

Educators Against Apartheid

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164-04 Goethals Avenue, Jamaica, New York, 11432

MEET EDUCATORS AGAINST APARTHEID'S NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Paula Bower (elementary)
James Campbell (elementary)
Arthur Colen (high school)
Joseph Edelman (high school)
Pam McCarthy-Bamba (jr. high)
Rebekah Ritchey-Pagan (day care)
Carole Storch (high school)
Clarence Taylor (high school)
Claudia Zaslavsky (retired, elem.)

You are welcome to join E.A.A. Additional members are needed for the committees.

I would like to join E.A.A. Dues are \$10. Make checks to Educators Against Apartheid.

I would like to join the following committee(s):

Curriculum
 Divestment projects
 Fund raising

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ School _____

Free Nelson Mandela!



The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) has divested over \$42million from corporations doing business in S. Africa. This divestment took place in August after months of pressure from E.A.A. Our members sent postcards and spoke out at the TRS meetings.

However, this is only a partial divestment. Millions more of our pension money remains in S. Africa where teachers are being replaced with soldiers, where the gov't spends over 9% more for the education of white than Black children, where 1/2 of the Black children die before age 5, and where schools for Black children are patrolled by soldiers.

PLEASE attend the next TRS meeting Oct. 15. 3:30pm, 40 Worth Street, 14th Floor, and SPEAK OUT! Write to President Feldman, U.F.T. and Robert Wagner, Board of Education urging them to call for FULL DIVESTMENT of the TRS. For more information, call Joe Edelman (212) 795-3124.

CAN ANY TEACHER TEACH ABOUT APARTHEID?

Last year an E.A.A. member received a critical letter in his file because he was teaching about apartheid. The supervisor believed that math teachers should not teach about apartheid! E.A.A. believes that all teachers can and should involve their students in the study of apartheid, the crime against humanity. Below are a few excerpts from the curriculum E.A.A. is preparing. We hope that teachers of all subject areas will begin to explore ways to bring the subject into their classroom, and that you will share your ideas with others. Please contact Paula Bower (201) 836-6644, if you would like to join the Curriculum Committee.

MATH (Taken from Using Mathematics to Learn about S. Africa, Apartheid and Racism, by Claudia Zaslavsky) "The gov't of S. Africa wants all the African people to live in ten states, which they call bantustans. These states form just one-eighth of all the land. The soil is so poor that hardly anything can grow. There is very little industry. These are population figures for 1984:

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| Africans living in bantustans: | 13 million |
| Africans living in "white" areas: | 11 million |
| Whites | 5 million |
| "Coloureds" | 3 million |
| Asian | 1 million |
| Total population | 33 million |

- In 1984 there were _____ Africans in S. Africa.
- There were _____ more Africans than whites.
- The number of Africans was about _____ times the number of whites.
- (More, Less) than half the Africans live in bantustans.
- Africans are about _____ (fraction) of the population. They should live in _____ of the land.

Think about this: Discuss how you think Africans feel about living in bantustans?"

SCIENCE (Taken from a lesson developed by Daniel Donniger & P. Bower)
What is a mineral? (a crystalline solid)
What minerals are found in S. Africa? (gold, uranium, manganese, diamonds are a few).
What are these minerals used for?
What are the conditions under which Black miners work in S. Africa? (mandatory migrant labor, dormitories away from families, low pay, huge # of injuries and death due to lack of safety regulations, etc.)
Which other countries produce these minerals? Which countries purchase minerals from S. Africa. Why?

APARTHEID

Don't Let Them Hang!

Awaiting execution in Pretoria there are now one woman and 31 men who have been convicted on charges directly related to the vicious repression in the country today. Their trials arose as a result of the people's resistance to the corrupt system of puppet 'community councillors,' resistance to the war the regime is waging against the people of the townships, resistance to the persecution of trade unionists and political activists.

It is now no longer possible to count the number who have been killed and injured as a result of repression and resistance in South Africa. The police and army of the regime have carried out massacres in Soweto, Uitenhage, Duduza, Mamelodi, and other places inside the country, as well as over the borders in Mozambique, Lesotho, Botswana and Zimbabwe. The police and their agents, the armed vigilantes, roam the townships, harassing, kidnapping, and often shooting at sight; people have been shot while simply walking in the street; young children have been shot while playing in the doorways or in the back yards of their homes. Elected leaders and spokesmen of trade unions and local democratic organisations have been found murdered — sometimes horribly — in mysterious circumstances. No one has ever been arrested and charged for these crimes.

Indeed, it seems that some activists are being brought to court and framed on serious charges.

Those on death row now are political prisoners. The terrorists of South Africa are still walking free.

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THEIR LIVES!

A campaign to save their lives has been launched in South Africa by the South African Youth Congress, supported by the United Democratic Front, the Release Mandela Campaign, the National Union of Mineworkers, the South African National Students' Congress and the National Education Crisis Committee.

They are asking people to write to:

*The Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher,
House of Commons, London SW1;
President Reagan, The White House, Washington DC, USA;
Chancellor Kohl, Bundeskanzleramt, Bonn,
Federal Republic of Germany;
asking them to use the influence of their governments to stop the hangings.*

They are also asking people to write to:

*The State President, P W Botha, Union Buildings, Pretoria,
South Africa, demanding a reprieve for the 32.*

This was taken from an African National Congress flyer.

DOES THE GYM TEACHER AT YOUR SCHOOL TEACH ABOUT APARTHEID?

Here are some suggested activities for physical education teachers who want to get involved:

Have a discussion:

Which sports are popular in S Africa?

How does apartheid effect sports?

Do Black and white youth have equal access to all sports?

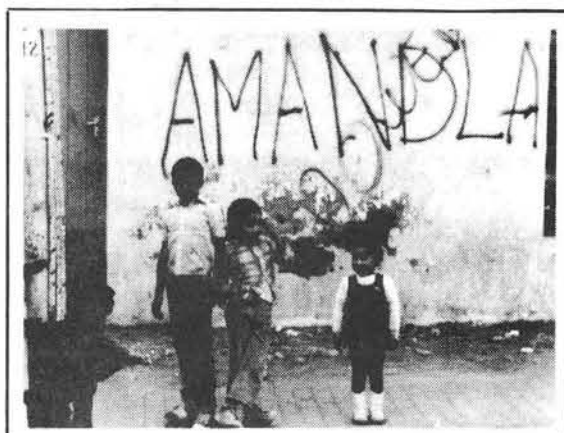
Discuss the internat'l boycott of S. African sports events.

Which U.S. athletes support or don't support the boycott?

Dedicate a school sports event to a FREE SOUTH AFRICA. Raise funds for Somasco, a school for exiled S.Africans in Tanzania. Contact the ANC for more info. (212) 490-3487.

Write letters.

APARTHEID IS WRONG



Is Educators Against Apartheid's filmstrip and cassette APARTHEID IS WRONG in your school library?

Ask your school librarian to order it now. APARTHEID IS WRONG helps young people visualize apartheid. They will see what young people in S. Africa and in the United States are doing to end apartheid. They will see Stevie Wonder being arrested at the S.African embassay and will hear him sing his song, Its Wrong(Apartheid), which he gave us permission to use free-of-charge.

The filmstrip can be used in classes or in assembly programs. It's about 20 minutes long. Make checks (\$15 + \$2postage) to W. Warner, Inc. Send to:
W. Warner, Inc.
114-46 Francis Lewis Blvd.
St. Albans, N.Y. 11412

EDUCATORS AGAINST APARTHEID VOTES TO SUPPORT DR. FRED DUBE.

E.A.A. members voted in September to support the struggle to get SUNY Stonybrook to grant tenure to Dr. Dube. This fight takes place at the same time Congress is considering legislation (the Swindall amendment to the State Dep't. Authorization Bill, HR 1777) to restrict the travel of ANC and SWAPO members to New York City!

Dr. Dube, a Black South African and a member of the ANC, will go to court most likely in December to win his right to tenure at SUNY Stonybrook. It's not too late to get involved. You can cosponsor the N.Y. Times ad. Call (212) 864-4000. Dr. Dube will speak at the E.A.A. meeting Oct. 26, 7:30pm at Riverside Church. Students and teachers are welcome!

BOYCOTT KELLOGG'S

Kellogg's Co. has refused to divest from S. Africa where it employs 230 Black workers at below subsistence wages. Ask your local school board to stop the purchase of Kellogg's cereals. Write to Kellogg's. Come to the Oct.19 meeting at Riverside Church.