

Voice Your Support To Fight Apartheid In South Africa

WHY IS APARTHEID AN ISSUE?

--Violations of human rights in South Africa are among the most severe in the world. It is the only country which has formal legal barriers that deny basic political and human rights to over 80% of its population. This system based on race is known as apartheid.

--The blacks in South Africa take home less than 23% of the wealth earned each year. They are required to carry a "pass book" which registers racial identification and, if unemployed, they are relocated to distant bantustans (barren "homelands" which comprise 13% of the land). They are arrested, tried and punished by a government that denies them basic rights.

WHY DIVESTITURE?

--Foreign corporations supply most of the technology that assists the government in enforcing its Apartheid policies.

--U.S. and foreign banks supply the government with money necessary to invest in military and police efforts to maintain control over the black majority. U.S. investment amounts to \$1.7 billion and is second in the world.

--The involvement of U.S. corporations in South Africa contradicts U.S. domestic and foreign policies and poses a danger of U.S. military involvement to protect economic interests if peaceful change there does not occur.

WRITE TO: (in this order)

- 1) Your State Representative
- 2) Your State Senator
- 3) Speaker of the House. Bobby Crim
- 4) Senate Majority Leader William Faust
- 5) House Majority Leader Joe Forbes
- 6) All other Majority and Minority Leaders in the House and Senate

ADDRESS:

The Honorable _____
Michigan House of Representatives
or/ Michigan Senate
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48909

MESSAGE:

- 1) Ask them to support Bills 4831, 4838.
- 2) Tell them why they should support these bills.
- 3) Have groups and organizations to which you belong write resolutions in support of these bills.
- 4) Send copies to Representative Perry Bullard, State Capitol, Lansing, Mi. 48909.

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Now You Can Do Something About Apartheid In South Africa

Three bills were reported out of the House Civil Rights Committee on Mar. 18, 1980, that will prohibit investments of certain State funds in corporations operating in South Africa.

THEY WILL COME UP FOR VOTE IN THE LEGISLATURE IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER.

House Bill 4831: Requires the State Civil Rights Department to compile a register of corporations that operate in South Africa and prohibits state educational institutions from investing in corporations operating in South Africa. 4831 is now in its second reading in the House.

House Bill 4838: Provides that state employee retirement systems managed by the State Department of Treasury divest from those corporations operating in South Africa. 4838 is now in its first reading in the House.

House Bill 5446 H4: Requires that the State Treasurer shall not deposit any surplus funds belonging to the State in a financial institution that makes loans to the Republic of South Africa, to corporations of the Republic of South Africa, or to any South Africa operations of U.S. corporations. 5446 H4, Rep. Virgil Smith's Bill, is now in its final reading in the Senate.

