

LETTERS TO FOREIGN ANTI-APARTHEID GROUPS FROM FORD JOHNSON

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Dear .....

The Committee of Conscience Against Apartheid, initiated by the American Committee on Africa and the National Student Christian Federation, is embarking on a campaign encouraging the withdrawal of funds from the Chase Manhattan and First National City Banks of New York to protest their involvement in South Africa.

You will perhaps recall a similar effort made in March of 1966 by students of Union Theological Seminary who organized for withdrawal from the Morningside Heights branch of First National City Bank. The present effort is an enlargement on this theme. It is our hope to contact every group and individual banking at any branch of First National or Chase Manhattan, and raise the issue of investment in apartheid for the purpose of encouraging withdrawal.

As of now, the project will culminate on December 9th with a large demonstration and the withdrawal of accounts by depositors in these banks. It is our belief that while disengagement by the banks will not end apartheid, it will have an important impact on the economic stability of the South African Government. This project will be coupled with a campaign to begin after December 9th promoting total American economic withdrawal from South Africa. The cumulative effects of these programs on the South African economy, and consequently its policy of apartheid, is incalculable.

Minimally, we hope to demonstrate to American business that profits derived from racial exploitation will not be tolerated by the American public. Therefore, it is better for them to withdraw from the Verwoerd Government rather than risk public censure and boycott.

We are writing to you in the hope that you can organize a support rally on December 9th (the day before Human Rights Day). We have also written to ..... Perhaps a meeting can be arranged.

Enclosed please find a copy of our basic campaign brochure, which is to be printed and mass distributed in the very near future. I would greatly appreciate any suggestions you might have regarding it.

There are a number of interesting facets to this campaign, but I shall await a reply before going into further details.

I hope to hear from you very soon.

Very truly yours,

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