



**Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid
and Racism**

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, New York 12203

A Project of the Social Justice Center

January 25, 1993

Dear Friend,

1992 has ended but the problems we have faced in the past year have not. Violence rages on in South Africa and in the U.S.A.

We look forward to 1993 with hope and new energy; hope that we will continue the work that we have begun together and energy to pull it off successfully.

As you remember at our last study group we decided that it was time for action. We decided to organize a forum which would address the issues of violence in South Africa and violence here at home. We agreed that we wanted this to be a dynamic evening with emphasis on attendance and participation by youth.

We are hoping to have a member of the Albany Service Corps and Brooklyn Assemblyman Roger Green participate on this panel along with other guests. We also need to think about a cultural component for the evening.

Our next meeting will be this Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31 at 3:00p.m. at "Mike"'s house, 13 Pennsylvania Ave. Dinner will be served after the meeting for those who would like to stay. Please call "Mike" at 436-0562 if you cannot make the meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone...it's been a long time since our last study group.

Sincerely,

Vera "Mike" Michelson

Barry Walston

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME : Mlungisi (Lulu alias) JOHNSON
DATE OF BIRTH : 05 February 1964
PLACE OF BIRTH : Keiskamahoek, South Africa
NATIONALITY : South African

QUALIFICATIONS

Passed Standard Nine
Now enrolled with The College for Public Administration for:
Public Administration and Management

EXPERIENCE

Current
ANC Youth League Deputy President
EDT Trustee

1990 - 1992
National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) Eastern Cape Organiser
ANC New Brighton Branch secretary
ANC Youth League Eastern Cape Regional Chairperson

1989
Media Training with : Grassroots; Community Video and Education Trust; Community Education
Computer Society; SOUTH (newspaper); Omar Badsha (Photography) and
Community Arts Project

1986 - 1989
State of Emergency detentions

1984 - 1986
COSAS President

1982 - 1984
COSAS Secretary General

1981 - 1982
Young Christian Workers Eastern Cape Secretary

1979 - 1980
Joined Young Christian Workers and COSAS respectively.



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To	Diana Ritter	From	V. Michelson
Co.	CD CAAR	Co.	
Dept.		Phone #	518-438-1366
Fax #	473-9593	Fax #	

To: Diana Ritter, Associate Commis. for Admin.
From: Vera Michelson CD CAAR
Re: Y.O.P Involvement in Forum
Date: Feb. 22, 1993

As you know, we are seeking the endorsement of the Youth Opportunity Program for a forum we are planning for March 16th. Endorsing organizations are expected to contribute a minimum of \$10.00 to help defray expenses and to encourage their constituents to attend. We feel that the involvement of the Y.O.P program would be an important dynamic in the accomplishment of the goals we are trying to achieve with this effort.

The following description of the program and the attached flier should help with your decision on whether the Y.O.P. can sign on as an endorser. We'll need your response by March 10. Checks should be made out to CD CAAR and sent to our P.O. Box.

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February 23, 1993

Lloyd Stewart, Director
Urban League
95 Livingston Ave.
Albany, N.Y. 12207

Dear Mr. Stewart,

We are seeking the endorsement of the Urban League for a program on March 16th. Endorsing organizations are expected to contribute a minimum of \$10.00 to help defray expenses and to encourage their constituents to attend. I recently spoke with Michael Hurt regarding the Urban League's involvement and he suggested that I be in touch with you.

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Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Cochair

cc M. Hurt

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Ms. Eileen Kawala
GD-CAAP
Box 2003 Pine Hills Station
Albany, New York, 12203

March 1, 1993

Dear Eileen Kawala,

Greetings from Mozambique.

I trust you received my letter written on December 24, 1992 in which I acknowledged the receipt of your check for \$250.00 which once again we want to thank you.

Part of this money we used to buy material to make 6 portable blackboards. You will see 4 of them in the pictures I am enclosing.

The other part of the money was used to buy school material for the first semester for 63 students who are orphans of the war. This material includes books, workbooks, notebooks and pens for taking notes.

We trust that it will be possible for you to continue to help these students so that we will be able to buy material for the second semester. Beside those 63 students we have hundreds of others who need help, you know.

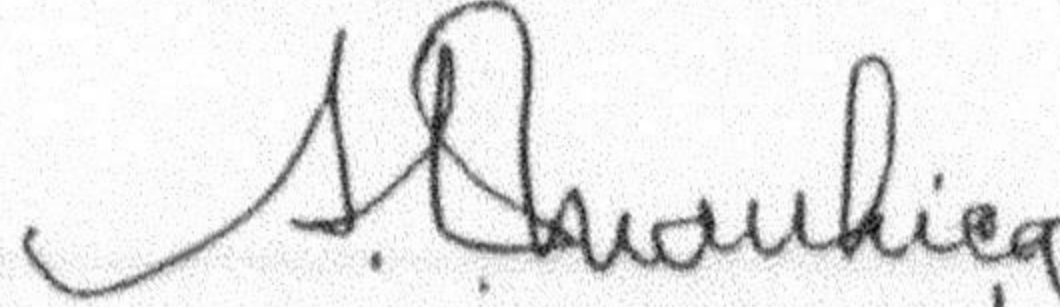
All the school children in the country now use uniforms but for these children in the Primary School of Mucatine, this is a luxury. Perhaps in the future this will also be possible if the money is enough.

I trust that the pictures that we include will give you some idea of what you are doing to help these children. Maybe they can be used to explain to others the situation, also.

I hope that this letter will arrive and that it will find you and your friends well. We are so happy now to have PEACE in Mozambique but that means there is even more than ever to be done.

In the name of these children and the Director of the Primary School of Mucatine, I thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Simiao Manhica



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March 1, 1993

Dear Endorser,

Thank you for agreeing to endorse the upcoming panel entitled:
Promote The Peace, Stop The Violence to be held on March 16.
Your support is vital to the success of this program.

Our hope is that you will distribute fliers to your membership
and encourage them to attend. If you need more fliers please
call 432-4623 and we will be pleased to furnish more.

Checks of \$10.00 or more should be made out to CD CAAR and sent
to CD CAAR P.O.Box 3002, Albany, N.Y. 12206 by March 10th.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your members on March
16.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson

Vera Michelson, CD CAAR

Barry Walston

Barry Walston, Service Corps



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PROMOTE THE PEACE STOP THE VIOLENCE

IN OUR COMMUNITIES

and

IN SOUTH AFRICA

SPEAKERS

HON. ROGER GREEN



NY Assemblyman from Brooklyn. Assemblyman Green is at the forefront of struggles for peace and justice here in New York and internationally. He is an aggressive advocate for a domestic peace agenda focusing on youth.

DUMISANI KUMALO



Coordinator, Africa Fund's Stop the Apartheid Violence Campaign. Mr. Kumalo tours the U.S. campaigning to influence America's foreign policy towards South Africa. He will give us an update on the current situation.

JONAH SCOTT

Albany Service Corps Youth

THERESA WILLIAMS

South African Youth

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
7:00 P.M.

ARBOR HILL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Lark St., Albany; Near Whitney Young

Presented By:

CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM AND ALBANY SERVICE CORPS

SPONSORS (partial list): Carver Community Center; Center for Law and Justice; New York State Youth Council; Albany NAACP; Akande Delta; Capital District Builders of Educational Achievement; Sigma Phi Rho Inc.; Women's Building; M&M Groceries, Albany; Black Women's Coalition; Urban League of the Albany Area Inc.; Campus Action/St. Rose; Boy's and Girl's Club of Albany; 7th Day Adventist Church. For more information call 432-4623.

March 10, 1996

Dumisani Kumalo
ACOA
198 Broadway
N.Y., N.Y

Dear Dumisani,

Please review the attached narrative description of the March 16th program.

In our conversation yesterday we agreed that you would speak about the violence in South Africa and give an update on the current political situation inside the country.

If we are fortunate enough to secure an ANC touring youth member for the evening we would make the appropriate adaptations in length and content of the presentations.

If the program remains as is, both you and Assemblyman Green will speak for twenty minutes and the youth representative, Jonah Scott will speak for ten minutes. There will be time for questions and answers.

We will be expecting you at the Arbor Hill Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on March 16th. The trip from New York should take you approximately three hours. Can you drive the ANC youth representative if one decides to come? You will be reimbursed for all expenses.

The directions are as follows: From the Thruway take exit 23, Albany. After the exit you will see 787 North. Take it until you see the sign for Boston/Buffalo (I 90 West). Go towards

Buffalo veering left at the fork. Get off at I 90 at the sign that says Arbor Hill. Go straight for short distance, see sign..Livingston Ave....get off at Livingston Ave. exit, take a left on Livingston, go down Livingston a few blocks until Ten Broeck Pl. take a left(will see the school), take a shirt right onto Colonie and a quick left onto Arbor Drive. The school is on your left across from Whitney Young Health Center which is on your right.

Looking forward to seeing you Dumisani. Your visit to Albany is long overdue.

In struggle,

Vera Michelson

cc: Roger Green
Kingsly ANC
Jonah Scott

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TO: Alice Green
FROM: Anita Thayer
DATE: March 29, 1993
RE: April 1, 1993 interview with Lulu Johnson

Enclosed please find the flyer for Thursday night, and some current material about the present situation in South Africa. From what I understand, Mr. Johnson is a very informed and involved person--and has been especially involved in the preparation for elections in South Africa.

Thanks for your help ^{on April 1} in this matter Mr. Johnson will be at AMC Radio on 1:00 p.m. to be interviewed by the news staff. Let me know what you want to do about your program.

He can answer questions such as:

1. How soon does he expect elections to be held in which all South Africans can vote?
2. What has really changed since 1990 (when Mandela was released) for ordinary black South Africans?
3. Why does the ANC participate in elections when the right-wing elements continue to engage in violence towards black people with the cooperation of the government.
4. Why does the ANC/Mandela believe that the white government will give up political power?
5. What kind of preparation is the ANC doing so people will understand the voting process?



6. Does the ANC intend to invite international observers to ensure a fair election?

7. What can people in the U.S. do to ensure that true and fair elections are held?

8. Are there still economic sanctions against South Africa?

9. What is the status of the new constitution? How will minority rights be protected? - *How do we ensure that a* ^{just} *constitution which guarantees apartheid*

10. What is the U.S. doing to promote an end to apartheid and democracy in South Africa?

11. As a detainee during the State of Emergency, do you have any personal reaction to your leader, Nelson Mandela, negotiating with your former jailer?

12. What will be the future role of the South African military? Is anything being done to ensure the military's cooperation with the negotiations?

*Can the present police force ^{with the army, etc.} be safely
disarmed and incorporated into a new police force*

*What things you need from
U.S. ally*



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March 30, 1993

Eddie Jackson
Sabosa
Sugar Hill
B 3, Apt. 10
Troy, N.Y. 12180

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I am writing this letter as a follow up to our recent discussions regarding our request for funding from SABOSA.

As you know, CD CAAR has been consistently active in the Capital District since its' inception in 1981. Our overhead costs have been low but our energy level has been high. (Please see the attached 10 year program of activities)

This year we are assessing our work...resources, direction, recruitment, outreach, political climate.. We are doing this in an active way, redefining ourselves as we approach each project and as we incorporate new members. This process has been exciting and dynamic. It also leads us to believe that it is a perfect time to request assistance from SABOSA.

As you know, we had been planning a program on violence in South Africa and violence here at home. One of the featured speakers was to be Ass. Roger Green from Brooklyn. You also know that the program got sabotaged by the Blizzard of '93.

The follow up to the previously planned program has broken down into two events.

The first is on April 1 at SUNYA when we will be honored to host, along with the Albany Service Corps and Sigma Phi Rho, the Deputy Speaker of the African National Congress Youth League who is currently on a U.S.A. tour. (See attached flier)

Additionally, Ass. Green has asked us to function as the host committee for a statewide youth workshop which will be held sometime this Spring in Albany, probably May. The workshop will deal with a domestic peace agenda for youth in New York State. Strategies coming out of the workshop will focus on various areas of grassroots and/or legislative organizing.

We are pleased to be asked to facilitate Capital District attendance at this event and we look forward to taking this role seriously.

These are but a few of the things CD CAAR is focussing on currently. While we always try to minimize expenses, phone bills, reproduction of fliers and materials, costs for mailing and distribution of same, and promotional expenses do add up.

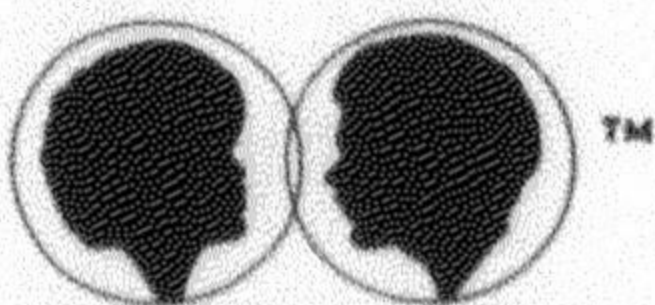
We are hoping that SABOSA will be able to assist us financially with a contribution of \$200. That contribution will go a long way in allowing us to continue our work which we feel is so desperately needed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Co Chair

cc: Merton Simpson



SABOSA, INC. P.O. Box 2068, Albany, N.Y. 12220

April 7, 1993

Vera Michelson
CDCAAR
Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Vera,

We are in receipt of your March 30 letter concerning some of your projects, particularly the planned statewide youth workshop.

We realize fully the impact of operational expenses.

We are pleased to forward a contribution in the amount of \$200.00 with the sincere hope that it will be of assistance in carrying the important work of CDCAAR.

It was nice of you to drop by SABOSA's First Friday last month. We hope that you do that more often and invite your associates to join you.

Sincerely,

Eddie Jackson
President

An important quality of black life



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April 12, 1993

Reverend Bob Lamar
Executive Director
Capital Area Council of Churches
901 Madison Ave.
Albany, N.Y. 12208

Dear Bob,

Just a brief note to tell you how much we appreciated meeting with you and the program committee of the Council of Churches.

Clayton left Albany feeling positively about the possible support that could be generated for the election process in South Africa and for other kinds of desperately needed assistance in the future once a new government takes hold.

I personally enjoyed meeting with you and the committee since everyone there is so deeply rooted in long histories of struggle for what is right, here and abroad.

By way of update, an all party meeting was held in South Africa in early April. An agenda for the next meeting was established but as far as we know, no date has been set for the election.

The brutal assassination of Chris Hani has thrown everything off now.. Hani was loved and respected throughout the country. He had a special following amongst the youth. We know that the process will continue somehow but the pain and anger South Africa is going through clearly needs to be understood.

I have been in contact with the American Committee on Africa (Africa Fund) and they are in the process of devising a plan of action to assist the democratic process in South Africa. They have been instrumental in coordinating a Religious Action Network over the years. As soon as they have completed their plans they will let us know and we will pass the information on to you.

In the meantime, if you could share this information with the committee, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

Vera

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Co Chair

cc: Dumisani Kumalo,
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Network, Africa Fund



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John McDonald
380 Riverside Dr. # 1-B
N.Y., N.Y. 10025

Dear John,

On April 1 and April 2 CD CAAR hosted the visit of Clayton Lillienfeldt to Albany, N.Y. Following is a brief description of of the scheduled program:

1. Meeting with Rev. Bob Lamar, Director of the Council of Churches and the Social Action Program Committee. The committee seemed interested in assisting. CD CAAR will follow up with a letter indicating possible areas of work and will also contact ACOA for suggestions.
2. Meeting with Mitchell Livingston, Vice President of Student Affairs. He seemed interested in increasing the number of S.A. students on campus and in working with the ANC Youth League. He needs proposals and requests. Clayton told him that the Youth League would be getting in touch with him officially. ANC Youth League needs to follow up.
3. Attended Governor Cuomo's Summit Conference on Youth. No commitments made. Spoke with conference reporter.
4. Toured Albany Service Corps Programs - met with students and staff regarding program goals.
5. Met with Kate Hassim, Asst. Director for State Division for Youth. Gave verbal commitments on continuing support from the division and The Black Social Workers. ANC Youth League needs to follow up.
6. Was interviewed for one hour on WAMC radio, local public broadcasting.
7. Spoke at SUNY Albany to 100+.

We feel that the follow up from this national tour is critical.

It appears that interest was sparked and some commitments were made around the country. Coordinated follow up from this tour is absolutely necessary if the commitments are going to be turned into action. Is there a plan for this? Does the tour committee have an on going function? Does the ANC have someone designated to follow up? Do we have a national sense of the commitments that were made?

Also, as a result of this tour we have been inspired to send a representative from CD CAAR to the Youth Conference in Johannesburg in July. Do you know who will be handling the logistics on this side? Could the host sites of the U.S. tour be invited to send delegates to the conference?

These are just some of the questions we have John. We don't mean to make more work for you. You are probably still trying to catch up on your sleep. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Vera

Vera Michelson
Co Chair

cc:Lindiwi Mabuza
Madala Mthemba
Wantu
Jane Draper
Lulu Johnson

Clayton Lillientfeldt



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April 15, 1993

Denys Blell
Ass. to the President for Diversity
Office of Diversity
Siena College
515 Loudon Rd.
Loudenville, N.Y. 12211

Dear Mr. Blell,

Just a brief note to thank you for your support for our speaking engagement at Siena on March 3, 1993.

Because of the support from your office and the Office of Women and Minority Studies, we were able to send a check to the Mocatini School in Mozambique (see attached flier). Eileen Kawola sent the check on April 3 with a letter indicating the source of the funds.

I am quite sure that the teachers at the school will be touched by your generosity and will use the money for much needed supplies.

Once again thank you for all your assistance.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Co Chair

April 16, 1993

To CD-CAAR Steering Committee:

I've enclosed some recent correspondence to keep you updated on some of the things CD-CAAR has been doing.

There are two letters which were sent to Mozambique - reporting to the people there on our progress in regard to the Mocatini School project and the Methodist church. Also there is a flyer of the program as Siena which Nil arranged and which raised \$475.00 for the school project. At Street Academy we raised, through donations and pizza sales, \$327.00 We are waiting for a donation from J.C.A. as well.

Also you will find a press statement from ACOA in support of the inclusion of a woman's charter in the new South African constitution and a statement from the Women's National Coalition in South Africa which is spearheading this drive. We have endorsed the ACOA campaign and have done some outreach to get other groups to do the same.

As you know, I complain a few times a year about the newsletter and the work and responsibility it entails. Now I would like to express a different concern about the newsletter and that is that it is not a true representation of our organization - in other words it makes us look more legitimate than we are. Some times, in the words of my students, I feel like I am perpetrating a fraud. When I feel compelled to send you information about what the organization is doing, I wonder whether we really have an organization. I hope that we can have a steering committee meeting in May that will address some very concrete issues about where we are heading.

Sincerely, and in hope,
Eileen



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April 17, 1993

Dear Endorser,

Just a brief note to thank you your support in recent months of our organizing efforts.

As you know, our forum, Promote the Peace, Stop the Violence had to be canceled because of the blizzard. It was a judgement call on our part. We felt that even though the blizzard happened two days before the date of the forum, we could not guarantee a proper audience for two out of town speakers.

Shortly afterwards however, we were fortunate enough to host the visit of Clayton Lillienfeldt, an African National Congress(ANC) Youth League representative who was touring the U.S.

His visit was quite successful and included: a meeting with the Vice President of Student Affairs SUNYA, Mitchell Livingston; the Director of the Capital Area Council of Churches, Rev. Bob Lamar and the Assistant Director of the New York State Division for Youth, Kate Hassim. The ANC rep. also attended the Governor's summit on youth, was interviewed for one hour on Alice Green's show on WAMC radio show, Minority Forum and spoke at a public forum at SUNYA in the evening.

The next phase of our effort will be to work with Assemblyman Roger Green on a statewide youth workshop to held in Albany at a date to be announced.

We know that from our communications with you that there is keen interest in this project and we will update you as we get more concrete information.

If you have any questions please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Vera Michelson 436-0562 H

Barry Walston
Barry Walston 438-3163 H

P.S. If you
haven't sent in
your #10 ENDORSER CONTRIBUTION
PLEASE MAIL IT TO: CD CAAR
PO Box 3002
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April 19, 1993

Lindiwe Mabuza, Deputy Chief
ANC
Box 15575
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Lindiwe,

We were recently honored to host the visit of ANC Youth League Representative, Clayton Lillienfeldt to Albany, N.Y. The visit was quite productive in that during his brief stay we were able to arrange meetings with the Director of the Council of Churches, the Vice President of Student Affairs of SUNY, Albany, and the Assistant Director of the New York State Division of Youth. Commitments for future assistance was given at each of these meetings.

Comrade Lillienfeldt also attended the Governor's Summit on Youth, spoke at an evening public forum and participated in an hour long radio interview.

Another result of the of the visit is that we have been inspired to send a CD CAAR representative to Johannesburg for the ANC Youth Conference in July.

In order to pursue this we need more precise information on the logistics of the trip (travel arrangements, hotels, costs, conference fees etc.), and we need to know who is making these arrangements for the U.S. delegation.

We also need a conference agenda as soon as possible. We are hoping to facilitate sponsorship by attaching the conference agenda to any requests for financial assistance.

Finally, it would not be proper to close this letter without mentioning the beloved Chris Hani. I remember the impassioned speech he gave in New Haven when he toured the United States. Thinking of the cold blooded assassination evokes a range of

emotion. Hopefully his passing will inspire us to work harder in the struggle for which he paid dearly.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Co Chair

cc: Madala Mthembu
Lulu Johnson
Jane Draper



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CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM AND
THE ALBANY SERVICE CORPS PRESENT A COMMUNITY FORUM ENTITLED:
PROMOTE THE PEACE, STOP THE VIOLENCE. THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ARBOR HILL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL ON LARK ST.

ASSEMBLYMAN ROGER GREEN FROM BROOKLYN WILL TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE IN
OUR COMMUNITIES AND DUMISANI KUMALO (pronounced Du-mi-sa-nee
Ku-ma -lo) WILL TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

BOTH SPEAKERS ARE DYNAMIC ORGANIZERS AND STAND IN THE FOREFRONT
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IN OUR COMMUNITIES

and

IN SOUTH AFRICA

SPEAKERS

HON. ROGER GREEN



NY Assemblyman from Brooklyn. Assemblyman Green is at the forefront of struggles for peace and justice here in New York and internationally. He is an aggressive advocate for a domestic peace agenda focusing on youth.

DUMISANI KUMALO



Coordinator, Africa Fund's Stop the Apartheid Violence Campaign. Mr. Kumalo tours the U.S. campaigning to influence America's foreign policy towards South Africa. He will give us an update on the current situation.

JONAH SCOTT

Albany Service Corps Youth

THERESA WILLIAMS

South African Youth

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
7:00 P.M.

ARBOR HILL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Lark St., Albany; Near Whitney Young

Presented By:

CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM AND ALBANY SERVICE CORPS

SUPPORTERS (partial list): Carver Community Center; Center for Law and Justice; New York State Youth Council; Albany NAACP; Akande Phi Delta; Capital District Builders of Educational Achievement; Sigma Phi Rho Inc.; Women's Building; M&M Groceries, Albany; Black Women's Coalition; Urban League of the Albany Area Inc.; Campus Action/St. Rose; Boy's and Girl's Club of Albany; 7th Day Adventist Church. For more information call 432-4623.

Ms. Eileen Kawola
Capital District Coalition A.A.R.
Box 3002 Pine Hills Station
Albany, New York, 12202

April 29, 1993

Dear friend:

Thank you for your letter of April 7 which left me somewhat confused. On March 1st I sent you a letter and some pictures of the teachers with the blackboards which apparently did not arrive. I am sending a copy of the letter so you will know that I really didn't forget you and your help to us. We are trying to trace what happened to the letter as some friends took it to be mailed in the U.S.

I received the check and have found someone who will exchange it for me.

I will talk to the director so that he will write you and some of the students will also write and I'll ask them to make more pictures so that you have new things to put on the bulletin board. I will also take more pictures to send to you soon. The first name of the director is Rafael--sorry I don't remember his last name.

The situation in general in Mozambique has improved--there have been rains so that there are garden products. A few people are going back to the land--some are hesitant as they do not know if peace will last. There are problems in many areas of land mines. They are taking them out little by little but this takes expertise. Unfortunately many people will still die or lose arms and legs when they step on them.

I trust that this letter will arrive. Thank you again for remembering the poor children of Mozambique. The pictures you sent are very good indeed.

Sincerely yours

Simiao Manhica
Simiao Manhica (Am)



**Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid
and Racism**

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, New York 12203
A Project of the Social Justice Center

May 15, 1993

Dear Friend,

We are seeking your assistance to send Barry Walston to South Africa in the early part of July.

For the past eight months Barry has been an active member of CD CAAR. He has worked diligently on several CD CAAR projects including a forum entitled "Promote the Peace, Stop the Violence". This forum was to focus on violence in South Africa and violence here at home. Several out of town speakers had agreed to participate. The program ultimately had to be canceled because of the snow blizzard but Barry put in many long hours assisting with arrangements, soliciting endorsing organizations, and doing the work required to mobilize an audience.

Soon after, Barry played a leading role in hosting the visit of Clayton Lillienfeld, African National Congress(ANC) Youth League Representative to Albany.

Barry also provided leadership in a series of CD CAAR sponsored study groups on violence in South Africa.

In his job as Assistant Director of the Albany Service Corps, Barry works with young people 18-25 years of age. Because of his work with the Corps and other agencies, Barry has gained valuable insights into problems young people face in this country.

In the brief time he has been active with CD CAAR, Barry has been able to apply his knowledge of these problems to his political work with CD CAAR. He has focussed his efforts on bringing youth into the organization and providing leadership skills to them. He has done this in positive and spirited manner.

From July 2 - July 5, 1993, the ANC Youth League is sponsoring an international youth conference in Johannesburg South Africa. At that time hundreds of youth and youth workers from around the world will be participating in discussions on the needs of South African youth as the country moves towards democratic elections and a future nonracial, non sexist South Africa.

We are hopeful that, with your financial support, Barry will be able to attend this conference as CD CAAR's representative. He is looking forward to gaining greater perspectives on what is needed to support our South African brothers and sisters in this very critical phase and how we can combine our efforts in support of youth in the United States.

Whether or not we will be able to accomplish our goals will depend very much on your response. We estimate that we will need to raise approximately \$1,500 to support the trip.

If you are able to help please make a check out to: CD CAAR. memo "conference" on the bottom of the check and send it to the address listed on the tear off below by June 4, 1993.

We appreciate anything you can do to assist.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Vera Michelson, Co Chair

Merton Simpson
Merton Simpson, Co Chair

I am glad to assist. Please accept my check, money order or cash contribution for:

\$10___ \$25___ \$50___ \$100___ other___

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Send to CD CAAR, P.O. Box 3002, Albany, N.Y. 12203 by June 4, 1993



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May 25, 1993

Eddie Jackson
Sabosa
P.O. Box 2068
Albany, N.Y. 12220

I am writing to thank you and Sabosa for the generous contribution of \$200. that SABOSA made to CD CAAR.

As you know the March forum had to be canceled because of the blizzard. However we were fortunate enough to host the visit of a representative of the ANC Youth League to Albany one week later.

We recently met with Ass. Roger Green of Brooklyn to discuss plans for a statewide youth conference to be held in Albany in May of 1994

We will be forming the host committee for the conference and we envision a year of building for May '94, reaching out to youth organizations and their supporters, and maintaining the effort to link issues domestically and internationally.

You can be assured that your contribution will be used towards these efforts.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Co Chair



ORGANIZAÇÃO NACIONAL
DOS PROFESSORES
SECRETARIADO NACIONAL
REPÚBLICA POPULAR DE MOÇAMBIQUE

TO:
EILEEN KAWOLA
39 ACADEMY ROAD
ALBANY, N.Y. 12208
U. S. A.

Maputo, June 10, 1993

Dear Eileen,

Greetings from Mozambique. I hope this letter finds you well and happy. We have been reading the good news about the U.S.A. and hope that all relations between our countries and our organizations will go well.

I would especially like to thank you for the letter in which you told me about yourself as a teacher. I think that you are working in a difficult field of education because you are teaching in a special school. In your work, you face many problems.

I'm very happy to hear something about an organization that was founded in 1981. You seem to be quite busy working with the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism.

The second one that I considered important in that letter is about your visit in Namibia. You told me that you met with some friends from Swapo who had been in exile in the U.S. before the independence and then you met ANC people who had also been in exile there.

If you have another opportunity to visit Africa, specially Mozambique, please do not forget to visit ONP.

Now I'm going to tell you about myself here in Mozambique-Maputo specially ONP headquarters, as a Technician of the Printing Center in our headquarters.

It was created in 1987. It was a result of the Regional Conference of Southern Africa, which was participated by many international organizations.

The most important result of the Regional Conference, was the beginning of supporting and contributing the material of typography to the ONP Printing Center. This material was to be used to produce the magazine:

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AV. EDUARDO MONDLANE N.º 49-C.P.4643-TELEF.490600-FAX.490400

Av. Eduardo Mondlane, n.º 49 — C. Postal 46 — Telef. 74 34 00 / 74 36 00

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"ONP-Informa". It was distributed to the teachers in all parts of Mozambique. It was used to enlighten the situation of teachers.

In this field, we have had many difficulties to carry out all tasks above indicated due to lack of materials, machines and a person qualified specially in this field.

If you got some cooperation between Mozambican organizations and American organizations, I would ask you to help me in this field, if possible. All kind of assistance is welcome. Especially training for the printing staff is essential.

Since 1992, we started to contact some organisations asking to help us in this field, but we have not yet received all answers.

Some organisations OAJ and WCOTP bought us a computer and typewriter moreover the American Embassy bought us a computer, but we haven't got a person qualified for this task.

The war in Mozambique has stopped and we are busy in recovering the schools destroyed by war. The peace is in our life now. ONP is capable to visit all provinces and schools in the whole Mozambique. This phase began last May/93, thanks for the peace agreement and the UN-peace corps. The reactivation project of ONP has been supported by Scandinavian sister organisations. During the project of next 3 years ONP will have it's provincial and local activities all over the country.

My english is not too good, but while corresponding with you I hope it will improve all the time.

I look forward to hearing from you When you have time to Write.

Best wishes.


PAULO FERNANDO CHINGUANE



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June 14, 1993

Sue Jefts
Office of Learning Support Services
140 New Scotland Avenue
Albany, New York 12208

Dear Sue,

Thank you very much for the donations in the amount of \$112.00 for the Mocatini School Project/Mozambique. This generous donation will go a long way toward helping the children of that school.

I recently received a letter from Mr. Simiao Manhica who is our contact person in Mozambique. In that letter he expressed thanks for a check we had sent in the amount of \$250.00. He wrote that part of that money was used to buy material to make 6 portable blackboards. The balance of the money was used to buy school materials for one semester for 63 students who are orphans of the war. The material included books, workbooks, notebooks and pens for taking notes. He has promised to send pictures which will give some idea of how the money is being used to help these children.

He also was hopeful that the peace in Mozambique will hold. There is still a problem of land mines that must be removed but people are gradually moving back to the farmlands. Rains have come so there are now garden products. The prospect for the country looks hopeful.

Since we sent the first check of \$250, we sent another check for \$500. With the addition of your donation we will now send another \$250. The money is put to immediate and good use so please pass on the word to the J.C.A. students how much their work for Mozambique is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
in struggle and hope,

Eileen C. Kawola



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June 14, 1993

Eugene Rowland
c/o Union Presbyterian Church
1068 Park Avenue
Schenectady, New York 12308

Dear Mr. Rowland:

Thank you very much for the donations in the amount of \$130.00 for the Mocatini School Project/Mozambique. This generous donation will go a long way toward helping the children of that school.

I recently received a letter from Mr. Simiao Manhica who is our contact person in Mozambique. In that letter he expressed thanks for a check we had sent in the amount of \$250.00. He wrote that part of that money was used to buy material to make 6 portable blackboards. The balance of the money was used to buy school materials for one semester for 63 students who are orphans of the war. The material included books, workbooks, notebooks and pens for taking notes. He has promised to send pictures which will give some idea of how the money is being used to help these children.

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in struggle and hope,

Eileen C. Kawola
Eileen C. Kawola



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August 24, 1993

Editor,
Schenectady Gazette
2345 Maxon Rd.
Schenectady, N.Y. 12308

Dear Editor,

Carl Strock does two things in his column of August 8, 1993. He presents Black South Africans as murderous, cruel and self destructive and he portrays anti-apartheid activists as selectively sanctimonious and morally indignant.

He does this by misrepresenting the South Africa situation creating the impression that Black people are just going around killing each other because the thought of freedom is just too much to handle. He would also reduce the current violence to the common media descriptions such as "black on black violence, tribal violence etc. ignoring any deeper analysis of what is at the root of the violence.

When it is explained to him he brushes it off, preferring his own simplistic description of the problem.

The system of apartheid declares Black people as less human than whites, simply because of the color of their skin. This system has led to the destruction and dislocation of entire communities. It has justified the stealing of land and all other forms of wealth from Black people. It has justified mass murder, assassinations, subversion of courts of law, of education, of health care, all in the interests of serving the white minority.

By creating a massive majority population of dislocated and dispossessed people, the white benefactors have also created conditions which have led to much of the violence in South Africa.

Carl Strock does not mention that apartheid also created a small number of black people who have served apartheid's aims and who have definitely benefitted from it.

Amongst those who have gained is Inkatha Freedom Party chief, Gatsha Buthelezi. Buthelezi is using all means at his disposal to protect his ill gotten gains.

Strock fails to mention that the apartheid government has repeatedly been forced to admit its collusion in training soldiers loyal to Buthelezi. They have financed Buthelezi's activities and participated in acts of violence intended to stir up factional fighting.

The involvement of South African security forces in township violence has been documented by several international human rights groups. Mercenaries from other countries have also been observed in Inkatha training camps in South Africa.

The deliberate use of the indigenous population to create havoc at the dawn of freedom is not new. It happened in Namibia. It happened in Angola. It happened in Mozambique and it's happening in South Africa.

Parts of South Africa are being torn apart by this violence which intensifies in direct correlation to progress in negotiations. This is not happening by chance.

Mr Strock does not see any of this, takes no responsibility for any analysis and with paternalistic myopia, Strock spreads disinformation with vicious and unfounded sarcasm.

Like a leech he feeds on the suffering and strife of the very painful South African struggle for democracy. In the process he does all of us a grave disservice.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson

Vera Michelson

Co Chair, CD CAAR

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436-0562 h



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WHO: 35 to 40 key Southern Africa solidarity activists
WHAT: Struggling With the Struggle Meeting
WHEN: Saturday, February 5, 1994
WHERE: 1st Presbyterian Church
362 State St.
Albany, New York
(map enclosed)

Dear Fellow Activists,

Some 35 people from around the region (and several people from other places) will be coming to Albany on February 5th for the one day "Struggling With the Struggle" Meeting. Please let us know when you are arriving, and if you're coming in on Friday night whether you need a place to stay. We need this information in order to plan the lunch on Saturday and to set up the small group discussions. You can call Vera Michelson (518-436-0562) or Debbie Maxwell (518-393-4002).

After consultations with Prexy Nesbitt, Imani Countess, and Jennifer Davis we have worked out an agenda for the day that begins to get at some of the questions we laid out in the previous letter. Please take a look at the agenda and get back to us with any suggestions you have (we can't promise to do everything you suggest, but we'll try our best).

Before you get to Albany we suggest that you think about organizing in your area in preparation for the discussion. If you can write a half page or one page description of what's happening in your area and what you think is the potential for future action that would be great. A lot of people are doing work around the elections in South Africa, but remember our primary focus is what do we do after the elections. We are trying to focus the discussion on what are new constituencies or new linkages we need to make in our work, what are new foci of organizing in the next period and how this work fits into what else is going on in your community.

We've enclosed some materials that were sent in by groups that we have been in touch with. This material is not comprehensive, but rather is a sample of some of the work and thinking going on right now. Please bring along to the conference copies of materials you think might be useful (we won't have copying facilities so, if you can, bring along 40 copies).



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Mission to the United States

September 23, 1993

Dear Friend:

You, or a representative from your organization, are cordially invited to join President Nelson Mandela and members of his delegation from the African National Congress, in a round table discussion on Friday, October 1, 1993, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the national headquarters of AFSCME, 1625 L Street, N.W. Washington D.C.

As soon as the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) and its substructures, as well as the Independent Media and Electoral Commissions are established, backed up by the appropriate legislation, we will be calling on those engaged in the anti-apartheid struggle to act swiftly to ensure that the remaining sanctions are removed.

In South Africa, the economy has worsened as the country enters its third year of recession. Nearly half of our people have no jobs, no homes, and little hope. For these reasons, we believe that a political solution must be accompanied by a quick return of foreign investors to our country. We hope that the cities and states that were the firm backbone of the Anti-Apartheid Movement in the United States will commit themselves to actively supporting re-investment in South African economy in a socially responsible manner which will help address the devastating legacy of apartheid.

President Mandela hopes to discuss this new stage in the struggle against apartheid with you and other representatives of the U.S. Anti-Apartheid Movement. Please r.s.v.p. to the American Committee on Africa (212) 962-1210 or the Washington Office on Africa (202) 546-7961 by Wednesday, September 30th.

Amandla!

Mandela

PP Lindiwe Mabuza
Chief Representative



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October 31, 1993

Dear Friend, *Comrade, Confidante, Sister*

Thank you for your continued support and efforts in helping me accomplish my mission to go to Johannesburg, South Africa to attend the African National Congress (ANC) Youth Conference. Unfortunately, because it has become necessary for the ANC to devote massive amounts of its' resources and attention to the upcoming national elections, the conference had to be postponed.

In spite of this postponement, I still plan to go the South Africa, sometime in the Spring of '94. The funds that have been raised to sponsor my trip will be held by CDCAAR until I am able to go.

This is a difficult but hopeful time in the South African struggle for liberation. As I am sure you are aware that the establishment of April 27 as the date for elections is, in itself, a victory for the ANC and others struggling for freedom in their nation.

We, (CDCAAR) continue to be diligent in our efforts to support the South African people in their efforts to eliminate every vestige of apartheid.

I am extremely grateful for your ongoing support for this cause.

Aluta Continua

Barry Walston
Barry Walston

*Mike -
You goes unspoken - that to me &
you mean so much to me &
that you're → admire your spirit
fearless!
You!
Barry Walston - B. Walston
BW*

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12 November 1993

Dear CD CAAR:

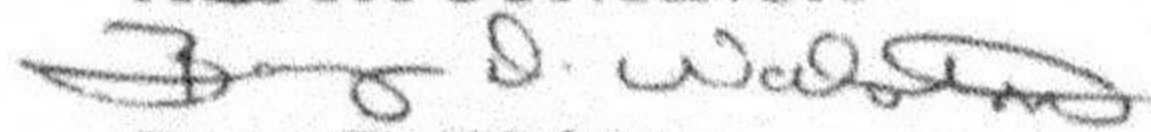
I would like to share with the organization my deepest gratitude and appreciation, for my going away gathering on November 5, 1993. CD CAAR has been extremely instrumental in my political development as well as increasing my awareness of local, national, and international affairs.

My relationship with this organization has reaffirmed and solidified my commitment toward seeking justice politically, educationally, economically, and spiritually. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere".

I would like to especially thank Mark for his kind words and continued support. I am indebted to "Mike" for her vision, commitment, dedication, tireless energy, perseverance, organizing, constant vigilance, and most of all her kindred spirit.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be a part of CD CARR. I remain invested in the struggle.

ALUTA CONTINUA


Barry D. Walston

Lindwe Mabuza
Chief Representative to the United States
African National Congress
707 Eight Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

January 23, 1994

Dear Lindewe,

Responding to the changing situation in Southern Africa calls for anti-apartheid activists to reassess their work. To address this need, the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism has begun a discussion of what's next for U.S. activists concerned about Southern Africa. As part of this work we would like to meet with you in Washington or New York sometime in March to discuss some of our thoughts. It would, of course, be easier for us to meet in New York if you are there during the month, but we might also be able to arrange to come to Washington during that period of time.

When we meet we will be able to report to you on the results of our preliminary discussions which by then will have included a small meeting of U.S. activists in the northeast to discuss how we, as U.S. citizens, respond to the changing conditions in South and Southern Africa. As you know, the changing conditions in Southern Africa have dramatically changed the nature and level of work on South Africa in this country. Some groups have stopped doing anti-apartheid work all together, while others are struggling to figure out what type of campaigns will resonate with their constituencies in the next period.

The ANC has provided ample examples of the types of pressing development programs and other campaigns that are needed to help address the legacy of apartheid in South Africa and there are clear agendas to help support the struggling people in Mozambique, Angola, and the other front-line states.

In our own community here, we are struggling with questions from longtime supporters about why focus on Southern Africa instead of local concerns of poverty, police brutality and so on., or other international concerns such as Haiti. Also people are asking how to address some of the issues such as development aid that are being raised by people in Southern Africa. These are questions for U.S. activists to resolve and we hope our regional meeting in February will help us begin to answer them. Even if we don't have answers, we at least will have more questions by the time we meet with you in March.

Best wishes for the new year,

Vera and Debbie

Vera Michelson and Debbie Maxwell
CDCAAR

cc: Tebogo Mafole, Chief Representative
ANC Observer Mission



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Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
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February 15, 1994

Dear Friend:

The time is fast approaching when South Africa will hold its first elections -- April 27, 1994. The battle has been long and hard. Many have lost their lives. The whole world has been in a struggle to eradicate the apartheid system and now the stranglehold of the white minority government will finally come to an end.

There are many obstacles Black South Africans face in the upcoming election period. The governing Nationalist Party has money, vehicles to transport election workers, phones, computers, trucks for supplying operations in rural areas, fax machines, printing equipment, bull horns, paper and a history of voting. The ANC **does not have** adequate money, vehicles, phones, computers, trucks, fax machines, printing equipment, bull horns, paper and a history of voting...which are all imperative for a fair election.

As President Mandela has said, "This is not a contest merely between opposing parties. It is a contest between oppression and freedom."

We have enclosed an important letter from President Mandela which further describes the needs of the majority population to "level the playing field."

At home in the Capital District, the Jesse Davis lawsuit goes to trial in June, 1994. As you probably know, the family has decided not to accept the \$350,000 settlement offered by the city. Excerpts taken from a very compelling letter of Ms. Louise Thorton, Jesse's sister, which we have also enclosed, explain that the family needs to raise \$6,000 for the expert testimony of two pathologists who will testify that Jesse was crouching or on his knees at the time he was shot through the brain, not standing as the prosecution says.

In order to address both of these needs, the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (CD CAAR) is pleased to announce a very special event that we are holding this Spring. As you can see from the attached flier, on March 19, we will be sponsoring **SOUNDS OF LIBERATION**, an evening with Jazz Ensemble Smart Set and special guests.

This is where you come in. This event is a serious fund-raiser to raise money for both the ANC and the Jesse Davis Fund. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We are asking you to fill out the enclosed tear off and send us a check for \$25 or \$50. Your organization or your name will be listed as a sponsor/patron in the evening program. Your contribution will go a long way in helping us reach our goals.

Towards Peace and Justice,

Stacey Dawes Marc Morris

Stacey Dawes Marc Morris
for CD CAAR

TEAR OFF AND SEND

Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism
SOUNDS OF LIBERATION

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION TO APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM

\$25 - SPONSOR \$50 - PATRON

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

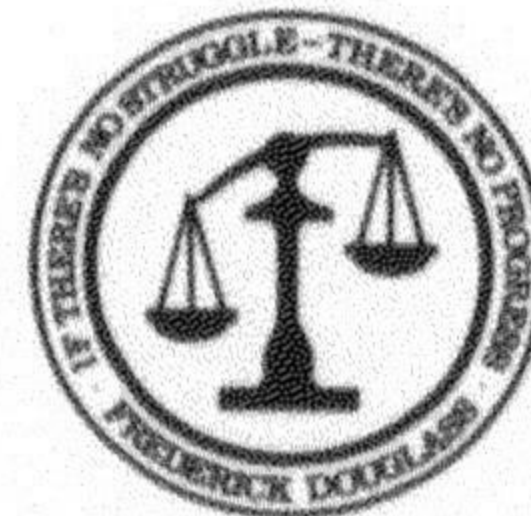
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CD CAAR

RETURN TO:
CD CAAR
P.O. BOX 3002
ALBANY, NY 12203

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY **MARCH 9, 1994.**

CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE, INC.

Pine West Plaza Building 2
Washington Avenue Extension
Albany, New York 12205
(518) 427-8361



ALICE GREEN, Ph.D.
Executive Director

March 18, 1994

Ms. Vera Michelson
13 Pennsylvania Avenue
Albany, New York 12206

Dear Ms. Michelson:

The Center for Law and Justice, in co-sponsorship with the New York State Division for Youth, is proud to present you with this year's Frederick Douglass Struggle for Justice Award. This award is presented annually to community residents who exemplify courage and commitment to justice through work and involvement in the community and the criminal justice system.

The awards will be presented at the Center's annual conference entitled "Youth and the Law: Problems and Solutions," on April 16, 1994 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany at 1:00 pm. The award will be presented to you by the Honorable Michael Brown, Alderman, Albany Common Council. Other awardees this year include Dr. Vivian Verdell Gordon, Robert Butler, Louise Thornton, James Lunday and Rosa Clemente.

In order to be included in this year's conference program, I need a two- or three-paragraph biographical statement and a photograph of you by March 30. If you need assistance in composing the biographical statement, or if you prefer to have me write it for you, I can be reached at the Center on Thursdays and Fridays. In any event, I will be contacting you next week to make arrangements to receive your materials.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Center at 427-8361.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Bourne
Carol L. Bourne
Planning Committee

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145 Barrett Street, Schenectady, New York

Saturday, March 19, 1994

from 9 pm until 1 am

Sounds of Liberation

"Light Fare" Buffet

Proceeds To: The African National Congress For Election In South Africa
and The Jessie Davis Fund

Sponsored By: The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Donations: \$15.00 in advance \$20.00 at the door

For more information and tickets - call CD-CAAR at 432-4623

Tickets can also be purchased at:

In Schenectady: Yours-R-Us, 145 Barrett Street 370-9865

Charlene's Beauty Salon, 98 State Street 382-7742

In Albany: Nubian Pathways Bookstore, 215 Central Ave. 463-6673





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March 22, 1994

Azzaam Hameed and Smart Set
19 Elder St.
Schenectady, N.Y. 12304

Dear Azzaam (2 z's and 2 a's),

Just a brief note on behalf of CD AAR to let you and Smart Set know how exhilarated we all feel in the aftermath of the Sounds of Liberation event.

I know I can speak for the organization when I say that the evening was everything we had hoped for and more. The positive energy coming from the stage affected everyone in the club. The warmth, the love, the joy and great sounds of Smart Set., the brilliance of the poets and the revolutionary message from Nozizwa created a perfect blend and inspiration to those of us who are already engaged in struggle, those who are just thinking about it and those who don't have it on our agendas.

Some of the comments we heard were "great night", "love this band", "wish I knew about this band before", a wonderful evening for grown ups", "CD CAAR does it again", "didn't know Abdur could sing", "I feel cleansed", "glad she dragged me out of the house", "feel rejuvenated", "Man, what a powerful night", Now this'll make you feel good" and on and on.

To you Azzaam, Shellie, Smart Set and to Milton Evans and Abdur-Rahim Muhammed ...we thank you for a collaborative effort that will be remembered for a very long time.

Aluta Continua,
"Struggle Continues"

Vera Michelson



AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Mission to the United States

May 27, 1994

Vera Michelson
13 Pennsylvania Ave
Albany NY 12206

Dear Vera:

As a result of the triumph of our people in the historic April 27th elections and the changes thereof, we are proud to announce that as of Tuesday May 31, 1994 our offices will cease to operate. All official business in the United States pertaining to South Africa may be handled from the South African Embassy based in Washington D.C.

To reach this point in our history, your steadfast support has indeed borne results we are all proud of. This important victory against apartheid serves to underscore the moral dimensions of our political, economic and social struggle that you embraced as your very own. Now, all of us bear the heavy responsibility of ensuring that indeed, together we begin the arduous task of rebuilding our country to insure political empowerment, economic upliftment and social justice for all South Africans.

Your involvement has made a clear and highly prized statement of sustenance that will long be remembered by all South Africans as an investment in peace, freedom and justice. We are most grateful for your dependable partnership and the oneness of our interested purpose.

Once again, thank you for reinforcing our confidence in your commitment for our common cause.

Sincerely,

Madala Mthembu
Assistant to the Chief Representative

Dear Eileen Kawola:

October 29, 1994

I wish you good health along with your family, friends and co-workers and students.

Here we are well and with thank God for His help that has no comparison. We continue to enjoy peace and we finished the exercise of our right and duty to chose our own leaders of our Country through voting "For the first time in history!!..."

We received your check for \$500. and we are very greatful to you for this help which you gave us. One-third of it was used to buy notebooks, pens and pencils for the students. The other 2/3 we are saving for the beginning of the next school year, for the school year of 1994 finishes in November. The Direction of the School is asking permission to use the money to buy tables and chairs for the teachers, for most of them do not even have a chair on which to sit and must stand during the entire time they are teaching !

The school has grown a lot. They have more teachers and students than they did at the time you were here visiting. The government built two small houses with 2 classrooms each; they do not have doors and they were so poorly constructed that the rain that fell with wind took off the metal roofing!!... Next time I will include some pictures of these classrooms for you to see!

My work is growing a little. Now we have opened the gas station to sell gasoline and oil. We also sell kerosene and the people of that area are happy for they use it for lamps and for cooking since they do not have electricity in their houses. Many must walk as far as 30 kilometers to get kerosene.

I am enclosing a letter from the Director of the school and some pictures taken during the time of the classes. The director wrote on the back of each picture. The drawings were made by the students.

Once again I want to thank you in the name of all the students, in the name of the Direction of the school and in my own name, for all the help you give these poor Mozambican students.

My sincere greetings for you and for all who remember us.

Simião L. Manhiça
Simião L. Manhiça (Pm)

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ALICE GREEN, Ph.D.
Executive Director

November 2, 1994

Barry D. Walston
State of New York
Division of Military and Naval Affairs
330 Old Niskayuna Road
Latham, New York 12110

Dear Barry:

We were so delighted to receive the wonderful feedback from you and your students. I shared the material with Carl Upchurch who was equally delighted. Our thanks to all of you for contributing towards the success of the program. A "Gazette" reporter told of how impressed he was with remarks from one of your students he interviewed. Although he included the remarks in his story, the editor, unfortunately excluded them from the printed story because of space.

(Michael Shields)

Thanks again for attending and participating in the program and your valuable feedback.

Sincerely,

Alice P. Green, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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November 7, 1994

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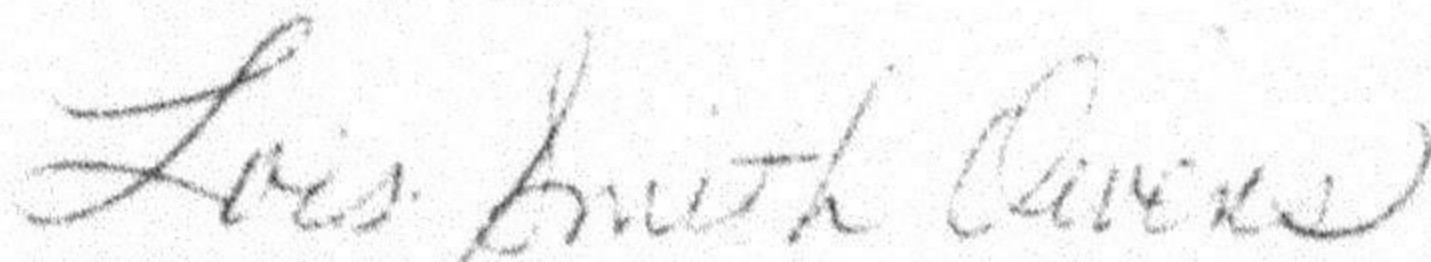
Eileen C. Kawola, CDCAAAR:

The Committee to Honor Vivian V. Gordon recently invited you to attend and support a celebration of the life and accomplishments of Dr. Vivian Verdell Gordon held on Saturday, October 29, 1994 at the New York State Museum. Vivian has asked the Committee to extend her personal thanks and appreciation for your support and thoughtfulness.

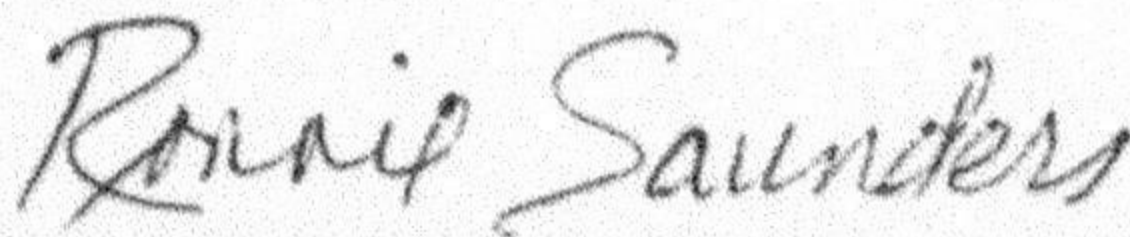
Thank you for your generous donation of \$300.00. We were able to raise enough to underwrite the cost of an all expense paid trip to the Mexican Pyramids for Dr. Gordon and her dream of seeing the Pyramids will be fulfilled by the end of the year.

Again, thank you for your generous support of our effort. Enclosed are momentos of the occasion.

Sincerely yours,



Lois S. Owens



Ronaline M. Saunders
For the Committee

Enclosures