

February 21, 1984

Dear Friend,

On February 4 a meeting of Upper Valley activists was held at Howe Library in Hanover. The meeting was the second of our organization, a follow-up to the meeting of January 14 which you attended.

About twenty five people came to the most recent meeting. By the end of the meeting we had made real progress. Three working groups were formed to attend to the business of our organization. All three groups have met at least once.

The meeting ended with a great deal of enthusiasm and satisfaction. People generally seemed to feel that clear results were achieved with no sacrifice of the group's commitment to a sensitive, open process. The consensus process was discussed in some detail. The concept is an unfamiliar one to some of us, and some uncertainty about it was expressed. The group however affirmed its commitment to the consensus process as a way to conduct our business.

By the end of the meeting people were pleased with the results. The establishment of the three working groups gave a sense of accomplishment that dispelled the frustration that some people felt after the first meeting in January.

The three working groups have been called, for lack of better names, the Networking / Communication Committee, the Platform Committee, and the Action Committee. The committees' mandates were only partially defined at the February 4 meeting. Each working group has spent some effort to define its role, and undoubtedly more attention will be given to the issue by the larger body. The committees will bring reports with specific proposals back to the next general meeting.

The next meeting will be held Saturday March 3 in the Mayer Room at Howe Library in Hanover. It will start at 1:30 promptly. The room is reserved until 5:00. Child care will be provided. Any parents planning to bring children are asked to contact Ty Wilson in advance of the meeting at (802) 765-4355.

As of this writing the proposed agenda includes the following items:

- Discussion of consensus
- Committee reports
- Discussion and evaluation of committee reports,  
including consideration of Action Committee's  
proposal for a public forum on electoral  
strategy
- Organizational structure
- Fundraising

Of course, the agenda is open to revision and amendments at the meeting. Susan Miners and Matt Brown will facilitate the meeting.

We, the Networking / Communication Committee, were asked by the Upper Valley Committee for a Free Southern Africa to include an announcement of their upcoming events with this mailing. We will happily include announcements of this sort with our future mailings. Let us know if we can be of help.

Finally we hope that you will find the enclosed description of the consensus process to be useful. We look forward to seeing you March 3.

The Networking / Communication Committee

The Upper Valley Committee for a Free Southern Africa asked us to include this announcement in our newsletter. They said the evening talks would especially interest those concerned with economic alternatives.

Friday, February 24, 1984 — Dartmouth College

4:00 pm  
Parkhurst

ANTI-APARTHEID RALLY FOR DIVESTMENT  
while Dartmouth Trustees meet inside Parkhurst  
speakers include Seloka Phirwa from Soweto, South Africa

*Dartmouth has over \$100-million invested in banks and corporations participating in the apartheid economy of South Africa and Namibia.*

8:00 pm  
3 Rockefeller

A FORUM ON THE ENDOWMENT FOR DIVESTMENT AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Manning Marable "How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America and Black South Africa"

Joan Bavaria "The Social and Financial Consequences of Divestment"

*Manning Marable is Professor of Sociology at Colgate University, Vice-Chair of Democratic Socialists of America, and author of From the Grassroots: Social and Political Essays Toward Afro-American Liberation (1980), Blackwater: Historical Studies in Race, Class Consciousness, and Revolution (1981), and How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America (1983). His weekly political column appears in over 135 newspapers in the U.S., the Caribbean, and the United Kingdom and he has contributed over seventy major articles to The Nation, Phylon, Negro History Bulletin, Social Text, Socialist Review, The Black Scholar, Review of Black Political Economy, and many other journals.*

*Joan Bavaria is President of Franklin Research and Development Corp., registered investment advisors who specialize in the application of social as well as financial criteria in evaluating investment opportunities. She recently testified on the financial and social consequences of divestment before a Congressional committee considering the divestment bill passed by the D.C. City Council.*

These events are sponsored by the Afro-American Society, Dartmouth Radical Union, Endowment for Divestment and Equal Opportunity, and Upper Valley Committee for a Free Southern Africa.