

July 6, 1978

Minutes of June 29 Stop Banking on Apartheid(SBOA) meeting

The meeting, which began about 8pm was held at Miloanne Hecathorn's apt. Organizations represented included AFSC, SBOA, Nat'l Lawyers Guild, S. Africa Catalyst Project, Amer. Christians Toward Socialism, E.P.I./Clergy&Laity Concerned, and Local 250.

The meeting began with a discussion around the future structure for the SBOA campaign. A history of SBOA was presented: SBOA began in May/June '77 made up of a loose coalition of several groups with a few individuals making a large commitment to the campaign. An anti-bank loan slide show was revised for the west coast, and a pamphlet was developed. The focus of the org. became the demo. against B of A on June 16 which were deemed quite successful: 22 cities saw B of A pickets with about 180 people distributing 20,000 leaflets.

SBOA future structure and finance. The discussion focused on several questions:  
-- If funding from foundations is sought, what kind of structure should be established? The idea of some sort of oversight board was discussed.  
-- Should funding be sought to fund a full-time staff person to do SBOA organizing tasks, or should funding just be sought for operating expenses, eg. the cost of a pamphlet and newsletter?

It was agreed upon that at the next meeting, a decision will be made on future structure. Thus people are urged to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss and hopefully agree upon a working organizational framework for SBOA.

SBOA Long range strategy. Several issues were discussed. There was a consensus that while B of A should remain the immediate target of pickets, etc. SBOA educational activity should indicate the S. Africa connections of other W. coast banks such as Wells Fargo and Crocker. The importance of making links between banks supporting oppression in S. Africa and in our own lives, through redlining, bank discriminatory hiring policies, etc. was noted by several people as being an important educational focus.

Activities for the summer/fall. Based on preliminary discussions at the western regional S. Africa conference(July 17&18), Nov. 17 is being suggested as a day of state-wide B of A protest actions. There was a general consensus to making that date the focus of our next SBOA major organizing focus. At our next meeting we will make a final decision to go ahead with planning for the action. If you have any comments, criticisms, etc. please come prepared to discuss them.

A comm. was set up to develop an educational presentation for the Human Rights Working Group Coalition sometime in late July/early Aug. For more info. contact Bea Gilette, EPI, 944 Market St, S.F. 391-5216.

The SBOA newsletter will come out after the next meeting, when we have decided more about our future structure and actions.

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 19, Wed. at 7:30 at McGee Ave. Baptist Church in Berkeley at the corner of Stuart and McGee. Please attend.