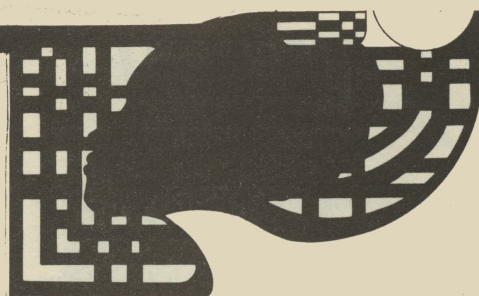


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Midnight passbook raid in crossroads South Africa

WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

On Thanksgiving Eve the South African ambassador to Washington refused to discuss the plight of jailed South African union leaders with anti-apartheid leaders in the U.S. His refusal sparked off national protests in which to date over 1800 arrests have been made at the DC embassy and over 2000 nationwide.

TransAfrica's Randall Robinson, Congressman Walter Fauntroy and Civil Rights Commissioner Mary F. Berry were the first arrested when they tried to discuss the South African detentions with ambassador Fourie.

The daily pickets in DC and nationwide continue to evoke growing opposition against apartheid. The Washington DC and nationwide demonstrations have caused a significant increase in media coverage of American opposition to apartheid.

Reddy Retires

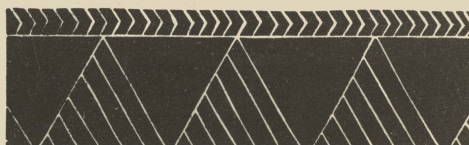
UN Assistant Secretary General, E.S. Reddy retired on February 28. His candid criticism of apartheid will be missed.

Congress Considers Anti-Apartheid Bills

Twenty bills aimed at some form of economic pressure against South Africa have been introduced in the U.S.

The centerpiece of these is Senate Bill 635 introduced by Sens. Kennedy, Proxmire, Sarbanes and Weicker. A similar bill has been co-sponsored in the House by Rep. William Gray. The bill would prohibit bank loans to the government of South Africa, new investment or bank loans to South Africa, prohibit the importation of krugerrands into the United States and the prohibition of computer sales to the South African government. The bill, also, provides stiff penalties for violations of these provisions.

The introduction of these divestment bills reflects the growing dissatisfaction with the failed policy of constructive engagement. Opponents inside South Africa and in the U.S. argue that constructive engagement is a failed policy that encourages South Africa's intransigence.



TUTU ON DISINVESTMENT

"Up to now I have called for pressure, diplomatic, political but above all economic . . ."

(Tutu: Enthronement Speech, February 3, 1985)

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu, long an advocate of South African divestment, pledged to court legal action by personally pressing for economic sanctions against South Africa.

South African citizens who advocate divestment are breaking South African law. In the past, Bishop Tutu has had his travel document withheld for this "offense."

Now, notwithstanding probable conviction, he has declared, ". . . if in 18 to 24 months . . . apartheid has not been dismantled . . . I will myself call for punitive economic sanctions whatever the legal consequences may be for doing so."

Continues Tutu during a separate interview, "divestment . . . is our last chance . . . It is a risk worth taking . . . I have to keep saying that . . ." (Newsweek 3/11/85).

Students Blockade Administration Building

At New York's Columbia University, the student Coalition For A Free South Africa blockaded and chained the university's administration building and have remained there since April 4, 1985.

The coalition is demanding that the university Board of Trustees immediately adopt an explicit three year divestment policy from corporations investing in South Africa.

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DIVESTMENT UPDATE

- Divestment initiatives in the U.S. have been gaining momentum. Five states and twenty cities have enacted legislation divesting their funds and restricting procurement from corporations doing business with or in South Africa.
- The Divestment movement has spread to Congress with a bipartisan effort to produce an all encompassing piece of divestment legislation.

• Sens. **Kennedy, Weicker, Proxmire** and **Sarbanes** co-sponsored the **S-635 Bill** on divestment in South Africa. S-635 is co-sponsored in the house by Representative **Bill Gray** and others.

• In the House of Representatives, several divestment bills have been introduced by Reps. **Berman** (D. Calif.), **Conyers** (D. Mich.), **Dellums** (D. Calif.), **Dixon** (D. Calif.), **Fauntroy** (D. D.C.), **Gray** (D. Pa.), **Hawkins** (D. Calif.), **Mitchell** (D. Md.), **Rangel** (D. N.Y.), and **Roemer** (D. La.).

For information on Congressional legislation contact: Washington Office on Africa at (202) 546-7961.

State legislators are busy preparing, introducing or holding hearings on divestment legislation in the following states: **Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.**

For information on state and municipal divestment activity, contact ACOA, (212) 962-1210

A Bill that would force the removal of more than \$660 million in Colorado retirement funds from companies doing business in or with South Africa nearly passed in the Colorado Senate.

Sen. Regis Groff, (D-Denver) said that "The idea is to join an international outcry against apartheid." Groff said he "was disappointed with the loss of the bill but was pleased it had come so close to passage."

City divestment efforts:

- In Dallas, the mayor has appointed a task force to produce a divestment plan.
- In Madison, WI., Aldermanic hopeful Michael Blumenfeld is reported running on a strong divestment plank.



Senator Kennedy visits with Winnie Mandela in South Africa

• King County and Seattle City Council in Washington state passed divestment resolutions. Both plan to follow these actions with ordinances.

• Other cities that have passed or introduced legislation on divestment include: **Birmingham, Al., Berkeley, Ca., Davis, Ca., Oakland, Ca., Hartford,**

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NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Two Weeks of National Action (March 21-April 6). Anti-Apartheid groups organized marches, demonstrations and pickets during this period.

• Dates highlighted during Two Weeks of National Action were:

Sharpeville Day (March 21)
Anniversary of Assassination of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. (April 4)
National Protest Day for South African Divestment (April 4)

For information on Two Weeks of National Action contact ACOA, (212) 962-1210

• Other important activities include:

April Actions for Peace, Jobs, and Justice to be marked in Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Los Angeles. (April 19-22)

Seminar on Guidelines for Lobbying (April 21)

Contact: WOA, (202) 546-7961

International Conference Against Racism and Apartheid (August 26-31)
 Detroit, Mich.

Contact: Kgati Sathekge, (313) 894-5788

Educational teach-ins on South Africa and Namibia:

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ALERT

¶ South Africa has set up a special department within its Ministry of Foreign Affairs to plan, coordinate and execute a **counter divestment** campaign in the U.S. and Europe.

¶ A new organization, the American Association for Trade and Investment, has been set up by Stephen Bisenius, a former U.S. consular official. The organization establishes a coalition of investors and trading partners sympathetic to apartheid policies. The expressed strategic goal of AAFTI, as reported by *Financial Times*, is to "coordinate an aggressive policy" to forestall the divestment movement.

¶ An unprecedented one-day closed conference aimed at forestalling the growth of the divestment movement was held in Leeds Castle, U.K. on March 9, 1985.

• The *Financial Times* reports that the Rev. Leon Sullivan delivered the opening address. Represented at the conference by Chairmen or Chief Executive Officers were major U.S. and U.K. companies including Mobil, Caltex, GM, Control Data, Shell, BP, GEC, Barclays, and Rio Tinto Zinc (Br.).

¶ Possibly, the conference was called in response to the Anti-Apartheid Bill co-sponsored by Senators Kennedy, Weicker, Proxmire, and Sarbanes, and other divestment legislation by Reps. Berman, Conyers, Dellums, Dixon, Fauntroy, Hawkins, Mitchell, Rangel, and Roemer.

• The above development would suggest that anti-apartheid work will be faced with greater anti-divest effort in areas where legislation has not yet been enacted.

RESOURCES

STAGE

South African playwright Selaelo Maredi is staging political plays around the nation.

Plays include "For Better Not For Worse," "The Sun Will Rise" and "Homeland."

For performances of "For Better Not For Worse," contact Joshua Nessen at (212) 962-1210.

For other performances, contact Selaelo Maredi at Julian Theater, San Francisco (415) 647-8098.

Performances are possible at reasonable terms.

BOOKS

From Inside South Africa . . .

Miriam Tlali. *Mihloti* (120pp) written by a woman whose two previous works are banned for distribution in South Africa. Mihloti means "tears." The writer says that in South Africa, Black means trouble, and the Black woman's experience adds an extra dimension of subjection and oppression.

Desmond Mpilo Tutu. *Hope and Suffering* (106 pp). This is a collection of his speeches and sermons.

Joe Thloloe. *Hlanganani: History of Black Trade Unions*. This is a contemporary history series of Black trade unionism and the labor movement in South Africa.

For more information on above books contact Dr. Steven Mncube, Skotaville Publishers, Inc., P.O. Box 43878, Washington, DC 20010.

SACTU Solidarity Comm (Canada) *Trafficking in Apartheid: The Case For Canadian Sanctions Against South Africa*, Vol.1, Issue 2 (January 1985).

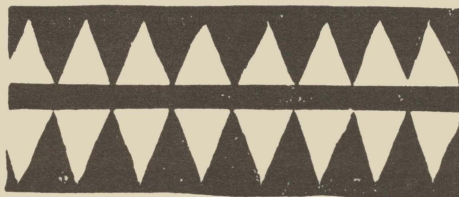
Trafficking in Apartheid is an invaluable publication. It establishes the case for sanctions by outlining the new and old arguments and answers these arguments. The publication also provides an expose on South Africa's vulnerability to economic sanctions.

For copies write to:

SACTU Solidarity Committee (Canada), Box 490, Station J, Toronto, Ontario M4J 4Z2 Tel (416) 465-7386.

CAISA PACKET

A "How-To" divestment packet has been produced by The Campaign Against Investment in South Africa (CAISA) Coalition. Contact: ACOA (212) 962-1210; AFSC (215) 241-7169 and WOA (202) 546-7961



HOTLINE

The Washington Office on Africa offers a three minute, taped message on anti-apartheid activities and action-suggestions. Call (202) 546-0408.

In 1983 alone, the South African government paid 31 lobbyists \$1.5 million in the U.S. in an attempt to derail the growing divestment movement.

A Partial List of Contacts for Information and Speakers on South Africa

American Committee on Africa, 198 Broadway Ave., NY, NY 10038 (212)962-1210

American Friends Service Cmt. 1501 Cherry Street Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215)241-7169

African National Congress (SA) 801 Second Ave., Rm. 405 NY, NY 10017 (212)490-3487

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) 475 Riverside Drive, Rm. 566 NY, NY 10027 (212)870-2293

Lawyers Committee/Southern Africa Project 735 15th Street, NE Suite 520 Washington, DC 20005 (202)628-6700

Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (SA) 211 E. 43rd St., Suite 506 New York, NY 10017 (212)986-7378

TransAfrica, 548 8th Street, SE Washington, DC 20003 (202)547-2550

Southern Africa Support Project P.O. Box 50103 Washington, DC 20004 (202)332-2009

South West Africa Peoples Organization of Namibia (SWAPO) 801 Second Avenue, Suite 1401 New York, NY 10017 (212)557-2450

Washington Office on Africa 110 Maryland Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20002 (202)546-7961

MUSIC

Tina Turner and *The Mighty Clouds of Joy* have been removed from the UN International Boycott List.

Boycotted groups and individuals can have the boycott lifted by promising *not to visit or perform* in South Africa again. They should contact the UN Centre Against Apartheid (212)754-6674. Copies of the UN International Boycott List can be obtained from the Centre Against Apartheid.

The U.S. Anti-Apartheid Newsletter is published by the Peace Education Division of the American Friends Service Committee to promote communication among organizations involved in efforts to end apartheid in South Africa. The Newsletter will also publicize the activities of grassroot, regional and national organizations that educate, campaign and organize against apartheid in North America.

Organizations wishing to list activities should mail a calendar of events or other information to the editorial address.

Editorial offices are located in the AFSC National Office, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19102 (215)241-7169

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THINGS TO DO:

1. Form an Anti-Apartheid Committee/Coalition in your community.

2. Start a Southern Africa Committee in your Church, Union, Civic, or Neighborhood organization to address the problems of apartheid and its war-stance toward the Southern African majority ruled countries.

3. Organize and maintain ongoing teach-ins on issues involving apartheid on every anniversary or at an important event in the struggle against apartheid.

4. Strive to make apartheid an issue in local, state and national politics. Write or call your elected local, state and national representatives to make your position on apartheid known to them. Have your friends do the same.

5. Divestment Campaign: Divestment is the single most important and potent non-violent measure with potential for meaningful change in South Africa. Pressure for the divestment of funds from corporations doing business in or with South Africa.

6. Krugerrand Campaign: If your local bank or coin dealer sells krugerrands, hold pickets and demonstrations or organize mass withdrawals of deposits until they agree to end such sales.

Actions at South African Consulates

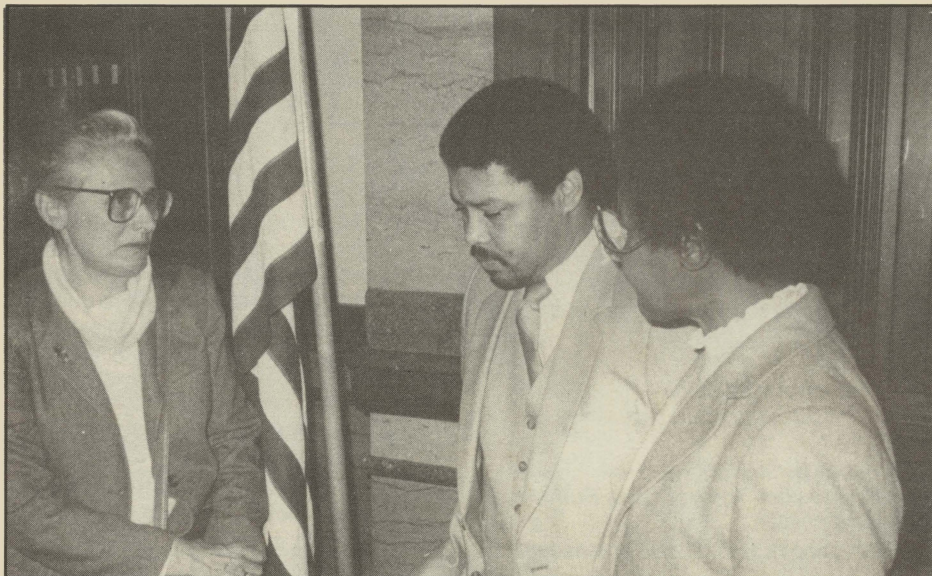
☐ Picketing of South African consulates continues with increasing frequency and intensity.

- Portlanders Organized For a Free South Africa and the Black United Front have been successful in their effort to close the Portland consulate.

- Pittsburghers Against Apartheid have closed the Pittsburgh consulate and mayor Richard Caliguiri has informed the State Department that the city no longer cares to host the consulate.

- The Seattle Coalition Against Apartheid has successfully nudged the South African consulate out of Seattle proper to a nearby locality. Efforts are underway to close the consulate completely.

- Weekly and, sometimes, daily pickets continue in Cleveland, New York, and in other cities with consulates.



Iowa Senator Tom Mann (center) discussing divestment legislation

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Conn., **Wilmington, Del., Atlanta, Ga., Gary, Ind., New Orleans, La., Amherst, Mass., Boston, Mass., Cambridge, Mass., Detroit, Mich., East Lansing, Mich., Grand Rapids, Mich., Atlantic City, N.J., Rahway, N.J., New York, N.Y., Cleveland, Oh., Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Charlottesville, Va., and Washington, D.C.**

☐ Colleges and universities around the nation are taking intense divestment initiatives.

- Five colleges—Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, Smith, and the University of Massachusetts recently formed the **Hampshire Coalition To End Apartheid.**

- **Students United Against Apartheid** at Ohio State University successfully negotiated with the Board of Trustees to form a joint *Committee on Divestment and Alternative Investment*. The committee will consider divestment measures to be adopted by the university.

- The **Ohio Education Association** chapter at Youngstown State University voted 18-15 for *withdrawal* of State Retirement System Funds from corporations doing business with or in South Africa. \$400 million is involved.

- Harvard, the nation's wealthiest university, recently sold its holdings in Baker International.

- Stanford University voted to sell almost \$5 million of its holdings in Motorola if the company continues to sell communication equipment to the South African military and police.

- At many of the nation's schools, students are organized and demanding that their campuses divest holdings in corporations that do business in or with South Africa.

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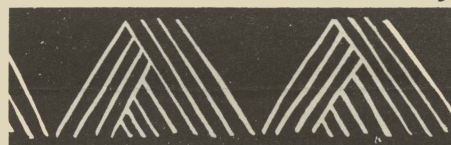
April 19: A Forum featuring SWAPO's Theo Ben-Gurirab at Wayne State University. Contact: Kgati Sathekge, (313) 894-5788

PAST:

February 15: Panel Discussion on South Africa: "Reform or repression?" held at Columbia University Law School, NY.

Panelists included Penelope Andrews, Dr. Gerald Holmes and Dr. Ben Chavis.

February 15: "Christians In Namibia and South Africa: The Story of Suffering and Hope." Sponsored by Central District ALC Women in Denver.



Treason Charges: UDF 16

Sixteen United Democratic Front (UDF) leaders are to be charged with high treason by the South African government in an attempt to stifle organized black opposition to apartheid.

A legal defense aid fund has been set up for the UDF 16.

Send a tax deductible contribution to:
The UDF Treason Trial Defense Fund
Southern Africa Project,
Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights
Under Law
1400 Eye Street, N.W. suite 400
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