

Break all diplomatic, economic and military relations with South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

TOTAL CENSORSHIP OF NEWS WAS ANNOUNCED BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE. AS IN THE INVASION OF GRENADA, THE WORLD WILL NOT KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE BEING KILLED AND DETAINED.

DIVESTMENT '85- A GOOD YEAR

For too long, Black people have endured political repression, economic exploitation, educational deprivation, and the degrading indignities of racism and segregation in South Africa. Similar institutional, though eminently more refined, racial schemes still dominate the daily lives of Black and other non-white peoples in the United States.

In South Africa racism has not only been institutionalized, it has also been legalized into 300 or more written laws which affect every facet of daily life for non-white South Africans. Apartheid in South Africa is brutal, vicious, murderous, and inhuman treachery. It is the most primitive form of capitalism, with features reminiscent of medieval feudalism, AND IT MUST BE ELIMINATED.

Without a doubt, we are beginning to make some progress. In the US, there now exists a determined movement of broad, diverse public and private sectors organized to force our government--South Africa's number one trading partner--and US transnational banks and corporations to withdraw their holdings from South Africa.

1985 has indeed been a very good year. To the extent that the movement for divestment has been effective, the South African government has already begun to feel the heat. At this moment, the apartheid economy is in the worst ever state of decline.

But we must not delude ourselves. US corporate investment in South Africa is right now at \$12.5 billion dollars. At the end of 1984, US bank loans amounted to approximately \$4.7 billion, while trade with South Africa (buying and selling of consumer goods) reached \$4.8 billion.

The corporations involved are well known to us. They are Del Monte, IBM, Chevron, Ford Motor, General Motors, Texaco, Control Data, Fluor, Coca-Cola, and Mobil Oil to name a few.

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NO MORE APARTHEID CARGO

Ships from apartheid South Africa are unloading canned fruit, wine, steel, auto glass and other products, possibly including weapons materials, into our San Francisco Port. All are produced under offensive conditions and slave wages as low as \$300 a year. The same products are, or were, produced in California. Importing them has caused plant closures and joblessness in the US. Del Monte recently closed its Yuba City cannery and a large peach orchard in Merced County, then moved its operations to South Africa.

One year ago, our San Francisco longshore workers refused to unload South African cargo for 11 full days, initiating the West Coast movement to close our ports to apartheid cargo.

The San Francisco Anti-Apartheid Committee has led numerous picket lines against the Pacific Maritime Association and the Nédloyd ships carrying such cargo. Picketing has spread to port cities up and down the West Coast, with longshore workers in some ports refusing the handle the cargo.

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DIVESTMENT '85

The banks include Citibank (with more loans to South Africa than any other US bank), Bank of America, Security Pacific, First Interstate, and San Francisco's own Crocker National (Midland) Bank.

Until this year, these banks and corporations had been consistently increasing their investments in South Africa, claiming they provide jobs for Black people and help promote positive change in the apartheid system.

But all evidence points to the contrary. In South Africa, Black workers form 75% of the workforce. Yet Black workers are paid about \$20 for every \$100 paid white workers. These conditions are no different for Black workers in US companies there. In fact, most US companies in South Africa do not recognize union rights and openly engage in union-busting practices since there are no laws requiring companies to negotiate with workers. In addition, US corporations only employ about 1% of all Black workers in South Africa. So, all deceptive discourse aside, they're really there for the money.

However, a significant shift has taken place in the previously paternal, apologetic stance of US banks and corporations toward apartheid profits and the Pretoria regime. Many of them have decided that the "constructive engagement" policy of the Reagan Administration is no longer credible and the sustained level of resistance and confrontation in South Africa makes the risk of further investment too high.

In March of this year the Bank of Boston announced that it would stop all loans to South Africa. Many other US banks and corporations,

During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against Black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a free and democratic society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if need be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.

NELSON MANDELA, from a courtroom speech made after his arrest in 1963.



March to Soweto Council Chambers in protest against rent increases, 1980.

worried about losing business at home through divestment campaigns and the possibility of losing everything should open warfare develop inside South Africa, began unloading their South African stock.

The very foundation of South Africa's foreign exchange connection was shaken in July, when the huge Chase Manhattan Bank of New York decided to withdraw from South Africa.

Divestment legislation is in process in dozens of US cities. In Lansing, Michigan, \$300 billion worth of investments is expected to be decided upon soon.

Just as the African National Congress (ANC) and the South African majority have undertaken to make the apartheid system ungovernable, so must we do our part to encourage divestment and make US corporate collaboration with apartheid unprofitable.

Clearly, the resistance to apartheid will not die. The generation of victory, of no return, has already grown up. The history of South Africa presupposes a violent confrontation between a majority denied and a repressive, unyielding minority destined for extinction.

Apartheid can no longer be justified or maintained. The only peaceful possibility is that the South African government proceed to negotiate with the popularly designated representatives of the ANC and the United Democratic Front (UDF)--and to free Nelson Mandela for such negotiations.

For the people of South Africa to succeed, we must all do our parts through political pressure, moral condemnation, divestment, economic sanctions, and material aid.

Non-white South Africans want only what is humane and politically just. They want one person, one vote. They want a non-racial, democratic society--and they will have it!

★ SEAL PROJECT

The Free South Africa/Promote World Peace Seal Project is similar to the Easter Seal Project, with seals to be placed on mail on a year-round basis, carrying the joint message of liberation for South Africa and the promotion of peace in our world. The seal, bearing the national Red Ribbon symbol and the message "Free South Africa/Promote World Peace," is a colorful, eye-catching emblem. The project has three co-sponsors: The National Free South Africa Movement, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, and the Africa Support Program of the American Friends Service Committee.

Seals on millions of letters will keep their message before the eyes and on the minds of Americans, even more important now that the South African government has imposed a news blackout preventing constant graphic reminders of the horrors of apartheid.

To order your seals, call BAFSAM at 232-1631 or SFAAC at 661-9492.



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ANTI-APARTHEID CALENDAR

- Dec. 3** ANC Student speaker. Sponsored by delegates to World Youth Festival. San Francisco State. 12 Noon. For information call 661-9492.
- Dec. 4** ANC Student speaker. Sponsored by delegates to World Youth Festival. UC Berkeley. 12 noon. For information call 661-9492.
- Dec. 5** Celebration of the First Birthday of the Picket Line. Grand Ave. & Harrison St., Oakland. 11:30 a.m. Fun, food, music. Bay Area Free South Africa Movement. For information call 836-2389.
- Dec. 6** The Amen Corner--a Black musical. Benefit performance for Big Mountain Support Group. Julian Theatre, 953 DeHaro St., SF. \$15. Info: 841-6500.
- Dec. 6** Rainbow Freedom Fund for South Africa to benefit ANC Solidarity Hospital and National Union of Mineworkers. Kick-off reception. Queen Adah Hall, 1390 Turk at Fillmore. 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donation requested. For information call 921-5748.
- Dec. 6** Mission Safe Emergency Shelter for Homeless presents "Struggle Against Oppression." Speakers: Angela Davis & Bill Wahpepah (American Indian Treaty Council). 1st Universe Church, 5424 E. 14th St., Oakland. 7:30 p.m. Donation: \$1-10. 533-2286.
- Dec. 8** Niagara Movement Democratic Club brunch. Speakers: James Phubazembe, Int'l Sec'y of SWAPO & Jacki Selebie, ANC Exec. Comm. 11a.m.-2p.m. at Dock of the Bay, Oakland. \$15. For more information 530-6104 or 839-0703.
- Dec. 10** ★ San Francisco Anti-apartheid Committee monthly meeting with Louis Freedberg (Pacific News Service) recently returned from South Africa. 7:30 Western Addition Cultural Center, 762 Fulton, SF - Info: 661-9492
- Dec. 11** ★ SF Port Commission meeting. Ferry Building, Foot of Market St., SF. 10:00 a.m. (See article, **No More Apartheid Cargo!**) Information: 661-9492
- Dec. 11** SF Bd. of Sup. hearing on divestment of city funds. Finance Committee, City Hall 2 p.m.
- Dec. 13** Namibian Women's Day with Lucia Hamantonya, member of women's section of SWAPO. Call 533-4190 or 451-5127 for details.
- Dec. 14** Rainbow Coalition monthly meeting. 916 Laguna St., SF. 10:00 a.m. Information: 921-5748
- Dec. 20** South Bay Free South Africa candlelight vigil. Antioch Baptist Church, 600 Julian St., San Jose. For more information call (408) 289-8107.
- Through December** Exhibit of Art Against Apartheid at Modern Times Bookstore. 968 Valencia Street, SF
- Jan. 15-20** Events celebrating first annual Martin Luther King, Jr., legal holiday. March and rally Jan. 20 in SF coincides with celebrations in other cities as part of national commemoration.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS !

NO MORE APARTHEID CARGO

Recently we arranged a hearing with the San Francisco Port Commission. Testimony included the SF Central Labor Council, members of local labor unions, a member of the Board of Supervisors, retirees, pensioners and community organizations demanding a Port ban on South African cargo in and out of San Francisco. Similar proposals were made before the Oakland Port Commission by the Bay Area Free South Africa Movement. Anti-apartheid coalitions are pressuring all West Coast port commissions with the same demand: **STOP CARGO TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA!**

The Port Commission is thinking it over. **YOU CAN HELP THEM DECIDE!** Tell them to ban apartheid cargo! Save our jobs and industries.



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UPDATE FLASH: SF Port Commission Chairman Coleman has just informed us that the Commission will discuss the cargo issue with Nedlloyd Lines (which ship the cargo to and from South Africa). The Commission meets again Wednesday, December 11, and may have a further report. Let's be there--the Ferry Building--starting at 10:00 a.m.



SFAAC DECEMBER MEETING

SFAAC's next monthly meeting will be held December 10 and will present Louis Freedberg, chair of Berkeley Committee on Responsible Investments, as speaker. Mr. Freedberg was born and raised in Capetown, South Africa. As a white South African, he was active in anti-apartheid activities in the 1960s. Please plan to join us at 7:30 p.m., Western Addition Cultural Center, 762 Fulton, SF. For information: call 661-9492.

also poetry reading.



A LETTER WILL HELP

1. TELL THE PORT COMMISSION TO BAN ALL SOUTH AFRICAN CARGO! Write to Dr. Arthur Coleman, Chairman, with copies to the other Commissioners: Anne Halsted, James R. Herman, Gordon Lau, and James Rudden. The address is Ferry Building, San Francisco 94105.
2. HELP PICKET THE SHIPS CARRYING SOUTH AFRICAN CARGO! Get on our phone tree by calling us at 929-7314 or 661-9492; or write to David Reed, 924 Fulton St., #103, San Francisco 94117.
3. Make a contribution to carry on the work of the SF Anti-Apartheid Committee.
4. Become active on one of our committees: Outreach, Newsletter, Labor, Publicity, Finance.

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