

EDUCATORS AGAINST RACISM AND APARTHEID

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164-04 Goethals Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432

Sebokeng Massacre

Monday, September 3, 1984 ... a day of bloodshed and violence in Sebokeng, the day that sparked off country-wide unrest. Monday, March 26, 1990 ... and Sebokeng is in flames again. Nearly six years have passed between the two Bloody Mondays but, stunningly, the very same issues that saw the Vaal violence in 1984 are still basic to the latest shootings...

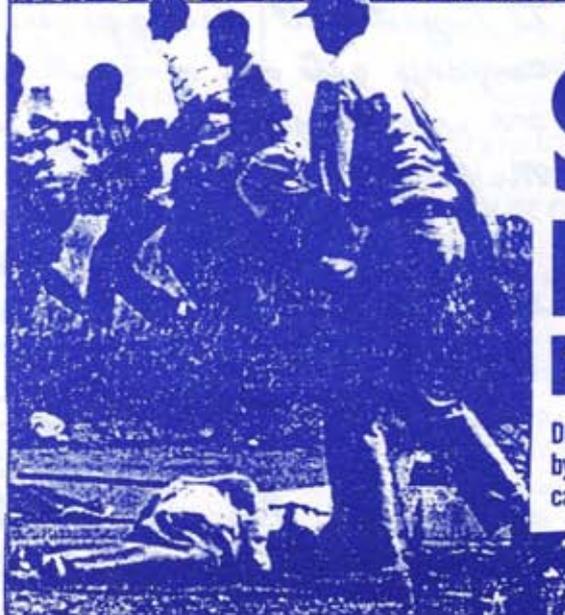
A close reading of the political resistance in the Vaal (from the 1960 Sharpeville shootings, the 1984 Vaal uprising to the 1990 shootings in which at least 11 people died) reveals that the organisation and mobilisation of residents by local community organisations around genuine grievances have often resulted in violent confrontation, sparked by police over-reaction and insensitivity. After almost six years since the uprising, many grievances in the Vaal remain unsolved and have instead piled up. Discontent over rent and poor council services, the education crisis and unemployment still form the backbone of community grievances. The housing crisis, too, has worsened and is epitomised by the proliferation of shacks all over the Vaal and the development of the adjacent shack cities of Orange Farm and Dunusa...

The unity of the residents was again reflected in the massive turnout at the Sharpeville commemoration rally held in Zone 7, Sebokeng, and addressed by Walter Sisulu, Popo Molefe and representatives of the local organisations ... an almost 100 percent stay-at-home was effected in the morning, and transport was cleared from the streets and roads of the townships. Between eight and 11 am thousands of residents from all sections of Sebokeng and Evaton began swarming on to the main road leading to Vereeniging. Like other recent marches that have taken place all over the country, freedom songs were sung and slogans shouted ... the police opened fire on a peaceful and disciplined marching crowd without, it seems, a warning.

According to accounts by eye-witnesses, there was at the time no indication of provocative acts from the marchers that could warrant the shootings. Even if insults were hurled at the police, or marchers at the forefront attempted to force their way through the marshals to the police, teargas could have been appropriate to repel a threat...

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ANC NEWSBRIEFING



STOP POLICE BRUTALITY

De Klerk must prove his bona fides by acting against the police who carried out the Sebokeng massacre.

Educators Against Racism and Apartheid calls on all educators, parents and students to intensify your efforts to end apartheid and racism. We urge you to dedicate May and June to this issue, to plan teach-ins, workshops, information tables, sports or cultural events.. which will lead to massive participation on SOWETO DAY, JUNE 16. (See inside for details.)

President
Kellogg's Company
Battle Creek, Michigan 49016-3599

Dear Mr. President,

I am feeling the pain for
my black brothers and sisters in South Africa.

It is hard to know that the
product that I and my family love so
much is being produced by a company operating
out of South Africa. Mr. President, I am feeling
the pain.

Mr. President I am feeling
the pain for the black families that are
suffering in South Africa under apartheid
government. Mr. President. I am feeling the
pain.

Mr. President we are planning
to boycott all Kellogg's cereals until your
company gets out of South Africa, for any-
one who supports apartheid is a sick person.
Mr. President I am feeling the pain

Mr. President, after you read this
letter I will like you to remember these
words.

I am feeling the pain
I am feeling the pain
For my black brothers and sisters
Down in South Africa.

This moving letter was written by a
student in the CUNY Adult Literacy
Program at the Adult Learning Center,
Brooklyn College. Jane Califf is the
instructor.

Many thanks to the students in the
Program who wrote letters to Kellogg's.
We hope that your letters will inspire
other people to write letters and to
get involved.

A disturbed customer.
Randolph Pemberton

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RESOURCES

Records

AFRICAN HORNS. Kaz Music Ltd. The saxophone is South Africa's golden instrument, resounding with township music's richest legacy of song. While it's not an instrument indigenous to the country in the way that the 'mbira is to Zimbabwe..., the township jazz sax makes a sound that belongs to South Africa alone. The record features: Basil Coetzee, Kippie Moekelsi, Barney Rachabane, Duku Makasi, and Robbie Jansen. A must for the aficionado of South African jazz.

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AMAMPONDO. DIZU ZUNGULA PLAATJIES. One of the most exciting groups currently playing and recording indigenous South African music.

Record Stores: Sikhulu Record and Tape Center, 274 W. 125th St. NYC. (212) 866-1600.
J&R Music World. 23 Park Row. NYC (212) 732-8600

Museums

The National Museum of African Art. Smithsonian Institution. Washington, D.C.

Center For African Art. 54 E. 68th Street, NYC (212) 861-1200.

Radio and TV

SOUTH AFRICA NOW, NEWS MAGAZINE. Channel 13, NYC. Wednesdays at 8:00 pm and Saturdays at 12:30pm. South Africa Now can also be seen in other cities.

WKCR 89.9 FM in NYC. African Music Program. Thurs. nights, 9:30 - 11:30 pm.

WNYC 93.9 FM in NYC. Afropop music hour. Fridays, 10:00 - 11:00pm.

From **Magana.** A Monthly Bulletin of African Events In New York City. Institute of African Studies, International Affairs Building, Columbia University. New York City, NY 10027.

Contact Educators Against Racism and Apartheid for free rental of videos about Southern Africa. (201) 836-6644

Anti-Bias Curriculum

Tools for EMPOWERING Young Children

National Association for the Education of Young Children
1834 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20009-5786

Lowie Derman-Sparks and the A.B.C. Task Force

PUBLICATIONS

The following are publications available from ACOA. Prices are listed. Please indicate the number of copies desired. Please add 15% postage to all orders.

NELSON MANDELA - "UNBROKEN SPIRIT" (Africa Fund, 1990) Text of the speech Nelson Mandela delivered the day of his release after 27 years in prison for his opposition to apartheid. 4pp. 30c each. Over twenty, 15c each.

NELSON MANDELA PHOTO EXHIBIT. (International Defence & Aid Fund - London, 1988) Fourteen poster size sheets that chronicle the life of the anti-apartheid leader. (25" x 17 1/2") \$20.00.

NELSON MANDELA: FREE AT LAST (Video, VHS only) (South Africa Now, 1990) An in-depth news special aired over PBS, includes the complete speech Mandela gave in Cape Town after his release and interviews with other anti-apartheid leaders. 1 hour, 19 minutes. \$14.95.

TESTIMONY OF JENNIFER DAVIS BEFORE THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (ACOA, February 21, 1990) An analysis of the continued need for sanctions and disinvestment in the struggle for democracy in South Africa. 10pp. \$2.00.

END APARTHEID: VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE CAMPAIGN brochure/ballot. (Africa Fund, 1990) Circulate this brochure in your community and collect ballots as part of the campaign. Sets of 10, \$1.00 each up to 9 sets. Sets of 100, \$5.00 each.

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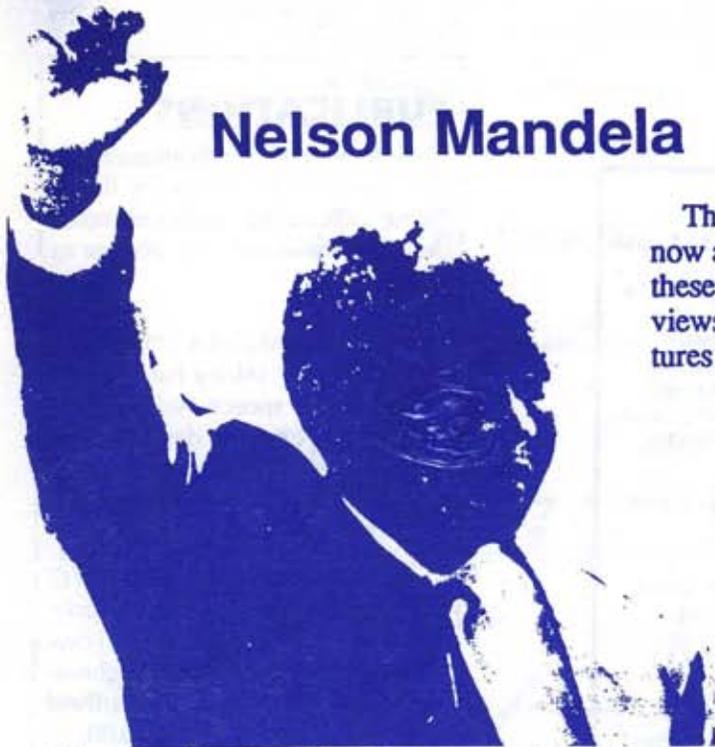
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American Committee on Africa,
198 Broadway, New York, NY 10038



Nelson Mandela

"We call on our white compatriots to join us in the shaping of a new South Africa. The freedom movement is the political home for you, too."

The need to unite the people of our country is as important a task now as it always has been. No individual leader is able to take all these important tasks on his own. It is our task as leaders to place our views before our organization and to allow the democratic structures to decide on the way forward.

We call on the international community to continue the campaign to isolate the apartheid regime. To lift sanctions now would be to run the risk of aborting the process toward the complete eradication of apartheid. Our march to freedom is irreversible. We must not allow fear to stand in our way.

Universal suffrage on a common voters roll in a united, democratic, and nonracial South Africa is the only way to peace and racial harmony.

Mayor David N. Dinkins

I challenge all of the people of the city to reject these calls to bigotry, because if the bigots succeed in spreading their poison, it's nobody's fault but our own.

Right now, each of you must look into your own hearts, in your own families. Look honestly at yourselves and your own communities and ask whether you can be swayed by prejudice and what you're doing about it. And no matter how much government can do, government cannot substitute for the content of our character.

Let us not permit the prejudice of a few in Flatbush, in Bensonhurst or anywhere else, to silence the good will of the rest of us. . . .

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Work to end racism and apartheid!