

Third World Political Forum
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Comrades:

The *Southern Africa Network* of the *Third World Political Forum* is calling a regional meeting in the Midwest of representatives of all student anti-apartheid groups on Saturday August 17, 1985. The probable venue for this meeting is Ann Arbor, Michigan, but this is yet to be finalized, and other suggestions are welcome. The tentative agenda for this meeting includes four topics for discussion. First, the meeting will include a presentation of reports of the state of the anti-apartheid struggle from all participating groups. It is suggested that the groups also prepare written versions of these reports so that they can be included in a newsletter which will contain the proceedings of this meeting. Second, the meeting will take up for discussion the issue of "racism within the movement" which has often been a major source of conflict between black, third world, and predominantly white anti-apartheid groups. It is hoped that this discussion will generate possible principles of unity which would provide the basis for more harmonious interaction in the future. Third, the meeting will debate a possible shift in the tactics of the anti-apartheid movement from divestment to material aid for the freedom struggle. Fourth, the meeting will take up for consideration the possibility of holding an anti-apartheid student conference in the fall and the steps that would be necessary to ensure adequate participation of black and third world activists in such a conference.

The *Anti-Apartheid Student Alliance* and the *Progressive Student Network* are being asked to jointly sponsor this meeting along with the *Southern Africa Network*. If the meeting is held in Ann Arbor the *University of Michigan Free South Africa Coordinating Committee* will also be a joint sponsor. Your organization is being invited to send one or two representatives to this meeting. The sponsors of the meeting will be able to provide (minimal comfort) accommodations to participants who need them. Please let the *Network* know as early as possible whether you will be able to attend the meeting and whether you will need accommodations. Suggestions about the venue and the agenda for the meeting are very welcome. We can be contacted at the address given above, by telephone at (312) 643-7213 and (312) 962-6032, and over the uucp network at ihnp4!gargoyle!sahotra. As usual we need information and financial assistance to keep the *Network* running. Any announcements of anti-apartheid events in your region that are sent to us will be incorporated in our calendar. We would like to apologize for the haste with which this meeting is being called.

Sincerely,

Sahotra Sarkar
Sahotra Sarkar,
Chair.