EDUCATORS AGAINST APARTHEID NEWSLETTER
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ANOTHER VICTORY!! MCGRAW-HILL DIVESTS!

Last Spring five representatives of Educators Against Apartheid met with top executives of McGraw-Hill Inc. to urge them to divest. McGraw-Hill was a leader of the Sullivan movement which called for divestment only when corporations refused to sign an agreement to "make good progress toward" providing better conditions for Black workers.

McGraw-Hill refused to divest. E.A.A. launched a boycott of all McGraw-Hill products.

On February 27, McGraw-Hill announced that will divest from S. Africa. According to McGraw-Hill's legal department, the book store in Soweto has closed, the company in South Africa will be sold, and no products will be sold to South Africa (Of course, products can be sold indirectly through other countries.)

E.A.A. congratulates all people who participated in our boycott of McGraw-Hill products. Many of you called or wrote letters. One E.A.A. member reported that her assistant principal told the McGraw-Hill salesman who came to her school that she was boycotting McGraw-Hill products. She even refused to take his "freebees"!!

U.F.T. REFUSES TO ENDORSE APRIL 25 MARCH ON WASHINGTON TO PROTEST APARTHEID AND U.S. POLICT IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

United Federation of Teachers President Sandra Feldman and the Delegates Assembly have refused to endorse the April 25 March on Washington. The March is sponsored by many major unions, religious and civic groups.

E.A.A. urges all U.F.T. members to protest this clear violation of U.F.T. policy. The U.F.T. voted in 1985 to work with other unions and organizations to protest apartheid.

YOU CAN HELP:

1.Write to the U.F.T.Executive Board. 260 Park Avenue South N.Y.C.,N.Y. to insist on action.
2.Call Sandra Feldman's office, 212-777-7500.
3.Bring this issue to a meeting of the chapter in your school.

VICTORY?????

Last month E.A.A. reported a victory. The U.F.T. Executive Board had voted to adopt a policy of full divestment of the Teacher's Retire-system. To this day,the U.F.T. reps. to the TRS refuse to implement this policy by bringing the U.F.T. recommendation to the TRS.

Please contact Sandra March or Sandra Feldman to urge implementation of the divestment policy. 212-777-7500 or write to the U.F.T. Executive Board.

IS YOUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATING IN THE APRIL 25 MARCH ON WASHINGTON?

Educators and students around the City will be taking buses to the March. Some are organizing buses from their schools, some will go on the bus co-sponsored by Educators for Social Responsibility (212-666-0056),some on buses in their community.

Now is the time to make arrangements. Call 212-315-2933 or 201-836-6644 for info. or to donate money so that students can participate. Why not begin now to make special signs or banners, songs and slogans for your school?

E.A.A.has developed a curriculum kit called Apartheid is Wrong. It is for grades 1-12.The kit includes a slide show, lesson ideas in all curriculum areas, and resource material.For more info. contact E.A.A. or Paula Bower, 201-836-6644.

DID YOU KNOW????

The U.S. government and the apartheid regime in S.Africa cooperated for 3 years in providing military aid to the NIcaraguan contras. ABC-TV reported that weapons for the contras were carried by the S. African airline Safair in cooperation with Southern Air Transport, the Miami based firm known for its past ties to the CIA. They reported that former CIA director Casey personally supervised the operation at a time when Congress banned all military aid to the contras!!!!!!

THANK YOU!

Educators Against Apartheid raised over $425. at our February meeting. All of the funds and school supplies were given to the African National Congress for the school in Tanzania. More contributions are welcome.(Make checks payable to South Africa Relief. Write Somasco on the bottom. It is tax deductible. Send checks to E.A.A. 164-04 Goethals Ave. Jamaica, N.Y. 11432)

Nearly 50 students and teachers attended the meeting. Three young people recently exiled from South Africa described their experiences and the fight-back. Many thanks to our 3 courageous speakers.

Please renew your membership to E.A.A. Funds are needed to pay for mailings and reproduction of resource material. Membership is only $10. (Make checks to Educators Against Apartheid.)