

EDUCATORS—SAY NO TO APARTHEID!

Apartheid is the name given by the government of South Africa to its official State policy of racial segregation, oppression, and exploitation. Apartheid enables whites, who comprise less than 1/5 of the population, to control the Republic's affairs. Under apartheid, there are separate facilities for Black people, with separate living areas, transportation, schools, restaurants, churches, and hospitals. All facilities for whites are vastly superior in quality to those for Blacks.

Here are the facts:

POPULATION:

Africans	22,500,000
whites	4,400,000
coloured persons	3,000,000
Asians	880,000
total	30,780,000

EDUCATION:

"When I have control of native education, I will reform it so natives will be taught from childhood to realize that equality with Europeans is not for them..."

Hendrik F. Verwoerd (who later became Prime Minister)

- Ten times more is spent to educate a white child than an African child.
- There is compulsory free education for white children. It is neither free nor compulsory for African children.
- The student - teacher ratio is 20 to 1 for whites, 47 to 1 for Africans.
- African high school facilities are inadequate: only 5 % of African students were attending high school in 1975.
- Of the 22 million Africans, only about 5,000 are university graduates.
- There is a severe shortage of teachers in African schools. In 1978, less than 15% of African women school teachers had finished high school.
- Training for most skills is restricted by law to white students.
- The education system for African children called "Bantu Education", is deliberately designed to teach the African that he occupies an inferior position in society. This led to massive demonstrations in 1976 in Soweto where African students rebelled against the system of "Bantu education". It is the cause now of massive student boycotts and demonstrations.

HEALTH CARE:

- There is 1 doctor for every 45,000 African, Coloured or Asian persons, compared with one doctor for every 370 whites.
- The ratio of nurses to patients is 1 to 1,000 in the few hospitals available to Africans. The ratio is 1 to 152 in the white hospitals.
- The infant mortality rate for Africans, one of the highest in the world, is 60 per 1000 in urban areas and 282 per 1000 in rural areas. For whites, the infant mortality rate is 12 per 1000, one of the lowest in the world.
- The life expectancy is 65 years for white males and 71 for white females; and 49 and 54, respectively, for Coloured persons. Information on the life expectancy of Africans is no longer made available by the South African Government!
- Tuberculosis and malnutrition are widespread among Africans.
- In a typical African reserve NEARLY $\frac{1}{2}$ OF THE CHILDREN DIED BEFORE THE AGE OF FIVE.

EMPLOYMENT:

- The unofficial estimate of African unemployment is more than 25% among adults, with many more underemployed. Virtually all economically active whites are employed.
- Whites make up only 18% of the work force, but earn 64% of all income. Africans make up 70% of the work force, but earn 26% of all income.
- The over-all average income of whites is 12 times that of Africans.
- In 1980, over 60% of African households still lived below the poverty line.
- While almost 50% of the Africans technically live in "homeland" areas where they have been forced to move by the South African government, less than 15% of all African income is generated there. The "homelands" are cut from the least productive and least minerally endowed in all South Africa. Unofficial unemployment rates in the "homelands" range between 40 and 80%. Most of the men must leave to seek employment in the "white areas", resulting in great suffering and destruction of families.

POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS:

- No African has voted or held office in South Africa since 1936. Political rights for Africans, Coloured persons, and Asians are virtually non-existent.
- African and multiracial political parties are banned.
- The Internal Security Act bans people to restricted areas and activities. There are many other official forms of repression and control of critics of apartheid.
- Until recently, sexual relations and interracial marriage was banned.
- Some of the "Bantustans" were declared "independent", stripping Africans of their right to citizenship in their own country.
- There is strict government censorship.
- The South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU), the oldest union confederation, founded on the principles of non-racialism, has been forced to operate in exile.

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS:

The General Assembly and the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid have repeatedly emphasized that countries which trade with South Africa and companies with investments there are, in effect, supporting the apartheid system. Foreign investment has increased greatly in recent years. The United Nations has now called for voluntary sanctions against South Africa. People around the world are saying NO to apartheid.

Here are things we can do NOW to help end apartheid:

1. Learn more about apartheid. Materials are available from the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid, 212-754-1234, African National Congress, 212-490-3487, and several other sources. Educators Against Apartheid has a resource list.
2. Teach about apartheid, in your classroom or hold a teach-in at your school.
3. Write curriculum about apartheid. Please send your material to E.A.A. so that it can be shared with other educators.
4. Lobby for anti-apartheid legislation, sanctions, divestment, withdrawal of pension funds.
5. Get resource material about apartheid into your school library.
6. DEMONSTRATE! Encourage your colleagues, your students and their parents to demonstrate against apartheid. Please contact E.A.A. if you know high school students who would like to join Students Against Apartheid. **DEMONSTRATE TO FREE NELSON MANDELLA !**
7. JOIN Educators Against Apartheid.

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- I would like to join Educators Against Apartheid. Membership contribution is \$10. Make checks payable to Educators Against Apartheid.
- Please send more information about Educators Against Apartheid.

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