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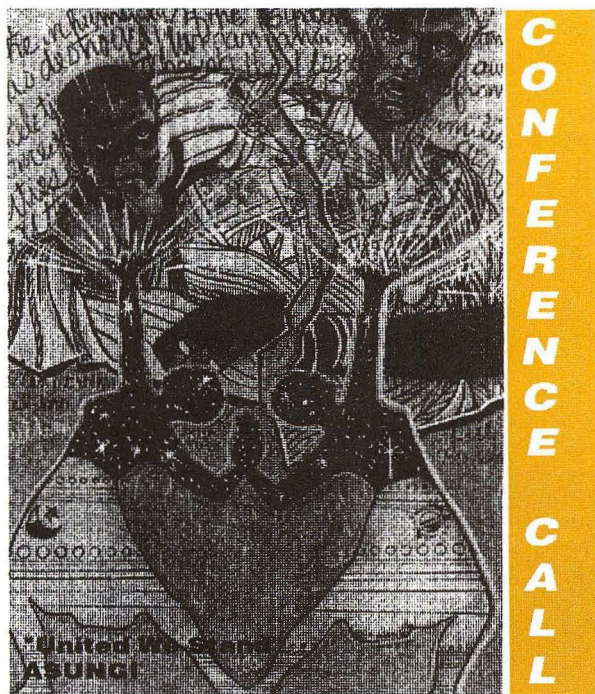
Michigan Coalition
for Human Rights



**Abolishing Apartheid/
Ending Racism:**
*THE STRUGGLE
FOR JUSTICE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND
THE U.S.*

MARCH 6-8, 1992

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
DETROIT, MICHIGAN



As the international media and Western states hail the collapse of apartheid, we are reminded that for the average South African little has changed. While reform has occurred and the tide of change has been deemed irreversible, Black South Africans continue to struggle for critical political and economic rights. The violence of Inkatha and other reactionary elements indicates the desperate effort by members of the ruling party to disrupt the negotiation process. Activists recognize this moment as a crucial one in the struggle for a non-racial South Africa, with the terms of a new South Africa being negotiated, and the task of rebuilding a fractured society at hand.

Presently, the U.S. is witnessing a disturbing rise in racist violence and reactionary politics. As a result of the recession and severe state austerity measures, cities throughout the Midwest are experiencing a sharp rise in unemployment and homelessness. This environment has produced deep cuts in social programs and allowed David Duke and others to capitalize on the fears of many working class whites through promotion of racial scapegoats.

Education and dialogue are necessary to develop a clear analysis of unfolding events in South Africa and the United States, and their inherent links. In the face of the rapidly changing international system, it is imperative for activists to have access to updated information regarding Southern Africa. Finally, networking throughout the region will enable progressive organizations to adopt timely and concerted strategies to overcome racism and apartheid in their present forms.

Registration Form

Deadline for pre-registration: February 22, 1992 (postmark)
Registration at the conference will include a \$10.00 late fee.

Please help us out by pre-registering!

☐ Please pre-register me for the following:

☐ Regular Registration \$35.00
☐ Student/Low Income \$15.00
☐ Sustainer \$50.00

☐ I will volunteer ☐ before ☐ during the conference.

☐ Here is my donation of \$_____ to help make this conference possible.

☐ I will need childcare during the conference. (You must complete childcare registration form on reverse side of this form.)

Please print or type — thanks!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Registration Fee (see rates at left) \$_____

\$10 Late registration fee (if postmarked after February 22, 1992) \$_____

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

For more information call MCHR (313) 831-0258 • (313) 833-4407

Friday, March 6

Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University

7:00pm-9:00pm

Plenary/Public Forum

Apartheid and Racism in the 90s

Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Exec. Dir., UCC, Commission on Racial Justice

Karen Bass, PA-C/Exec. Dir., Community Coalition for Substance Abuse, Prevention & Treatment

Prexy Nesbitt, Sen. Consultant to Mozambique Government

7:00pm

Dinner
(included in conference fee)

"Uniting Against Apartheid and Racism: A Celebration of Solidarity"

Elizabeth Ncube, Zimbabwean poet/performance artist and other performers

Open to the public on a first come, first serve basis.
Tickets \$25 at the door.

Saturday, March 7

General Lectures Building, Wayne State University

8:30am-9:30am

Breakfast

8:30am-12:00noon

Registration

9:00am-12:00noon

Plenary Session

Has There Been Progress in South Africa?

Representative of ANC Mission to the U.S.

Keynote Address:

The Role of Labor in the Struggle for Justice in South Africa

Jay Naidoo, COSATU (invited)

12:00noon-1:30pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm-3:30pm

Mini-plenaries

Southern Africa in the 90s

- U.S. Foreign Policy Toward S.A. and Southern Africa, Trade and Sanctions: What's Ahead?
- Understanding the Process of Building a New South Africa: Vision for the Future
- Will Negotiations Bring Peace to South Africa?

3:45pm-5:15pm

Workshops

- Labor struggles in South Africa
- Environmental racism in the U.S. and South Africa
- Violence in S.A. and the U.S.
- Frontline states and the influence of apartheid
- Role of women in the struggle against racism and apartheid
- Constitutional/legal reform in Southern Africa
- Health care in the U.S. and S.A.
- Education in Southern Africa and the U.S.
- The role of the right wing in S.A.

5:30pm-7:00pm

Break

Optional Activities

Sunday, March 8

General Lectures Building, Wayne State University

8:15am-9:00am

Breakfast

9:00am-10:30am

Plenary: Panel

Challenging the New World Order at Home and Abroad: Strategies for Abolishing Apartheid/Ending Racism

10:45am - 12:15pm

Workshops

Strategies for Abolishing Apartheid/Ending Racism

- Sanctions, boycotts and other economic strategies
- Providing material/direct support to S. A:
Bridgades, delegations, fundraising support, etc.
- Combatting media misinformation
- Working within religious institutions
- Organizing on campuses
- Working within the labor movement
- U.S.- South Africa sister community relationships

12:15pm-1:30pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm-2:30pm

Closing Plenary

2:30pm

Adjournment

(Schedule subject to change)

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration deadline is
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1992.

The registration fee includes attendance at all events, conference materials, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and Saturday evening dinner and cultural entertainment.

Pre-registration deadline for **childcare** and **free housing** is
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1992.

Childcare

Quality childcare will be available for \$2 per hour per child, and \$1.50 per hour per child after the first child in the same family. We will provide nutritious snacks, art supplies, toys, games and lunch during childcare hours. Childcare hours will be as follows:

Friday, March 6 from 7pm-10pm
 Saturday, March 7 from 8am-6pm and 7pm-11pm
 Sunday, March 8 from 8:30am-2:30pm

Parent Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Daytime Phone (____) _____

1) Child's Name _____
 2) Child's Name _____

A questionnaire will be sent after receipt of your registration for childcare.

Childcare pre-registration is required.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1992.

Co-Sponsoring/ Endorsing Organizations

(partial list)

•Africa Fund, New York •Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (WSU) •Central United Methodist Church •Detroit CASC
 •Groundwork for a Just World •International Institute of Metro Detroit •Metro Detroit Bread For the World •Michigan Interfaith Committee for CA Human Rights •Michigan SANE/Freeze: Campaign for Global Security •Mozambique Solidarity Office, Chicago •NAACP, Detroit Branch •National Conference of Black Lawyers •Peace and National Priorities Center •Pan Africa Student Union (WSU) •Social Action Committee - First Unitarian Universalist Church •Solidarity •UAW Local 417 •Union of Palestinian Women's Association - Detroit •Washington Office on Africa •West Side Mothers

Arriving at the Conference Site:

Conference events will take place at the Wayne State University Campus, in Detroit. Friday evening forum is in the Community Arts Auditorium (see map insert), on Cass Ave. across from the Belcrest Hotel. Saturday and Sunday events are in the General Lectures Bldg. at the corner of Warren and Anthony Wayne Drive (Third Ave.). From I-94 East (from Chicago & points west), exit on Lodge Freeway (10) South, take the Lodge to the Forest Ave. exit, left on Forest, left on Lodge service drive to Warren, right on Warren. From South (Toledo) follow I-75 (Chrysler Freeway), exit at Warren, west on Warren to Anthony Wayne Drive (for General Lectures Bldg), or turn right (north) on Cass Ave. to reach Community Arts Auditorium.

Housing

We will provide free housing for those in need on a first come, first serve basis. You must **PRE-REGISTER** to obtain free housing. Arrangements for free housing will be confirmed by mail.

I will need free housing for _____ adult(s) and
 _____ children on Friday _____ Saturday _____
 Specific concerns; ie, non-smoking, allergies, etc.:

Hotel

Low cost, quality rooms are available at the Shorecrest Hotel, where MCHR has reserved a block of rooms. Mention MCHR when making your reservation. A shuttle is available from Detroit Metro Airport direct to the Shorecrest by Commuter Transportation Co. (desk at baggage claim area). Fare is \$11.00 one-way.

\$46.00 one bed, 1 or 2 persons

\$64.00 two beds, 2 persons

\$8.00 extra person in a room

No charge for children under 16 sharing parent's accommodations.

Shorecrest Motor Inn

2 blocks east of the Renaissance Center

1316 E. Jefferson

(313) 568-3000 or 1-800-992-9616

Other area hotels include:

St. Regis Hotel: (313) 873-3000

Days Inn: (313) 965-4646