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Another critical time has come for our resolution to have the City of East Lansing impose municipal sanctions against corporations doing business with the Republic of South Africa. Our date for having a resolution brought forward is May 17, 1977. We are urging all supporters of the resolution to attend the City Council meeting on that date.

We are hopeful that Larry Owen will bring forward a resolution [see below] and it will be supported by John Czarnecki and George Griffiths. Any hope that Mary Sharp might support a resolution appears to have ended with her commentary on WKAR Thursday morning where she provided her reasons for not supporting such a resolution. We remain optimistic that the City Council will take one small step toward ending United States support for the apartheid system in South Africa.

SALC has suggested to City Council that if it finds the naming of nine corporations too difficult to adopt that there is an alternate route which will have almost the same impact and significance. This alternate route is the one adopted by the City of Madison, and passed by its City Council. The Madison Resolution reads as follows [after a long number of 'whereas' listing the policy and effects of apartheid]:

- 1) The City provide for public inspection a list of all corporations having economic interests in South Africa with which the city has contracts currently in force. Economic interests are here defined as including a) direct investment, b) licensing and leasing agreements, and c) the operation of sales outlets in the Republic of South Africa;
- 2) The City and public corporations under the jurisdiction of the City seek to award contracts and purchase agreements to companies which have chosen not to develop economic interests in the Republic of South Africa and are not sales agents for goods and services from South Africa;
- 3) The City attach to all contracts, correspondence, and written exchanges with corporations which have economic interests in South Africa the following paragraph under the Mayor's signature:

"The City wishes to express its grave concern about your company's policy of developing economic interests in the Republic of South Africa and its apartheid system. The great moral issue involved is forcing us to seek competitive suppliers for this product or service in future transactions.

Respectfully,  
The Mayor

- 4) These provisions shall expire automatically at the time that the Organization of African Unity recognizes the formation of a legitimate representative government in the Republic of South Africa.

We hope that those of you who have supported the earlier resolution will find that this resolution also meets our purposes quite well. And, again, we need your support. Please call the council people to tell them of your support for municipal sanctions and please come to the City Council meeting, Tuesday May 17 at 7:30 P.M.

In addition to working on the resolution SALC along with many other groups and individuals worked to have the proposed talk by Donald De Kieffer (lawyer, lobbyist and propagandist for the embassy of South Africa) and Jim McGoff (President of Panax Corporation, and defender of apartheid) cancelled. (con't. →)



## SALC cont'd.

We think it a victory that the talk was postponed indefinitely (we hope cancelled permanently). Our city and campus should not and will not be used as a platform for the government of South Africa to send its representatives to defend their illegitimate regime. We had an excellent meeting of many groups and individuals to plan out our response to the talk and again would like to thank all who came and shared their thoughts and strategems. It was the possibilities of actions like ours that led to the postponement/cancellation.

Bill Sutherland, the AFSC staff person in Southern Africa visited us on May 3. We had an excellent day with him as he shared his experiences and analysis while enquiring as to our activities. He fully supported our actions and urged us to look into the bank loans to the Republic of South Africa and possible actions against the oil companies who have been complicit for many years in supplying oil illegally to Rhodesia.

### SOUTHERN AFRICA: SOCIAL STRUCTURE, ECONOMY AND LIBERATION

Conference sponsored by African Studies Center

Time: Fri. and Sat., May 27-28, 1977, 9-5 pm.

Place: Con-Con Room, International Center, MSU

Highlights include: 3 new films on Southern Africa  
shown at 8:30 pm Sat. at Kellogg Center

Panel topics and Panelists include: (Friday)

9:30- "The Lessons of Mozambique and Angola", Dr.  
Basil Davidson, Author

2:00- "The Trans-National Corporation and Socio-Econ.  
Structure in Southern Africa", Prof. Anne Seid-  
man, Univ. of Mass.-Amherst/Clark University  
- Rapporteur: Prof. Immanuel Wallerstein, SUNY

(Saturday)

9:15- "Socio-Economic Transformation in Zimbabwe/Rho-  
desia", Prof. Michael Bratton, MSU

1:45- Address: "Botswana and the Upheavals in South-  
ern Africa", Dr. Thomas Tlou, Ambassador of  
Botswana to United Nations

2:45- "Social Transformation in South Africa", Ms.  
Jennifer Davis, Southern Africa Magazine, Edt.  
- "Women in the Struggle in South Africa", Prof.  
Ivy Matsepe, Rutgers University

We are unable to print the entire program. For more  
details call the African Studies Center, 353-1700.

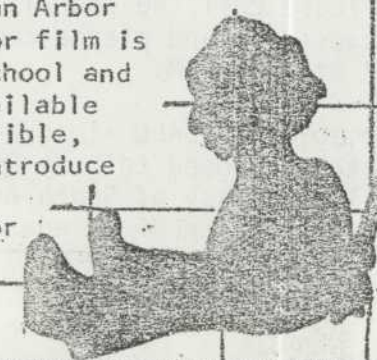
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CITY COUNCIL---  
decides on the  
Resolution at the  
May 17th meeting.  
7:30 City Hall.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
BY  
CALLING COUNCIL  
MEMBERS &  
ATTENDING MEETING!!



### "LAST GRAVE AT DIMBAZA"

This powerful documentary smuggled out of  
South Africa is now jointly owned by the  
Peace Center/SALC and Ann Arbor  
AFSC. The 50-minute color film is  
excellent for church, school and  
other groups. It is available  
for rental and when possible,  
SALC is eager to help introduce  
and discuss the film.  
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detailed review.



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