



American Committee On Africa

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ANTI-APARTHEID STRATEGY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10-11, 1981 (Sat-Sun)
WITH SUPPORT OF UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID (in NYC)

PURPOSE:

- 1) With South African aggression increasing internally and in the region at the same time that the Reagan Administration is moving closer to Pretoria, there is a heightened need for strategic coordination in the U.S. anti-apartheid movement. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the campus-based sector of the movement which is strong locally, but has not hooked up sufficiently on a regional or national level
- 2) This conference, organized by ACOA in conjunction with student groups and with the support of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid, aims to increase coordination and strategic planning in the campus-based sector of the U.S. anti-apartheid movement. Of course part of this strategic planning must involve linking up to anti-apartheid activity in the community, so community-based groups are also being invited.
- 3) We are counting on 150-200 participants, representing groups from all regions of the country. The idea is that this will be a strategy conference, rather than a mass conference designed to provide basic education on southern Africa.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday Oct 10

(at Loeb Student Center, NYU)	9am-10am	Registration
	10-10:25	Greetings from UN Special Committee & Liberation Movements
	10:30-12:30	Panel Discussion -Situation in southern Africa & UN sanctions -Divestment and Liberation Support Work on campus -Relating our activities to U.S. foreign policy -Relating anti-apartheid work to other struggles
	12:30-1:45	LUNCH
	2:00-3:30	WORKSHOPS (Two sessions repeated)
	&	1) Divestment & Lib Support Work on campus (2) -Initiating a campus campaign -Supporting sanctions and liberation movements
	3:45-5:30	2) Relating Our activities to U.S. foreign policy 3) Linking Anti-Apartheid Work to other Struggles (2) -Domestic Issues (racism, cutbacks, sexism, nukes) -International Issues (e.g. El Salvador)
		4) Community Anti-Apartheid Organizing
	5:45-6:00	LOGISTICAL BRIEFING (Housing etc)
	6:00-7:45	DINNER
	8:00-10:00	CULTURAL EVENT (play, "For Better or For Worse" on life under apartheid)

Sunday Oct 11

(at Loeb Student Center, NYU)	10-12, Lunch, 1-4	PLENARY SESSION -Remarks by UN Special Committee Against Aparth. -Reports on Workshops -Consideration of Proposals
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Executive Director: George M. Houser/Associate Director: Paul Irish/Research Director: Jennifer Davis/Literature: Richard Knight

LOGISTICS:

- 1) At present the conference is planned to take place at New York University in the Loeb Student Center which has excellent facilities. NYU is located on Washington Square South in Greenwich Village (near West 4th Street)
- 2) We are arranging for housing in nearby churches, but other options are possible. There are numerous (fairly cheap) restaurants in the area, though some food will probably be available at the conference
- 3) If you are planning to attend the conference please write us as soon as possible, and indicate if you will need housing. Send us the names of any other people in your group who are also planning to attend.

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- 4) If you are coming from outside the Northeast:
 - a) Let us know if you need help in covering transport
(a limited number of fares are likely to be available)
 - b) Apply to relevant school sources for transport funding, pointing out that the conference is being organized with the support of an official committee of the United Nations and will include students from around the country.

FUTURE PLANNING

- 1) In September another more complete leaflet for the conference will be sent out.
- 2) On Sat September 11 there will be a planning meeting 11-4 at the office of the American Committee on Africa. A notice will be sent out shortly beforehand.

Though the conference will not be till October, it will be a great help to us to hear from you before September if you or someone else from your group plans to attend. As the letter I've enclosed from Ambassador Clark (Chairman of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid) indicates the UN Special Committee is very supportive of the Conference. The committee will send representatives, provide literature and worldwide publicity for the event, and perhaps help with transport costs. Stressing UN support for the conference and the U.S. anti-movement generally can only help us in our efforts. (Reprint Clark's letter in the campus paper)

In Solidarity and Friendship,

Joshua Nessen

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