

# U.S. Banks Finance Apartheid

Is Your Money Used To Support Racism?

# Flight of Capital

Over 125 United States banks (see list) lend millions of dollars annually to South Africa. Since 1972, \$3-billion is known to have gone to finance the only country in the world that practices legalized and institutionalized racism.

Most of these banks financing the most blatant and brutal of racial discrimination, are the ones denying mortgage loans to our neighborhoods. This practice is called redlining.

A typical example is that of five New York City neighborhoods, Harlem, South Bronx, Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights and Brownsville. The residents of these predominantly black and Hispanic areas invest in five of the biggest banks in the United States—Citibank, Manufacturers Hanover, Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank and Bankers Trust.

In 1977, these five banks held deposits totalling \$971-million. Yet, in return, the five neighborhoods owning these funds received a TOTAL of only \$8-million in mortgage loans. Meanwhile, Citibank has participated in loans to South Africa amounting to \$1.6-billion!

# What is Being Financed

South Africa is the most despicable regime in the world because its laws are based on color. It is the only nation that has a Race Classification Board. The mere complexion of an individual decides between doom and privilege.

Four million whites monopolize the voting system and have passed hundreds of laws, decrees and acts that deny 22 million blacks the most elementary forms of human rights.

Blacks are legally classified as non-citizens in their own country. They are forced to carry passes which are documents restricting their freedom and movement. According to the government's own reports, 600,000 men and women serve time in jail each year for pass offenses.

The military budget is \$3-billion. Yet eight out of 10 black children die before the age of two because of malnutrition and other hunger-related diseases. Meanwhile, the whites in South Africa enjoy the highest living standards in the world. And the government explicitly states that the country is for whites only.

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Here is a state by state listing of banks making loans to South Africa.

ALABAMA

City National Bank Merchants National Bank

ARIZONA

The Arizona Bank First National Bank

Northern Trust

Northwestern Trust

CALIFORNIA

Security Pacific National Bank United California

Bank of America

Crocker National Bank

Wells Fargo COLORADO

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CONNECTICUT

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Riggs Bank

FLORIDA

Southeast First National Bank

Security Trust **GEORGIA** 

Citizens and Southern Bank

First National Bank Trust Company Bank

IDAHO

Bank of Idaho IOWA

Merchants National Bank

Union Bank and Trust

Council Bluffs Bank First National Bank

Key City Bank and Trust

First Trust and Savings Bank

ILLINOIS

Central National Bank Continental Bank

First National Bank Harris Trust and Savings

Northern Trust American National Bank

INDIANA

Indiana National Bank

Trust KENTUCKY First National Bank

Merchants National Bank and

Kentucky Trust LOUISIANA

First National Bank of Commerce

MARYLAND Equitable Trust

Columbia Bank and Trust Farmers and Merchants Bank

Truckers and Savings Bank University National Bank Maryland National Bank

MASSACHUSETTS First National Bank

MICHIGAN City National Bank

Bank of Lansing First Citizens Bank First National Bank

National Bank of Rochester Union National Bank and Trust

MINNESOTA

First National Bank Northwestern Bank

MISSOURI Mercantile Trust

MONTANA Bank of Glacier County Conrad National Bank

Montana Bank Northwestern Union Trust

The brokerage houses are also among the big lenders. These include:

KIDDER PEABODY LAZARD FRERES LEHMAN BROS LOEB RHOADES MORGAN STANLEY PAINE WEBBER INC SALOMON BROTHERS SMITH BARNEY HARRIS & CO.

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**NEBRASKA** First National Bank Northwestern Bank United States National Bank Center Bank First Northwestern Trust NEVADA Bank of Nevada First National Bank **NEW JERSEY** New Jersey Bank **NEW MEXICO** Bank of New Mexico First State Bank New Mexico Bank and Trust Roswell State Bank Santa Fe National Bank NEW YORK Manufacturers Hanover Citibank Chemical Bank Bankers Trust Bank of New York Chase Manhattan Morgan Guaranty Irving Trust NORTH CAROLINA North Carolina Bank Wachovia Bank and Trust NORTH CAROLINA First Northwestern Trust OHIO Central National Bank Cleveland Trust National City Bank Huntington National Bank Winters National Bank Sutton State Bank Euclid National Bank

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First National Bank



# Why Be Involved

The major reason for involvement is that it is YOUR MONEY that is being used to finance racial discrimination. Secondly, South Africa is an investment risk because of apartheid, which is threatening to tear the country apart in a violent confrontation. Thirdly, the black people inside and outside the country are involved in an ongoing struggle for their freedom. The killing by the police of 1,200 children in Soweto in June 1976 and the rising deaths in detention that included the murder of Steve Biko, have not made the situation more controllable. Instead the struggle has continued.

#### What Can Be Done

Many people in the United States and Canada have formed action groups composed of churches, trade unions, academics, politicans, students and private citizens to force banks to stop making loans to South Africa.

Some banks have since declared publicly that they would make no further loans to South Africa until the race laws are changed. However, others have not stuck to their proclamations. Instead they have continued lending by using other South African banks as "correspondents." One such bank used for this correspondent relationship is Volkskas ["white nation's cashbox"], a South African government-created bank for the police, military and army.

# Partial List of Withdrawals

Over \$275 million has been withdrawn in the past two years from United States and Canadian banks making loans to South Africa. Here is a list of the latest withdrawals:

- January 1, 1979, Canada Union of Public Employes withdrew \$3-million from the Imperial Bank of Commerce in Toronto, Canada.
- April 1979, Yale University sold stock worth \$1.6-million from J.P. Morgan and Company and withdrew \$2-million from Manufacturers Hanover Trust Bank in New York.
- April 1979, the city of Berkeley voted in a referendum to withdraw \$10-million from banks in California.
- May 1, 1979, Dawson College withdrew \$25-million from Bank of Montreal, Canada.
- June 1979, California Nurses Association withdrew \$10-million from Wells Fargo Bank, California.

# Other Actions

Several kinds of actions have been taken against the offending banks. In Eugene, Oregon, the People for Southern African Freedom organized a demonstration outside US National Bank of Oregon that drew retired senior citizens, trade unionists, workers, church people and students. By the end of the day, the bank president admitted that \$300,000 had been withdrawn. US National Bank later made a policy statement that no further loans would be made and even promised to sell its stock in the Private Export Funding Corporation (PEFCO), a consortium that makes loans to South Africa.

Seattle is another city where the churches and especially the trade unions have brought tremendous pressure on a bank. In the past year over \$150 million has been withdrawn from Seattle First National Bank. Recently, the Electrical Workers Local #46 withdrew another \$1 million.

In Minneapolis, Clergy and Laity Concerned organized a "Run on the Bank" marathon. Forty individuals ran two miles to Northwestern bank and delivered a protest. Over 200 other people joined by sending cards to the bank protesting the loans to South Africa.

In California, several churches held special days of concern at which the congregants signed cards of protest that were mailed to Bank America. Other church groups have filed shareholder resolutions at the annual bank meetings.

# **Alternative Banks and Investments**

All savings banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions are legally prohibited from international financing. Research groups like the Community Economic Associates of California have produced lists of socially responsible investment alternatives, ranging from municipal bonds to real estate. For a list of alternative banks write to the Bank Campaign affiliate in your area.

You are welcome to join with thousands of others whose voices are united to STOP THE BANKS LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA!

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