

Educators Against Apartheid

April, 1988

164-04 Goethals Ave. Jamaica, NY 11432

YOUTH CONDEMN RACISM AND APARTHEID FROM NEW YORK TO SOWETO

1. End detentions and executions in S. Africa.
2. Stop racial attacks and killings in the United States.
3. Remember Solomon Mahlangu, a high school organizer during the Soweto uprisings & African Nat'l Congress activist, executed by the S.African government on April 6, 1979.

Students from high schools and colleges from the New York area have collected thousands of signatures on a petition to STOP THE EXECUTIONS IN S. AFRICA. Hurrah to Midwood H.S. students who have collected over 700 signatures already!

Demonstrate, Friday, April 15

- 3:30-5:00pm - March around the block of 47th and 48th Streets between 1st and 2nd Avenues past the S.African Consulate, where we will turn in petitions.
- 5:00-dark - Rally with youth speakers and entertainment (including Stetsasonic, high school gospel choirs, etc.)

The youth demonstration is sponsored by a coalition of youth groups including SOS Racism (LaGuardia H.S.), Children For Worldwide Peace, South African Youth Against Apartheid, The ANC Youth Group, and many more. Educators Against Apartheid and Educators For Social Responsibility/Metro are also sponsoring.

PLEASE HELP STUDENTS IN YOUR SCHOOL:

- * MAKE SIGNS AND ARTISTIC BANNERS.
- * SIGN STUDENTS UP TO MARCH APRIL 15.
- * ORGANIZE SPECIAL EVENTS TO BUILD AWARENESS (Horace Mann students are building a shantytown, Styvesant students are having a political awareness day, and much more!)

Call: (212) 496 - 2044 for more info.

Youth Fightback in S.Africa

In Soshanguve, the Soshanguve Students' Congress is encouraging students to return to school to register and demand their test results. The local gov't demanded a R20 fee or students wouldn't get test results. Many students can't afford the fees. from the SOWETAN (3/2/88)

Hundreds of students have been turned away from schools in the Eastern Cape townships because of lack of space. Also student organizations are demanding an end to fees being charged to Black students to pay for the rebuilding of schools damaged during earlier school boycotts. (from the SOWETAN, 27/1/88)

ALL OVER S. AFRICA, STUDENTS ARE FIGHTING FOR QUALITY, FREE EDUCATION AND AN END TO APARTHEID!!

Worldwide Protest Saves Sharpesville 6!

A great international people's victory was announced March 17, the Sharpesville 6 won a last minute reprieve. There was an intense world-wide struggle to save them. E.A.A. was one of the sponsors of a candlelight vigil March 16 in Times Square. The struggle is far from over. The Sharpesville 6 may be retried. There are 50 other people awaiting execution for their anti-apartheid activities. PLEASE JOIN THE STRUGGLE TO SAVE THEM. PETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM E.A.A.

Albertina Sisulu - BANNED

Last month E.A.A. honored Albertina Sisulu for her great efforts in organizing women in S. Africa. The next day Ms. Sisulu was banned!

Some questions for your class:

1. What does it mean to be banned?
2. Why did the government ban Albertina Sisulu?
3. Imagine that YOU, an activist in your school or youth group, were suddenly banned. How would you react?
4. Read Part of My Soul Went With Him, written by Winnie Mandela while she was banned. You'll get an in-depth look at banning.
5. Make up a skit in which someone is banned.
6. "We warn the Government that no amount of oppression is going to distract our attention from our goals. We will not take it lying down." Ms. Albertina Sisulu - and then she was banned! Discuss this statement.

RENT STRIKES IN S.AFRICA



The Sharpesville 6 had been involved in rent strike activities. All over S. Africa there are massive rent strikes because of escalating rents and horrible living conditions. There has been a rent boycott in about 50 Black townships since June, 1986!

The boycott demands include rental issues as well as: lifting the state of emergency, withdrawal of security forces from townships, resignation of counsellors, and the release of political prisoners. There has been an influx of Black people to urban areas. The white municipalities control the housing in the townships!

Question: How are these rent strikes similar or different from strikes in New York City?



Do YOU Remember Bartolomeo Diaz?

DIAZ COMMEMORATIONS

White SA yesterday celebrated the landing on SA soil 500 years ago of Bartolomeo Diaz, the first European to round the Cape of Good Hope and open up a sea route to India. The mixed SA and Portuguese crew which sailed a replica 15th century caravelle from Portugal disembarked at what is today Mossel Bay on a spot which, for all Pretoria's propaganda about the abolition of 'petty apartheid', is still a 'whites only' beach ... Originally Mossel Bay's large coloured population was expected to take part in the Diaz celebrations, but that was before Rev Allan Hendrickse told PW Botha that he demanded the repeal of the Group Areas Act. In Mossel Bay this deterioration of white/coloured political relations was translated into the threat of a coloured boycott of the anniversary proceedings unless the city's segregated beaches, opened to all races for the week of the celebrations, were declared permanently open to all. This the white local council refused to do, which meant that when the intrepid mariners in their renaissance Portuguese cloaks and doublets, walked ashore yesterday they were met not by descendants of the Khoi but by white men in woolly wigs with brown-stained faces ... *Financial Times (UK) 4.2.88*

Isn't this outrageous! Now, when we teach about the explorers, we can think about how their explorations affected the people who inhabited the land and still have an impact 500 yrs. later. Of course, it has happened right here in the U.S.A., too!

Bronx Children Fightback!

Bravo to students and staff at C.E.S. 42 in District 9! The whole school had a series of events to help end apartheid. One class performed the play, Apartheid is Bad, by Paula Bower. Another class sang, Free Nelson Mandela. There were dances and raps. The kindergarten - 4th graders saw the filmstrip, Apartheid is Wrong, made signs and wore arm bands. At a bake sale they raised \$113 for Somofco (the ANC school in Tanzania for children who have fled S.Africa)! Special congratulations to Angel Gonzalez, teacher and coordinator of these events! Isn't this wonderful!



Children at Somofco

If your school wants to raise \$ for Somofco, send tax deductible contributions to: Fund For a Free South Africa, 25 West St. Boston MA 02111 (617) 423-6553

A P a r t h e i d
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by Eric, Age 5

Danish demonstrators splattered their hand-prints in red paint on a building designated as SA's consulate, where 200 construction workers stopped working to protest against apartheid! from Daily Dispatch (1/88)

imMOBILize Apartheid

April 4, 4 - 7pm. Mobil Headquarters
42nd St, between Lexington & 3rd Ave.

labor donated

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PRESS STATEMENT

February 25, 1988.

The effective illegalisation of seventeen Democratic organisations, trade union and civic bodies by the Pretoria regime yesterday, February 24, demonstrates that Botha and his henchmen are irrevocably committed to the suppression of the ideals of freedom and justice in our country.

The action that the regime has taken is a clear admission that all the draconian measures of repression it has imposed on South Africa including the arrest and detention of scores of political activists, the judicial murder of freedom fighters and militants, the unleashing of paid assassins, murder squads and vigilantes and the institution of martial law have all failed to cow the spirit of defiance and determination to resist amongst the oppressed.

Without exception the organisations and civic bodies that have thus been banned were committed to non-violent forms of struggle and have exercised impressive restraint in the face of severe provocation from the regime and its agents. The fact that they have now been proscribed demonstrates clearly that it is not advocacy of or engagement in armed struggle that the regime fears but the very expression of democratic opposition and consistent resistance.

TRS-\$290million in S.Africa

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18 February 1988

Dear friends,

We have just received the set of slides called Apartheid is wrong, prepared by your organization. It has been placed in the audio-visual section of our library, and will be shown to both the students and community members at Mazimbu.

We would like to warmly thank you for your contribution. It is good to know that there are people in the United States who want to support the struggle of ANC and who are prepared to spread information about it. It is of great importance that the international community is made aware of what is happening in South Africa, and we, therefore, very much appreciate all the support we can get from you.

The slides will be quite useful for our community. Sending them to us is a clear sign to the ANC members about there being friends outside the Mazimbu community supporting them, and this will give them more strength in their struggle. The slides also contain information that is useful for teaching and learning purposes. Using AV material in illustrating some of the teaching topics has proved to be an excellent method of disseminating information, and, therefore, I can assure you that this set of slides will be much appreciated by both the teachers, students and community members here. Our audio-visual section is still very weak, and all the additions to it are very valuable.

I wish you the best of success in your important work in helping the ANC even in the future, and once more extend you many thanks for your assistance.

Yours in the year of united action for people's power,

Marjatta Lehti
Librarian

cc. Mohamed Tikly
Rhentini Dept.

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- I would like to help field test the E.A.A. curriculum, Apartheid is Wrong.
- I would like to join E.A.A. Membership is a \$10 donation. Please make checks to Educators Against Apartheid.

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Free Nelson Mandela!
Boycott Kellogg's!