

# Educators Against Apartheid

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STOP  
THE  
MURDER



OF  
CHILDREN!

More than 70 teachers and students participated in the Jan. 30 rally to stop the detention of youth and the executions in S. Africa. The highlight of the program was a gold miners' dance, performed by Sechaba, the cultural group of the African National Congress.

The students, from different youth groups and schools, agreed to circulate the petition to STOP THE EXECUTIONS and to plan a large MARCH (in mid-April) to deliver the petitions to the S. African Consulate.

IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING OF THE YOUTH MARCH, PLEASE ATTEND THE PLANNING MEETING FEB. 20, RIVERSIDE CHURCH, 2PM. Call Paula Bower for more information. (201) 836-6644.

## SAY NO TO THE RED SCORPION!

Did You hear?? The Namibian, an independent newspaper in Namibia recently reported that the movie "Red Scorpion" is being filmed in Namibia, in defiance of an international cultural boycott. In fact, the American team uses South African soldiers and equipment, active-duty S. African army officers, and army media studios! The film is loosely based on the life of Jonas Savimbi, the head of UNITA in Angola. Director S. Spielberg has also been seen in Namibia regarding the production of a film.

Arthur Ashe, Co-chairman of Artists & Athletes Against Apartheid said, "We would oppose any participation by an American, especially a black American, in a film project of which the S. African gov't is a part. If you have part of the S. African Army as extras, it's hard to see the film as anything less than an endorsement of S. Africa's policies."

ASK YOUR STUDENTS: What do you think we can do to stop RED SCORPION and the new Spielberg film? Write to the E.A.A. newsletter with suggestions.

## PLEASE READ THIS!

If you want to know what we're up against in the struggle for FULL divestment of the Teachers' Retirement System, READ THIS quote from the Nov. minutes!

Mr. Edelman (E.A.A. member): ...At the last meeting, you indicated that you would bring information as to the total amount of monies invested by this Board in S. Africa.....

Mr. Irving (TRS advisor): I will be happy to respond. That has turned out to be more difficult... (cont.)

## Brits and Oukasie

Brits is a small enclave of Afrikaaner conservatism. The growth of the Brits industrial area has brought the white community near the Black township of Oukasie. One third of the Black population (5000 people) have been forced out by the army. The remaining 10,000 residents are fighting for their homes.

Brits is the birthplace of the Neo-Nazi AWB. The resettlement area for the people of Oukasie is 20 miles from Brits (thus a 2 hour commute to work). The area is on the border of the Bophutatswana bantustan, and may eventually become incorporated into the bantustan.

S. African labor laws do not apply to the bantustans. Repression is harsher. The labor movement would be threatened. The trade unions and Oukasie community groups have organized a fightback.

You can find out more about this situation which repeats itself all over S. Africa by writing to:

Fund for a Free S. Africa  
25 West St. 5th Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02111  
or call (617) 423-6553

## Boycott Kellogg's

N.Y.C. laws prevent City agencies from direct purchase of supplies from corporations doing business with S. Africa. Councilwoman Ruth Messinger has endorsed the Kellogg's boycott. She will initiate legislation preventing indirect purchases: for example, the purchase of millions of dollars of Kellogg's cereals for our school breakfast programs.

If your class would like to get involved in investigating how we can get such a law passed or in helping get such a law passed, please contact Educators Against Apartheid.

Please send letters or art work about the Kellogg's boycott to the E.A.A. newsletter. We will try to print it. Thank you.





## DOCTORS FIGHT BACK

The S.African government threatened mass firings of doctors who wrote a scathing criticism of conditions at S. Africa's largest Black hospital, unless they recanted their comments. Conditions exist such as 2 - 4 toilets for up to 90 patients and patients lying on cold tile floors! Baragwanath Hospital is near Johannesburg.

Questions for your class: What is quality health care? What are the differences in care for white and Black people in S. Africa and N.Y.? A very useful book is: The S.African Disease, Apartheid Health and Health Services, by C.de Beer, Africa World Press, PO Box 1892 Trenton, NJ 08607

## MUTINY!!

On Dec. 10, 1987 Black municipal policemen were recruited to help put down anti-apartheid actions by residents of the Black township Sebokeng. The 60 Black policemen engaged in a gun battle with the white riot officers! 10 mutineers were wounded and 19 were arrested. In November there was a mutiny of over 400 Black soldiers from the South African forces which invaded Angola!!

**FORUM:** The Trade Union Movement  
In South Africa  
Tues. Feb. 23. 7:30pm  
Riverside Church  
122nd & Claremont Ave. NYC  
Speaker: Susan Mnumzana, African National Congress

Urgent! You are needed to help write a curriculum guide to accompany Apartheid is Wrong.  
WED. February 10, 7:30pm  
Riverside Church

## Early Childhood Teachers

Can young children understand about apartheid?? Of course.

Here are some suggested activities:

1. Read the Jafta books by Hugh Levin, Carolrhoda Books, 241 First Ave. Minneapolis, Minn. 55401.
2. Role-play scenes about apartheid. For ex.: A child doesn't have her pass. The police arrest her. Discuss what happened. How do you feel? Send for 2 anti-apartheid plays for young people by P. Bower
3. Look at the filmstrip, Apartheid is Wrong. You read the words rather than use the cassette. You can go slower and answer questions as you go along.

I want to join E.A.A. Make \$10 check to Educators Against Apartheid. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

(cont. from page 1) ..than we thought. The difficulty arises from the fact that a definition of what it means to be doing business in S. Africa, varies from person to person, or from measurer to measurer.... (5 paragraphs of the same nonsense follow!!)

Mr. Edelman: Mr. Irving, I am not blaming you, but, you know, when I hear you talk, it seems as though I am listening to the Iran-Contra investigation. Because you just can't determine where the monies are, you know, at first they were in a Swiss bank and then in Mr. Secord's account.....

IF YOU WANT TO PUT AN END TO THIS \_\_\_\_\_, PLEASE ATTEND THE NEXT TRS MEETING FEB. 18 AT 3:30PM, 40 WORTH ST. We DEMAND FULL DIVESTMENT! Call Joe Edelman for more info. (212) 795-3124.

## Legislative Update

The AFL-CIO backs the Dellums/Cranston legislation H.R. 1580/S. 556 calling for a total embargo of S. Africa. "Each year the stranglehold of apartheid has tightened, not eased. There are no illusions that this one Act will end apartheid. It will be, however, an unwavering message to our black brothers and sisters of our support in their crusade."

Thomas Donahue, Sec. Treas. AFL-CIO E.A.A. would like to encourage you to send letters to your Congress-people urging them to endorse this legislation. Thank you.

## Apartheid is Wrong Narrated by Ruby Dee

Are you a member of a trade union, religious group or community organization? Why not organize a showing of Apartheid is Wrong. It's only 20 minutes. You'll have lots of time left for a discussion and for plan-what your group can do to help end apartheid.

You can order Apartheid is Wrong from W. Warner, Inc.  
114-36 Francis Lewis Blvd.  
St. Albans, NY 11412  
or call (718) 776-7823  
Make your check to W. Warner (\$15 + \$2 postage and handling).

## RESOURCE MATERIALS

Send to International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa.  
P.O. Box 17, Cambridge, MA 02138.

African National Congress  
801 2nd Avenue, NYC, NY 10017

The Africa Fund  
198 Broadway, NYC, NY 10038

United Nations Center Against Apartheid, United Nations, NYC, NY. 10017.