

### MANDELA CALLS FOR LIFTING OF SANCTIONS

On September 24, Nelson Mandela addressed the UN, calling for an end to economic sanctions against South Africa. This action followed the vote in the South African Parliament to accept the establishment of the Transitional Executive Council (TEC), which will govern the country until the April 27, 1994 elections.

Those of us who have worked long and hard to end apartheid are pleased to join Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress in calling for an end to economic sanctions against South Africa. We take pride in the fact that we helped to make this historic victory possible.

In 1983, activists formed CIDA, the Coalition for Illinois Divestment from South Africa, which later became CCIS-

SA.. In CIDA, over 60 labor, church and civic organizations and hundreds of individuals joined together in a successful drive to use Illinois and Chicago investment funds and purchasing power to combat the evil of apartheid.

The City of Chicago adopted a divestment ordinance in 1986 which prohibits the City from depositing funds in banks that make loans to South Africa and corporations doing business there. In 1987, the State of Illinois passed legislation prohibiting subsequent pension fund investment in South Africa-related stocks. CCISSA will work with State and City officials to lift these sanctions at the earliest possible date.

### OCTOBER 1 RECEPTION FOR ANC LEADER CHERYL CAROLUS

CCISSA is honored to welcome ANC Executive member Cheryl Carolus to Chicago. **Please join us for a reception at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 1, 1993, at the Lutheran School of Theology Student Lounge, 1100 E. 55th Street, Chicago.**

Cheryl Carolus is currently the head of the ANC Department of Health and Social Welfare. Ms. Carolus also holds the ANC Education Portfolio. Before the release of Nelson Mandela and unbanning of the ANC, Ms. Carolus was on the Executive Committee of the United Democratic Front (UDF). She

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### ANTI-APARTHEID CALENDAR

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Reception for ANC Executive member Cheryl Carolus (see page 1 for details)

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Forum on South African Elections (see page 2 for details)

**October 7, 1993**

Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Projects meets with Chris Benner (see page 3 for details)



CCISSA chairperson Basil Clunie makes a presentation to Nelson Mandela at the July 7, 1993 Labor Rally. On CCISSA's behalf, Basil presented Mandela with a photo of the late Oliver Tambo taken years ago when Tambo visited Chicago. Moved by the presentation, Mandela thanked CCISSA for many years of struggle against apartheid.



# ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT GEARS UP FOR SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS

## U.S.-South Africa Sister Community Project to Assist US Volunteers

In a recent communique from Johannesburg, Sister Community Project staff person, Myesha Jenkins, outlined roles that US activists can play in the election process. Myesha notes that the election planning is only just beginning as many critical issues involved with the electoral process are still being hammered out in the multi-party negotiations. The first non-racial elections are scheduled for April 27, 1994.

There are a number of US and international organizations which will be sponsoring delegations - the UN, OAU, Democratic Party, National Council of Churches, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights are a few examples. They are recruiting primarily for monitors to witness the elections. Monitors' presence is expected to counter intimidation and violence. These groups are seeking government officials, religious and community leaders, business people and specialists who can legitimize and attest to the fairness of the elections. Those interested in volunteering with these groups should contact them directly in the US.

There are many South African organizations who will be organizing election activities. Both partisan and non-partisan groups will be conducting voter education, campaigning and election monitoring programs. Myesha met with the Matla Trust, Voter Education and Elections Training Unit, Independent Forum for Electoral Education, the ANC, Congress of South African Trade Unions, South African Council of Churches and the Center for Democratic Studies. Based on this research, she makes the following observations.

There is a great need at the grassroots level for people to come to South Africa to work. The need is particularly great in the regions outside of Johannesburg. Experts are not needed, rather actual workers. Volunteers are needed in the areas of general office skills and administra-

tion, planning, media, writing and computer skills. Volunteers must be prepared to play a supportive, behind the scenes role in the organizations where they are placed. This is a very sensitive area as South Africans want to validate this as a uniquely South African experience. Volunteers will also be expected to teach their skills to South African counterparts.

Volunteers should be prepared to stay for at least one month, longer if possible, during the months of January through May 1994. US volunteers are expected to cover their own transportation, housing and living expenses. In South Africa, every rand is needed for education work and the election itself; there are no extra funds to provide assistance for international volunteers.

If you are willing and able to go to South Africa, the Sister Community Project may be able to assist you with contacts to regional organization offices, housing, local transportation and moral support. Contact the Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project at (312) 421-5513 for more information.

## Chicago Churches Support Democracy for South Africa

The Southern Africa Network of Chicago Churches (SANCC) has launched a campaign of prayer and action leading to the April 27th elections in South Africa. SANCC encourages area churches to invite South African preachers and speakers during this period, join the "Keeping the Watch" campaign of prayer for South Africa, and contribute to material aid campaigns for election needs. For more information contact Joan at (312) 421-5513.

## October 2 -Forum on South African Elections

Ever since the July visit to Chicago of Nelson Mandela and several members of the African National Congress National Executive Council, activists of Chicago's large and diverse anti-apartheid movement have been working to provide answers to many of the problems surrounding the upcoming elections in South Africa.

As a result of meetings in the past two months, the Chicago Committee for Fair Elections in South Africa (CCFESA) has been formed. This committee has announced a public meeting to be held at **Malcolm X College, 1900 West Van Buren, Chicago on Saturday, October 2, 1993 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

At the meeting, three subcommittees will form and accept members to coordinate Chicago's support for Material Aid, Cash Fundraising and South African Election Monitors. Interested supporters should attend the meeting or call Harold Rogers at (312) 684-7309 or Basil Clunie at (708) 869-1963.



## Sanctions *(continued)*

In a letter to Jennifer Davis, Executive Director of the Africa Fund, Nelson Mandela thanked divestment activists for their role in the struggle against apartheid.

Mandela wrote, "...We hope that the cities and states that were the firm backbone of the anti-apartheid movement in the United States will commit themselves to actively supporting re-investment in the South African economy in a socially responsible manner which will help address the devastating legacy of apartheid.

Sanctions played a critical role in bringing us close to freedom day and I will be forever grateful to the American people you work with, to help us as we seek to establish a new democratic order on a solid foundation. "



# Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project Update

*In April 1990, the Chicago City Council passed a resolution linking Chicago and Alexandra Township (Alex) in South Africa as sister communities. The Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project (CASCP) works with the Alexandra Civic Organization to promote this relationship, and to provide solidarity in the struggle for education, housing and health care for all Alex residents*

## News from Alexandra Township 28 July 1993

*Excerpts from an ACO progress report from Margaret Mokgadi Mashabela:*

"...The Organization is growing everyday. The phase one of the Far East Bank land project is now available for Alex residents to move in but the government is not prepared to build houses. They can only provide sites and service. People are expected to build structures for themselves. At the moment, plenary workshops are taking place for the second phase of the Far East Bank Development.

...We would like to thank the Sister Community once more for helping us to buy the Macintosh and laser printer for the media project. Margaret Mashabela has been appointed by the ACO for media training organized by Civic Association of Johannesburg and we are expecting her to produce the newsletter for the organization soon. Chris Benner has been very helpful in programming our computers and in many things."

## 2 September 1993

*ACO Executive member Nkele (Mary) Ntingane reports:*

"Greetings to all! Just to say things are still a bit on the quiet this end. We had a national peace prayer day yesterday and Alex also got involved in the activities to pray for peace. It was quite moving. All that is left now is for the forces of darkness to have a change of heart and let the spirit that prevailed yesterday continue into the future.

Our voter education programme is starting, though slowly at the moment. The two comrades, Caroline and Raymond, are busy training our area edu-



ACO members model their Soweto Day Walkathon T-shirts which were presented by CASCP and CCISSA Board member Dr. Rachel Rubin when she visited Alex this summer. Additional T-shirts are available for \$10.00. Send checks to CCISSA, P.O. Box 578066, Chicago, IL 60657.

cators as well as cultural officers. They are working on a play that they will use to take this education into the community. This play, we believe, affords people the opportunity to actually "cast" a vote. The comrades have also been running workshops for the ANC local branch at the request of the branch executive.

This process of training the area education and cultural officers will take us through September. In October, together with the area committees, they will visit blocks in block meetings to spread the gospel. They will then concentrate on door-to-door blitzes throughout the township assisted by the area committee members wherever possible..."

## Ancona School Sends Books to Alex

3rd and 4th grade students of Chicago's Ancona School held a used toy sale which raised over \$300.00 which was used to purchase and ship children's books to Alexandra Township. 250 new and used books were sent to the children of our sister community in South Africa. The ACO and the CASCP thank Ancona School for their solidarity and support.

## CASCP to Meet with Chris Benner on October 7

The Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project will meet with national Sister Community Project (SCP) staff person, Chris Benner, who has recently returned from South Africa. Chris will continue working for the SCP in San Francisco. He is also continuing to work on an economic development project for Alexandra Township with PLANACT, a community development organization based in Johannesburg.

**The CASCP meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 7, 1993 at the First Church of the Brethren, 425 S. Central Park, Chicago.** This meeting will take the place of the regularly scheduled CASCP meeting on the second Sunday of October.

## Walkathon Total Tops \$11,000 for Voter Education in Alex

Contributions to the Soweto Day Walkathon have exceeded the \$10,000 in total pledges made before the June 12th fundraising event. CCISSA and the CASCP again wish to thank all who walked, pledged and contributed to make the 1993 Walkathon such a tremendous success. The funds have been transferred to the ACO for voter education in Alexandra Township.



## Join CCISSA and the Southern Africa Response Network

CCISSA has initiated the Southern Africa Response Network to consolidate the Illinois anti-apartheid constituency into a solid, consistent voice for change in U.S. policy in southern Africa. The Network will communicate with President Clinton and our representatives to pressure the South African regime to curb township violence, halt land transfers and other moves designed to cripple a future democratic government. The network will work to end US. support for destabilization campaigns in South Africa and the frontline states. The network will also be activated on behalf of Chicago's sister community Alexandra Township in the struggle for decent housing, health and education for Alex residents.

CCISSA will work closely with the American Committee on Africa, Washington Office on Africa and TransAfrica in monitoring key legislation, hearings and issues that need our support. We expect the Network to be activated approximately once a month. Network members may choose to have Action Alerts sent to them for response or to have CCISSA send letters/mailgrams in their names with copies of communications sent to them.

Join CCISSA and become a part of this Response Network as we create a new era of US policy toward southern Africa.

## Carolus *(continued)*

was a key leader in UDF activities on the Western Cape of South Africa.

At the reception, Ms. Carolus will speak on the current state of negotiations and on preparations for South Africa's first non-racial elections scheduled for April 1994.

Please join us as we celebrate the lifting of sanctions and welcome one of South Africa's most dynamic leaders.

For more information call Carol Thompson at (312) 327-0545.

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