



APARTHEID'S VIOLENCE

A campaign initiated by The Africa Fund.

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LAUNCH OF CAMPAIGN TO STOP APARTHEID'S VIOLENCE

WEEK OF ACTION PLANNED FOR MARCH 28 - APRIL 4

More than 5,000 people have died in apartheid violence in South Africa since Nelson Mandela was released from prison in 1990. *"There is ample evidence pointing at the involvement of apartheid's security forces in this wanton carnage against the people,"* said ANC Deputy President Walter Sisulu in a recent letter to The Africa Fund. The South African military has trained, financed, and equipped Inkatha vigilantes who have targeted ANC supporters. There are numerous cases where police simply watched as Inkatha burned down the homes of ANC members.

The Stop Apartheid's Violence Campaign, initiated by The Africa Fund, will be launched with a week of action from March 28 to April 4. The campaign seeks to send a strong message to the apartheid government that it is responsible for and must end the violence. The campaign also seeks to stop U.S. funding of Inkatha.

Events planned in some twenty states include:

- * **Tennessee** - A candlelight vigil at the newly-opened Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial monument located at the former Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was slain 24 years ago;
- * **Connecticut** - The City of Hartford, which recently adopted additional sanctions against South Africa, passed a resolution supporting the campaign and ordered information on the campaign be displayed at their library;
- * **Illinois** - A candlelight vigil will be held outside the South African consulate;
- * **Kansas** - The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Committee, including local political organizations and churches, will commemorate the official dedication of the State monument, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Highway, to stopping apartheid's violence and hold a candlelight vigil.

Other states where activities are planned include Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington. At dozens of locations across the country, including churches, universities and union halls, there will be teach-ins which will show the *Stop Apartheid's Violence* video. A number of groups have also organized letter writing campaigns to South Africa's Ambassador to the U.S. Harry Schwarz.

The Africa Fund can provide press with material on the campaign, violence in South Africa and phone numbers for individuals and organizations across the country active in the campaign.

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