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## IBM

## NELSON MANDELA

### SPEAKS IN ATLANTA

Nelson Mandela, deputy President of the African National Congress and former South African political prisoner, will speak at a mass rally in Atlanta on Wednesday, June 27th.

The rally will be held in Georgia Tech's football stadium at 225 North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

This is a chance to hear one of the greatest leaders of our time. Also appearing are jazz musician Hugh Masekela, Shirley Caesar, and Stevie Wonder.

Charlotte area buses will leave on Wednesday, June 27th at 9:00 a.m. from the Afro-American Cultural Center. They are scheduled to return at 3:00 a.m. on the 28th. The cost per person is \$27.50 and includes the entrance fee to the rally.

For ticket information call Lyndall Hare at 331-0462 or Charlotte Organizing Project at 372-0675.

IBM lobbies to continue its business with South Africa! Millions of dollars in city and state contracts are at stake. IBM has a substantial investment in the Charlotte community and CHARLOTTEANS FOR A FREE SOUTHERN AFRICA feel that it is time to look at IBM's ties to South Africa.

Many U.S. companies have sold their subsidiaries in South Africa under pressure from anti-apartheid groups, but continue marketing their products there through profitable franchise and distribution agreements. As a result, a growing number of state and local governments are amending divestment and selective purchasing measures to target companies maintaining such "non-equity" links to South Africa.

A study by Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins' office found that New York City had \$86 million in contracts with companies with non-equity ties to South Africa in 1988. The largest share of these, worth \$23 million, was held by IBM.

IBM sold its South African subsidiary in 1987, but remains the dominant company in the South African computer market, selling a full line of its products there through the exclusive franchise of its former subsidiary. Last year, IBM reports it had about \$100 million in sales to South Africa. Although cities and states could be concerned about excluding a major company such as IBM from bidding on their contracts, the Dinkins' study found that there were adequate alternative sources of computer equipment and service, often available at more competitive rates.



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IBM has become the leading lobbyist against new city and state regulations which tighten restrictions on companies continuing to do business with South Africa, gaining exemptions for itself from new selective purchasing regulations in New Orleans, Louisiana and Dade County, Florida.

IBM is sending vice-presidents around the country to argue for exemption from selective purchasing legislation on the grounds that it invests in Black-ruled countries that border South Africa and provides financial assistance to Black-owned businesses in South Africa.

## benefit

On March 10th, Charlotteans for a Free Southern Africa held a benefit for Nthabiseng Mabuza, a young South African woman who was shot by the South African Security Forces during a raid in Gaborone, Botswana. She is now a paraplegic and in constant pain.

The successful benefit raised over \$700.00 and we received the following Thank-you letter from Nthabiseng:

Dear Friends,  
 I'd like to thank you for the money you donated in order to help me and my family during our stay in the United States. It means a lot to me. I'm glad to know that there are people like you who care and I'd sure like to meet you someday and thank you in person. Thanks!  
 Love,  
 Nthabiseng Mabuza

# BOEING

"No Airplanes for Apartheid" proclaimed the bright paint on the shanty which SANE/Freeze activists erected directly in front of Boeing Aircraft's elegant corporate headquarters.

The Rev. Rober L. Jeffrey Sr., pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, occupied the shanty, fasting from Saturday till Monday, April 28-30th, when he attended the annual Boeing stockholders meeting. He was joined by other representatives of the Coalition to Stop Boeing's Contract with Apartheid—more than 25 national and local organizations seeking to prevent the sale of planes to the South African government.

Jeffrey told a large group of supporters who gathered at the shanty April 29th, "It is not right to put profits before people."

The Coalition represented a substantial block of stock and although their motion to stop the South African sale lost, it managed to get 8 percent of the vote. This is more than enough to ensure that the subject can be brought up again next year, when the Coalition vows to return.

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