

SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES - 10 YEARS LATER

In June of 1987, Rev. Leon Sullivan, author of the "Sullivan Principles," announced that he was abandoning the principles which he had enunciated over 10 years ago as a means to justify U.S. corporate investment in S. Africa. By 1987 however, many U.S. corporations had left S. Africa because of the pressure of the divestment movement and the deteriorating S. African economy. Nonetheless, Rev. Sullivan's renunciation of the principles was important in at least one respect - no longer could individuals or institutions with investments in S. Africa use the "Sullivan Principles" as a rationale for not divesting. Below are excerpts from Rev. Sullivan's seven page statement:

"...today, I am calling for the withdrawal of all United States companies from the Republic of South Africa, and for a total United States embargo against that country, until statutory apartheid is ended, and Blacks have a clear commitment for equal political rights, and I am calling on the President of the United States to end diplomatic relations with S. Africa until the atrocities against Black people end, and apartheid is dismantled."

"It is in the interest of peace in South Africa, and peace in the world, and peace in America, that apartheid must be ended. The evils of apartheid are broader than South Africa. Apartheid is against the will of God, and the humanity of man, and like Nazism and Fascism, it must be stopped. America and the world must draw a line, and speak out, and act against it. If the world had stopped Hitler in time, we might not have had WWII."

(For complete copy of Rev. Sullivan's statement, contact R.I. DIVEST at 246 Prairie Avenue, Providence, RI 02905)

RHODE ISLAND MOVES TOWARD TOTAL DIVESTMENT

In the wake of Rev. Sullivan's renunciation, two major institutions in R.I. have moved toward full divestment:

Rep. Ray Rickman (D, Prov.) and Rep. Ray Fogarty (D, Gloucester) introduced a bill (H 9114) amending the existing partial divestment law by eliminating all exclusions based on the "Sullivan Principles." Sen. Charles Walton (D, Prov) and Sen. David Carlin (D, Newport) also submitted companion legislation in the Senate. If passed, this bill would give R.I. A total divestment law.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence recently agreed to sell all of its shares in companies that do business in South Africa, thus changing from their partial divestment position. It was estimated by the diocesan finance officer, James Sullivan, that the South African related portion of the portfolio was not that substantial - only 4% of \$30 million!

It takes MORE than good intentions and dedication to -

- produce a cable T.V. program
- organize a fact-finding tour of the Frontline States
- attend the 2nd annual M.L.K. symposium on Southern Africa
- lobby our elected officials on U.S. foreign policy towards Africa
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SANCTIONS BILL IN CONGRESS

Rep. Ronald Dellums and Sen. Alan Cranston have introduced comprehensive sanctions bills against South Africa once again. The bills, H.R. 1580 and S. 556, are very similar to the comprehensive sanctions bill which Rep. Dellums sponsored in 1986 and passed by voice vote in the House of Representatives. Unfortunately, the sanctions bill that eventually arrived at President Reagan's desk was not as strong, yet he still vetoed it. Nevertheless, Congress handed the President his first major foreign policy reprimand, by overriding his veto, but, as expected, the administration has not even enforced this limited sanctions bill.

Our experience proves that a comprehensive and mandatory sanctions bill must be passed NOW in order for the South African government to feel the impact of our outrage. PLEASE CALL OR WRITE Senators Peil and Chaffee to urge them to support and co-sponsor S. 556, and Representatives Schneider and St. Germain to get their support and co-sponsorship of H.R. 1580.



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