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Dear Co-Chairs and Steering Committee,

In recent years, American trade unions played a key role in helping Solidarinosc and Polish workers throw off the yoke of oppression. They also kept the pressure on apartheid South Africa. U.S. unions are now being asked by South African unions to play a significant role in creating the new South Africa.

Although apartheid is not dead, it is on its way out. Interim elections are expected to be held in 1993. For the first time in South Africa's long bloody history, the majority - 30 million people of color - will be able to vote. It's hard to believe the time is near.

We have planned a special meeting for Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9:30 to 12:30, at ACTWU, 333 S. Ashland (in the Lincoln Room) to adopt goals and objectives for the Network to reflect a changing South Africa.

We urgently request that you attend, or send a representative, so that together we can get caught up to date, help put the final nail in the coffin of apartheid and be part of creating the new South Africa.

Solidarity between U.S. and South African unions is most important now! We hope to see you February 13.

The Labor Network has been honored to be invited to the first international anti-apartheid conference ever to be held on South African soil. Enclosed is a letter to friends of Harold Rogers. With a little help from you, Harold will be able to attend.

In solidarity,

Kathleen Devine

Harold Rogers

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