

FREE SOUTH AFRICA



PLEASE RENEW YOUR ANNUAL
SUPPORT TODAY. THANK YOU!

Right now we have an unprecedented "window of opportunity" to end Apartheid, because the government of South Africa is facing a severe foreign debt crisis.

By signing the enclosed Open Letter to the Chief Executive Officers of four major American banks handling huge South African loans, you can play a key role in limiting future American economic support to the South African regime. Support the repressive regime desperately needs to run its government. By demanding "NO MORE AMERICAN FUNDS FOR INJUSTICE" we can force them to the negotiating table to peacefully put an end the horrors of Apartheid!

Dear Friend of a Free South Africa,

This is the moment we've waited for.

If we act quickly and boldly, you and I have an unprecedented opportunity to strike at the economic heart of the South African regime.

Together, we can create a political crisis of sufficient magnitude to bring the South African government to the negotiating table and require them to constitute a new, democratic government.

You see, right now, South Africa is in the midst of a monumental foreign debt crisis -- the worst in their history. The government there is in dire need of capital. It is imperative that they keep their credit confidence alive, and to do that they have to repay their debts. What they really want to do -- and must do -- is renegotiate their loans. To refinance hundreds of millions in debt before next June, and nearly three billion dollars in additional long-term loans later in 1990 and 1991.

And as citizens of the nation which provides the South African government with an enormous amount of this crucial credit, we can insist that those renegotiations -- the refinancing of their economic life blood -- be dependent upon their willingness to come to the negotiating table to end Apartheid.

AND ... that also is precisely the recommendation of a prestigious committee of 49 international Foreign Ministers. In their report recently presented to the U.S. Congress, they agreed that the world community should capitalize on South Africa's vulnerability during its debt crisis to provide "an essential push toward the end of Apartheid."

That's why I urge you to take the following actions today.

First, sign the enclosed Open Letter to the CEO's of four major U.S. banks and return it to me today. I will personally deliver

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yours and tens of thousands of others to these corporate officials, giving them irrefutable proof that Americans are against extending further credit to the South African government. Because if they do, they only further extend the crime of Apartheid against 27 million black men, women and children.

Second, with your signed Open Letter, please enclose your annual renewal contribution so that we can enlist tens of thousands more Americans in this campaign. Your support will allow us to place Open Letter ads in newspapers, mobilizing more Americans to demand that U.S. banks not finance Apartheid.

AND ... to add increased momentum to this campaign to starve South Africa of its foreign money cash flow, with your help we will also intensify our efforts to win prompt passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act Amendments of 1989, as well as lobby Congress to pass new monetary restriction legislation.

As the report from the committee of Foreign Ministers also pointed out, the impact of even a relatively small, targeted package of trade and economic sanctions, if applied quickly in this period of high debt vulnerability, would have an enormous influence in forcing the South African government to the negotiating table.

These Foreign Ministers also went on to recommend the phasing out of trade with South Africa unless the South African government takes significant steps to quickly create a political settlement with the black majority.

So, in addition to directly urging U.S. banks to tighten credit on South Africa, we at TransAfrica are also working with key members of Congress to develop monetary restrictions legislation which would impose tough political conditions on South Africa's repayment of debt to U.S. banks.

We know that we'll have a difficult uphill fight on our hands because such legislation will be vigorously attacked by conservative members of Congress, eager to preserve the "business as usual" policies of the Reagan administration.

But if we can mobilize the majority of the American people who are staunchly opposed to Apartheid, we can win passage of both monetary restrictions and economic sanctions and thereby hasten the total dismantling of Apartheid.

However, it's critically important that we act quickly to exploit the political advantages we now enjoy ...

** President Bush, faced with pressure from members of Congress and TransAfrica, recently refused to meet with the new leader of the ruling National Party -- F.W. de Klerk. The de Klerk trip to the U.S. was

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canceled when it became clear that he would not be welcomed by Mr. Bush. This is a new and major departure from the warm reception former President Reagan gave to South Africa's leaders -- and sends a signal that the U.S. government is finally changing course.

** The South African government held its national elections on September 6 amidst a storm of violence. The political instability and repressive acts of the regime are once again being reported to the world.

For example, police fired tear gas into a church packed with more than 3,000 people and another gang of police charged a group of youth beating them with leather whips. Dozens of deaths have been reported.

Alarmed by its increasing inability to stifle internal dissent and sustain its increasingly fragile economy, the South African government is finally panicking. They are resorting to a series of deceptive public relations gimmicks to create the illusion of serious change sufficient to hang onto their much-needed international financing.

The recent highly publicized meeting of former President Botha with Nelson Mandela was created to curry international favor and present the impression of the government's supposed willingness to move towards a new form of government. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Although during their meeting President Botha politely asked Nelson Mandela how many cubes of sugar he liked in his tea, it is the height of gullibility to believe that Botha or key members of the racist white government -- the very same men who convicted Mandela of treason and sentenced him to life imprisonment -- have any intention of seriously involving him in creating a new form of government.

Another gesture to deflate international pressure has been the highly publicized medical treatment of hundreds of black patients at several segregated white hospitals.

At Johannesburg General Hospital, where 70 blacks were registered and treated in the emergency ward, the white dean of the medical school said: "I think this is a big breakthrough. Things will never be the same. Let us rejoice in that." Again, this is an example of South Africa's "managed news."

You and I cannot rejoice in this kind of tokenism and manipulation of public opinion. We will not be fooled! We view neither the meeting with Nelson Mandela nor the treatment of blacks in white hospitals as anything more than cynical efforts to co-opt and defuse the mounting international opposition to Apartheid.

We will only rejoice when 27 million black South Africans have the political freedom to vote, to hold any job, to live wherever they choose and attend any school or university. We will rejoice only when the most racist and oppressive government in the world today is disbanded and a new,

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democratic government is constituted.

And today, we have an unprecedented opportunity to take a giant step in that direction.

BUT ... only with your renewed support will we be able to mobilize enormous political pressure on the banks and on Congress. Only with your continued commitment can we unite respected labor unions, religious groups, civil rights and women's organizations in our Open Letter campaign.

Remember ... these four banks have millions of American customers. Perhaps you're one of them. And as Exxon found out in the enormous reaction to the Alaskan oil spill tragedy, the cost of going against American public opinion is very high indeed!

I have no doubt that we can move the banks to act. And we can also raise this issue to the top of the news and the front pages of our newspapers! But we won't stop at putting pressure on the banks.

With you and all Americans of conscience on our side, we can make it clear to the members of Congress and President Bush that the people of this nation demand the passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1989 as well as the passage of new monetary restrictions legislation.

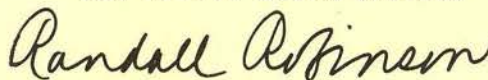
And we must pursue our goal to peacefully end Apartheid with equal vigor in the White House, Congress and the corporate offices of our nation's banking establishment simultaneously! It does no good to have trading sanctions passed by Congress with one hand, if with the other hand American banks keep South Africa's police state secure by writing new multi-billion loan agreements.

As the government of South Africa faces increasing resistance from a courageous black majority refusing to be broken by the agonies of torture, disappearance, political assassinations and mass detention, we have this unique opportunity to turn up the heat and press for a final end to this enormous moral tragedy of our time.

Because of the critical importance of mobilizing millions of Americans in our Open Letter to the banks and enlisting citizen help in winning passage of both economic sanctions and monetary restrictions legislation by Congress, I urge you to rush your generous annual renewal contribution back to me today along with your signed Open Letter.

Freedom will come to South Africa -- if you and I and all Americans of conscience do our utmost to help now. Please let me know I can count on you today. We must seize this special opportunity now.

For a Free South Africa,



Randall Robinson
Executive Director

August 24, 1989

The gassing of Archbishop Tutu and students and the shipping of arms to Irish terrorists are just a few examples of the violence and cruel repression

being supported by our American banks. Please help us put a stop to it now!



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Archbishop Desmond Tutu, group of students flee tear-gas attack by South African police outside church in Cape Town.

Tutu Hit by Tear Gas After Church Rally

By William Claiborne
Washington Post Foreign Service

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 23—South African riot police fired tear gas at Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and a group of students outside a Cape Town church today, minutes after Tutu reportedly persuaded the students to cancel a planned protest march on a nearby police station.

The police also opened fire with tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse an anti-government rally at the University of the Western Cape as nationwide demonstrations continued to escalate in support of a three-week-old campaign of civil disobedience and defiance of emergency restrictions against dissent.

John Allen, Tutu's press secretary, who was present, said the police fired the tear gas after Tutu,

the 1984 Nobel peace laureate, had "successfully defused a threatened confrontation" between black students and the police.

Allen said in a telephone interview that the police gave no warning to the students to disperse and that the 20 or 30 demonstrators were doing nothing more than dancing and singing in front of the church when the tear gas was fired.

He said Tutu told the students inside the church that police were likely to use force if they carried out their plan to march to a nearby police station to demand the release of detained students and teachers.

After going to the police station and unsuccessfully trying to meet with a senior officer, Tutu returned to the church and promised the students that he would see Law and

Order Minister Adriaan Vlok about their demands.

Allen quoted the archbishop as saying, "Because we know that we are going to be free, we can afford to be disciplined. We can afford to be dignified, and we need to underline the fact of this struggle being a nonviolent struggle. Therefore, I ask you, when we finish here . . . to disperse peacefully, quietly and in a disciplined way."

When Tutu and other leaders of the rally emerged from the church ahead of most of the students, a small group of youths was dancing in the street and most of the crowd was beginning to leave the area, Allen said. The police then fired the tear gas. No injuries were reported.

The police said in a statement issued tonight that "the group of dancing and provocative scholars" had been warned to disperse before tear gas was used.

The police command in Pretoria added that Tutu had been present "on several recent occasions where groups of people were engaged in illegal actions and on some occasions he even encouraged them."

International Arms Merchants Stock Both Sides in N. Ireland

Investigators Describe S. African Connection

By Glenn Frankel

Washington Post Foreign Service

BELFAST—The shipment was purported to contain Lebanese bathroom tiles. But under a thin layer of tiles, was a different and deadly cargo: 200 Czechoslovak-made Kalashnikov rifles, 90 Browning pistols, more than 30,000 rounds of ammunition, 450 fragmentation grenades and 10 RPG-7 rocket launchers with dozens of rockets.

Such shipments to Northern Ireland usually are destined for the professional gunmen of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. But, as investigators have said, this load in January 1988 was earmarked instead for three of the Protestant paramilitary organizations that are the IRA's sworn foes. And the ultimate supplier was not Christian militiamen in Beirut looking to peddle some of their surplus arms, as a cover story had it, but Armscor, South Africa's state-run weapons manufacturer.

For years, the IRA has been supplied with weapons from sources in the United States, Europe and Libya. Now, British and Irish security sources say, underground Protestant groups also have entered the international arms bazaar. Thus, despite a dramatic increase in the amount of arms seized by British and Irish police, both Catholic and Protestant paramilitary groups are better armed than ever before.

"It's safe to say they've got sufficient automatic weapons to keep them going until well into the 1990s," said a senior security official.

Some of the weapons sold to the loyalist Protestant groups have already appeared on the streets of Belfast. Michael Stone, the loyalist gunman who single-handedly attacked an IRA funeral in West Belfast in March 1988, killed three mourners and wounded dozens

more with a South African-supplied pistol and several grenades.

Loyalist gunmen burst into a Belfast bar later in the year and sprayed the room with automatic rifle fire, killing three Catholics with Kalashnikovs from the shipment. And there have been two RPG-7 attacks in recent months on offices of Sinn Fein, the legal political party that supports the IRA.

No outsiders knew where these weapons had come from until French police disguised as hotel porters and waiters swooped down on five men in a room at the Paris Hilton four months ago. There they found a South African diplomat, an American arms merchant, three representatives of Ulster Resistance, which is one of the underground Protestant groups, and a demonstration model of a British-made missile system.

Ulster Resistance, the sources say, joined forces with the Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force to obtain arms. They had cash—about \$500,000 taken from a bank robbery in the town of Portadown in July 1987. They reportedly used about half that sum to pay Armscor for last year's shipment. To cover its own tracks, Armscor reportedly arranged through agents for the arms to be sent from Christian militia groups in Lebanon.

Defense Minister Magnus Malan denied that his government was "directly involved in the sale or delivery of South African weapons" but added that "Armscor, above all, is interested in satisfying South Africa's requirements," leaving open the possibility of foreign sales. The government of Israel denied allegations by a Northern Ireland member of Parliament that it had cooperated with Armscor in procuring the weapons for the loyalists.

Pretoria Cracks Down on Defiance Campaign

By CHRISTOPHER S. WREN

Special to The New York Times

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 20 — South African authorities stifled a plan by anti-apartheid groups to resume open political activities today in defiance of restrictions imposed on them under a continuing state of emergency.

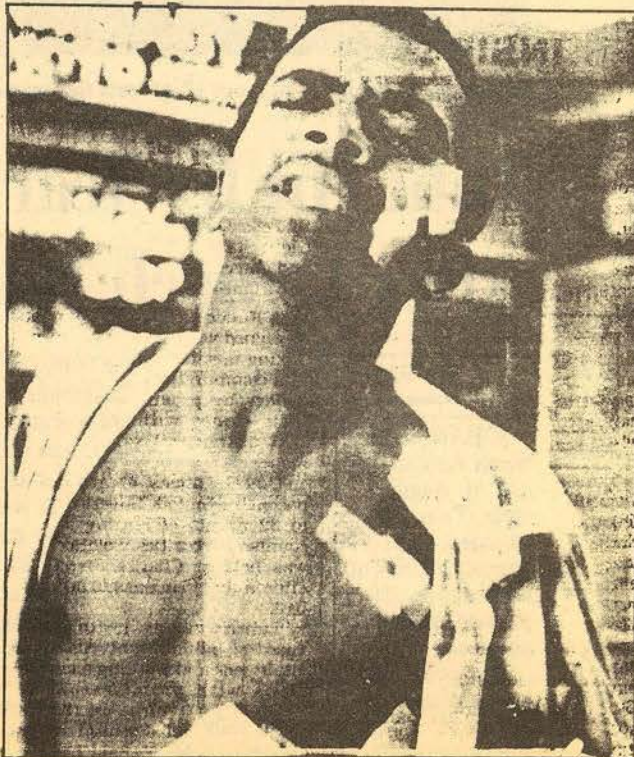
A rally scheduled here at the University of the Witwatersrand was sparsely attended as policemen staked out the campus and later scattered protesters while other police reportedly turned back buses bringing black supporters from Soweto and other townships around Johannesburg.

Another rally scheduled for today at the mixed-race University of the Western Cape was banned, but Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu arranged an alternate service inside St. George's Anglican Cathedral in Cape Town. There, people who were present said, several thousand supporters gathered to hear spokesmen for restricted anti-apartheid groups announce that they were back in operation. The meeting went peacefully, a participant said, after the organizers had obtained a court order preventing the police from interfering.

THE BOSTON GLOBE

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SOUTH AFRICA CRACKDOWN



Reuters photo
Gary Gordon, a 17-year-old student, was one of three persons injured by birdshot during a protest yesterday at a high school in a mixed-race township near Cape Town, South Africa. Police used tear gas and rubber bullets to break up dozens of high school and university student protests as the worst outbreak of antigovernment rioting since the declaration of a nationwide state of emergency in June 1986 continued unabated. One man was killed, seven persons were injured and at least 28 were arrested.

ANNUAL RENEWAL

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STOP Future U.S. Bank Financing of Apartheid

The vast majority of Americans want Apartheid ended — now! Hundreds of American institutions have already voluntarily divested their holdings in South Africa. Now it's time our banks also complied with the will of the people and stopped supporting Apartheid with loan money.

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☐ To help fully exploit the debt crisis facing the South African government, I have signed the attached Open Letter to heads of four major U.S. banks, with whom South Africa must soon refinance loans, urging them that, as a condition of renegotiation, the South African government be forced to come to the negotiating table to find a peaceful end to Apartheid.

☐ And to help TransAfrica extend this critically vital Open Letter campaign nationwide, as well as lobby for passage of tough monetary restrictions legislation and passage of the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1989, I'm enclosing my renewal check for:

☐ \$20

☒ \$30

☐ \$40

☐ Other \$ _____

*Please consider
a gift of this amount —
it's urgently needed.
Thanks!*

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Please make your contribution payable to TransAfrica and return it with this form to:
TransAfrica, P.O. Box 96053, Washington, D.C. 20077-7610.

**An Open Letter
to the Chief Executive Officers
of
CITICORP, Chase Manhattan, Morgan Guaranty
and Manufacturers Hanover Bank**

Because ... Apartheid is an abhorrent crime against humanity and future financing from your banking institutions to the government of South Africa will act to endorse and strengthen those policies

Because ... extension of credit to the South African government does not benefit the twenty-seven million black citizens who are the majority population of the nation but is used instead by the government to reinforce white privilege and repress the black majority

And because ... the majority of American citizens strongly opposes Apartheid and wants all of our public and private institutions to terminate any form of political or economic support to the racist South African regime

I therefore ... urge your bank that — as a condition of refinancing of any current loans or the issuance of any new loans — the government of South Africa agree to come to the negotiating table to find a peaceful end to Apartheid.

I also urge your full cooperation with any monetary restrictions on American bank financing to the government of South Africa recommended by the United States Congress.

Signature

Name (Please print)

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

I have requested a copy of this letter be sent to President Bush and to my Members of Congress.

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