

Break all diplomatic, economic and military relations with South Africa

ANC's GOLDBERG: 'YOU HAVE THE POWER, SWITCH ON'

When ANC leader Nelson Mandela was sentenced in 1963 for "treason" against the apartheid state of South Africa, seven others went with him.

Among these was Denis Goldberg who, after 22 years, was released in 1985. He has since worked out of the London headquarters of the African national Congress (ANC).

He was invited to tour the U.S. by the American Friends Service Committee, and in February the San Francisco Anti-Apartheid Committee organized his presence at the Third Baptist Church.

Additional sponsors were the AFSC, National Conference of Black Lawyers, National Lawyers Guild Anti-Apartheid Subcommittee, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Bay Area New Jewish Agenda.

Goldberg praised the mass courage of Black South Africans, drawing a parallel with Vietnam. He reported



Prime movers of Sanctuary, etc. Resolutions, from left, Cliff Rechtschaffen, Karen Kramer, Cati Okorie. At right, Bill Stroud of Artists vs. Apartheid.



DENIS GOLDBERG at City Hall steps, lauding Supervisors Walker and Kennedy (at left) for proposed resolutions declaring apartheid a crime against humanity and offering sanctuary.

that sanctions were weakening the apartheid regime and that we here needed to step up divestment and

break all relations with that government.

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APARTHEID CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

At a press conference on the steps of the City Hall on Monday, February 1, 1988, Supervisors Nancy Walker, Willie Kennedy, and Harry Britt introduced new legislation to strengthen San Francisco's commitment against apartheid. The proposed legislation declares the City of San Francisco a "safe refuge" for blacks who flee from South Africa and Namibia, as well as whites who refuse to serve in the South African army.

The resolution is also the first in the country to officially recognize apartheid as a crime against humanity. The United Nations Assembly adopted an International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, which recognizes apartheid as a crime against humanity. While 69 countries have ratified the UN Convention, the U.S. hasn't. Thus San Francisco's legislation would also spur nationwide actions.

Finally, the proposed legislation would prohibit San Francisco offi-

cial or employees from meeting with or hosting any representative of South Africa or occupied Namibia. Denis Goldberg, of the African National Congress was also present and commented that, "Everybody says they are against apartheid, but the real issue is, what are they actually doing about it."

The proposed legislation was initiated by a coalition of organizations including the S.F. Anti-Apartheid Committee, the local chapter of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, Art Against Apartheid, and the National Lawyers Guild S.F. anti-apartheid subcommittee. Their goal is to get many cities to take similar actions. CALL OR WRITE THE SUPERVISORS AND TELL THEM TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH AFRICAN/NAMIBIAN REFUGEE RESOLUTION. Also, a hearing is expected on the legislation in early March. Those interested in testifying please contact Cati Okori at 552-0860 or Karen Kramer at 759-8524.

-K. Kramer.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Readers were recently asked to contact their representatives about the SWINDALL-BURTON amendments to the STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL. These amendments would restrict ANC and SWAPO personnel to the city limits of New York and would cut by 25% U.S. funding for U.N. projects which would benefit the African National Congress. Opposition to these measures resulted in their defeat and the Authorization Bill was passed without these amendments. A victory against Apartheid.

Important legislation pending includes the BRADLEY BILL, S1474 and the House companion bill, H.R. 3633. This legislation would prevent any further aid to UNITA without full congressional debate. Aid to UNITA, Angola's rebel group, is comparable to aid to the Contras in Nicaragua. UNITA is financed by South Africa and the South African army is now fighting with the rebels in Angola. Support to UNITA has made the U.S. 'de facto' allies with South Africa. The Senate bill is in the foreign Relations Committee and the House bill is in the Foreign Affairs and Intelligence Committee. We must let these Committees know of our support for these bills.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 382 designates June 26, 1988 as 'Nelson Mandela' Day. This Resolution introduced by Rep. George Crockett has 68 co-sponsors including every member of the congressional Black Caucus. We should let them know that we appreciate their valuable work against apartheid.

THE COMPREHENSIVE SANCTIONS BILL requires urgent attention. H.R. 1580, the DELLUMS BILL and S556, the CRANSTON BILL impose a total trade embargo and require complete withdrawal of U.S. corporations from South Africa. Passage of this legislation is ESSENTIAL in the fight against Apartheid. Hearings are being held by the Africa Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Howard Wolpe is the Chair. At this point there are 75 co-sponsors for the House bill. At least 100 are needed. Many more co-sponsors are needed for the Senate bill. Now there are only two! Kennedy and Levin. Senators who have co-sponsored other legislation on Southern Africa should be contacted immediately. For example, Paul Simon, Joe Biden, Barbara Mikulski, Patrick Leahy. JOIN IN THE SPRING ACTIONS FOR TOTAL SANCTIONS. THIS BILL IS KEY!

—Rhoda Norman

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO COVER PORT

Supervisors Kennedy, Britt, Ward and Silver proposed an Amendment to the City's anti-apartheid ordinance (Code Sec's 10.210 through 10.218) "to prohibit leases, permits, licenses," or "use of City property" with persons or institutions doing business directly or indirectly with South Africa.

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This is a major change, as it will restrict shippers like Zim, Nedlloyd,

etc. from carrying South African cargo into and out of our Port.

This inclusion had been urged by the SFAAC, the city's labor movement, and by other anti-apartheid forces since passage of the Ordinance in February of '86.

The proposal was referred to the Finance Committee on January 27th. Keep your eye on it and watch for the public hearing in early or mid-March.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



REV. M.L. KING



NELSON MANDELA



WINNIE MANDELA

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress . . . power concedes nothing without a demand." — Frederick Douglass, Aug. 4, 1857.

Afro-American History Month calls us to the struggle for *people's power* in our country, in Southern Africa, in Central America and in the Middle East.

Today, despite the genocidal horror of apartheid, which our government helps maintain, our Black brothers and sisters expand their struggle against our common enemy — greed and its divisive weapon of racism. Nelson Mandela, now 25 years in prison, and Winnie Mandela are now world symbols of the people's movement.

In this election year we must oust every Reaganite, of either party, who blocks sanctions against apartheid South Africa, who aids the terrorist armies laying waste to Angola, Mozam-

bique and Nicaragua, and who oppose nuclear disarmament.

From around the Bay Area, thousands of people of all colors streamed into our Civic Auditorium to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday and his Dream for a non-racist nation.

But the stench of bigotry clings to the U.S. body-politic as we witness the attempted burial of Dr. Jesse Jackson's candidacy by the establishment media. Is there any question that Jackson is the best spokesman for the aspirations of the working people?

And in our own City, racism persists, as in the Fire Department and in the mass joblessness of our youth.

Black History and Brotherhood Month will mark the renewal of our struggle for justice, which has no color or boundaries.

—ALERT Staff

S.F. AIDS EXILED CHILDREN



Left to right: Peggy Gash, Sandra Mack and Joan-Marie Shelley of AFT Local 61, surrounded by a load of contributions for Southern Africa children.

• The Holiday Campaign for the Refugee Children of South Africa and Namibia has been successful. The people of San Francisco, the Bay Area and elsewhere have opened their hearts and their pocketbooks.

• We collected a lot of underwear, school supplies, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toys, good-as-new clothes and other items. Funds came in from individuals and organizations in denominations from \$2 to \$295 (the latter from ILWU). We are grateful to Ida Stickland for helping obtain a \$1,000 grant from the Third World Fund to conduct the campaign.

• Betsy Blom Stallinger turned in over \$400 from friends and neighbors who contributed to the Campaign in memory of her deceased husband, Brother Preston Stallinger. This included \$75 from as far away as Paris, France, and \$50 from Brother Walter Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council.

• A \$5 anonymous contribution came to the Sun Reporter collection station from a senior citizen who said: "This is all I can afford, but I want to help."

We also received, through the good efforts of Rev. Roland Gordon, \$100 from the Western region of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus.

• As you can see from the picture accompanying this article, our friends of the S.F. American Federation of Teachers, Local 61 came through with flying colors. They collected two huge cartons of materials, as well as additional boxes of books, school supplies, toys. The Oakland United Teachers, AFT, also came through with materials.

• IT WAS GRATIFYING TO SEE THE BARS OF SOAP, TOYS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND UNDERWEAR BROUGHT IN BY THE CHILDREN at Cabrillo School, as well as at DeAvila, El Dorado, Lilienthal and RAP Schools, among others.

• The collection stations produced large amounts of materials, especially the Sun Reporter, Pilgrim Community United Church of Christ, Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, Bethel AME Church and Providence Baptist Church, to name only some. Several dentists contributed toothpaste and toothbrushes. Norita Collins was a one-woman

Half of the Black children in the bautustans (enforced ghettos) die before they are five years old. In Angola and Mozambique it is more than a third.

Millions of bautustan children grow up WITHOUT education, decent housing and health care.

Education material is free for whites. Blacks must pay. About 2% of Namibian children go to secondary school.

— World Council of Churches, 1987

"Thousands of children have nowhere to go . . . But imagine a child of four, five or six, crossing on foot hundreds of miles. As you can well guess, hundreds perish as they make a run for their lives."

— Thuthukile Radebe, ANC Women's Section

"collection station" in Bayview-Hunter's Point.

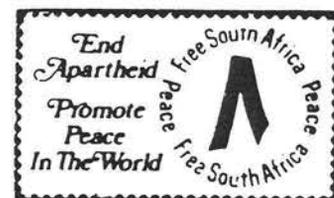
• It is impossible to name all the people who contributed their efforts, time, collections and money. But we take this opportunity, on behalf of the children who will benefit from their efforts, to express our heartfelt thanks for all your help.

• We are negotiating for shipment sometime in March. Meanwhile, we're sorting and packing.

TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED MAKE THIS CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS, CONGRATULATIONS!

— Mollie Gold

* Anti-Apartheid Peace Seals



SEALS—Green & red on yellow background. Sheet of 50 for \$3.00. 25 sheets or more, \$2.00 per sheet. Send check with order to SFAAC, P.O. Box 5422, SF 94101-5422. Info: 661-9492.

WORLD BRIEFS



THE MAN BEING DRAGGED by the South African police is auto worker Moses Mayekiso. He's been in prison now over a year, charged with treason, but due to world labor protests the judge has ruled out the death penalty.

Mayekiso's crimes? Leading the militant Union of Metal Workers and organizing community rent and consumer boycotts.

Among the groups working for his freedom are UAW, ILWU and CISTUR. YOU can protest to Ambassador A.J. Koornhof, South African Embassy, 3051 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

A **RIGHT-TO-KNOW INITIATIVE** is now circulating for the State November ballot. It will require disclosure of information on South Africa business connections, toxic household products, etc.

Some of the endorsers include California League of Senior Citizens, Consumer Action, David Brower and Mario Obledo.

Those interested, contact Atty. Jim Rogers of CURE, the sponsoring coalition, at (415) 444-4464.

THE LINK BETWEEN LOST U.S. JOBS and South Africa was again demonstrated on Feb. 12 when Del Monte fruit canners announced closing of their Emeryville plant, with about 1,400 workers. The reason? — "excess capacity."

Del Monte has set up orchards and canning plants in South Africa, and its parent company, R.J. Reynolds-Nabisco (tobacco, crackers etc.) has substantial investment there.

THE SPRING MOBILIZATION for Jobs, Peace and Justice will take place on APRIL 30. Already 26 Bay Area groups have joined on. Among the issues will be self-determination and majority rule for South Africa. Join SFAAC in the March and at our table.

THE SHARPEVILLE SIX face execution in late March unless world pressure stops it. They were convicted in 1984 of killing an apartheid puppet councillor who had shot into a mass protest South of Johannesburg.

The enraged crowd, protesting increased rents and taxes, attacked en mass and killed the councillor. Later, the Appellate Court noted: "It has not been proved (that) any of the six contributed causally to the death."

The Six are Theresa Ramashamela, Mojalefa Sefats, Oupa Diniso, Reid Mokoena, Duma Khumalo and Francis Mokhesi.

Protest to Amb. F. G. Koornhof, at Embassy of South Africa, 3051 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, — and to Pres. Reagan, for his personal intervention.



SFAAC RECEPTION FOR "CRY FREEDOM" AUTHOR



DONALD WOODS, the journalist companion of **STEVE BIKO**, as depicted in the stirring film "Cry Freedom," was "at home" in San Francisco for an evening.

Criss-crossing the country with his wife, reporting the uncensored story of events in South Africa, he stopped off February 10 between planes, at the home of SFAAC chairperson, David Reed. About 50 anti-apartheid activists were present.

He described how the established world media select the censored news from South Africa, reporting little of the freedom struggle, and mostly negative. "They don't report events like the 144 police stations attacked by ANC last year," he explained.

The film, "Cry Freedom," truthfully recounts the words of Black martyr Steve Biko, Black Consciousness leader, and is now playing in selected theaters.

Woods returned Feb. 20 for a KQED-sponsored lecture at the Calvin Simmons Theater in Oakland.

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A WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Book Review: *Side by Side*
by Helen Joseph

"There is a plant in South Africa which we call the khakibush. Cut it down, burn it down, it will shoot up again. . . . Like the khakibush, the African National Congress has grown and spread. . . .

"Like the khakibush, the Freedom Charter has resisted all efforts to eradicate it. . . . Its message can never be banned for it is the message of brotherhood and love."

Such are the thoughts of Helen Joseph in her inspiring autobiography, a story inseparable from the story of the fight for freedom in South Africa.

Joseph's activism began in the 1950s, when she had already lived half a century. She had grown up in an "ordinary middleclass family" in England, gone to college, and served as a teacher in India. She then moved to South Africa, where she met and married Billie Joseph (from whom she later separated), who introduced her to South African "society," and she filled her days with riding, tennis, and bridge.

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SOCIAL AWARENESS & POLITICIZATION

When war with Germany broke out, she entered the Women's Auxiliary Services and there got her first glimpse of "the conditions in which black children struggled for education and opportunity." After the war, Helen became active in health and social work. Her growing social awareness led her to change from social service for whites to setting up community centers for nonwhites.

From that point, her politicization began, and she grew to realize "that it was the system itself, the colour bar, that had to be attacked." She became involved in protests, and her increasing activism led to her election to offices in organizations identified with the struggle and to her role in planning the historic Congress of the People, where the Freedom Charter was adopted.

Helen's commitment led to her involvement in the children's

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HELEN JOSEPH

boycott of schools. The Bantu Education Act decreed that African children were to be taught only the lowest forms of employment in service to whites. The ANC called for a total rejection of Bantu education. Informal groups known as "cultural clubs" were organized where lessons were taught in the form of games and songs. Helen traveled to various areas to conduct training workshops for cultural club leaders.

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TREASON TRIAL & HOUSE ARREST

In August of 1956, with Lilian Ngoyi, Rahima Moosa, and Sophie Williams, she led 20,000 women in "defiant protest against unjust laws, against the hated pass system." A few months later Helen was arrested for high treason along with over 150 others, including Nelson Mandela. The 4-year trial was grueling. Helen was one of the fortunate few able to keep their jobs during those years. She had to rise early, put in a few hours at her job, drive the many miles to the trial, and return to work a few more hours in the evening. Nelson Mandela maintained a similar rigorous schedule and rode from work to the trial and back in Helen's car.

At the end of the 4 agonizing years, they were all acquitted, and resumed the fight for liberation. Later, in 1962, Helen became the first person in South Africa to be put in house arrest, which remained in effect for 9 years until, at the age of 66, she underwent cancer surgery, and public pressure

brought about her release.

Her house arrest and her bans were lifted, but she was still a "listed" person and was subject to restrictions. She continued to protest as the apartheid system became increasingly repressive, and she was again banned in 1980—at the age of 75!

Writing her very moving autobiography at the age of 80, Helen remains committed to the fight for freedom, although because she remains "listed" she may not be quoted in South Africa, she may not belong to any political organization, and banned friends may not communicate with her.

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EVOLUTION OF AN ACTIVIST

Her view of the nature of the struggle has evolved since earlier days. "During the 1950s, I was deeply committed to the non-violent struggle, as we all were . . . before the suppression by force of our non-violent campaigns. . . .

"Non-violence cannot successfully oppose a violent repressive system.

. . . I abhor and fear violence of all kinds. . . . [B]ut stronger even than this is the conviction that justice must prevail."

Today, at 81, Helen Joseph looks ahead to the day when South Africa will be free, when the cherished Freedom Charter will replace apartheid, and observes:

"My book is ended. Our struggle is not, but one day it will be. I do not know if I shall still be here then, for my time is running out, but I know that all that I have lived through, together with the people I love, will not have been in vain."

AMANDA!

—Arla S. Ertz



CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE - '55

CHURCH IN STRUGGLE: Half the clergy in the United Church of Christ's partner institution in South Africa have been detained by the police at least once.



CLERGY march for the release of imprisoned children.

About 140,000 children perished in Angola and Mozambique last year, according to UN reports.

Meanwhile the UN Security Council passed a resolution authorizing the Sec'y General to arrange a cease-fire in Namibia and to put a peace-keeping force there. The resolution passed 14-0. The U.S. abstained.

South Africa occupies Namibia illegally and drives through it to invade Angola.

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MORE THAN 6,300 PETITION SIGNATURES have been collected in SFAAC's drive to Release the Children, and Break Ties With South Africa. Our fourth bundle to the President, Senators & Congresspeople contained over 1500 signers. Keep up the pressure: Write for petitions.



SFAAC Chairman David Reed and ANC's Denis Goldberg.

'YOU HAVE THE POWER, cont.

He said Israel was the "main conduit for sanctions busting, and for the flow of arms and technology" to apartheid. Israel receives \$4 billion yearly from the U.S.

"To call for a democratic society is high treason in South Africa," he said, and described the non-racial Freedom Charter of the ANC.

Goldberg displayed a U.S. land mine (model), thousands of which were supplied to Savimbi against Angola, and causing untold thousands

of broken bodies of women and children working the fields.

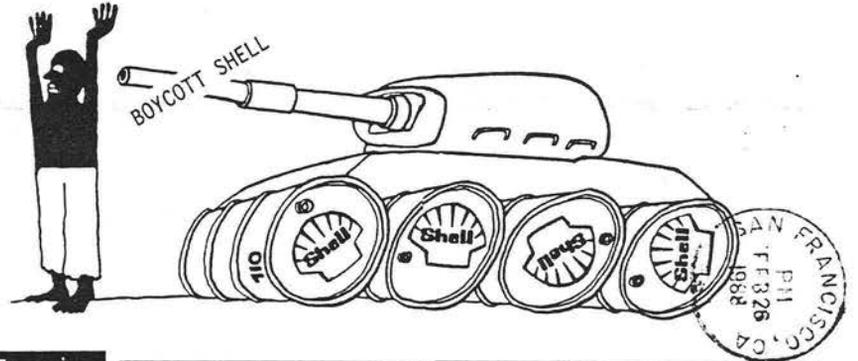
He demanded that the U.S. stop its collusion with Botha in the wanton destruction of Mozambique and in the illegal occupation of Namibia -

Commenting on his visit to Philadelphia, he observed that the Liberty Bell was cracked — and that the people needed to "forge a new Bell that would ring sound and true."

Goldberg appealed for a unity of the democratic forces who are the majority and concluded in almost a whisper, "You have the power, switch on!" The overflow crowd responded warmly.

The program was also highlighted by presentation of an award to Goldberg from Mayor Art Agnos and presented by Deputy Mayor Rotea Gilford. The electrifying African Freedom songs by the Vukani Mawethu Chorus were thunderously applauded by the audience.

The event was ably moderated by Eva J. Paterson, noted civil rights attorney representing the Black Fire Fighters Association, and was hosted by Rev. Kenneth Clarke of Third Baptist Church. SFAAC announced the collection was \$1,000 for ANC.



PETITION
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO CONGRESS:
BREAK ALL DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC & MILITARY TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA!

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. AND TO CONGRESS:
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CONDemn SOUTH AFRICA DETENTIONS
STOP THE GENOCIDE!

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RELEASE THE CHILDREN!

WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SINCE THE SO-CALLED STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS IMPOSED BY JUNE OF LAST YEAR, OVER 30,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED WITHOUT TRIAL, AND THAT MORE THAN 10,000 ARE CHILDREN FROM 10 YEARS OF AGE, MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN BEATEN AND TORTURED.

WE ARE FURTHER CONCERNED THAT THE APARTHEID TYRANNY HAS OUTLAWED ANY PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF PROTEST AGAINST THESE DETENTIONS OR THE APARTHEID SYSTEM, AND THAT AT LEAST 30,000 CHILDREN DIE OF HUNGER EACH YEAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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