

# Columbia Out of South Africa

Columbia University has \$44 million invested in companies which do business in South Africa. South Africa is a country in which 23 million non-whites are ruthlessly dominated by a white minority government; a country where non-whites have no freedom of speech or assembly, no right to a fair trial, to bear arms, to own land, to travel or to due process of law. South Africa is a country where the white minority has set aside 87% of the land for itself, receives 70% of the national income, while most Blacks live below the poverty line and 1 out of 2 Black children die of malnutrition before age 5.

On 3/25/83 the Columbia University Senate voted without dissent for a resolution calling for the university to divest of its holdings in all corporations doing business in South Africa. Last school year, hundreds of students picketed the trustee's meetings and rallied in front of Low Library to express their support for divestment. Despite the political consensus on campus, over the summer the trustees "in their supreme wisdom" decided to flatly reject the Senate's resolution. This decision raises serious questions about how and based on what principles this institution is run.

Clearly, there can be no morally defensible compromise with the simple principle of withdrawing all tangible support - especially financial investments- for the racist South Africa regime. Individuals, educational institutions, and local and state governments throughout the U.S. have come increasingly to this inescapable conclusion and have divested their South Africa-related stocks. At the same time Columbia has taken a giant step backward. However, the struggle for divestment and against racism is not over on this campus. But we need your support and strength to make advances. We invite all progressive and anti-racist students and faculty as well as campus workers to join the campaign for divestment. What can you do?

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- Attend the Campus - Community Forum on Divestment and Apartheid Wednesday, March 21st at 7p.m. in FBH
  - Attend the Rally for Divestment, Thursday, March 22nd at 12:30 AM.
  - Attend the University Senate hearings on Divestment, Friday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in Uris. Tickets can be obtained before noon Friday in 406 Low Library.
  - Wear a "Columbia Divest" button

For more info call 280-6500 or 662-1475

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