

# STOP BANKING ON APARTHEID

## GENERAL MEETING

Monday, Feb. 27

870 Market, #675

San Francisco

7 P.M.

SLIDE/TAPE SHOW  
(Revised "Banking  
on South Africa)

VISITING GUEST  
(Bill Southerland  
Black American  
living in Tanzania)

FORMALIZATION OF  
CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE  
AND STRATEGY

Yep, that's right--the campaign is still alive, well and kicking--but not yet running at full speed. While you might be wondering what's been happening, many people have been working to make this campaign a success--mostly "behind the scenes". They've been:

Revising the slide/tape show, writing the enclosed basic leaflet, compiling the information packet. These three tasks were seen as the basis of an organizing strategy at the last meetings in October and November. Therefore a major portion of people's energies available for the Bank campaign went into their completion. And at long last....

Doing radio shows. Several supporters have been on various shows explaining and promoting the campaign.

Writing articles. Others have written for various journals and papers--locally and nationally.

Conducting Workshops. These have been held at various conferences plus smaller meetings.

Setting up associated groups. Various groups are giving primary commitment to the \$BoA campaign. Contact us for those nearest you.

Making commitments to withdraw accounts. These commitments have been growing from unions, churches, community organizations and individuals. (We've been hampered by lack of info on alternatives and have been unable to respond to many requests--we need "barefoot researchers" desperately.)

Holding a Press Conference. See enclosed announcement of shareholder resolutions--one aspect of stopping loans to South Africa.

North American meeting. Held in New York on January 22. About 20 people attended who've been putting primary energy into the Bank Campaign over the last year. North American goals were discussed, resources shared, and two days of focus/withdrawal were tentatively accepted--March 21 and June 16. These now need to be voted on by local coalitions.



Which brings us to the need to formalize strategy and organizational structure. We have just about reached the limit of non-structure--lack of funds, no office as a central organizing place, not enough volunteer time for all the necessary work, and lack of structure for reaching crucial decisions on strategy, responsibility, and outreach. Your participation in this formalizing doesn't mean "joining a new organization", but means helping decide on realistic ways people can contribute their energy through as many avenues as possible.

Your suggestions and participation are very much welcomed. Areas of particular importance are:

- a. Realistic timeline of activities
- b. Putting structure adopted in October in effect (or amending as need be)
- c. Finding an inexpensive, central office
- d. FUNDS
- e. Inkind contributions such as xeroxing/printing or postage
- f. People to help with publicity, mobilization, and research (for example, sending out the enclosed flyer in your next mailing)

Please don't be hesitant to offer whatever help you can. And if you aren't able to come on the 27th, write or phone any suggestions or commitments. We'd really like some feedback on the flyer--it's in "final draft" stage (one thing left out was photo credits--these'll be on the next one). By phone, you can reach \$BoA through Miloanne at BA-NAG 626-3131 or Niva Padilha at AFSC 752-7766, or write 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco 94121.

BROTHER FROM THE WEST (from FRELIMO)

Brother from the west--  
(How can we explain that you are our brother?)  
the world does not end at the threshold of your house  
nor at the stream which marks the border of your country  
nor in the sea  
in whose vastness you sometimes think  
that you have discovered the meaning of the infinite.  
Beyond your threshold, beyond the sea  
the great struggle continues.  
Men with warm eyes and hands hard as the earth  
at night embrace their children  
and depart before the dawn.  
Many will not return.  
What does it matter?  
We are men tired of shackles. For us  
freedom is worth more than life.  
From you, brother, we expect  
and to you we offer  
not the hand of charity  
which misleads and humiliates  
but the hand of comradeship  
committed, conscious.  
How can you refuse, brother from the west?

Help contribute--come to the Monday evening meeting on February 27th!