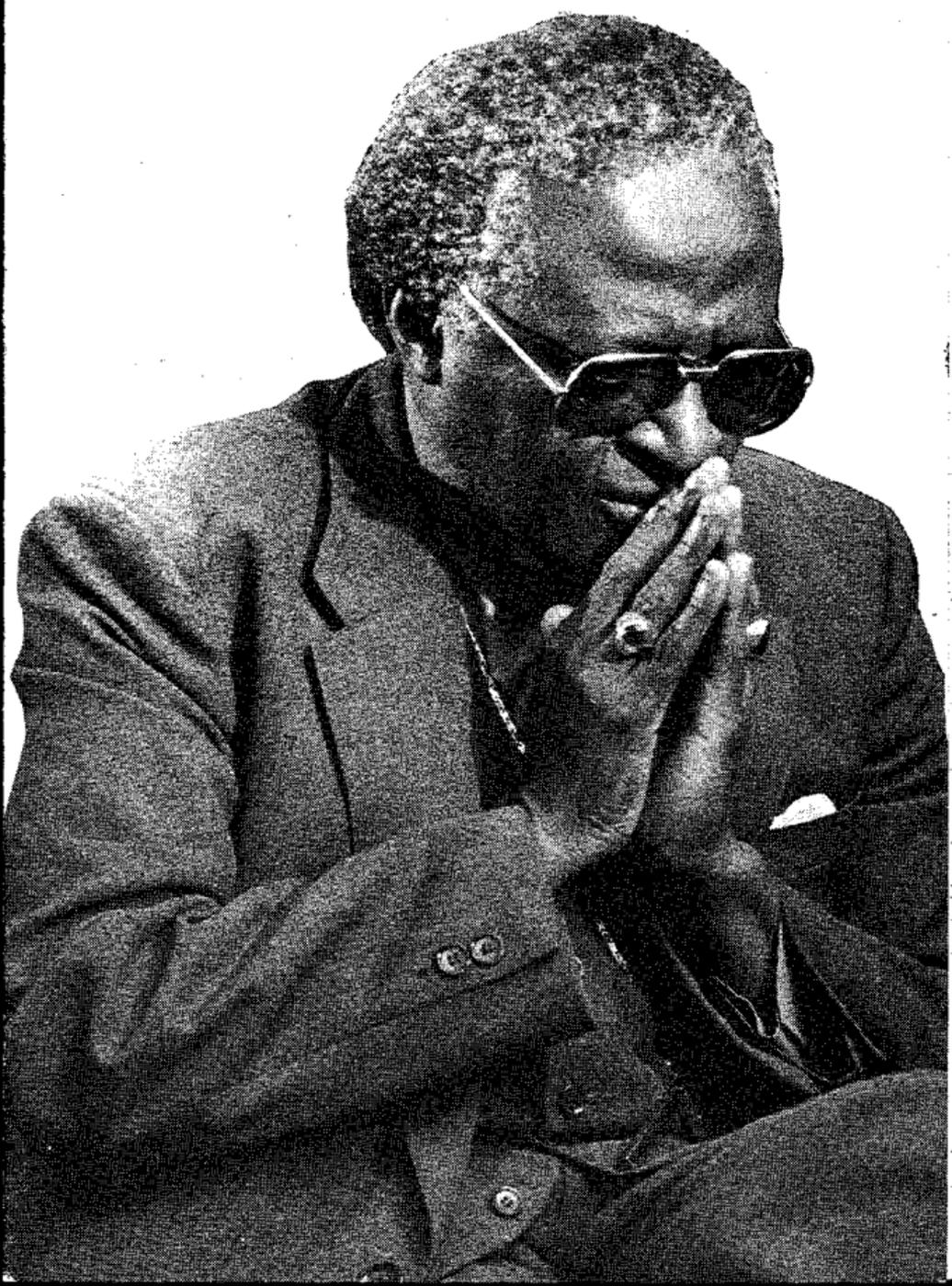


A CALL TO CONSCIENCE

**A Challenge to U.S.
Foreign Policy in
Southern Africa**



The Tragedy:

Funeral marchers shot in the back by police in armored trucks, infants slain by random bullets; children rounded up for mass arrest; religious leaders detained without trial; anti-apartheid activists charged with treason; hundreds of political detainees tortured in their cells—such events have dramatized the oppression of 26,000,000 Blacks by the repressive minority White regime in South Africa. A country of constant oppression, South Africa's injustices date back centuries.

The desolate bantustans teem with graves of children who have died from malnutrition, and the security police have killed many others. South Africa stands at a time of crisis from which there is no turning back.

The independent nations of the Southern Africa region also face a crisis. South Africa's recent attacks against Botswana and Lesotho, military raids into Angola, violations of the peace treaty with Mozambique and threats of economic reprisals against all the nations in the region indicate an increased effort to destabilize their governments and economies.

U.S. foreign policy toward Southern Africa is in crisis, as well. The U.S. policy of "constructive engagement" and U.S. corporate financial investment have provided strategic support to the apartheid regime throughout the years. This support continues, even today, as the situation in South Africa rapidly deteriorates.

What is the CTC Network

The Call to Conscience is a pledge taken to demand that the United States Government, its institutions and its corporations cease all

actions supporting injustice in South Africa. Acting on moral and religious values, individuals and organizations will use non-violent protest to challenge policies that strengthen apartheid.

When you join the Call to Conscience Emergency Response Network, you are participating in a nationwide contingency plan to challenge U.S. support for apartheid.

We Are Called To Act

We are called to action to demonstrate our solidarity with the people of Southern Africa, and are committed to:

- the abolition of apartheid
- the independence of Namibia
- the full empowerment of Blacks in South Africa and Namibia, beginning with one person, one vote in a unitary state
- the implementation of total divestment/disinvestment
- the imposition of mandatory comprehensive economic sanctions
- prohibition of all U.S. collaboration with apartheid
- non-interference and non-intervention in the frontline states

As people of conscience ***WE ARE COMMITTED:***

- to become dependable participants in the Call to Conscience Emergency Response Network
- to lodge protest with public officials, through the use of letters, telephone calls and personal lobbying to support freedom, justice and Black self-determination in southern Africa



- to participate in peaceful (lawful) public protests, rallies and demonstrations
- some participants will join in acts of non-violent civil disobedience when called for by the CTC steering committee.
- to pledge to demonstrate our support for those who engage in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience in order to halt U.S. support for the South African regime.

The pledge to act on the Call to Conscience has been drafted to engage participants in the seriousness of the Southern African situation. It is an attempt to have those who pledge themselves to act to be fully aware of the need and the possible consequences.

The Process

When a politically significant event develops in Southern Africa or in the United States:

1. The national CTC steering committee representing supporting organizations, will issue a public call to action to all regional, state and local groups. The national steering committee will propose a focus and the form of action.
2. Organizations and individuals affiliated with the Call to Conscience, having received the call will gather at previously designated locations in their community for information sharing, mutual support, prayer, strategizing and preparations for action.
3. An action will commence.
4. The CTC Network will hold periodic national demonstrations to dramatize nationwide opposition to apartheid.

Public Protest Pledge

Because the apartheid regime continues to deny full citizenship to the majority of its citizens and because it receives support from the U.S. government, its institutions and corporations, I pledge to join with others to engage in acts of public protest, as conscience leads me, including such actions as participating in demonstrations, vigils, leaflet distributions, and appeals to the Congress and the White House.

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Have you had nonviolence training? _____

Congressional District _____

Organization _____

Civil Disobedience Pledge

Because the apartheid regime continues to deny full citizenship to the majority of its citizens and because the United States government continues to support the apartheid regime, I pledge to join others in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience, as conscience leads me, at locations that symbolize U.S. support for the South African government.

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Have you had nonviolence training? _____

Congressional District _____

Organization _____

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My organization endorses the Call to Conscience effort,

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time We must move past indecision to action Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter—but beautiful— struggle for a new world. This is the calling of the children of God, and our brothers and sisters wait eagerly for our response. Shall we say the odds are too great? Shall we tell them the struggle is too hard? Or will there be another message, of longing, of hope, of solidarity with their yearnings, of commitment to their cause, whatever the cost? The choice is ours, and though we might prefer it otherwise we must choose in this crucial moment of human history.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.