

ANTI-APARTHEID ALERT

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RIGHT: Part of the crowd of over 200 students and friends marching up University Avenue from the shanties toward Simone's government owned house last Friday in support of immediate divestment.



LARGEST STUDENT DEMO IN 15 YEARS

Last Friday, over 200 students and friends marched from Gateway Hall to the Shanties, then up University Avenue to the government-owned residence of UH President Albert Simone, who has demonstrated his insensitivity and disregard for human rights violations in South Africa where at least 10,000 men, women and children are currently being held in detention and where government sanctioned torture and murder occur daily, as verified by Amnesty International, the Nobel Prize winning organization.

The photographs in this newsletter show some of last Friday's spirited participants. Political science Prof. Oliver Lee stated: "This is the biggest student demonstration in Hawaii in over 15 years." Additional photos to be published in tomorrow's newsletter.

TORTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA: PART 1.

About a year ago, Dr. Wendy Orr, a district surgeon responsible for medically examining detainees and prisoners in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, submitted evidence to the Supreme Court of widespread and regular torture and illtreatment of detainees. In a 1986 report, Amnesty International, the Nobel Prize winning human rights organization, quotes her as follows: "The overwhelming evidence presented to me...convinced me that detainees were being systematically assaulted and abused after their arrest and before being admitted to prison, and also during their incarceration when they were being interrogated."

TO BE CONTINUED, TOMORROW'S NEWSLETTER.

SIMONE VOWS NOT TO BUDGE

Failing in his efforts to persuade the UH Faculty Senate, OHA, the Hawaii Council of Churches, ASUH, United Church of Christ Conference, UHPA, the Honolulu City Council and other community groups to back his view, Simone consented to an interview with Honolulu Magazine that caters to the affluent crowd to get his pro-apartheid line across. In the October issue with regard to divestment, he states: "...I will not be pushed into that posture, no matter how loud the public outcry." (Emphasis added).

Last year, the Congress of South African Trade Unions issued a statement as follows: "All forms of international pressure on the South African government, including disinvestment or the threat of disinvestment, is essential." Yet, Simone States: "I think a willy-nilly posture on divestments puts us at risk of making the situation worse for the very people we're trying to help."

Apparently, government sanctioned torture, arbitrary arrest, mass murder, and other human rights violations documented by the nobel prize winner organization, Amnesty International earlier this year, has no bearing on Simone's decisions since he has stated that he will not budge "no matter how loud the public outcry."



LEFT: Antonio addresses supporters in front of Simone's house last Friday.

FROM NOV. 4 ADVERTISER

On Antonio Rosa

This is in response to Robert Hollis's article (10/15) about Antonio Rosa, the U.H. student who (at the time was) fasting until the university divests its funds from corporations that are doing business in South Africa.

The tone of the article was offensive and upsetting to those of us who know and respect Antonio. Hollis's fascination with ugly rumors and sensationalism is reminiscent of the trash put out by The National Enquirer.

An unknowing reader would conclude that Antonio was an insane man not to be taken seriously. Antonio is not insane. Rather, he is responding sanely to an insane situation.

ANN GLEASON

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Your recent article about the fast being undertaken by a University of Hawaii apartheid protester was filled with innuendos that were all directed toward discrediting him.

The result of such a process of blaming the protester suggests a variation on the Alexander Pope quatrain about vice: "a monster of such frightening mien, as to be hated needs but to be seen; yet seen too often, familiar with its face, we first endure, then pity, then embrace."

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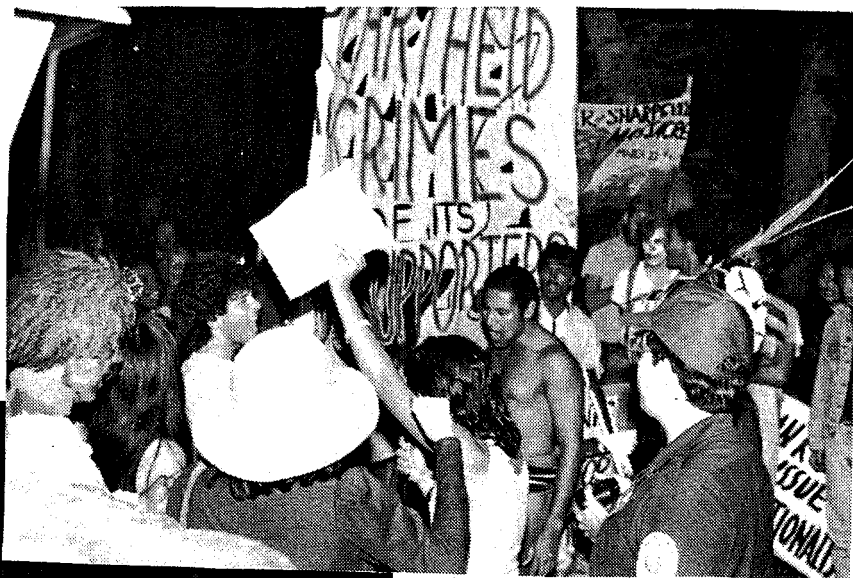
NIGHTLY VIDEO SHOWINGS

The Students for Azania are presenting daily videos every evening this week starting at 7 p.m. in the Bachman Hall courtyard. See actual footage of last Summer's U. of California Berkeley Shanty demonstrations, a 1986 documentary on the African National Congress (ANC) Government in exile (the group most likely to run S. Africa when the revolution is won), the Malcolm X Film on S. Africa, an interview with Winnie Mandela and much more.

REGENTS HEARING SET FOR FRIDAY

The public hearing on S. African divestment policy is set for this **Friday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Hemenway Auditorium. It is being conducted by the Regents Finance Committee. About a year ago, a similar hearing was held by that same committee, with a different Chair. You are invited to attend this important hearing. If you wish to testify for divestment, call Miavon at 948-6750 for more information. A pre-hearing rally, sponsored by the UH Divestment Coalition, is set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, at the shanty town in front of Bachman Hall.

RIGHT: Niddhi addresses supporters at the Simone residence as security guard looks on.



LEFT: Divestment Coalition members and supporters marching up University Avenue last Friday.

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