



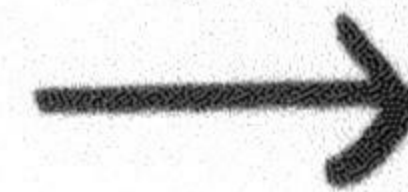
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JANUARY, 1987 - NEWSLETTER

NOTE:



THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 28, 1987 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE ALBANY URBAN LEAGUE,
CORNER OF TEN BROECK AND LIVINGSTON AVE., ALBANY. THIS IS
A CRITICAL DIVESTMENT PLANNING MEETING - PLAN TO ATTEND.

NEW YORK STATE - TARGET → DIVESTMENT - 1987

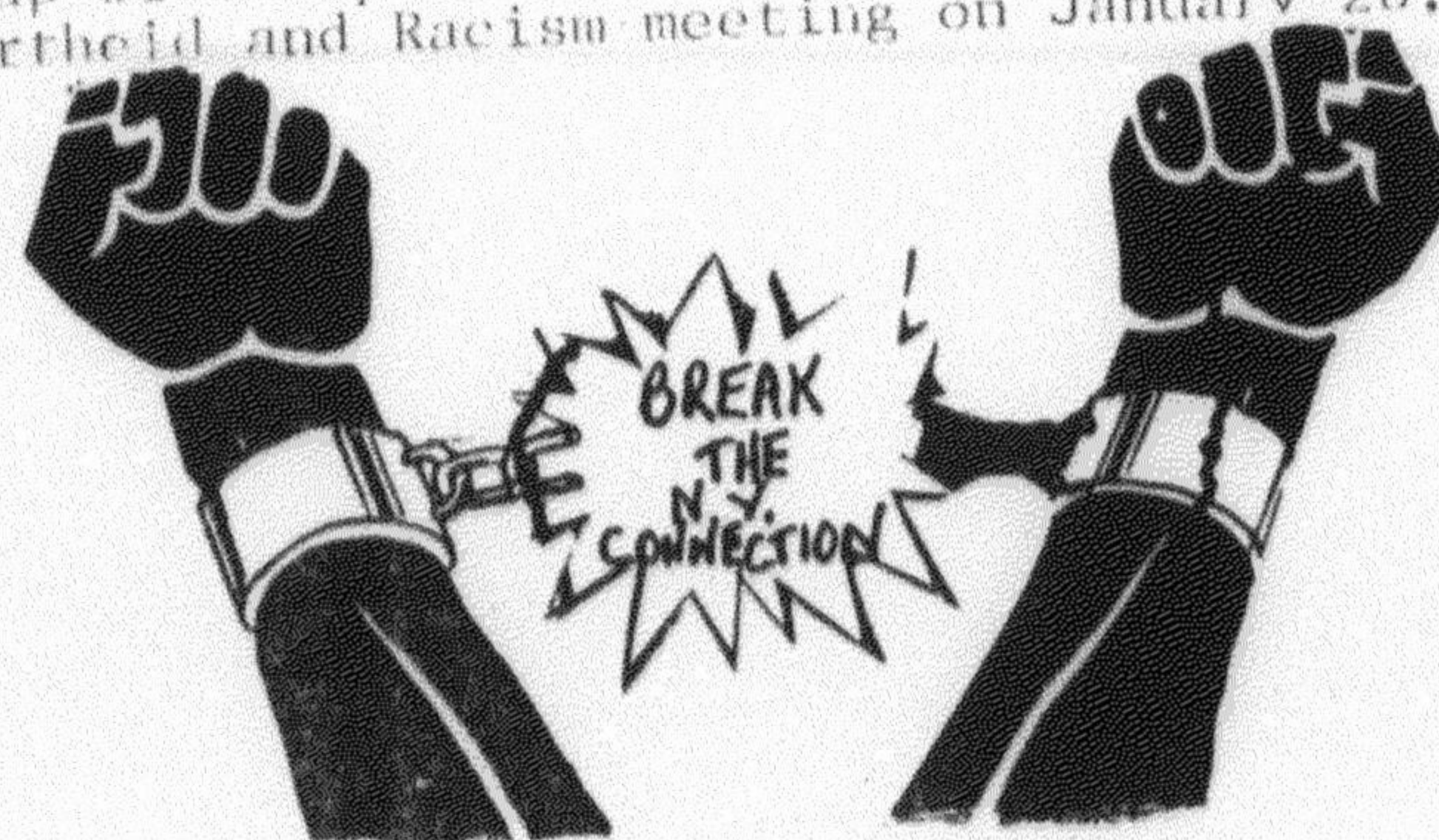
The New York State Legislature ended its 1986 session without passing a bill on divestment. The bill to divest N.Y. State funds from South Africa passed the Assembly but stalled in the Republican controlled Senate where it never got out of the Finance Committee. Anti-apartheid activists from around the state lobbied and protested but divestment did not happen. The 1987 Legislative session must pass a divestment bill and end the collaboration of New York with the apartheid regime. Plans to bring this about are under way:

MOBILIZATION FOR 1987

- October 11, 1986 - NEW YORK STATE COALITION FOR DIVESTMENT formally organized at a meeting in New York City. Merton Simpson and Vera Michelson of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism in attendance.
- December 13, 1986 - second meeting held in New York City, statewide committees formed:
 - Resource Coordinating Committee
 - Research/Education/Outreach Committee
 - Media Committee
 - Legislative/Lobby Group and a Steering Committee - with representatives from PEF, American Committee on Africa, CSEA, DC 65, Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, NYPIRG, SASU, National Alliance of Third World Journalists, Legal Committee Against Apartheid and WEST PAC.Merton Simpson, Vera Michelson and Everette Joseph of SASU were in attendance.
- January 5, 1987 - Capital District divestment planning meeting at the Albany Urban League. This group will report to the general Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism meeting on January 28, 1986 at the Urban League.

(see next page for upcoming dates...)

DIVESTMENT NOW



CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM, ALBANY, N. Y.
DIVESTMENT MOBILIZATION FOR 1987 CONTINUES...

- January 24, 1987 - NEW YORK STATE COALITION FOR DIVESTMENT meeting scheduled. 1:00 p.m. District 65 union offices, Astor Place, New York City. If you can attend this important meeting to help plan strategy and implementation for N.Y.S. divestment, please call SASU (465-2406)
- January 28, 1987 - Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism - regular monthly meeting. Main topic: N.Y.S. divestment. 7:30 p.m. at Albany Urban League.
- February 7, 1987, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and February 8, 1987, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Northeast Regional Student Conference Against Apartheid and Racism, Columbia University, Earl Hall, 116th St. and Broadway, New York City. For details, call SASU (465-2406).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT * IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT * IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

OLIVER TAMBO, head of the African National Congress is scheduled to appear at the Riverside Church in New York City. (This date is tentative and may be changed) If you are interested in going to New York, or for more details call 436-0562.

RACIST VIOLENCE IN QUEENS, N.Y.

On Saturday, December 20, 1986, a gang of white teenagers in Howard Beach Queens, brutally beat three Black men whose car had broken down in the area. Michael Griffith, one of the three beaten, was then chased on to a highway where he was killed by a car trying to flee the mob. The following comment is by Sipho Seepe, a South African student studying in the United States:

What happened in Howard Beach is part of a pattern of racist violence that happens everyday in New York City and around the country. Once more we have not been spared the anguish of witnessing another Black mother preparing a funeral for a child murdered by the bloody hand of racist violence. That the cries of "Howard Beach have you heard, this is not Johannesburg" were made at the recent demonstration which took place at the scene of this vicious crime comes as no surprise. As we join those who have expressed their outrage at the brutal, racist murder of Michael Griffith, we urge our friends to remember that the same racist climate has taken the lives of Willie Turks, Eleanor Bumpers, Michael Stewart, Jesse Davis here in Albany, and many others whose deaths have gone unpublicized. This racist violence is fueled by the growing climate of hostility to the rights of minorities -- a climate perpetuated by politicians from Reagan to Koch.

From South Africa to the United States, it must be remembered that injury to one is injury to all.

A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO SIPHO SEEPE... In the fifteen months since you came to our community, you have been for us an articulate spokesperson for the cause of liberation in Southern Africa. You have energized and inspired us as you quickly became part of the political community in the Capital District. You have been consistent in your efforts to make the links between racism in the United States and Southern Africa. Through all of our discussions and organizing efforts, you have given us spirit and solidarity which we will greatly miss as you now return home to South Africa. Our thoughts are with you, Sipho, as you return. A LUTA CONTINUA!

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM, ALBANY, N. Y.

(The following examination of corporate withdrawals from South Africa has been compiled from two sources: an article by Joshua Nessen for the Student Anti-Apartheid Newsletter put out by the Africa Fund (associated with the American Committee on Africa) and an article by Anita Thayer (of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism) for the National Lawyers Guild.

U.S. corporate withdrawal: sham or substance?

The recent announcements of many U.S. corporations that they are pulling out of South Africa is "welcomed" by the African National Congress says Solly Simelane, a member of the ANC Observer Mission to the United Nations. "These developments are in response to the ANC's call for sanctions and the international campaign to isolate South Africa. However, we do not want to be cheated...The umbilical cord between transnational corporations and the fascist regime must be severed...We rely on the people of the U.S. to monitor these gains

A close examination of the pull-outs does show the need for such monitoring. The divestments actually fall into two categories:

1. Genuine corporate withdrawal: As in the case of Kodak which will sell its assets and halt all sales of its products in South Africa.
2. Corporate shell games: As in the cases of IBM, GM, and Coca Cola. These corporations will show formal ownership changes but will continue to provide products and technology in South Africa.

An example of how the "shell game" works:

- GM announced the following arrangements as part of its "pull-out:"
1. GM's South African assets will be sold to a local management group.
 2. The same American Chief Executive, W. Robert Price, will continue to run GM's South African subsidiary after transfer to locals.
 3. The new South African company will still build GM cars and trucks under a licensing agreement.
 4. THE NEW OWNERSHIP WILL NO LONGER BE PRECLUDED FROM SALES TO THE POLICE AND MILITARY, AS ARE U.S. CORPORATIONS BY U.S. LAW.
 5. GM will apparently assume its subsidiaries' \$90 million debt.
 6. GM reserved the right to re-purchase the South African operation at an undisclosed future date.

Another example of the "shell game:"

IBM will set up a new company headed by the current manager of IBM/South Africa. This new company will have the exclusive franchise to sell IBM products in South Africa. In full page advertisements in the South African Financial Mail and Business Day, IBM/South Africa gave "unequivocal assurance" to its customers (which include the South African government) that: "A full range of products and services will continue to be available in South Africa through the current sole supplier." Moreover, IBM in New York made a five-year loan to the South African Company to buy IBM/South Africa.

GM AND IBM WILL STILL BE "DOING BUSINESS WITH SOUTH AFRICA"

"Divestment is a **total shutdown** that's airtight," says Randall Robinson, Executive Director of Trans Africa. "When you pull your money out but continue to sell your assets to local buyers and continue to supply these buyers with your product, that's not...what was intended..."

The strategy of divestment is to isolate South Africa and cut all links between transnational corporations and the racist South African regime. In the face of these corporate moves, anti-apartheid groups have explicitly stated: **THAT COMPANIES WHICH HAVE LICENSES AND FRANCHISES IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL REMAIN DIVESTMENT TARGETS.**

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Important Reminder:
Next Monthly Meeting:
Wednesday, January 28, 1987
PLAN TO ATTEND

NEWS NOTES

MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION - On January 15, 1987, the annual commemoration of Dr. King's birthday will take place at the First Church in Albany at 7:00 p.m. (Clinton Square across from the Palace Theater)

JOSEPH LOWERY of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will speak at the Palace Theater in Albany on January 21, 1987. His appearance is being sponsored by the Niebuhr Institute of Siena College.

VICTORY IS CERTAIN CONCERT UPDATE - In December, local cable channel 8 aired the concert which had been taped by Frank Lownes. This concert, which celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, had been taped by Frank Lownes. Many people have commented that it was good to have a chance to see the concert again. If you missed this airing, you still will have a chance to see it if you have access to a VCR. Lindalisa Norville taped the concert and that tape will be available to anyone interested. For details, call 462-2542.

CAPITAL DISTRICT UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL - The Capital District Unemployed Council, a project sponsored by the Solidarity Committee, now has 15 active members and has held three meetings since October, 1986, according to Greg Wildemann chairman. The council is attempting to meet the needs of the unemployed, while keeping public attention focused on the problem. Meetings are open to the unemployed and the many friends of the unemployed. Anyone interested may call Wildemann at 518-465-9321 for further information.

COALITION SPEAKERS AVAILABLE - In December, 1986, Eileen Kawola spoke to the members of the Cohoes Social Club on the issue of apartheid in South Africa. The Coalition has a Speakers Bureau which provides speakers on apartheid, Southern Africa and divestment. If you would like to arrange for a speaker for your group, please call the Social Action Center (434-4037) or 438-0309.

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE - If you are interested in the services of a mature, responsible babysitter, please call 436-0562 for details or to make arrangements.

"MUSIC WITH YOUR MIND IN MIND" - Ron Mayfield, Silvestre Wallace and Azzaam Hameed will be appearing at the Half Moon Cafe on lower Madison Avenue in Albany on Jan. 11th, 18th and 25th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$3 admission. This group played the Victory is Certain concert - go and enjoy!



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NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: ←

Tuesday, February 24, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at the Urban League,
corner of Ten Broeck and Livingston Avenue, Albany, New York

Agenda: CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE
and planning for a

FORUM on COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Jesse Davis to **racially motivated violence** *Forsyth County, Georgia*
Howard Beach

This forum is being planned for the end of March in Albany.

WE NEED COMMUNITY INPUT FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT

COALITION NEWS NOTES

COMMUNITY POLICE RELATIONS BOARD - On February 23, 1987 at 7:00, the next meeting of this board will take place at the Urban League (corner of Ten Broeck and Livingston Ave.) in Albany. Among the topics to be discussed are minority hiring in the police department and bias related violence. For information, or any questions or complaints about the police or the board, call Mark Mishler, 438-2845. This meeting is open to the general public.

POLICE VIOLENCE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK - On January 15, 1987, Vera Michelson, Odell Winfield and Jabari Penda went to Ellenville, N.Y. to attend a community protest meeting of the murder of Jimmy Lee Bruce who was killed by an off duty policeman in a choke hold on December 13, 1986. The New York State NAACP has called for an indictment of the policeman involved. The choke hold has been at the heart of controversy throughout the country because of its murderous effects and its application primarily to Black citizens. This heinous incident is again evidence of the upsurge of racist violence in the United States.

JOSEPH LOWERY IN ALBANY - On January 21, 1987, Joseph Lowery, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, spoke in Albany as part of a Spring Lecture Series, "Empowerment of the People," which was sponsored by the Reinhold Niebuhr Institute of Siena College. Frank Lownes represented the Coalition, one of the series co-sponsors, at the lecture.

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Next monthly meeting - 2/24/87

COALITION NEWS NOTES CONTINUED...

MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATION - On January 19, 1987, the Coalition joined with many other community groups to take part in this commemoration which was sponsored by the New York State Martin Luther King Commission. "THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES...FREE NELSON MANDELA" was one of the key messages of the day. Our involvement was successful thanks to the work of many people including: Jim Wright, Elaine Bowen, Bill Ritchie, Siphoo Seepe, Jabari Penda, Bernie Mulligan, John Funicello, Dick Melita and Eileen Kawola. Tlaks Seepe did a beautiful job reading an excerpt from "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Tom Cooper, Public Information Officer of OGS provided valuable assistance.

BEST WISHES TO ART MITCHELL on your retirement as editor of the South End Scene. The history of the South End Scene and Art Mitchell are solidly interwoven into a story of unshakable community service. We'll be looking for your next venture, Art.

WELCOME, NADIA LAWSON, TO ALBANY. Nadia is in Albany doing an internship with NYPIRG and will be working on New York State divestment. We look forward to working with you.

DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVES CONFERENCE - "Social Needs in a Changing Economy" This conference is scheduled for Feb. 27 and Feb. 28 at the Albany Hilton. The foreign policy workshop will focus on South Africa, nationally prominent speakers are scheduled. There is a registration fee. For details, call Heidi Siegfried at 489-6598.

OLIVER TAMBO - The Olof Palme Memorial Lecture on Disarmament and Development was given by Oliver Tambo, President, African National Congress, at the Riverside Church in Manhattan on Jan. 21, 1987. Members of the Coalition attended this historic event and on Jan 23, Vera Michelson, Coalition Co-chair attended a luncheon for President Tambo at the United Nations.

"MUSIC AGAINST APARTHEID III" - concert scheduled for Feb. 27, 1987 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. Babatunde Olatunji and his Drums of Passion, Abdullah Ibrahim and Sathima are featured. Tickets are \$10, \$12 and \$15(at the door). All interested in attending will need to make their own transportation arrangements.

COMMUNITY FORUM RACISM & VIOLENCE

ALBANY-HOWARD BEACH- SOUTH AFRICA



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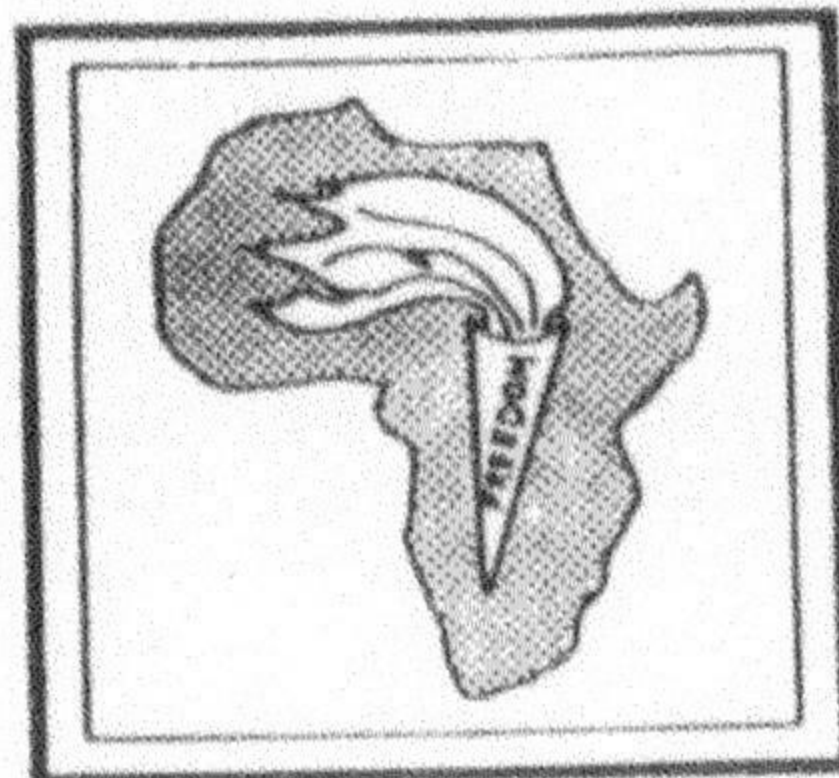
ALBANY COMMUNITY POLICE RELATIONS BOARD

**TUESDAY
MARCH 24th
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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, May 28, 1987 at 7:30 p. m.
Urban League, Livingston and Ten Broeck
Albany, New York

AGENDA: Follow up planning from the community forum on racially motivated violence with update on the status of the Community Police Relations Board.

New York State divestment update.

Planning for sports boycott of South African tennis players scheduled to take part in the OTB tournament in Schenectady during July.

Planning for cultural boycott of Ray Charles who is scheduled to come to the Albany area - again! - on September 3rd at the Coliseum

*Finalizing plans for Coalition Fundraiser scheduled for June 19, 1987.

*WOMEN AND CHILDREN UNDER APARTHEID - finalizing plans for hosting two women, one from South Africa and one from Namibia who will be on tour of the U.S. in June. Our program is scheduled for Friday evening at 7:30 p.m, June 12, 1987 at Wilborn Temple in Albany. These women will focus on the conditions of women and children in Southern Africa. Their visit is very important in view of the fact that news from South Africa is severely restricted because of government repression of the media.

*You will receive flyers on both of these events in the very near future but we also need your help in making these events successful. Your input at this May meeting is crucial.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ALBANY

IMPORTANT EVENTS

CASSELBERRY-DUPREE - A benefit concert for Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press. Saturday, May 16, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. at Page Hall, Western Ave., downtown SUNYA campus. Tickets are \$6 and \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN SELF DETERMINATION - Friday, June 5, 1987 from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany. This is the 20th anniversary of Israeli military occupation of Palestinian lands.

MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION - July 16, 1987 in Philadelphia, Pa. A call for an end to U.S. and South African Racism. March and demonstrate for "No Compromise" at the same time as a delegation from Congress goes to Philadelphia to celebrate the "Great Compromise." For details on joining the Albany contingent, call 436-0562.

If you would like an event announced in this newsletter, please call 438-0309)

CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM, ALBANY, NEW YORK

NEWS NOTES

DIVESTMENT - The New York State United Teachers passed a resolution, which was introduced by the Albany Public School Teachers Association, at their April, 1987 convention. This resolution calls for divestment of all teacher pension funds from businesses "doing business" with South Africa and for the teachers to join the statewide divestment campaign. The resolution also calls for NYSUT to work for the release of jailed African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, and all South African political prisoners. We would like to recognize Bill Ritchie, a member of APSTA and the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, for all his hard work on this issue.

As this newsletter is being prepared, the New York State Assembly is planning to vote on a divestment bill which is expected to pass. Much work remains, however, to get the bill passed in the State Senate.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - The Coalition thanks the Public Employees Federation Local of O.D. Heck for its generous contribution of \$50.00.

SUCCESSFUL EVENTS - On April 8, 1987, Laurie Nathan, a founding member of The End Conscription Campaign in South Africa, and Victor, a Black South African participant in Soweto's youth movement, spoke at a program cosponsored by the Coalition. This program gave us the opportunity to hear firsthand from youth inside South Africa about the resistance to apartheid.

On April 5, 1987, the Coalition cosponsored a program, featuring Elombe Brath of the Patrice Lumumba Coalition, on Israel's Global Role - a closer look at Southern Africa and Central America. Planned by the Committee for Palestinian Rights, this pointed out the close ties and support between the apartheid regime and the government of Israel.

On April 25, 1987, five buses and several vans left the Capital District to take part in the mobilization for Peace with Justice in Central America and Southern Africa. Naomi Jaffe did an excellent job of organizing for this important event.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON RACISM AND VIOLENCE - On Tuesday, March 24, 1987, the Coalition held a forum on racism and violence featuring New York State Assemblyman Roger Green, Alice Green, the NAACP representative to the Albany Community Police Relations Board, community representatives Don McKeever, Kim Russell and El Wise. The forum addressed the issue of racism and violence and police misconduct. Approximately 150 people attended the event and follow up planning is in the works. (If you wish to join the Coalition Committee to work on this issue, please call 463-4654)

One of the decisions made by the committee was to do educational work in the community about what to do if arrested or stopped by the police. The Legal Redress Committee of the NAACP already has such a program in effect. A pamphlet is available and the NAACP is planning a summer series of skits for teenagers depicting possible reactions when approached by the police. If you are interested in working with the NAACP Legal Redress Committee on this issue, call Ed Reed at 462-6240.

Another issue raised by the forum was the effectiveness of the Community Police Relations Board. By the time this newsletter is out, the Board may have disbanded as a result of Mayor Whalen's rejection of the Board's request for more information from the police on misconduct investigations. Members of the Board have called the Mayor's response "paternalistic disrespectful," and a "farce." Mark Mishler, the Coalition member of the Board, says that even if the Board does disband, the community should continue to push for police accountability.

Don McKeever's retrial against the police of Albany is scheduled to begin May 18, 1987. Show your support by being in court during the trial. For trial dates and times, call Don's attorney at 462-6753.

CAPTIAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM, ALBANY, NEW YORK

Because news from South Africa is severely restricted under the apartheid regime's news "white out" does not mean that the anti-apartheid struggle is not continuing to escalate. In fact, it is because of this heightening of the crisis that the government continues to pass even more stringent laws against letting the truth out. Just because we do not see it on the nightly news does not mean it is not happening.

Pretoria Bars Any Form of Protest Over Detainees

DETENTIONS - Since the state of emergency was declared in June, 1986, anyone can be arrested and detained without charges or trial. According to the Detainees Parent Support Committee, over 40,000 South Africans have been detained since June, 1986. 10,000 children under the age of 18 are included in this number. There are also an estimated 60,000 in hiding. In April, 1987, the regime issued a ban making illegal all articles, petitions, meetings and rallies on behalf of the detainees. "...this is the madness of a government which has long ago lost all legitimacy and can only live out its last days compounding the evil it has begun," (Alan Boesak, President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches speaking against this latest repressive clampdown)

Police battle students in S. Africa

STUDENT PROTEST - On April 27, 1987, the South African police fired birdshot and tear gas and used whips in running battles with hundreds of student protesters, both black and white, at the University of Cape Town. It was believed to be the first clash in which police fired guns to control rioting at a predominantly white campus. It was one of the most violent campus disturbances since the national state of emergency was declared in June, 1986. The rally by anti-apartheid students was in protest of the South African army's raid into Zambia a few days earlier.

South Africans kill civilians in Zambia raid on 'guerrillas'

ZAMBIA RAID - As part of a continuing policy of disregard for the sovereignty of its neighboring countries and a campaign to destabilize those countries, South Africa attacked Zambia on April 25, 1987. The apartheid army struck this African country and killed five Zambians and destroyed two buildings. South Africa has acknowledged the attack claiming that its soldiers killed five members of the African National Congress, the liberation movement in struggle against the racist South African government. The "banned" ANC has its headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia. The ANC said in a statement from Lusaka that none of the dead were members of the organization. The Zambian government condemned what it called "this dastardly act by apartheid and South Africa. It said that four of the dead were Zambian civilian men and the fifth was the neice of Lusaka's Defense Minister. The raid is also seen as another desperate move by South Africa's government to appeal to the far right white element in the upcoming white only elections scheduled for May.



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VICTORY TO ANC - VICTORY TO SWAPO

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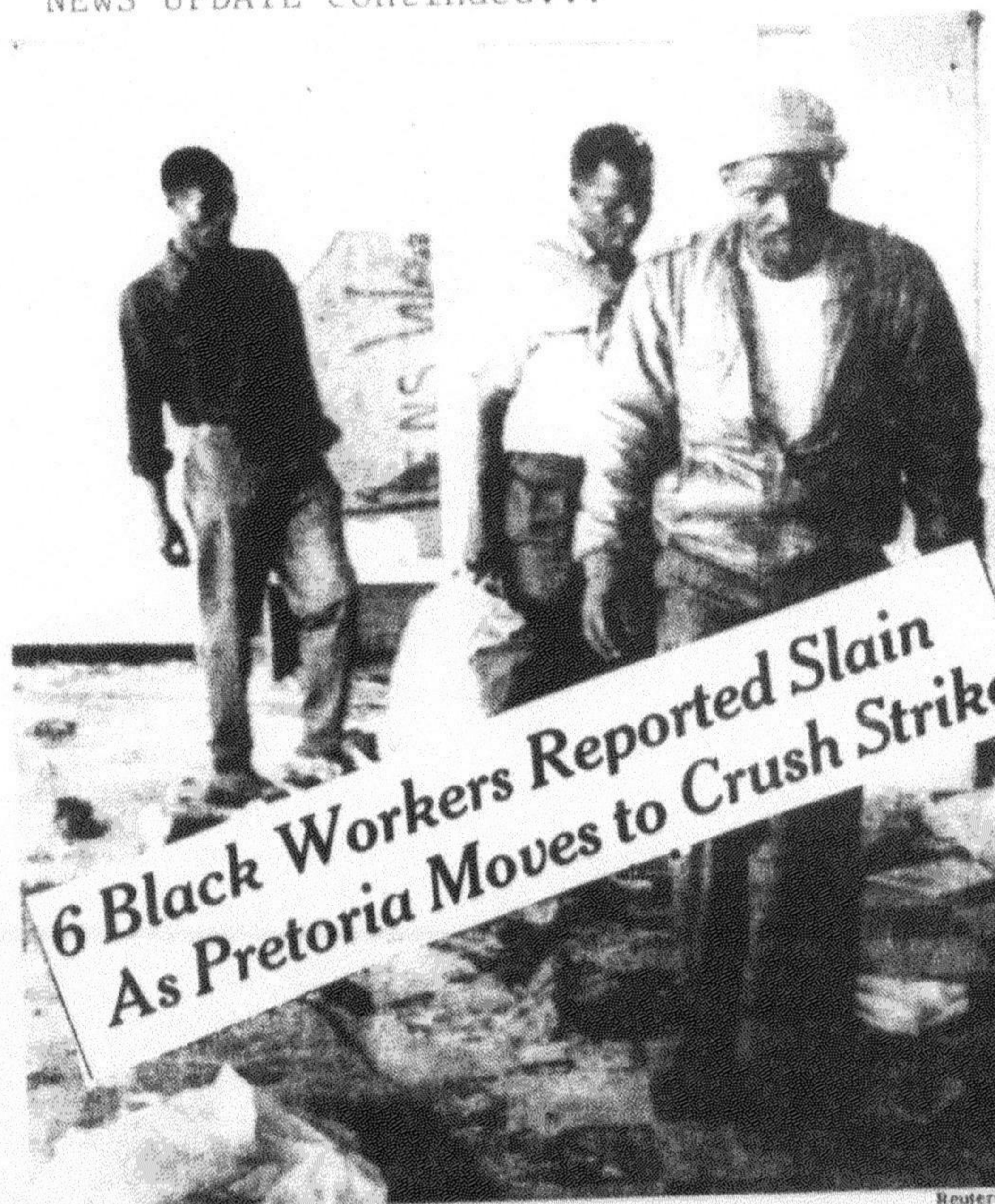
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Important May meeting:
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Thursday, May 28, 1987

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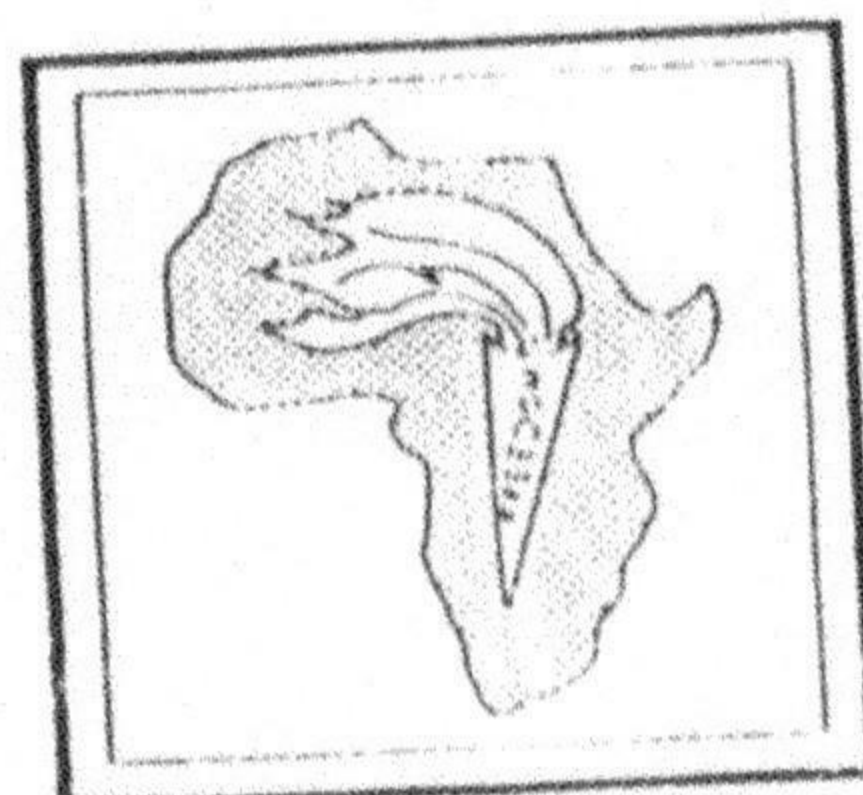


Striking rail workers in Germiston, South Africa, searching ransacked union office for possessions left behind when they fled a police attack.

UNIONS AND STRIKES

Responding to strikes and labor unrest, the fascist apartheid regime has launched vicious attacks on the country's Black trade union movement. There have been raids on union offices and shootings of union members. COSATU (Congress of South African Trade Unions) brings together 600,000 workers in 30 unions. COSATU has declared a Living Wage Campaign fighting for pay increases, decent living and working conditions. Currently, over 40,000 railroad and mine workers are on strike. On April 21, 1987, when 18,000 striking railway workers refused a government order to return to work, the apartheid army raided union offices and smashed equipment and attacked union members who had assembled outside of the COSATU offices. At least 6 Black union members were shot to death and 7 police were injured. The union movement has taken a leading role in the fight against government repression and these attacks are part of the government plan to destroy the vital trade union movement.

THANK YOU - The editor of this newsletter would like to extend a special thank you to Michael Dollard, without whose help the "putting out" of this monthly effort would be impossible. *pk*



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SEPTEMBER 1987
NEWSLETTER

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 24, 1987 at 7: 30 p. m.
at the Urban League, corner of Ten Broeck and Livingston, Albany, N.Y.

This is a very important Fall planning meeting. We urge you to attend and we urge all member groups of the Coalition to send a representative. (On the back page of this newsletter is a complete list of all Coalition member groups and also a list of the members of the Coalition steering committee.)

This meeting will also include a discussion, led by Coalition member, Silvestre Wallace, a Panamanian, on:

"CRISIS IN PANAMA"

MOROBE ARRESTED

It is with great sadness that we announce the arrest and detention of our friend, Murphy Morobe. The report of Murphy's arrest by the South African apartheid police is described in the article copied below from the July 23, 1987 issue of the New York Times. When Murphy was in Albany - March of 1985, he spoke to several area groups and pointed out that the governmental policy of apartheid, a system which denies human dignity, is the real violence in South Africa and he called for people in the United States to oppose government policies here which reinforce the repression and institutionalized segregation of the apartheid regime in South Africa. The struggle continues.....
FREE NELSON MANDELA.....RELEASE THE CHILDREN.....FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

JOHANNESBURG, July 22 — Two key officials of the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front, the biggest internal grouping resisting white rule, were arrested by the South African police early today in a pre-dawn sweep. Murphy Morobe, the acting national publicity secretary of the Front who has been working underground for more than a year, was detained in Port Elizabeth on the eastern seaboard along with the Front's acting general secretary, Mohammed Valli Moosa.

Civil rights lawyers, who confirmed the arrests, said they were considering applying to the courts for the release of the two men.

The four-year-old United Democratic Front, which claims a multiracial membership of more than two million, has been severely hampered by the intimidation, assassination and detention of leading officials.

Program Aligned With A.N.C.

Although the Front rejects the use of violence to achieve its goals, it follows a political program closely aligned to the outlawed African National Congress, the main guerrilla-backed group that is fighting to end white rule. (continued)



MURPHY MOROBE meeting with Coalition Co-chairs, Vera Michelson and Merton Simpson during visit to Albany in March, 1985.

CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM, ALBANY, N.Y.

MOROBE ARRESTED (continued from page 1)

On Tuesday, a group of 40 mainly Afrikaans-speaking South Africans returned from a ten-day visit to West Africa where they held talks with officials of the banned group in a bid to prepare the ground for negotiations between the white-dominated Government and exiled black nationalists.

The state-controlled television showed brief scenes of neofascist demonstrators that turned up at Johannesburg airport to jeer at the negotiators. The broadcast was followed with what was described as a documentary on the group portraying it as a "Marxist-terrorist" organization bent on the violent overthrow of the state.

Mr. Morobe, who went into hiding when a nationwide state of emergency was declared on June 12, 1986, had emerged as a key figure in keeping the spirit of anti-apartheid resistance alive in the face of state repression.

Predecessors on Trial

Although the United Democratic Front is not formally outlawed, it has functioned largely as an underground organization under the emergency laws.

Mr. Morobe has made several public appearances since he went into hiding, and his picture has appeared alongside signed articles advocating a non-racial democracy in South African newspapers.

He has emerged to hold news conferences, and last weekend he addressed the first national congress of the 750,000-strong Congress of South African Trade Unions, the militant union federation that has been spearheading anti-apartheid action in recent months.

The other person arrested today, Mr. Valli Moosa, was in custody for the first three months of the year as one of an estimated 25,000 people that have

been held without trial under the emergency decree. Mr. Morobe and Mr. Valli Moosa hold their posts temporarily while their predecessors, Patrick "Terror" Lekota and Popo Molefe, are tried for treason.

Angry Reaction

Mr. Morobe was detained for six weeks during the first state of emergency, declared in 1985, after apparently being trailed by security forces in downtown Johannesburg.

Civil-rights groups, trade unionists and youth organizations reacted angrily to the detentions tonight and vowed that detention and repression would not dampen resistance to apartheid.

NEWS NOTES

SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN - In June, MOJAKI THULO of South Africa and LOIDE SHINAVENE of Namibia were sponsored by the Coalition in Albany as part of a nationwide tour arranged by Women for Racial and Economic Equality (WREE). Several events, including a public forum at Albany's Wilborn Temple, were held and Mojaki and Loide did a great job of educating the people in the Capital District about the continuing repression by the apartheid government of South Africa. Besides education, the other major goal of their visit was to raise money for the defense of the children held in detention by the racist regime.

We recently received a letter from Cecelia McCall of WREE thanking us for the "good work and the quality of what was done in Albany." The total money raised here and turned over to the women was \$1,850.00!! The Coalition was aided in this effort by many organizations and individuals.

Special thanks to Elder Jeffress and our friends at the Wilborn Temple, Rev. Lawrence and the congregation at the A.M.E. Zion Church in Albany, Father Amisshah and the Black Catholic Apostolate of the Catholic Diocese, the Women Building and the Companera Project, Irene Carr and C.S.E.A., and Mark Mishler and Renee Haritan. Also thanks to Gloria DeSole of SUNYA and to Thandi Zwana, Talitha Komane Simpson and the Arbor Hill Community Center of Albany.

Many individuals also worked in this important solidarity effort with the ANC and SWAP during the four days that Mojaki and Loide spent with us: Florence Frazier, Ethel David, Judy Daniels, Vera Michelson, Naomi Jaffe, Eileen Kawola, Laverne Sirmans and Barbara Smit (Apologies to anyone whose name we left out.)

JUNE FUNDRAISER - Also in June, Bill Ritchie, Yvette Scarlett and Merton Simpson organized a successful disco fundraiser at Page Three. The money came at a critical time and we thank all who gave their support.

BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL - On July 19th, the Coalition tabled and did educational outreach at the 6th annual Empire State Black Arts and Cultural Festival at the Plaza. Coalition bailed with an anti-apartheid message added a political tone to the event. Bill Ritchie and Yvette Scarlett organized the Coalition participation.



Loide Shinavene (left) and Mojaki Thulo

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-EMERGENCY---EMERGENCY---EMERGENCY---EMERGENCY---EMERGENCY---

We are making a very serious and very urgent request that you read the information on this insert and take action. We need three things:

1. a letter to the U.S. Senate opposing legislation which would put great restrictions on the ANC and SWAPO.
2. a letter to the U.S. Senate opposing the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.
3. a letter of solidarity and cash to the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) of South Africa.

Send Letters of PROTEST, solidarity

We are providing some background information on these three issues and suggestions for your follow-up - including sample letters and addresses. We are asking that you act and then pass this information along, copy this page and post it, do whatever you can to get as many people involved as possible.

ANC and SWAPO

On June 23, 1987, by a vote of 303-111, the House of Representatives passes HR 177, the State Department Authorization bill. Amendments which were added to this bill represent a serious attack on the people of South Africa and Namibia by placing U.S. travel restrictions on their national liberation movements, the ANC and SWAPO. (Both the ANC and SWAPO have permanent observer missions at the U.N. The travel restrictions would make it impossible for members of these missions to even come to Albany to take part in educational forums!) The amendments to this bill also make an ominous assault on the First Amendment free speech right of all Americans.

The Senate is now considering S 1394, the Foreign Relations Authorization bill. We must oppose any such amendments to this Senate bill. After the Senate passes its bill, a joint House-Senate Conference Committee will meet to work out a compromise version of a joint bill. If we can ensure that the Senate version does not contain similar negative amendments, we have a significant chance of getting a decent compromise version. There are also attempts in Congress to pass legislation calling for sanctions against Angola and aid for the "contra" force of UNITA.

ROBERT BORK

Having failed to implement their social and political agenda through legislation, Pres. Reagan and Attorney General Meese are attempting, with the nomination of Robert Bork, to tip the balance of the Supreme Court in a direction that will undermine more than 30 years of progress in Court protection of civil rights and individual liberties.

An overview of Bork's opinions shows that Bork does not favor court and Constitutional protection of minorities' civil rights.

* He finds insupportable the Supreme Court's 1948 decision holding that the judicial enforcement of racially restrictive covenants violates the fourteenth amendment.

* He said that he thinks the decision striking down the poll tax in 1966 was unfounded on equal protection grounds.

* In 1963, he opposed passage of provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act barring discrimination in public accommodations. He recanted that view in 1973, but the fact remains that when times were moving towards extension of civil rights, Bork was trying to prevent desegregation of public facilities. He continues to oppose desegregation remedies today.

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ROBERT BORK...continued

*In 1972, Bork was one of only two law professors to testify in favor of the Nixon Administration's effort to curb steps the Supreme Court had held were necessary to remedy unconstitutional school segregation. 500 law professors said the legislation was unconstitutional.

*Later, as Solicitor General, Bork continued to oppose school desegregation remedies, once being overruled by Attorney General Levi when he sought to file a brief opposing Black parents and students in the Boston school desegregation case.

*Today, Bork would certainly support Ed Meese in his efforts to eliminate affirmative action as a remedy for discrimination.

The Bork nomination is not just being opposed by groups whose main concern is the protection of civil rights and individual liberties. His nomination is being opposed by groups representing a broad spectrum of American society. His record is clear...his confirmation will mean a reactionary move backwards...hard fought for progressive victories will be in grave jeopardy if he becomes a member of the Supreme Court.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINERS STRIKE

In August, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) engaged in South Africa's biggest labor action ever. The strikers were fighting for a living wage and also for an end to the appalling uneven distribution of income between Blacks and whites under the apartheid system. The strike lasted almost three weeks and cost the mine owners millions of dollars in revenue. Cyril Ramaphosa, NUM General Secretary points out that although the demands of the miners were not achieved, the strike represents an important victory. It showed the growing strength of the trade union movement in South Africa. It is a beginning - a trial run for the future.

The broad based strike also pushed the anti-apartheid struggle forward, showing the ability of the struggling masses to make South Africa "ungovernable."

The NUM and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) have appealed to U.S. workers for support for food, legal and medical aid for workers who lost their jobs, were injured during the strike, or were arrested. The United Mine Workers of America stand in solidarity with their brothers in the NUM and are helping to lead this campaign.

You can help by sending contributions to:
the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District
191 Amsterdam Avenue, Albany, New York 12204
make checks out to the Solidarity Committee with a notation NUM/South Africa or to the National Union of Mineworkers.

—and cash

Messages of support can be sent directly to:
National Union of Mineworkers
P.O. Box 2424, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa.

WHAT YOU CAN DO...ABOUT ANC/SWAPO LEGISLATION AND THE CONFIRMATION OF ROBERT BORK

Below you will find a sample letter regarding the ANC/SWAPO legislation, a postcard regarding the Bork nomination, and addresses. **EVEN IF YOU HAVE NEVER WRITTEN TO A SENATOR, DO IT NOW!**
ANC/SWAPO Legislation:

Dear Senator

The recent House-passed State Department Authorization Bill, HR 1777, represents a serious attack on the people of South Africa and Namibia by placing U.S. travel restrictions on their national liberation movements, the A.N.C. and SWAPO. And it represents an ominous disregard for First Amendment free speech rights of all Americans.

Any attempt to restrict the ability of the A.N.C. and SWAPO to tell their story to the American people is outrageous, and furthermore, could be broadly interpreted as a way to silence Americans who speak out for human rights in Southern Africa. I urge you to become a leading voice in opposing any such amendments to the Senate Foreign Relations Authorization Bill, S 1394. I also urge you to oppose any attempt to place sanctions against Angola or to give any support to the forces of UNITA.

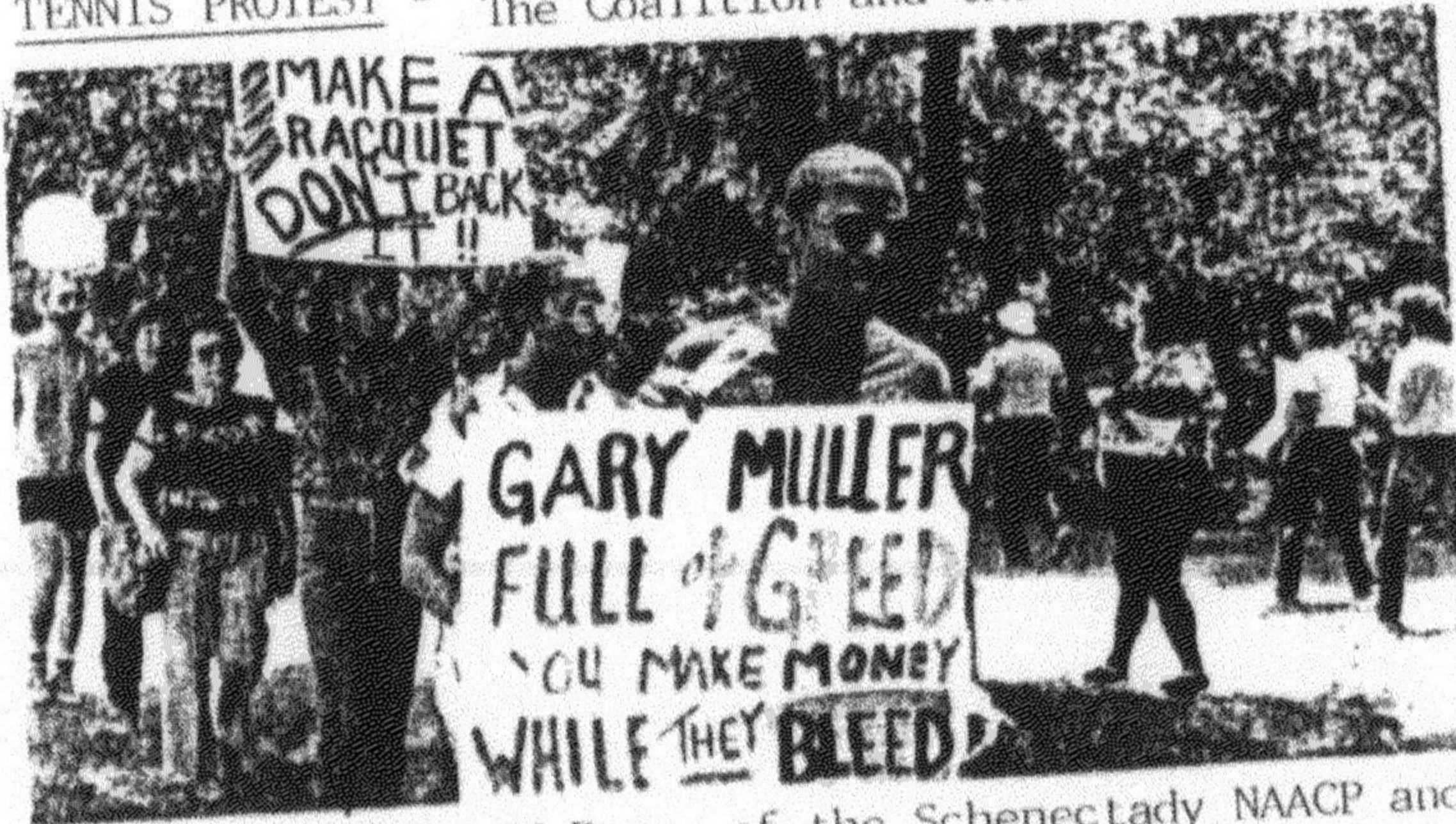
Sincerely,

ANC/SWAPO letters should go to Senator Daniel Moynihan and Sen. Clayborn Pell
Bork postcard to Senator Daniel Moynihan and Senator Joseph Biden
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

TENNIS PROTEST - The Coalition and the Schenectady NAACP protested the appearance of South African tennis players at the Schenectady OTB Tennis Tourney which began on July 18th at Central Park. Representatives of the two groups were very successful in getting the Schenectady City Council to pass a resolution agreeing to try to negotiate with organizers to stop South African player participation in future tournaments.

A protest of approximately 100 people was held on opening day and the spirited demonstration stopped play for about 45 minutes.

Some of the many people who worked on this sports boycott were Joe Allen, Pres. and Doug William, V. Pres. of the Schenectady NAACP and Roli Varma, Randi McGough, Vera Michel, Martin Manley, Les Davis, Mabel Leon and Coalition attorneys Mark Mishler and Anita Thayer. Senti Thobejane of the African National Congress addressed a rally after the demonstration.



COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND RACIAL VIOLENCE - There have been several meetings over the summer and the next meeting is scheduled for October 13th at the Urban League in Albany at 7:00. The committee reviewed a letter calling for discipline against Police Officer Valerie Von Dollen Burke who was ordered to pay damages to the McKeever family in their lawsuit against the city police. This call for disciplinary action is being made to the Community Police Relations Board and to the Mayor. An educational project for youth is scheduled for the Fall in cooperation with the NAACP.

RAY CHARLES - A Ray Charles protest was planned for September 3rd. Our old friend Ray, the cultural boycott violator, was coming back to town for the third time and Mert Simpson had done the preliminary work to have a protest ready for Ray. Fortunately, or unfortunately, the Coliseum where he was scheduled to appear went out of business early in August. NO RAY THIS SUMMER. (Look for an analysis of the Paul Simon "disgrace" in the next newsletter.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY DAY FESTIVAL** - The theme of this annual event, sponsored by A University, is "Strengthening Family Ties." The schedule is as follows: (Arbor Hill Softball Field)

Sept. 29, 6-9 p.m. - FAMILY DAY BAR-B-QUE

Sept. 30, 6-9 p.m. - JAZZ IN THE PARK

Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m. - DJ NIGHT

Oct. 2, 6-10 p.m. - GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA

Oct. 3, Noon - 10 p.m. - YOUTH DAY GUEST ARTISTS, with special visiting artist, Gsbie Mele

CARNIVAL RIDES OPERATE EACH DAY, BOOTH DISPLAYS ON SATURDAY - for information, call 472-9147 or 370-0384.
- MUSIC AT PAGE THREE** - Four exciting evenings of music are planned for Sept. and Oct. at Page Three, 439 N. Pearl St. in Albany. The schedule is as follows:

Fri., Sept. 25, 9 p.m. - Latin Night with Alex Torres

Fri., Oct. 23, 9 p.m. - Latin Night with Juan Vega

Sun., Sept. 27, 5 p.m. - Jazz with Himalaya

Sun., Oct. 25, 5 p.m. - Jazz with Oasis

Latin nights, sponsored by Los Internacionales, will feature latin and international music.

Jazz dates, sponsored by Phoenix Productions, will feature, jazz, blues and Latin-jazz.
- NATIONAL TEACH-IN** - A two day teach-in on the Disarmament Program is scheduled of Oct. 16-17 at Riverside Church in New York City. There will be a focus on the "contra-band" of overt and covert warfare stretching around the globe. This program offers an opportunity to learn more about the contras of Angola, their support by South Africa, and the U.S. role in training, equipping and maintaining that brutal force.

Also at Riverside...Sept. 27th, 4-7 p.m., Qeorapetse Willie Kgositsili, a preminent South African poet, Abdullah Ibrahim, and musical vocalists the Statophonics will be performing a fund raising concert for the 1988 tour of Anandla - the world renowned cultural group of the African National Congress.

For information on either event, call 436-0562.

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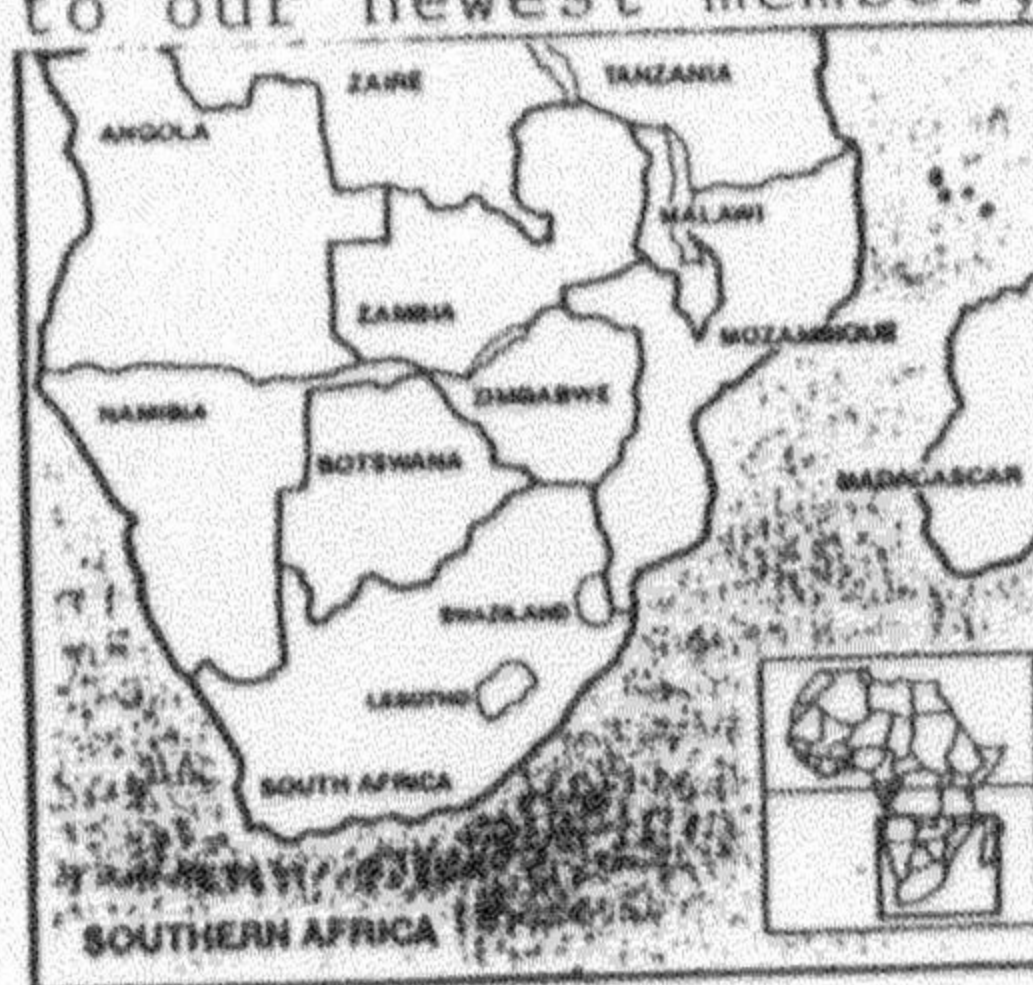
and a special welcome to our newest member: N.A.A.C.P., Schenectady

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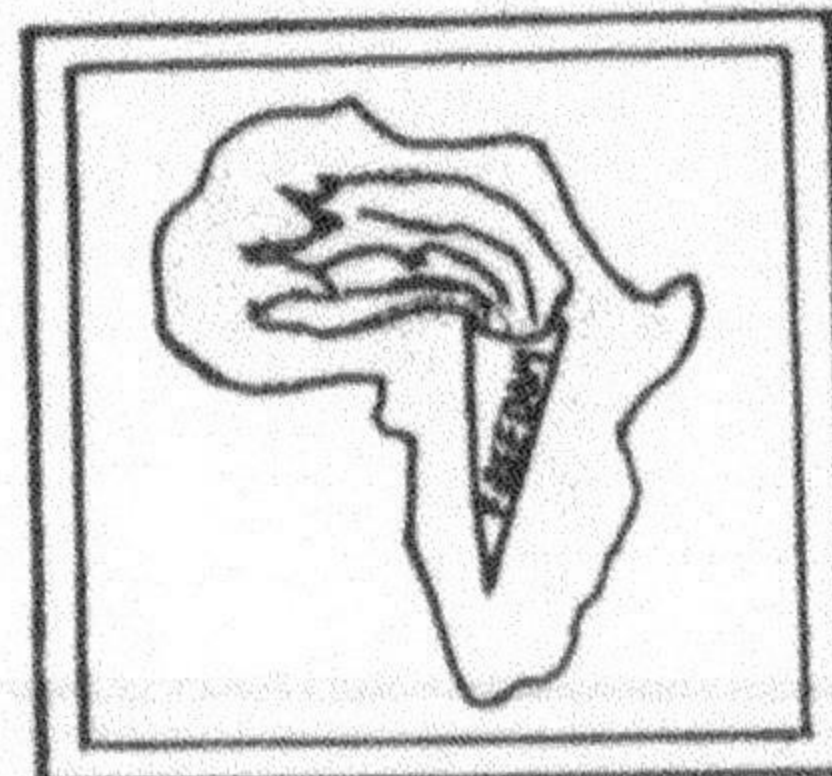
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NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 22, 1987 at 7: 30 p. m.
Urban League, corner of Livingston and Ten Broeck, Albany, New York
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: VICKI ERENSTEIN, National Lawyers Guild Chair, Committee
on Southern Africa. Recently returned from a conference on Children, Repression and the
Law in Harare, Zimbabwe.
TOPICS: Why we should work for a real South Africa sanctions bill
and
The need to organize against the reactionary legislation proposed
in Congress designed to destroy Angola and Mozambique and to isolate the
ANC and SWAPO.

AWAITING EXECUTION

In Pretoria, South Africa there are now one woman and 31 men who are await-
execution for their role in the struggle against apartheid.

Those on death row are political prisoners - convicted in South African
courts on charges directly related to the vicious government repression in
South Africa. Their trials arose as a result of the people's resistance to
the corrupt system of puppet 'community councillors,' resistance to the war
the regime is waging against the people of the townships, resistance to the
persecution of trade unionists and political activists.

A campaign to save their lives has been launched in South Africa by
the South African Youth Congress, supported by the United Democratic Front,
the Release Mandela Campaign, the National Union of Mineworkers, the South
African National Students' Congress and the National Education Crisis
Committee.

An international campaign also has been launched to save their lives.
We urge you to give strength to this urgent campaign to put so much pressure
on the apartheid regime that it will find it impossible to go ahead with the
executions.

Apartheid has been declared a crime against humanity. Join the call
for captured activists against apartheid to be accorded prisoner-of-war
status and for South Africa to become a signatory to the Geneva Convention
on the conduct of war. The

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THEIR LIVES!

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is asking people to write to:

Pres. Ronald Reagan, the White House, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. and
State Pres. P.W. Botha, Union Buildings, Pretoria, South Africa
demanding a reprieve for the 32...DON'T LET THEM HANG

YOU MAY NOT THINK YOUR LETTER WILL COUNT, BUT THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THEIR LIVES IS MAKING THIS URGENT AND CRITICAL REQUEST. EVEN IF YOU HAVE NEVER WRITTEN A LETTER OF THIS NATURE BEFORE, NOW IS THE TIME.

We usually don't push letter writing campaigns, but this month, in addition to the above request, we are also asking you to follow through on a request we made last month to write to the U.S. Senate in regard to some pending legislation which constitutes an attack on South Africans who are struggling for freedom.

Bill in Congress Needs Action

Below you will find a copy of a sample letter which we are asking you to copy or revise and then send to Senators Daniel Moynihan and Clayborn Pell, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Dear Senator _____

The recent House-passed State Department Authorization Bill, HR 1777, represents a serious attack on the people of South Africa and Namibia by placing U.S. travel restrictions on their national liberation movements, the ANC and SWAPO. And it represents an ominous disregard for First Amendment free speech rights of all Americans.

Any attempt to restrict the ability of the ANC and SWAPO to tell their story to the American people is outrageous. These victims of a repressive and racist apartheid system should not be silenced. And furthermore, attempts to silence the ANC and SWAPO could be broadly interpreted as a way to silence Americans who speak out for human rights in Southern Africa. I urge you to become a leading voice in opposing any such amendments to the Senate Foreign Relations Authorization bill, S 1394.

Sincerely,

FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO STONY BROOK...

Prof. E. Fred Dube of SUNY/Stony Brook has been denied the tenure overwhelmingly recommended by his department, by two faculty committees and by two successive university review committees; and finally deprived of his job on the basis of the false accusation of anti-Semitism.

A Black South African and a member of the ANC who was imprisoned on Robben Island and exiled for his protests against apartheid, Dr. Dube has unrelentingly fought for equality for all peoples and against all forms of racism.

Neither freedom of speech nor academic freedom are rights in South Africa. They are rights in the U.S. The denial of tenure to Dr. Dube is a denial of his rights and threatens and limits the rights of us all. Write in support of the University granting immediate tenure to Dr. Dube. Letters to: Jerome Komisar, Acting Chancellor, SUNY, State University Plaza, Albany, N.Y. 12224.

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BEHIND THE GRACELAND CONTROVERSY



Simon

Paul Simon "disgraces" the Cultural Boycott

The international call for a cultural boycott against apartheid South Africa has been violated by Paul Simon who recorded the album Graceland in South Africa. (Graceland is an ironic title for the album since it is the name of the multi-million dollar estate of Elvis Presley - a name that epitomizes the rip off of Black music, the exploitation of Rhythm 'n' Blues by Elvis.) On the album, Simon uses the South African Zulu-Swazi a cappella group, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, as back up singers. In addition to violating the cultural boycott, the exploitation of South African culture has helped catapult Paul Simon into a newly found prominence after years of a fading career. And it has also created much confusion in the anti-apartheid movement.

After the album was produced, an old friend of Simon, the South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela, came up with the idea of a Southern Africa music tour to promote Graceland. As Masekela admitted in the British Guardian (Jan 30, 1987), "He (Simon) asked what he should do, and I said 'we should seek out Miriam (Makeba) and make it a revue and all play together because that would give your thing legitimacy...'" Also joining the tour was South African guitarist Ray Phiri who has participated in pro-regime performances by performing in Namibia for the South African Defense Force.



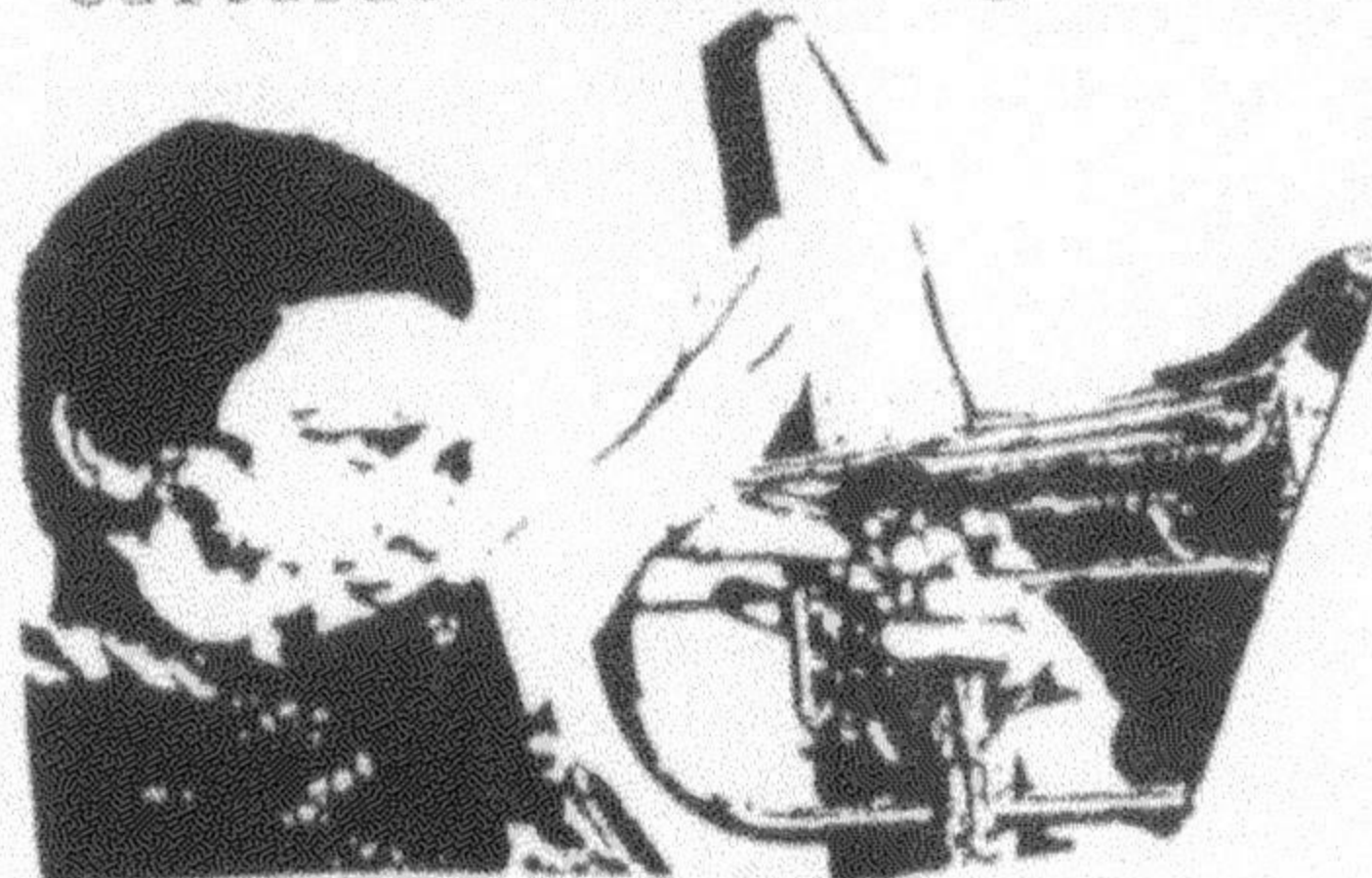
Makeba

There are those who applaud Simon for creating a wider international forum for South African music. The temptation to do this is understandable. It is difficult to hear and watch a stirring concert of South African music and not be moved. But the quality of these concerts and the emotions produced by them is not the issue here.

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Paul Simon "disgraces" the Cultural Boycott ... continued

There is something much larger at stake and that is the liberation of Southern Africa. The United Nations has called for a cultural boycott as part of an international strategy to isolate the country. The African National Congress has consistently called for a boycott of entertainers who collaborate with the regime by performing and recording in South Africa. The ANC, from its headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, has said that Paul Simon flouted the cultural boycott by recording in South Africa. Simon said he got ANC approval for the trip. The ANC emphatically denies this and ANC officials have said that Simon has made a mockery of the suffering of the South African people by misinforming journalists about the attitude of the ANC and the South African people. Shikulu Shange of the ANC says, "We see Simon's actions as a way to destroy the cultural movement against the South African apartheid system."



People all over the world have picketed and demonstrated against entertainers who violate the cultural boycott by either performing or recording in South Africa. The ANC has asked its friends in the international community to continue to support the cultural boycott in its true form. We owe the struggle no less.

Masekela
(adapted from writings on the Simon issue by Vera Michelson and Merton Simpson of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism and Elombe Brathe of Unity in Action.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

MUSIC AT PAGE THREE, 439 N. Pearl St., Albany

Fri. Oct. 23, 9 p.m. - Latin Night with Juan Vega

Sun. Oct. 25, 5-9 p.m. - Jazz with Oasis featuring Azzaam Hameed

(for more information, call Tony 465-1827 or Page Three 465-7390)

BEN LINDER FAMILY TOUR - Dr. David Linder, Ben's father, and Miriam Linder, his sister, will be here on Oct. 24 and Oct. 25. Call CASA, 434-4037 for more information about planned community presentations.

CLARIBEL ALEGRIA, Nicaraguan born, El Salvadoran poet, will read her poetry about liberation struggles. SUNY Recital Hall, Thurs. Oct. 29, 8 p.m.

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ALBANY COMMUNITY POLICE RELATIONS BOARD - The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. At the time this newsletter went to the printer, the location was not yet set - for location and more information, call Mark Mishler, Coalition representative to the Board at 462-6753. Topics to be discussed at the October meeting include the Police Department's response to the Coalition's letter demanding discipline for Officer Valerie Von Dollen Burke. In a civil rights action brought by Donald and Barbara McKeever, the jury found that Burke conducted an unreasonable search at the McKevers apartment. Also to be discussed are Police Department policies concerning surveillance of political activists and demonstrations. This is an important meeting - Coalition members are urged to attend.

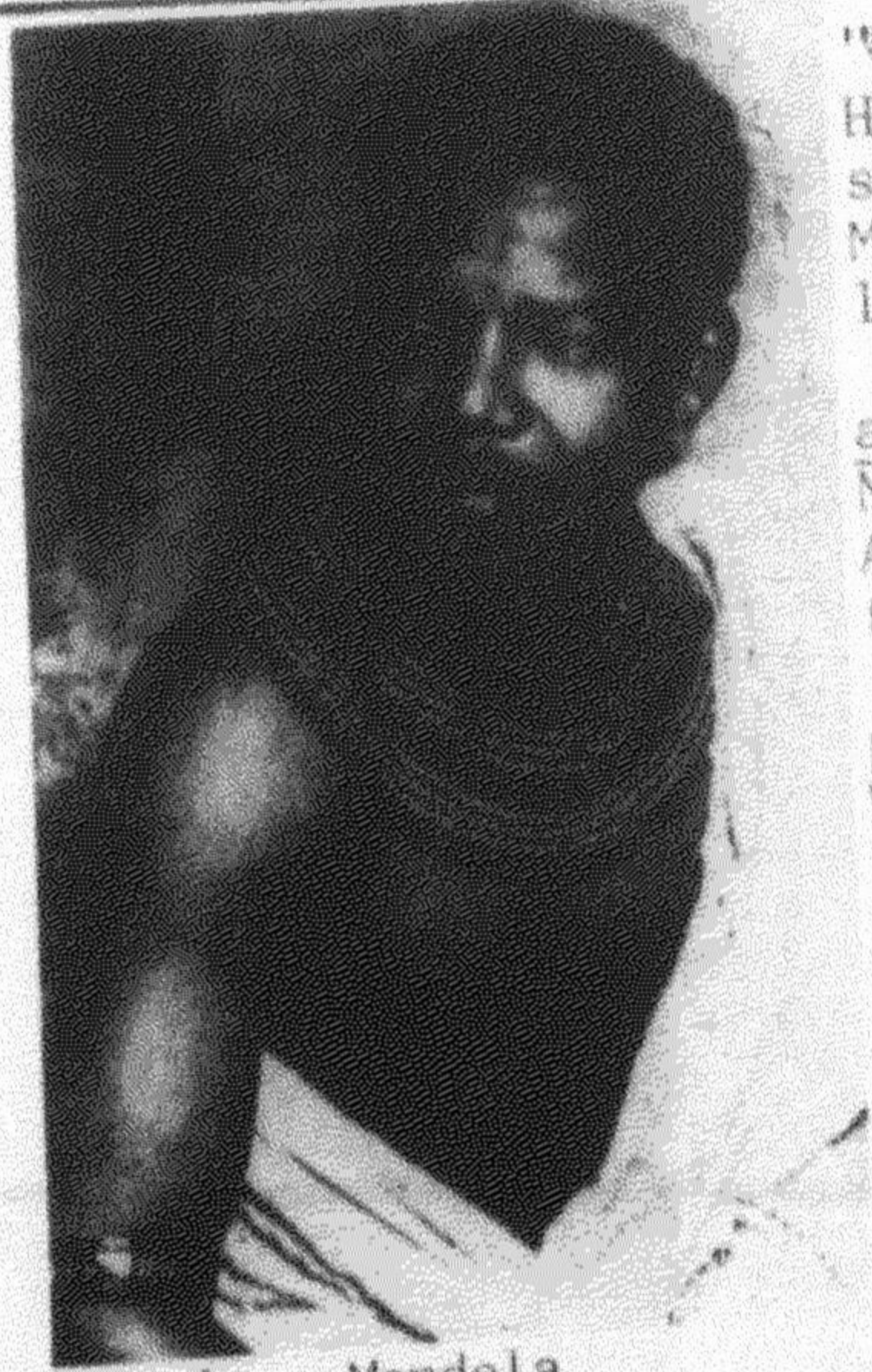
WHAT A NERVE - Detectives Kenneth Kennedy and Valerie Von Dollen Burke have filed a grievance through the Albany Police Officers Union saying the city should pick up the tab for the legal bills submitted by the private attorneys they hired to defend them in the McKeever federal civil rights lawsuit! Robert P. Roche who defended Kennedy submitted a bill for about \$11,900 and John J. Clyne who defended Burke submitted a bill for about \$12,900. Albany Corporation Counsel Vincent J. McArdle, Jr. said the city provides legal counsel if the employee wishes it. If the officers choose to retain their own lawyers, they are responsible for the fees, he said. In the McKeever case the officers were told the city would not pay for outside lawyers. "We didn't retain them and we're not paying them," said McArdle.

COALITION LAWSUIT - The 1982 lawsuit filed on behalf of Vera Michelson, Aaron Estis and the Coalition moved closer to trial with the September 1987 ruling by Judge McCurn, dismissing the plaintiffs' claims against the F.B.I. and the County of Albany. The lawsuit was filed to challenge the pre-demonstration arrest of Michelson and Estis on Sept. 21, 1981. The claims against the F.B.I. and various members of the Albany County District Attorney's Office arose out of the activities of an unidentified confidential informant. The previous decisions of the Court denying plaintiffs' certain key information about the confidential informant, in fact, shields the F.B.I. and County agents, and made it impossible for the plaintiffs to prove their claim. The trial against the City of Albany defendants will be scheduled soon. These claims charge various City police officers with the illegal arrest of Vera Michelson and Aaron Estis, the illegal denial of bail, their illegal incarceration in the Albany County jail, and the seizure by the police of certain items of "Mike's," including her telephone book, various Coalition materials about the 1981 Rugby Demonstration and personal papers.

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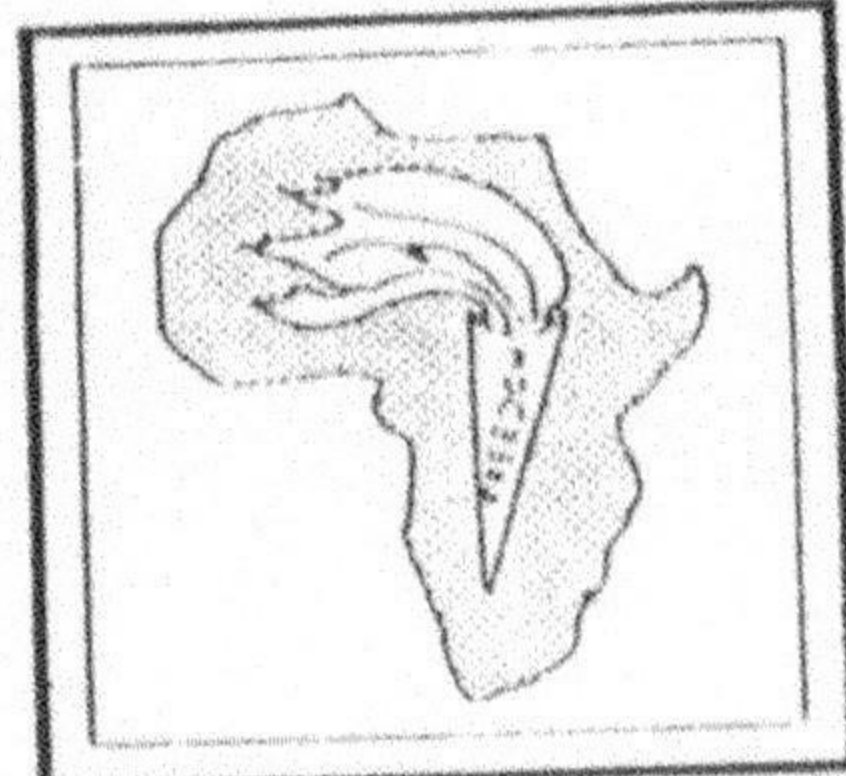
Nelson Mandela

"Mandela: The World Must Listen" was aired by HBO television in September. There has been some question about this film because Winnie Mandela objected to it, in part because she believes it lacks political direction.

However, this film offers a clearer look at apartheid South Africa, the struggle of the Mandelas, and the integrity and strength of the African National Congress than almost anything that has ever been shown on American television.

The ANC, while expressing "regret that the producers of the film did not consult with Winnie before undertaking the project," nevertheless believes "it is a true reflection of the history of the ANC and the role the Mandelas have played in the struggle against apartheid. We strongly recommend that people go to see it."

**Victory to ANC of South Africa
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NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1987 at 7:30 p. m.
Urban League, corner of Livingston and Ten Broeck, Albany, New York

TOPICS:

- **PETITION CAMPAIGN** seeking the disciplining of Albany police officer Valerie Von Dollen Burke for violating the civil rights of Black citizens of Albany (see below)
- **EDUCATION / DISCUSSION** (Barbara Winters and Naomi Jaffe)
ON NAMIBIA - the South African controlled country in South West Africa. Namibia is illegally occupied by the apartheid regime and suffers under the same racist oppression as is practiced in South Africa. (see contra map inside)

(Child care will be available)

NEWS NOTES

PETITION CAMPAIGN - The Coalition has initiated a campaign to have Det. Valerie Von Dollen Burke disciplined for her role in two cases in which she was found liable in federal court for violating the civil rights of Black residents of Albany. This officer has never been disciplined by the Police and, in fact, has been promoted. A petition is being circulated asking the Mayor and the Common Council to impose some discipline on Von Dollen Burke. For information, call Vicki Smith at 436-8757.

STUDENT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM (SCAAR) at Sunya - has taken an active part in the campaign to oppose reactionary Congressional legislation against the ANC and SWAPO of Namibia. Over 300 letters sent!

ALBANY COMMUNITY POLICE RELATIONS BOARD - The next meeting of the Board is Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Prior to this meeting the Coalition needs to evaluate its involvement with the Board. The terms of all members expire at the end of December. Any thoughts or ideas about our participation should be forwarded to Mark Mishler, Coalition representative, 462-6753.

NEWS NOTES CONTINUED

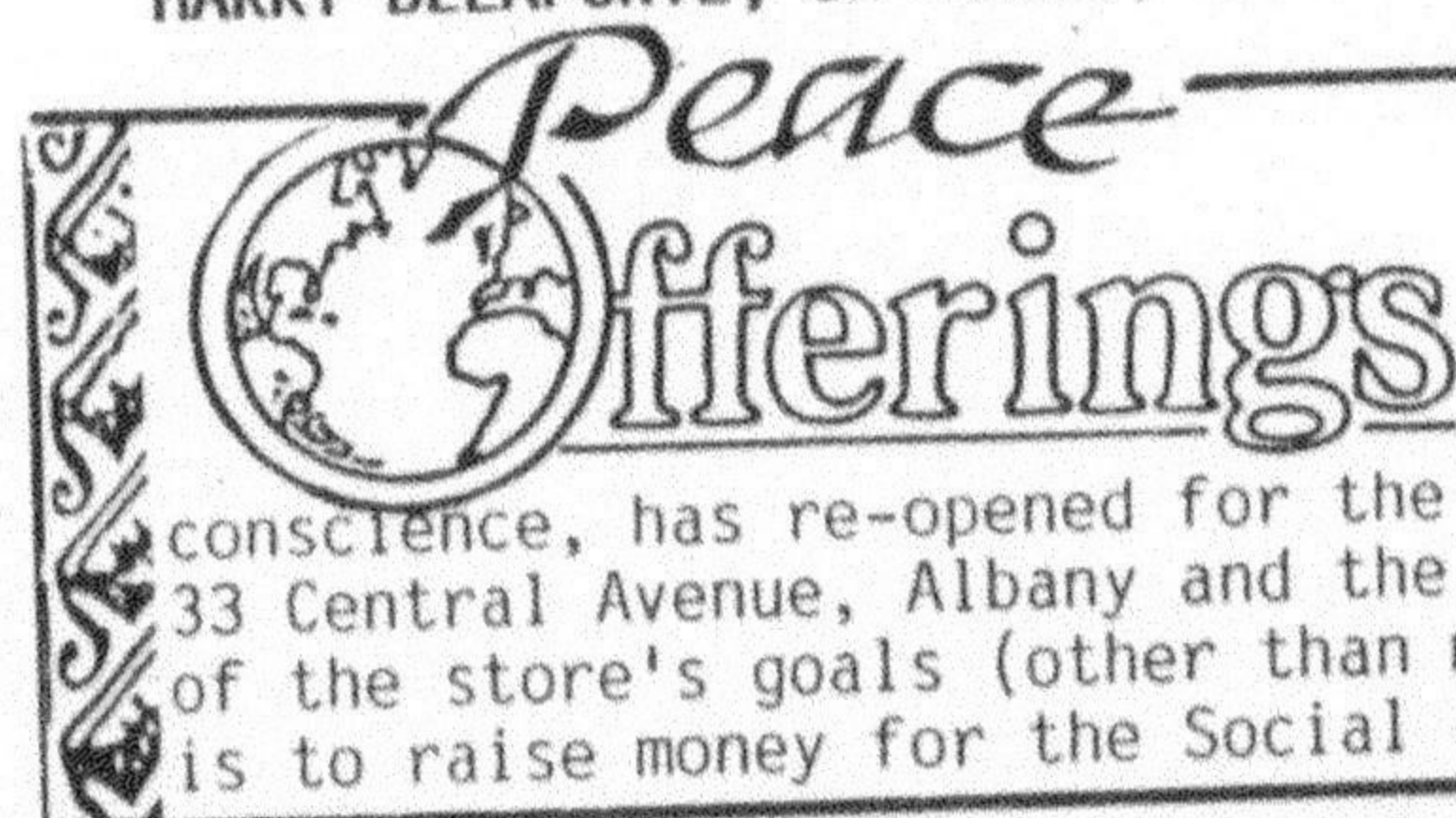
STUDY GROUPS - Many members of the Coalition have expressed a need to learn more about what is happening in Southern Africa. Study sessions have been set up to address this need. Sean Lewis and Shobna Golpa led the first discussion answering questions about their experiences as South African students and organizing in South Africa. Vicki Erenstein of the National Lawyers Guild led a discussion at the November Coalition meeting about the aggression of South Africa throughout Southern Africa and the atrocities committed by the apartheid regime beyond its borders. At another session in November, Mojaki Thulo of the ANC led a session on the Freedom Charter of South Africa. At our regular meeting in December, we have scheduled time for an educational presentation on Namibia. In Jan. and Feb. we have planned for two more study sessions - one on Mozambique and one on Angola. If you would like to participate, call 436-0562.

TALKING ABOUT LEARNING MORE...As a result of the showing of "Mandela" by HBO in October, despite some criticisms of the film, the American public had a chance to see the horrifying realities of life under apartheid and to see also a clearer picture of the ANC. Now we have available two more media events which give accounts of the oppression of the racist apartheid system and which can be considered anti-apartheid films. They are:

"Cry Freedom" a film about Stephen Biko, the Black Consciousness Leader and Donald Woods, the writer, is open now in local theaters.

"Cry! The Beloved Country" a five hour FRONTLINE series tracing South Africa's history, starting Monday, Dec. 14th at 9 p.m., Channel 17

Also, in recognition of the third national Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday there will be a **free public lecture by long-time civil rights activist, HARRY BELAFONTE**, on Tues., Jan. 19, 1988 at 10 a.m. at Siena College.

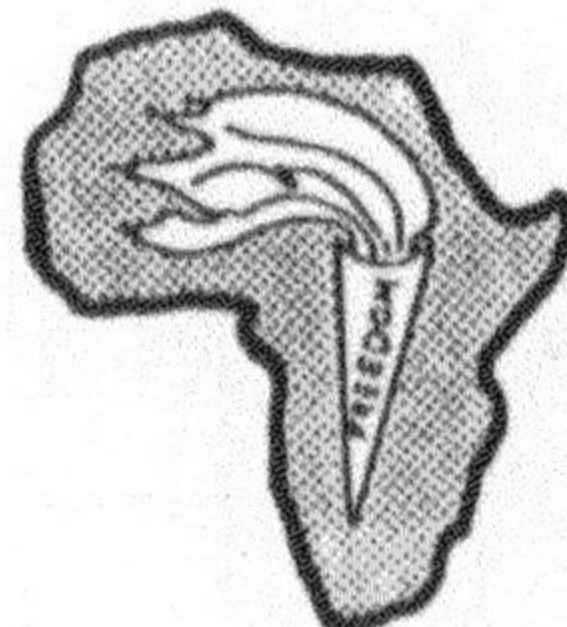


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craft and gift store with a social conscience, has re-opened for the 1987 holiday season. The store is at 33 Central Avenue, Albany and the hours are Tues. and Sat. 10-6. One of the store's goals (other than multi-cultural and political education) is to raise money for the Social Justice Center. We urge your support.

Speaking of support, please consider our plea for help which is enclosed in this newsletter. At this time of giving, put the struggle on your list

DEEPEST SYMPATHY from the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism to Vera Michelson and her family on the death of her father, Harry Michelson, 11/20/87



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Dear Friend,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As we head toward a new year and prepare for the struggles against apartheid and racism which lie ahead, we take this occasion to thank you for your past support. We know you are committed to the continuing fight against oppression and we look forward to your continued support.

We usually write asking for your help in planning projects and events or protest apartheid and racism. Sometimes we send educational information or ask you to attend a forum. **This letter is different. This time we are asking for your financial support.**

As you know, there are no membership dues for the Coalition. We raise money only from periodic fundraisers - usually twice a year.

As the new year approaches we find ourselves with very little money to operate. We need your help in order to continue the work.

Some of our current campaigns are:

- opposition to national legislation currently in Congress which would severely limit the ability of the ANC and SWAPO to inform the people of the U.S. of the struggles in South Africa and Namibia.
- educational forums
- a local campaign against police and racial violence in Albany (currently working on a drive for sanctions against Officer Von Dollen Burke - see newsletter for details)
- a monthly newsletter mailed free to over 800 people
- an ongoing commitment to expand the organization so that we can extend the work

It takes all kinds of determination, dedication, initiative, perseverance and long term commitment to make a movement. It also takes money.

We need your help!

In solidarity,

Eileen Kawola

Eileen Kawola, Newsletter Editor

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I WANT TO HELP CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
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CONTRA: A USA financed and controlled puppet army, established for the sole purpose of overthrowing a legitimate government of the people. The term was first used to describe the band of soldiers, recruited by the CIA in an effort to overthrow the Nicaraguan government and its revolution. The term CONTRA means counter-revolutionary. They perform the function of keeping American businessmen rich and powerful and the people poor and embattled.

SOUTHERN AFRICA CONTRA MAP



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ANGOLA: has been under constant attack by South Africa
UNITA: a band of Angolan contras led by Jonas Savimbi, financed by the US and South Africa. Unita is portrayed as a group of Black freedom fighters. They are not. They are contras. They attack roads, railway lines, women, children, farmland. The Cubans, at the request of the Angolans, are in Angola to help the Angolan govt. stave off the combined onslaught of SA, USA and UNITA.

NAMIBIA: has been illegally occupied by South Africa for over 20 years. Over 100,000 South African troops are enforcing apartheid in Namibia..... homelands,....shanties,....no Black voting rights, etc.

NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

SWAPO represents the aspirations of the struggling people of Namibia. Its military wing is **PLAN**, the Peoples Liberation Army of Namibia.

The **ANC** represents the struggling people of South Africa. Its military wing is **UMKHONTO WE SIZWE** (The Spear of the Nation).

THE FRONT-LINE STATES

Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Angola, Zambia, Tanzania. This does not include Namibia, which has colonial status.

MOZAMBIQUE: is also under attack by South Africa and **RENAMO:** (or Mozambique National Resistance - MNR) is the contra group in the country. Renamo is financed and run by South Africa and is responsible for the massacres of thousands of Mozambicans. At this time Renamo is not being openly funded by the US but there are moves in Congress to get this to happen.

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**"I AM A MEMBER OF THE A.N.C.
THE IDEAS FOR WHICH I WENT TO JAIL,
FOR WHICH THE A.N.C. STANDS, I STILL EMBRACE."**

Govan Mbeki, 77, who is the former national chairman of the African National Congress (ANC) was released Nov. 5, from life imprisonment after being jailed on Robben Island for 23 years.

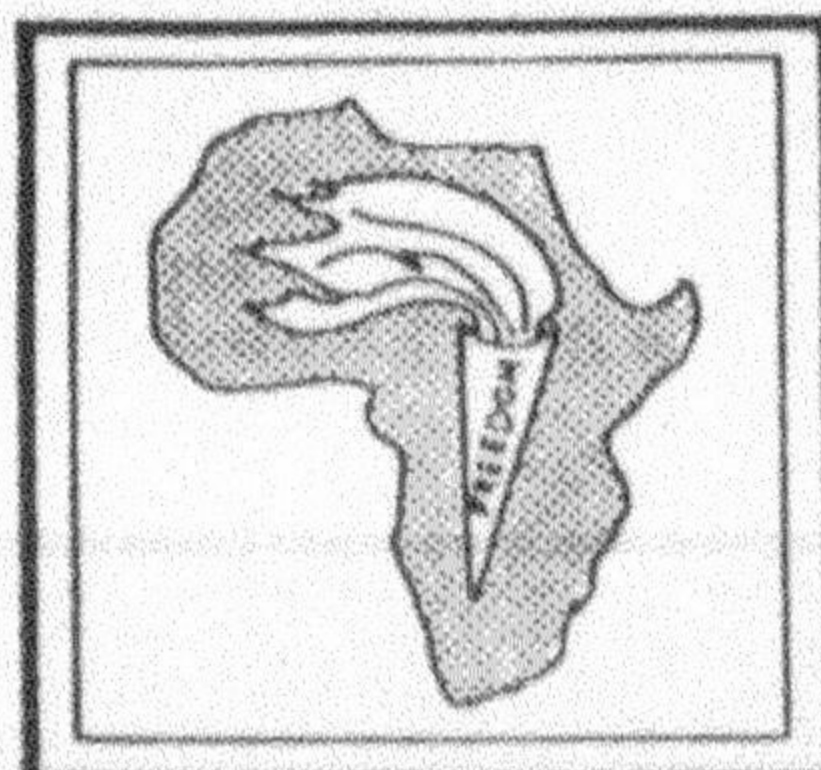
The ANC Information Dept in Lusaka, Zambia issued the following statement:

"The release...is...a victory for the democratic forces throughout South Africa and the international community who have fought relentlessly for the unconditional release of our leaders and all political detainees in South Africa.

...Even as we receive him with joy and renewed determination we remain acutely aware that his release in a real sense also means a change in prison address from the confines of Robben Island into the prison house of South Africa. His release will significantly enrich and augment the leadership of the democratic forces as a whole and as the fight continues till all are released, we say: let him speak to the people."

Victory to ANC of South Africa

Victory to SWAPO of Namibia



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NEWSLETTER

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: THURSDAY, JAN. 28, 1988 at 7:30 p. m.
Urban League, corner of Livingston and Ten Broeck, Albany, New York

TOPIC: Racial violence ... critical update

- Cases of Racial Violence - Tawana Brawley, Jimmy Lee Bruce & others
- The need for a statewide special prosecutor - Cuomo's position
- The Coalition petition campaign - Albany policewoman Von Dollen Burke

Jeff Jones and Vicki Smith will lead discussion

For Barbara Winters - December, 1988

(The following statement was made to Barbara Winters upon her resignation as Director of the Albany Urban League and her return to Connecticut)

These words were not difficult to put together. They are a collation of the reactions of the members of the Coalition who we talked to about your leaving.

The reaction became predictable. Barbara, never has there been a time, that any of us can remember, that anyone has come into our community and made such an impact in such a short time.

Your work has been insightful and steady. You are most skilled at working with all sectors of the community. You are deliberate, open, honest and caring. You live by the saying, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." This ideal has led you forward, taking others along with you.

Your contributions and initiatives in the community are endless. While others talk, you act. Sometimes they talked while you were acting, and they are still talking! Your involvement in the Coalition and your role on the steering committee have been invaluable.

Barbara, within a very short time, you said to us: "This is where I want to be!" You understood that our politics is a maze of diversity and you instinctively understood the difficult task ahead. You put on no airs and you were willing to learn and grow with us. In your work you became a symbol of the link between fighting racism here and fighting apartheid in South Africa.

Know that you have been a true sister in struggle. **A luta continua!**

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NEWS NOTES

STUDY GROUPS - The Coalition has been running monthly study sessions on what is happening in Southern Africa. In October, South African students, Sean Lewis and Shobhna Golpa, discussed their experiences as students within the country. In November, Vicki Erenstein of the National Lawyers Guild told of a conference she recently attended in Harare, Zimbabwe and the moves by the apartheid regime to destabilize and terrorize all of Southern Africa. In December, Mojaki Thulo of the ANC led a discussion of the meaning and importance of the Freedom Charter. Also in December, two members of the Coalition, Barbara Winters and Naomi Jaffe, presented information on the situation in Namibia. **Scheduled next: a discussion on Mozambique in January and one on Angola in March.** If you would like to join these study sessions, call 436-0562.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE The next meeting of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Albany Chapter, will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, 1988, in the offices of Service Employees Local 200 D, 16 Russell Road, Albany (Westgate Building, adjacent to the Westgate Shopping Center). All who are interested in working with the Black community, through the labor movement, are invited to attend. (APRI is part of the AFL-CIO)

SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTER - Peace Offerings, the craft and gift store of the Social Justice Center of Albany, raised \$3,000 for the Center during the recent holiday season. These funds provide critical help to the Center which is struggling to raise money to meet operating costs. Besides raising money, another of the store's goals is to provide multi-cultural and political education. The store will be kept open the rest of the year with shortened hours. Call 434-4037 for details.

Bowl-a-thon - On Saturday, February 27, 1987, the Social Justice Center will sponsor the second annual Bowl-a-thon as a fundraiser. If you like to bowl and could be part of a Coalition team, call 438-0309.

Volunteers needed by the Center. Each member group (the Coalition is a member group) has been asked to find volunteers to work at various jobs a few hours or days each month. Help is needed in the following areas: office work, floor and window displays, publicity, physical work on the building, fundraising. Call 438-0309 or 434-4037 if you can help out.

The Social Justice Center, made up of several organizations working on issues of peace and social justice, is an invaluable community resource. Please give your support.

NEWS NOTES CONTINUED

CRITICAL BLACK ISSUES CONFERENCE - On Saturday, February 6, 1988, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the New York State Museum at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Guided community discussions will focus on several major issues including economics, politics, education, cultural and social awareness and leadership. For more information on the conference, call (518) 885-1683 (eves.)

In this newsletter you will find a flyer with particulars of this event - please read and post where others can read it.

BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS WEEKEND - This year's weekend is planned for February 13-15. Remember the dates.

WASHINGTON OFFICE ON AFRICA - provides very comprehensive and valuable legislative updates on Southern Africa, including the latest regarding sanctions bills. If you would like more information, call 436-0562.

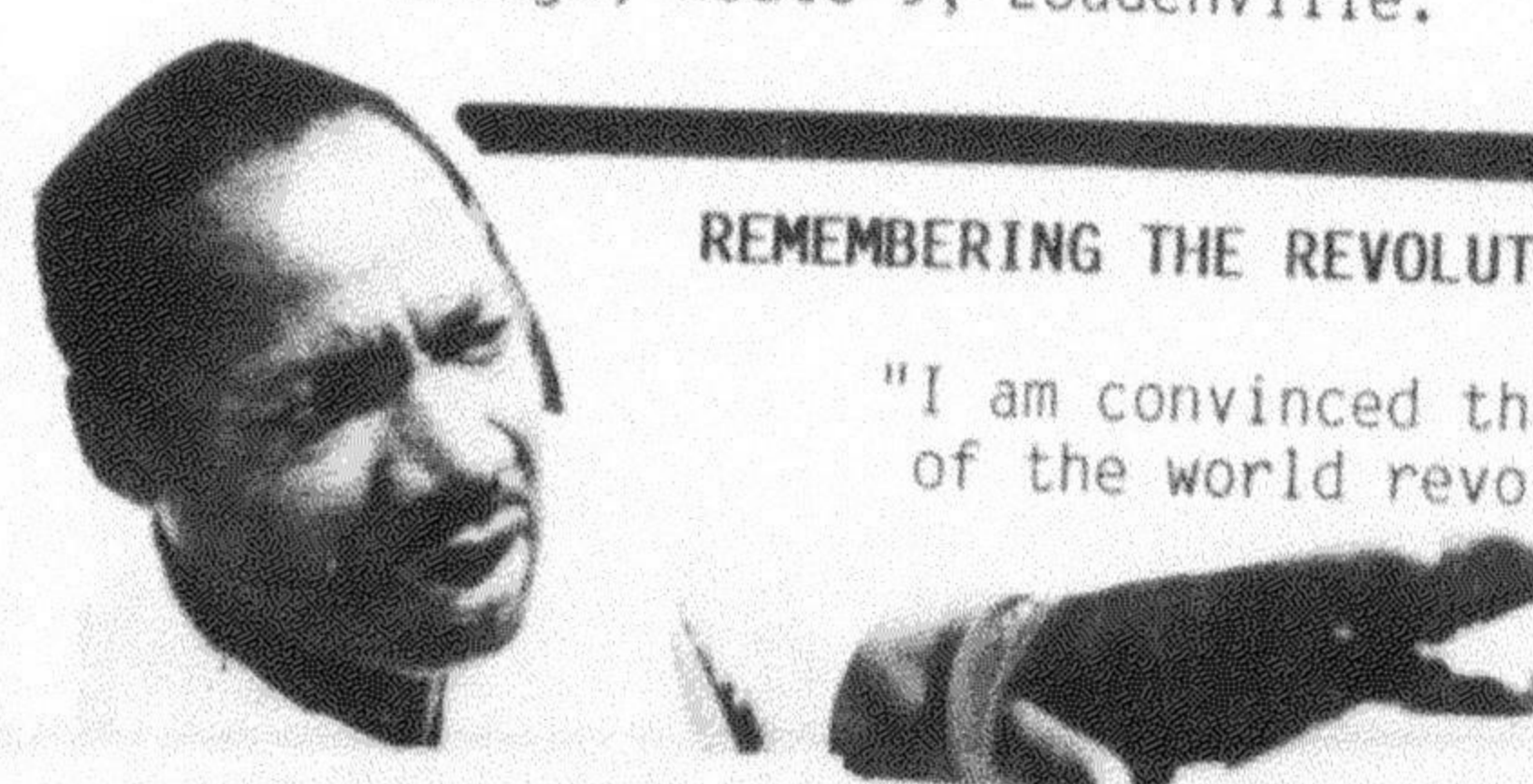
LATIN NIGHT - On Friday, January 22nd from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., there will be a Latin Night at the Imperial Room of the Thruway House on Washington Avenue in Albany. For more information, call Tony 465-1827.

CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE - UNITY AND DIVERSITY SERIES sponsored by Women and Minority Studies, Peace Studies and the Reinhold Niebuhr Institute of Siena College will present two lectures in February.

"Where do we go from here - chaos or community?" by James Lawson, Pres. of the Los Angeles chapter of the SCLC and former Martin Luther King colleague and co-worker - on February 1st at 8:00 p.m.

"African International Ethos" slide show and lecture by Marta Moreno Vega - on February 15th at 8:00 p.m.

Both programs will take place in Room 202, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Route 9, Loudenville.



REMEMBERING THE REVOLUTIONARY VALUES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

"I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must begin the shift from a "thing oriented" society to a person oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of **racism, materialism and militarism** are incapable of being conquered." M.L. King

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INTERNATIONAL APARTHEID CONFERENCE



Damu Smith, Director of the Washington Office on Africa, Vera Michelson, Co-chair of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, Albany, New York and Art Kamel of WESTPAC at international conference in Tanzania.

ANC Present for First Time

More than 500 delegates from all over the world, travelled to Arusha, Tanzania, to attend an Anti-Apartheid conference called by the African National Congress, the vanguard of the liberation movement in South Africa.

Vera Michelson, of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, was part of the 14-member US delegation to the conference, which consisted of representatives of governments, non-governmental organizations, solidarity organizations, national liberation movements of several countries and the South African democratic movement inside the country. The conference was entitled, "PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AGAINST APARTHEID FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA."

The following is a conversation with Vera Michelson.

Q: Anti-Apartheid conferences are being held all the time. What was special, or different or significant about this one?

A: This was the first time in the history of the liberation movement that the ANC has been able to sit down with the international community to discuss strategies to more effectively isolate South Africa. The actual work of the conference was done in four commissions:

- 1) Pretoria's policy of aggression against the frontline states.
- 2) Mobilization of people's sanctions.
- 3) The international isolation of the Apartheid regime.
- 4) New perspectives on international solidarity.

It was in the commissions that strategies were hammered out to set an agenda for the international movement, which will push the struggle forward to keep up with the escalating resistance inside South Africa.

Q: How does the African National Congress fit into the internal or external struggle?

A: The time has come for the world to understand that the South African regime is absolutely illegitimate. The people's movement in South Africa is fully behind the ANC. Freedom fighters from inside the country who spoke under strict security measures repeatedly told of the vanguard role of the ANC. One unnamed representative of COSATU (the largest and most powerful trade union federation in South Africa) said: "The ANC lives among our people, it is within our people...they are instruments of liberation."

Q: Why should the ANC receive full support from the international community?

A: It is the will of the mass democratic movement inside the country. That same COSATU representative said: "We want to inform the Conference and the international community that we don't see the need for any other national liberation movement, except the ANC. The ANC is an organ of unity. It was founded on the principle of broad unity amongst our people. In its policies and constitution there is room, and a home for all kinds of belief, for all men and women who are serious and true compatriots. The struggle is not playing games. Men, women and children are daily imprisoned, tortured and killed. We don't want to encourage the existence of the Savimbi's and the Renamos'. Thus we appeal to the international community to help us avoid it. Only the fascist, racist white minority and Reagan will encourage the existence of a third force."

You see, the issue is critical now, because the South African government and its Western allies, are trying to promote puppets like Gatscha Buthelezi and his Inkatha movement. These people are not legitimate and do not represent the people. They are being promoted by the SA government in a desperate attempt to divide the forces of democracy and freedom and to sow confusion.

The mass democratic movement inside the country, organizations like COSATU, the UDF (the largest political grouping in the country), the youth, student, women's organizations, etc., not only support the program of the ANC, which enshrines non-racialism and democracy but also support the ANC as the nucleus of the government in exile.

Q: What do people in the US have to do with all this?

A: Simply being Anti-Apartheid is not enough. The liberation movement needs our concrete support. There is no middle ground. We are either supporting the ANC, or the regime. In his address to the conference, President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania said: "...the task of the ANC is to continue the struggle and the task of non-racialists everywhere is to support them."

Q: How does the solidarity/anti-apartheid movement in the United States compare with movements in other countries?

A: Britain and the Scandinavian countries have strong movements which are not fragmented. The Socialist countries and most of the African nations support

the liberation movement. Even Japan now has a growing Anti-Apartheid movement which is working to prevent Japanese companies from moving into South Africa to replace disinvesting companies. In the US we tend to go in spurts and jogs. We have a tendency to support an issue if it is fashionable. I sometimes think we have very short attention spans.

Q: How does the conference see the role of the US in the future?

A: We have to build on the important victories that we have won in this country. Our task here is to advance the effort to win real and complete sanctions against Pretoria. We also have to educate people about the atrocities SA is committing in Namibia, Angola and Mozambique in particular. Our work is cut out for us.

Q: What are the future plans of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism? Will the conference affect your work?

A: The conference will help us to focus our work in the solidarity movement. We are already holding teach-ins so that our members can become more knowledgeable about SA's role in creating chaos, death and starvation in the whole of Southern Africa. We will be working on the sanctions bill and perhaps a material aid campaign to give concrete financial assistance to Liberation movement.

We can also never forget that our country's foreign policy is just a reflection of its domestic policy. It is for this reason that it is just as necessary to fight against racism in the US. We are therefore conducting a petition campaign to have action taken against police officer, Valerie Van Dollen Burke, for twice violating the civil rights of Black citizens in Albany.

We invite anyone who believes racism inside or outside the US is a crime against humanity, to join us in our fight against this crime.

Call 436-0562 to get involved.



(The above article is a reprint from The Scene, January, 1988)