sheets of our news releases, etc. For those who wish to get all our mailings the charge is as follows:

USA	\$5.00 individuals	\$10.00 institutions
(Canada	\$2.00 extra for postage)	
Overseas	\$10.00 individuals	\$20.00 institutions
Overseas Air	\$15.00 individuals	\$25.00 institutions

Magnificent  
Exhibition  
of Photos

The International Defense and Aid Fund just released an 80 photograph set on all aspects of oppression in southern Africa. It is ideal for group education and for presentations. The cost is 7½ pounds (about \$14.00) by writing IDAF, 104 Newgate Street, London ECL1A 7AP. If you wish we can order it for you.

Five Black  
Presidents  
Support  
Liberation

On September 26th the Presidents of Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Angola and Botswana hailed and congratulated Zimbabwe freedom fighters and supported the Kissinger agreements. But they refused to accept Smith demand for a stop of the war by their commitment to the cause of liberation in Zimbabwe and the armed struggle. As a statesman some feel that Kissinger has met his match in Julius Nyerere, the Tanzanian President. (NY Times 9/27)

Senator  
Clark holds  
SA hearings

During the month of September Senator Clark's Senate subcommittee on Africa held hearings on corporations in SA. Clark blasted Citibank for its lack of ethical standards in loans which in the 1930's "would have meant the bank would be making loans to Nazi Germany" (Wash. Post 9/24/76) US investment at \$1.46 billion as of 1974 and loan total nearly \$2 billion.

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ITT BOYCOTTERS SUPPORT INVESTMENT MORATORIUM

The ITT Boycott Committee announced to its delight today the call by the Urban League Executive Director Vernon Jordan for a "moratorium on future investment in South Africa" by American corporations. "This is the guts of our demand to ITT", said Rev. Richard Righter, boycott leader. "In fact our demands are a little stronger for we call for no further investment or replacement of ITT property in South Africa until majority rule is gained in South Africa," he said.

Jordan called for the moratorium during his Keynote Address at the 66th Annual Conference of the National Urban League in August. "I have seen the horrors wrought by an oppressive apartheid system against black people denied jobs, education, and the fundamental rights of human beings. I saw this last month in the racist state of South Africa," Jordan said. Jordan proposed that all American corporations involved in South Africa's economy come together in a Corporate Alliance for Black Progress. He strongly called upon this proposed alliance to speak to the South African government in opposition to apartheid demanding justice including changed labor laws, an end to petty apartheid, and a refusal to invest in homeland areas. He urged the corporations to establish standards for themselves in affirmative action, education, and housing.

Righter stated, "Jordan's call for a moratorium on investment will influence many moderate black leaders. We plan to approach city governments and other institutions with strong black constituencies to get them to boycott ITT products." Products and services of ITT which are sold to or through institutions are Wonder bread, Hostess, Morton pre-packaged meals, Scott seeds and fertilizers, Sheraton hotel, and Hartford insurance. "We hope to stop these ITT contracts," Righter responded.

The ITT Boycott Committee also released its first ITT flyer titled "Don't Buy ITT". The flyer highlighted the main ITT factories in South Africa. The committee claims that ITT is the most important supporter of apartheid because of its great contribution to South African technology, a key to white dominance. In addition the leaflet charged ITT as "the world's most irresponsible corporation" pointing out their Nazi collaboration during WWII and their recent Chile intervention and \$400,000 Nixon payoff. "The leaflet is just a start," according to Righter. "We plan to produce a series of flyers zeroing in on the different consumer products, especially those bought at the supermarket."

The Committee also announced the wide acceptance by boycott supporters of the committee goals. "The withdrawalists want ITT out of South Africa and our demand to stop investment is a first step," Righter remarked. "The corporate responsibility people who are against withdrawal see the demands as appropriate action for American corporations. We hope to see a broad coalition of whites and blacks worldwide fighting the oppressive power of ITT," concluded Righter. For further information write the committee at Box 123 DV Station, Dayton, Ohio 45406, or phone (513) 276-4077.

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