



UNITED PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM

Dear Student President or Representative,

At the June 8 meeting of the Philadelphia Student Union the demonstration on June 18 at the Board of Education and First Pennsylvania Bank was enthusiastically endorsed and it was almost unanimously decided to help build this important event in the schools of Philadelphia.

The demonstration will address two very serious problems. First, June 16 is the first anniversary of the demonstrations by the students of Soweto South Africa to save their own education. Hundreds of students were slaughtered and thousands injured. On June 18 we will be remembering the heroic children of South Africa.

As we all know, students in S. Africa are not the only ones who are having their education attacked. The Board of Education under pressure from the banks of Philadelphia have proposed and planned for massive cut-backs in the education of the children of Philadelphia. These cut-backs threaten the very essence of the education of all of us.

So what do these two things have in common? First Pennsylvania Bank, which is initiating these cut-backs through its demands for immediate payment of interest from loans, has over \$16,000,000.00 still invested in South Africa. Not only does this investment show support for the racist apartheid regimes of South Africa, but in the face of the problems in our schools, it is a disgrace that money be supporting racism when it could be being used right here in Philadelphia!

Therefore, on June 18 we hope you and all your friends and as many students you can possibly get there will be joining us at the Board of Education. We have to show them we care about our education!

Enclosed are about 300 leaflets that we hope you will please distribute to your students to pass around. In addition there are a few leaflets about a commemorative activity about Soweto. Finally there is for your own information, a list of educational activities sponsored by the Third World Coalition

Thanks so much for your support,

*Vincent F. Klingler, Jr.*

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This demonstration of students, teachers, parents and community people has two interrelated purposes.

First, June 16th is the first anniversary of the struggle of the students of Soweto, South Africa, for a decent education. This struggle met with fierce repression by the racist white minority regime of South Africa. Hundreds of young Black children died and thousands more were injured and imprisoned as they demonstrated against the attempt of the racist government to restrict their education to the Dutch language of "Afrikaans". Even after these brutal and horrifying attacks on school aged children, First Pennsylvania Bank has refused to withdraw the \$16,000,000 that it has invested in South Africa.

Second, First Pennsylvania Bank has headed up a consortium of Philadelphia banks that is demanding payment of interest from the Board of Education. In order to get its money back, First Pennsylvania Bank has set in motion massive cutbacks of the Philadelphia School System. These cutbacks will leave a shadow of what is already an inadequate education for the students of Philadelphia. All of the children of Philadelphia will suffer, particularly poor and Black children.

First Pennsylvania Bank reveals its priorities: supporting racism and apartheid in South Africa while cutting out the guts of the educational system in Philadelphia. We demand that First Pennsylvania divest itself of all loans to South Africa and put a moratorium on any interest from the School System until adequate funding is secured.

At the Board of Education, speakers will be the president of the Philadelphia Student Association and a member of the School Employees Action Caucus of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers. At the First Pennsylvania Bank Towers at 15th and Market, speakers will be a representative of the ANC of South Africa and a member of the United People's Campaign Against Apartheid and Racism, the initiator of this activity.

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The co-sponsoring groups and individuals include:

- . Fr. Paul Washington, Church of the Advocate
- Student Union of Philadelphia
- School Employees Action Caucus of the PFT
- Philadelphia Student Service Center
- Philadelphia Branch, African National Congress of S.A.
- National Black Lawyers Conference
- Philadelphia Workers Organizing Committee
- Antioch Student Community
- House of Umoja
- Venceremos Brigade
- Operation Namibia
- Christian Association, U of P
- March 26th Coalition Against Apartheid
- Third World Coalition, AFSC
- Committee for Quality Education and Desegregation
- Rev. David Gracie
- People's Fund
- . Philadelphia Neighborhood Film Project
- . Youth Against War and Facism
- National Student Coalition Against Racism
- Socialist Workers Party

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(N.B. On June 16, Thursday, there will be a separate, commemorative activity: "Renellion in Soweto...One Year Later." The event will take place at 7:30PM, at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 42nd & Wallace Sts. Speakers include: Fr. Paul Washington, Rev. Lorenzo Shepard, Godfrey Sithole of the ANC, and Bob Perkins of WDAS. If you have not received information on this, contact the March 26 Coalition at 726-1896.)