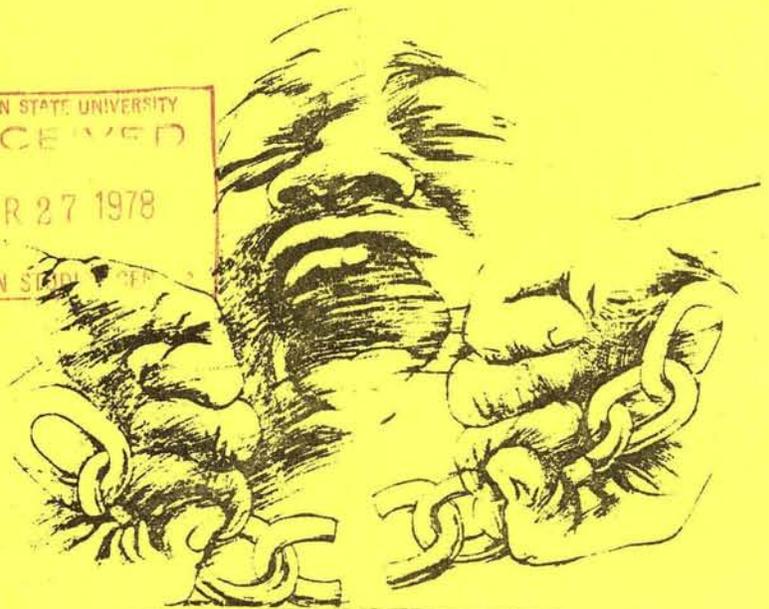


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## **OUT of SOUTH AFRICA**

In a recent MSA election U of M students voted, by a margin of nearly three to one, that they don't want their tuition money invested in South Africa. President Fleming and the Board of Regents have consistently ignored the University community's views about investments in South Africa, just as they've closed their eyes to the injustices of apartheid.

They have insisted that corporate concern and the Sullivan Principles can stimulate progress in South Africa. But the Sullivan Principles cannot change the system of apartheid (several of the principles are illegal under South African law) and corporate concern seldom extends beyond profits.

If you are sincere in your contempt for the racist South African government, if you do not want your tuition money invested in South Africa, and if you believe in the right of non-white South Africans to self-determination join the WCCAA on SATURDAY, APRIL 29th, 11:45AM at CHRISLER ARENA. Tell the administration, Michigan taxpayers, the University community, and commencement speaker Walter Mondale: u. of m., U. S. A. - Out of Africa Right Away!

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**now...**

# **SHOW 'EM YOU MEAN IT**

Washtenaw County Coalition Against Apartheid  
764-2180/662-7784

Meetings: Tuesdays, 7:30, Guild House, 802 Monroe

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# **STAND with the JUST STRUGGLES of the AFRICAN PEOPLE**

(IF YOU ARE A SENIOR W/ EXTRA TICKETS, CALL US  
AT 995-8957.)

## **DEMONSTRATE AGAINST MONDALE AT CRISLER arena 9:30 am - Sat.**

- VICTORY TO THE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S JUST STRUGGLES!
- U.S. OUT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, SUPERPOWERS HANDS OFF!
- FIGHT IMPERIALISM AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION  
FROM USA TO THE USA!
- DOWN WITH WHITE MINORITY RULE!
- U-N DIVEST NOW!



DEMONSTRATION CALLED BY:

Washtenaw County Coalition Against Apartheid

ENDORSED BY:

African Liberation Support Committee  
Black Student Union  
Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade  
and others.....

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH BRIGADE (info: 995-8957).

# Why fight for Divestment?

On March 16th, the Regents voted to ignore the widespread demand for divestment and chose instead to fight for adoption of the "Sullivan Principles" by the corporations in which they have investments. These "Sullivan Principles" are sanctioned by the South African government (the adoption of which are supposed to ameliorate conditions for Blacks), and are basically just a public relations job by the corporations to look good without actually having to do anything. One thing that the advocates of the "Sullivan Principles" neglect to mention is that it is against the law not to practice apartheid in South Africa!

Some people argue that it will hurt the African people for the corporations to withdraw. What are the facts? In 1950, total U.S. investment in South Africa was \$148 million; today, it has grown to nearly \$2 billion. During that time the gap between white and African income has widened considerably. Africans have lost what representation they had in Parliament. The African press, leadership and political parties have been banned. Laws have been enacted permitting arrest and punishment without charges, trial or appeal. Other laws have broken up families and forcibly removed Africans from areas where they had lived all their lives. Such has been the "liberalizing" effect of American capital! The Africans are in the shape they are precisely because of the presence of the corporations. South Africa is a rich country. Without the oppression caused by the corporations and the apartheid system, the African people could make a decent life for themselves.

The main political organizations of the African people---the ANC and PAC, not to mention public spokesmen such as the late Steve Biko---have all called on Western corporations to get the hell out. How do the U.S. corporations prop up apartheid? By providing arms, loans in times of crisis, modern technical equipment, computer technology to streamline the passbook system, the capability to produce nuclear weapons, etc. One clear example of such support was in 1960 after the brutal Sharpeville massacre (69 Africans were murdered; 200 were wounded). The regime was on the brink of collapse, and U.S. corporations came in with loans and new investments to shore up apartheid at a time when other foreign firms were fleeing, fearing that the regime wasn't going to be able to weather the crisis. And in 1976, in the aftermath of Soweto, the U.S. once again engineered massive loans to prop up the sagging economy.

We can't allow ourselves to be tricked by the propaganda of the corporations (and their apologists, like Fleming and the Regents). The corporations are in Southern Africa for one thing alone, and that's profit. All the talk about a "humanitarian mission" is just so much window-dressing. Fleming and the Regents, while pretending to be neutral and "objective" in this conflict, are, in fact, big businessmen themselves. Fleming is on the board of Chrysler and John Deere (both big South African investors), and the rest of the Regents are wealthy entrepreneurs of one sort or another. Why is the U.S. in Southern Africa? For the same reason that Britain and France and all other colonial powers were (and still are, to some extent) in Africa and everywhere else. To reap tremendous wealth and profits from the labor and resources of the African people. The U.S. makes use of and maintains the system of apartheid as a tool for continuing its exploitation. To call on the corporations to remedy the situation is like calling on a rapist to put an end to the problem of rape! The U.S. must get out of Southern Africa!

It is with this understanding in mind that we are calling for the University to divest. Where divestment has been won, it has been won because of mass mobilization by the students who have refused to take no for an answer until the administration has finally been forced to cave in. So far, M.S.U., U. of Wis., U.-Mass., Oberlin and Antioch have divested. Voting "YES" on the MSA referendum is one way to make clear where the students at the U. of M. stand on this issue. In addition, the Washtenaw County Coalition Against Apartheid is planning to confront the Regents at their next meeting (April 20th), an activity that will start with a rally on the Diag. Furthermore, Vice-President Mondale, who, like the rest of the Carter administration, opposes apartheid in words but supports it in deeds, will be coming to address the graduating class at commencement (April 29th), and we intend to be out there in full force, too.

In the past couple of years, the African people have been able to raise up their heads and deal powerful blows at the regime that keeps them in a state of bondage. The prospect for them achieving victory in their fight is very real, and we can do a lot to make conditions more favorable. Fighting for divestment here will spur efforts on other campuses, and will be one small, concrete contribution that we can make to the African people's fight. Already, some of the corporations have begun to withdraw their investments because the heat is on. As a political issue, we can help to educate ourselves and millions of people as to the real situation in the Southern Africa, the U.S.'s widespread complicity with the regime there, and help create a basis of support for the liberation movements that are fighting to overthrow apartheid. By supporting the African people's fight, we are dealing a blow at colonialism, exploitation, and national oppression wherever they exist. Join us in our fight! Call us for information about our activities.

**Thurs., April 20 ~ rally on [12:45 - 1:30] Diag; march to Regents**  
**Sat., April 29 ~ commencement meet at Crisler - 11:45 am** 930