

I AM A CHILD OF LIBERATION

FREEDOM STRUGGLE IS IN MY BLOOD





SOWETO REMEMBERED

11TH ANNIVERSARY

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PUGET SOUND CHAPTER,
COALITION OF LABOR
UNION WOMEN



June 16, 1987 - 7:30 pm - Mt. Zion Baptist Church - Seattle

ON JUNE 16, 1976, THOUSANDS OF BLACK STUDENTS IN THE VAST TOWNSHIPS OF SOWETO TOOK TO THE STREETS TO PROTEST AGAINST OPPRESSIVE RACIST EDUCATION. THEY WERE MET WITH BRUTE FORCE - TEAR GAS, WHIPS, DOGS, ARMORED CARS, AND BULLETS. APPROXIMATELY 700 WERE KILLED AND HUNDREDS MORE WOUNDED, AND THE UPRISINGS SPREAD THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA. TODAY, THE INSURRECTIONARY SPIRIT, IN A RENEWAL OF THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, ONCE AGAIN FINDS YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE FOREFRONT; ONCE AGAIN, THEY ARE MEETING THE FULL TERROR OF THE APARTHEID POLICE STATE. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DETAINED SINCE 1984; OF THOSE, A QUARTER OR MORE HAVE BEEN CHILDREN BETWEEN 5 AND 16, WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN BEATEN AND TORTURED. AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN IS NOW AT WORK TO FORCE THE REGIME TO "RELEASE THE CHILDREN" AND TO STOP THE KILLING.

SOWETO DAY PROGRAM

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WOMEN'S SECTION
QUESTIONS TO THE ANC AND SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES
BENEDICTION - REV. JERRY LANDERS, CHERRY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR DONATIONS OF FUNDS TOWARDS THE WORK OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF SOUTHERN AFRICA:
AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION #587
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA #910Z
EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELECTRICAL, RADIO, AND MACHINING WORKERS #1002
WASHINGTON FEDERATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES #1488
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OUR GRATITUDE TO THE WORKERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO MAKE THIS EVENING POSSIBLE.

NETWORK COORDINATED BY THE SEATTLE COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID

LABOR DONATED



SOWETO SKIES AFLAME WITH ANGER
WIND CARRYING THE WAILS OF THE SLAIN
FIRE IGNITED IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE
BURST FORTH IN OTHER PLACES
FUELLED BY LAYERS OF OPPRESSION
PILED HIGH AROUND THEM LIKE KINDLING

ADDED TO THE CONFLAGRATION
NESTLED IN THE SOUL OF SOWETO
WORDS LIKE PETROL BOMBS SPEWED
TURN INTO BURNING BRANDS PASSED ON
HAVE BURST INTO VOLCANIC FURY
CONSUMING ALL IN ITS PATH

SOWETO NOW BECOMES A BRAZIER
FLASHING WARMTH TO THOSE WHO DEMAND
THEIR BIRTHRIGHT AS FATHERS AND MOTHERS
SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE SOIL
MAKING THEIR DEMANDS AS URGENT
AS LAVA BROUGHT TO THE SOIL



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Coalition Against Apartheid
Students Against Apartheid-U of W
Labor Committee Against Apartheid
Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
Seattle Women Act for Peace (SWAP)
Puget Sound Council of Senior Citizens
National Organization for Women
Washington Council
American Soviet Friendship
Lawyers Guild- Seattle
"G" St. Community-Tacoma Wa.
Rainbow Coalition-Seattle,
Graphic Communications Union #767 M
International Union of Electrical
Radio and Machine Workers #1002
Communications Workers of
America #9102 (CWA)
Washington Federation of
State Employees #1488
Amalgamated Transit Union # 587
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