



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

December 24, 1982

Chairman Paul Arnzen, General Manager
M. J. Dollard WNYT
15 North Pearl St.
Vice-Chairman Menands, NY 12204
E. J. Josey

Mr. Arnzen:

On behalf of the 40 Civil Rights, religious and community organizations that make up the Coalition I must recommend in the strongest possible terms the airing the program "Land of Fear, Land of Courage" originally scheduled by the NBC network for December 5, 1982.

There is perhaps no community in America where apartheid is as much an issue than in New York's Capital District. The racist South African regime has clearly targeted this area for a publicity blitz:

- Radio RSA (Radio South Africa) has for some time provided "free" radio broadcasts which have been carried by WAMC.
- The South African government provided \$50,000 through Louis Luyt to the Eastern Rugby Football Union, headquartered in Schenectady, for a propaganda tour by the Springbok rugby team to New York, Chicago and Albany. (This, of course, backfired!)
- The South African vice-consul makes regular trips into the Capital District, and recently appeared with Ralph Vartigan on WTEN.

It is imperative that the people of the Capital District see both sides of this historic issue. Certainly Edwin Newman's program "Land of Fear, Land of Courage" provides a view of South Africa and apartheid not likely to be shown by Radio RSA, by the Eastern Rugby Football Union, or by the South African vice-consul.

I charge you on your responsibility to your community and to your viewers to air the program "land of Fear, Land of Courage" as soon as possible, and at a reasonable viewing time. Upon notification by your staff of the viewing time, we will promote it through our member organizations.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Dollard
Chairman

Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203



April 2, 1983

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The fight against racism and apartheid is an ongoing struggle. Let us continue the fight together.

Sincerely,

Eileen Kawola
Coalition Membership Committee
438-0309 (home) after 5:00 p.m.
462-7197 (work) after 2:00 p.m.

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Fisk University
Race Relations Institute
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203

(615) 329-8577

April 7, 1983

Ms. Vera Michelson
Mr. Michael J. Dollard
Capital District Coalition/Apartheid
Box 3002
Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Vera and Michael:

I received your letter on the effort to raise funds. I've enclosed a small contribution--I only wish that I could contribute more. Please use my name as an endorser to the Coalition Against Apartheid in any literature which you find appropriate.

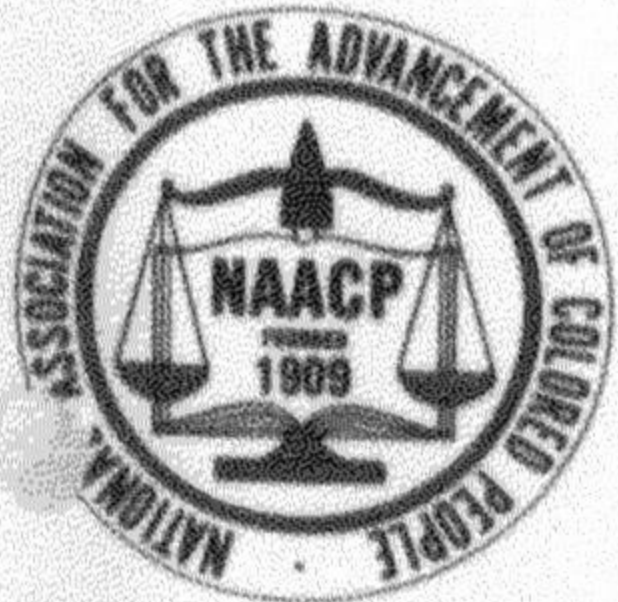
Toward Freedom,

Manning Marable,
Director, Race Relations Institute
Vice Chair, DSA

MM/HAM

Enc.

In Appreciation to
The Board of Homeland Ministries of The United Church of Christ



BENJAMIN L. HOOKS
Executive Director

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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MARGARET BUSH WILSON
Chairman, Board of Directors

May 3, 1983

Mr. M. J. Dollard, Chairman
Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid and Racism
Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, New York 12203

Dear Mr. Dollard:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 17, 1983.

Thank you for your comments on the selection of the Image Awards recipients. I will pass your comments on to the Committee of the NAACP Hollywood Branch for their information and appropriate response.

I appreciate your concern.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Hooks
Executive Director

BLH:bh

cc: Mrs. Willis Edwards



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

489-1767

May 12, 1983

John S. Morris, President
Union College
Schenectady, New York

Dear President:

Our organization has learned that there is possibility that South African consulate representative Henry Pieterse will be lecturing at your institution in the near future.

As you are probably aware, the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism was organized two years ago to oppose the playing of rugby in Albany by the South African "Springbok" rugby team. During the past two years we have continued to focus public attention on the apartheid regime and its practice of "legal racism".

A major thrust of our work has been to organize support for the call of the international community to sever all ties with the South African government and force them into international isolation. Therefore, we must advise you that we strongly oppose this visit.

If Mr. Pieterse speaks at your school in any forum, Union College will have taken a public position in opposition to the international sanctions against South Africa, and will have supported the Botha government's desperate attempts to break through their international isolation.

We urge you to not permit your university to be used as a sanctuary for an international outlaw.

Sincerely,

Anita Thayer
Coalition Steering Committee

AT/mrv

cc: Prof. Mark Dawson
Greg Bowles
Albany and Schenectady Civil Rights Organizations

K. J. Josey
My resolution on
South Africa passed
the Assembly by
unanimous vote -
on Thursday June 2nd



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

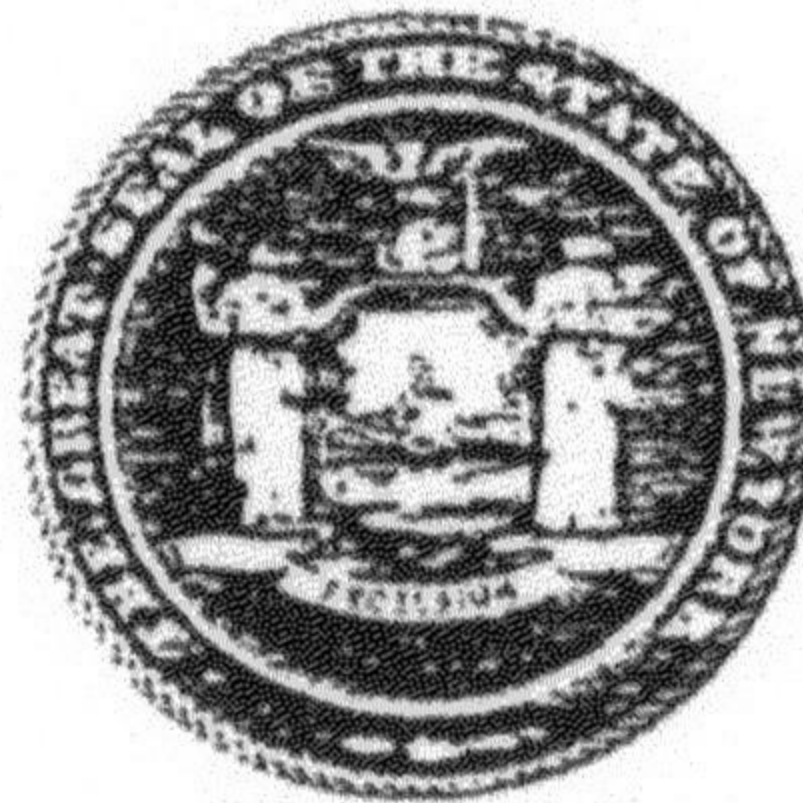
CYNTHIA JENKINS
29th Assembly District

I thought this material would be of
interest to you.

Cordially,

Cynthia Jenkins

STATE OF NEW YORK



JUNE 1 1983

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RULES

The Legislature

In Senate

In Assembly

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to require the divestiture of all public assets, in relation to the Republic of South Africa or any entity doing business with the Republic

Introduced by Sen. _____

Introduced by Rep. _____

Cynthia Jenkins
Chip Brody

RULES AT REQUEST OF

The Senators whose names are circled below wish to join me in the sponsorship of this resolution:

- s31 Anderson
- s48 Auer
- s17 Babbush
- s46 Barclay
- s20 Bartowicz
- s09 Berman
- s33 Bertstein
- s29 Bogues
- s43 Bruno
- s14 Calandra
- s23 Connor
- s40 Cook
- s61 Daly
- s47 Donovan
- s06 Dunne
- s44 Farley
- s60 Floss
- s15 Flynn
- s31 Galiber
- s14 Gazzara
- s13 Gold
- s17 Goodhue
- s26 Goodman
- s18 Halperin
- s22 Jefferson
- s10 Jenkins
- s04 Johnson
- s53 Kehoe
- s15 Knorr
- s02 Lack
- s01 Lavalle
- s23 Leichter
- s08 Levy
- s49 Lombardi
- s24 Marchi
- s05 Marno
- s21 Markowitz
- s38 Masiello
- s30 Mendez
- s23 Montalto
- s42 Nolan
- s27 Ohrenstein
- s11 Padavan
- s54 Perry
- s36 Pisani
- s56 Present
- s50 Riford
- s41 Rolison
- s32 Ruiz
- s39 Schermerhorn
- s52 Smith
- s19 Solomon
- s57 Stachowski
- s45 Stafford
- s12 Stavisky
- s55 Steinfeldt
- s03 Trunzo
- s07 Tully
- s59 Volker
- s16 Weinstein
- s38 Winkow

The Members of the Assembly whose names are circled below wish to join me in the sponsorship of this resolution:

- a032 Abramson
- a047 Barbaro
- a089 Barnett
- a007 Barraga
- a021 Becker
- a002 Behan
- a096 Bennett
- a003 Bianchi
- a055 Boyland
- a118 Bragman
- a088 Branca
- a086 Brodsky
- a084 Burrows
- a119 Bush
- a036 Butler
- a113 Casale
- a054 Catapano
- a117 Cheahro
- a008 Cochrane
- a058 Connolly
- a104 Conner
- a092 Connor
- a132 Cooke
- a098 Coombe
- a019 D'Amato
- a108 D'Andrea
- a070 Danels
- a078 Davis
- a075 Dearie
- a068 Del Toro
- a025 Duane
- a052 Dugan
- a081 Engel
- a141 Eve
- a071 Farre
- a043 Friedman
- a051 Ferris
- a039 Fink
- a009 Fianagan
- a049 Freda
- a079 Friedman
- a133 Ganit
- a030 Goldstein
- a143 Gorski
- a064 Gottfried
- a148 Graber
- a065 Grannis
- a057 Green
- a076 Greene
- a040 Griffith
- a011 Hatpin
- a011 Hanson
- a005 Harenberg
- a109 Harris
- a137 Hawley
- a012 Healey
- a023 Hevesi
- a048 Hinkind
- a101 Hinchey
- a103 Hoblock
- a004 Hochbrueckner
- a144 Hoyt
- a042 Jacobs
- a029 Jenkins
- a145 Keane
- a100 Kelleher
- a080 Koppell
- a020 Kremer
- a127 Kuni
- a034 Lafayette
- a102 Lane
- a095 Larkin
- a046 Lasher
- a090 Leibell
- a050 Lemol
- a093 Levy
- a023 Lipschutz
- a125 MacNeil
- a022 Madison
- a082 Marchisetti
- a035 Marshall
- a027 Mayersohn
- a123 McCabe
- a111 McCann
- a106 McNulty
- a094 McPhillips
- a121 Miller, H.M.
- a044 Miller, M.H.
- a139 Murphy
- a072 Murtaugh
- a067 Nadler
- a135 Nagle
- a016 Newburger
- a043 Norman
- a114 Nortz
- a123 Norzollo
- a112 O'Neil
- a015 Orazio
- a150 Parmens
- a014 Parola
- a061 Passanante
- a018 Patton
- a147 Paxon
- a085 Perone
- a138 Pillittere
- a146 Pordum
- a131 Proud
- a122 Rappleyea
- a010 Rattalata
- a077 Rivers
- a134 Krosch
- a053 Robles
- a116 Ruggiero
- a110 Ryan, A.W.
- a091 Ryan, W.J.
- a097 Saland
- a063 Sanders
- a001 Sawicki
- a140 Schimminger
- a038 Schmidt
- a115 Sears
- a031 Semmerio
- a073 Serrano
- a142 Sheffer II
- a066 Siegel
- a062 Silver
- a130 Slaughter
- a083 Spano
- a060 Stranieri
- a069 Sullivan, E.C.
- a087 Sullivan, P.V.
- a124 Tallon
- a129 Talomie
- a107 Tedisco
- a105 Tonko
- a056 Vann
- a059 Vitaliano
- a033 Waldon
- a149 Walsh
- a099 Warren
- a041 Weinstein
- a024 Weprtn
- a006 Wertz
- a136 Wesley
- a037 Wilson
- a125 Winner
- a013 Yevoli
- a120 Zimmer
- a026
- a074

Senate Introducer's signature

Assembly Introducer's signature

INTRODUCTION OF ALL RESOLUTIONS

To introduce this resolution:

Sign one covered copy, circle co-sponsors and hand it up at the desk of the house with six other copies

If the resolution is to be offered in the other house:

Sign the remaining covered copy and give that to the sponsoring member of the other house together with six other copies

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of A. JENKINS

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WHEREAS, It is the unyielding commitment of this Legislative Body and our Nation to eliminate racism, not only in our own country but worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of South Africa blantly offends the principles of freedom, liberty and equitable treatment of all; and

WHEREAS, In order to effectuate and uphold these basic principles upon which our Nation is built, this Legislature finds it to be in the best interests of this State and its subdivisions thereof to refrain from investing public monies in a Nation whose policies so offend the sensibilities of citizens throughout the world who so strongly believe in the equality of man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That it is the policy of this Legislative Body that no assets held, invested or expended by any municipal corporation or trust fund affiliated with a municipal corporation of the state or any private individual, partnership or corporation, shall be invested in any financial institution or other corporation which loan assets or transacts any form of business with the Republic of South Africa, a national corporation owned or controlled by the Republic of South Africa or any other individual partnership or corporation doing business in or with the Republic of South Africa; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of Congress from the State of New York.

RESOLEG

SHORT TITLE: Memorializing the Congress to require the divesture of all public assets, in relation to the Republic of South Africa or any entity doing business with such Republic

DIVESTMENT/SOUTH AFRICA

Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to pass a law ending the investment of public pension funds in firms doing business in or with South Africa. This bill was passed by the Senate on January 3, 1983 and in the House of Representatives on January 4, 1983. This landmark action came when both houses overrode Governor King's veto of the legislation. Massachusetts statute requires that all South African related holdings be sold within the next three years. The proceeds from the divestment sale to be reinvested in firms doing business in Massachusetts to the extent possible.

In the state of Massachusetts the total investments in the two major funds which pay benefits to retired public school teachers and state employees are about \$1.5 billion.

South Africa is the only government in the world whose constitution mandates racial discrimination and to its allies in Washington and the corporate world people of conscience cannot support a political system in which a minority virtually enslaves the majority population.

Divestment is the answer. The brutality and racism of apartheid must be protested. By voting for divestment, we stand together against the immoral government of South Africa against violence and against those who support it economically.

South Africa's system of race rule has been widely condemned in the world community because the majority African population is denied basic political rights. The white minority controls the entire government, most businesses and 87 percent of the land. Native Africans must carry passes at all times, and many enter white areas only to work. Africans are paid about one-eighth of the average white workers salary. Nearly one-quarter of African children die before their first birthday.

Massachusetts is the first state to fully divest its public employee pension funds. Other governmental units in this country have also taken action against South Africa. Example:

- a. Michigan has legislation divesting the State University's endowment funds from all South Africa-connected stocks and bonds.
- b. Cambridge, Massachusetts and Berkely, California have also voted for divestment.

I have a list of 539 American Companies doing business in South Africa. Our goal should be "Make It In New York-Not South Africa."

*"Excerpts from my speech on the
floor
Cynthia*



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

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Chairman
M. J. Dollard

Vice-Chairman
E. J. Josey

5/19/83

Dear Greg, Abasha and B.L.A.S. members,

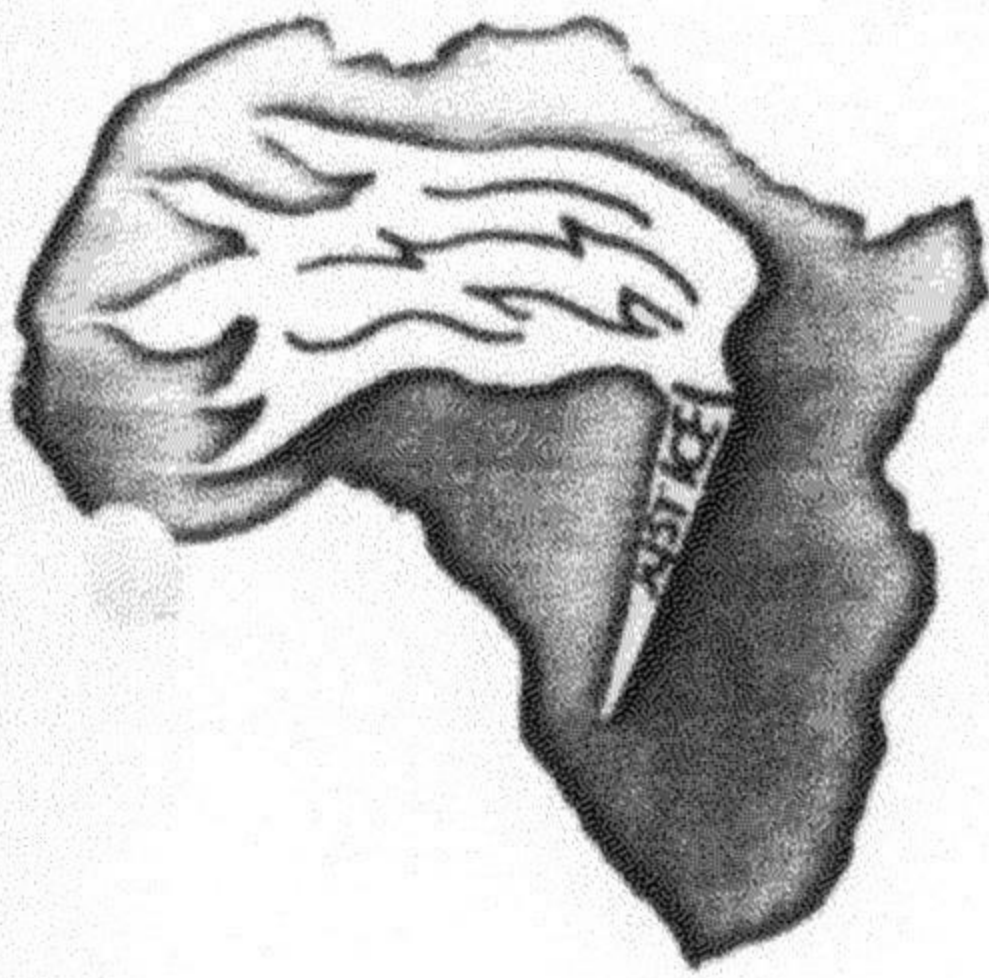
On behalf of the Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism, I would like to congratulate you on your recent victory, the cancellation of Pretoria's visit. Because of your commitment and perseverance, you have struck a blow against Apartheid and Racism. You have refused to allow the South African government to have a platform at Union College.

And hopefully the students on campuses around New York State will follow the New Paltz/Union example in the upcoming year if Pretoria comes around to their colleges.

You are off to a good start - we stand willing to assist. And don't forget the 16%!!

In solidarity and struggle,

Ken Mike Mickelson



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

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Chairman
M. J. Dollard

Vice-Chairman
E. J. Josey

May 25, 1983

E. J. Josey
President NAACP
12 Old Hickory Dr.
Albany N.Y.

Dear E.J.

At a recent steering committee meeting of CDAAR, the idea of an all day conference to be cosponsored by CDAAR and the NAACP was discussed and fully supported. The conference would take place sometime in the fall and deal with topics pertaining to racism (for ex. the use of racist and antisemitic attacks, Reaganomics + racism) and jobs with race. These were but a few of the suggested topics.

The conference would incorporate a variety of political views and reach out to many constituencies in our community.

We are hopeful that the NAACP will join us in this exciting venture and that we can set up a joint NAACP/CDAAR committee to begin working out the details.

Thanking you for your response

Yours in struggle,

of "Mike" Michelson

(h) 484-1167



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
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May 25, 1983

Chairman
M. J. Dollard

Vice-Chairman
E. J. Josey

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President NAACP
12 Old Victory Dr.
Albany N.Y.

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W. "Mike" Michelson

(h) 484-1167



ARTHUR J. KREMER
CHAIRMAN
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

June 23, 1983

Rev. Robert W. Dixon
Capital District Coalition
Box 3002 Pine Hills Station
Albany, New York 12203

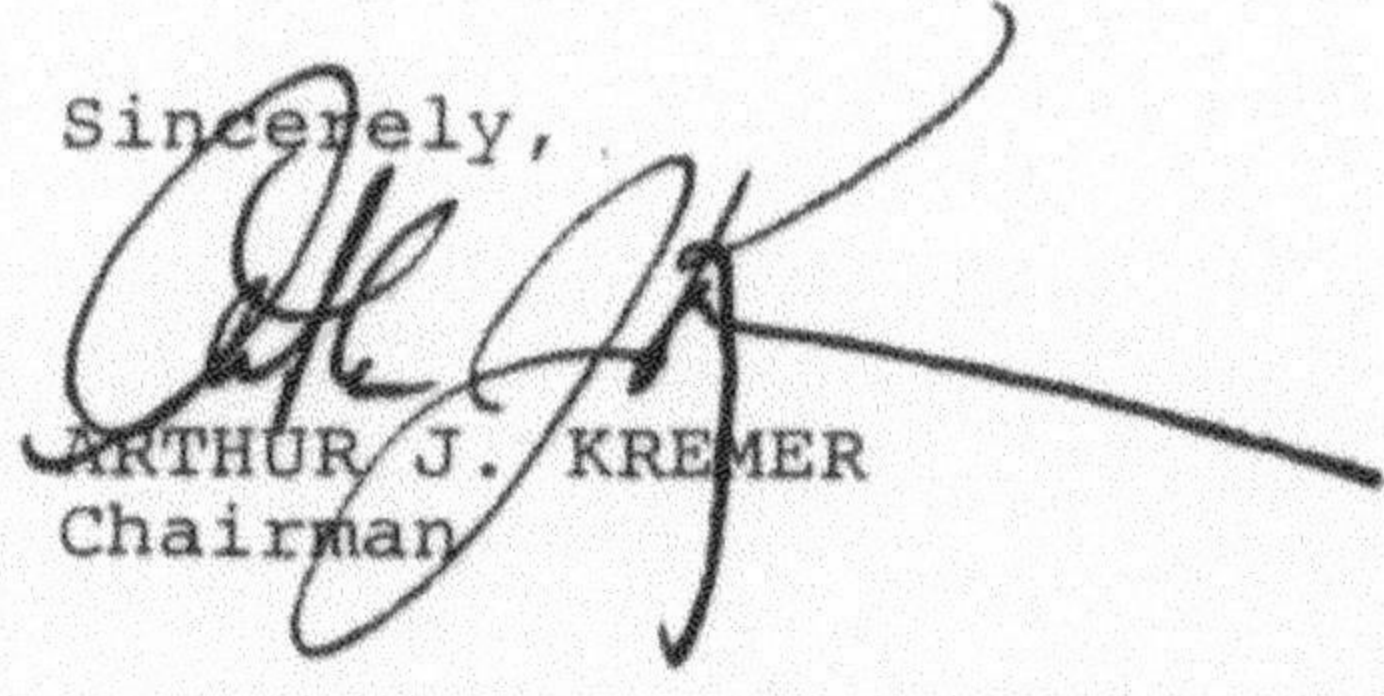
Dear Rev. Dixon:

I acknowledge your recent communication regarding Assembly Bills 6083 & 3380.

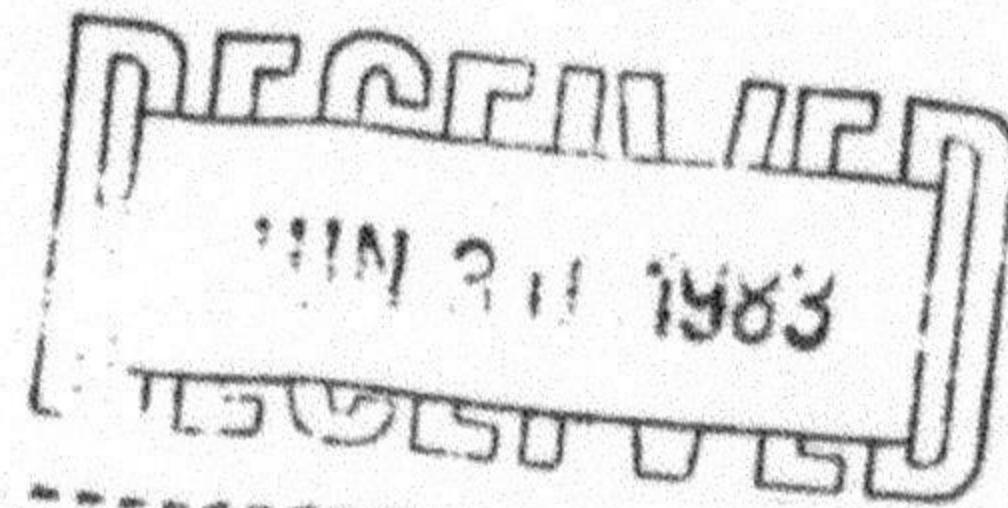
Our staff is in the process of evaluating this legislation and I wish to assure you that it will be given serious consideration.

I appreciate your taking the time to write to this office.

Sincerely,


ARTHUR J. KREMER
Chairman

AJK/cb



SARATOGA-CAPITAL DISTRICT STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 518 584-2000
Raymond J. Kinley, Commission Chairman
William J. Kelly, Regional Administrator

June 29, 1983

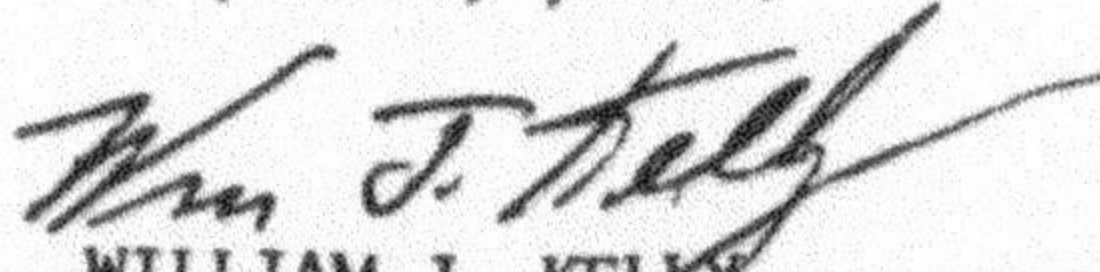
Anita Thayer, Esq.
Walter & Thayer Law Offices
69 Columbia Street
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Ms. Thayer:

This letter will serve as authorization for the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism to distribute letters at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center's Kool Jazz Festival, Sunday, July 3, 1983, under the following conditions:

1. No solicitation on behalf of your group except distribution of leaflets and the carrying of placards.
2. Distribution to be confined to the area next to the Route 50 East parking area and south of the main SPAC box office and on the sidewalk in front of the Hall of Springs.
3. As agreed, no more than a maximum of fifteen (15) individuals will distribute leaflets.
4. Your organization agrees to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Very truly yours,


WILLIAM J. KELLY
Regional Manager

WJK:PTG:maj

cc: H. Chesbrough S. Dyer
A. Caccese J. Wilson
P. Gregory Lt. Spofford

An Equal Opportunity Employer

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**NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO FREE
MAYOR EDDIE J. CARTHAN AND THE TCHULA 7
AND TO PRESERVE BLACK POLITICAL RIGHTS**

P.O. Box 29
TCHULA, MISSISSIPPI 39169
Telephone (601) 235-5209

July 18, 1983

TCHULA 7

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MEDIA
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Don Black

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On behalf of the National Campaign and the Development League, I would like to thank you for your prayers and for your support. We are indeed indebted to you for your support and we humbly solicit your continued support.

Nevertheless, Mayor Carthan remains incarcerated at Maxwell Airforce Base Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery, Alabama. On August 18, 1983 he will have been incarcerated one (1) year (365 days). He has suffered tremendously, both physically and financially. He has sacrificed himself for the poor and for the oppressed. Although he is incarcerated and with other hardships prevalent, he is still dedicated to eradicating racism, injustice and political repression.

Because I am so painfully aware of Mayor Carthan's financial status, I am donating A-Dollar-A-Day for each day that Mayor Carthan has been incarcerated and I challenge churches, individuals, ministers, organizations and support committees to do likewise.

This donation is for Mayor Carthan's family and for his personal debts. Therefore, make your check payable to the Tchula Development League, Inc., and mail it to the above address.

However, if you are unable to donate A-Dollar-A-Day, then whatever you give will be highly appreciated. May God restore your donation tenfold.

If you have any questions concerning this fund-raising campaign, please call me at 601-235-5448.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration and cooperation. May God bless you.

Love, Peace and Unity,

Rev. R.L. Whitaker
Rev. R.L. Whitaker, President
Tchula Development League, Inc.



Pan Africanist Congress of Azania

Office of the Chief Representative to the United States and the Caribbean
211 East 43rd Street • Suite 703 • New York, New York 10017 • 212-986-7378

September 1, 1983

Vera Michelsen
Capital District Coalition Against
Apartheid and Racism
Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, New York 12203.

Dear Vera:

Thank you very much for the package you sent us on your activities regarding cultural boycott. In fact, this information reached us at the time when discussions are going on on this issue. The register of artists who have been to apartheid South Africa will be established by September 12. To this effect we would be grateful if your organisation could furnish us with more information on this issue before September 12 if you have any more.

I wish we could intensify communication and co-operation in the issue of cultural boycott and divestiture. It would also be useful and helpful if your organisation could invite the PAC to your area for speaking engagements and other related activities and events. We need your support and solidarity.

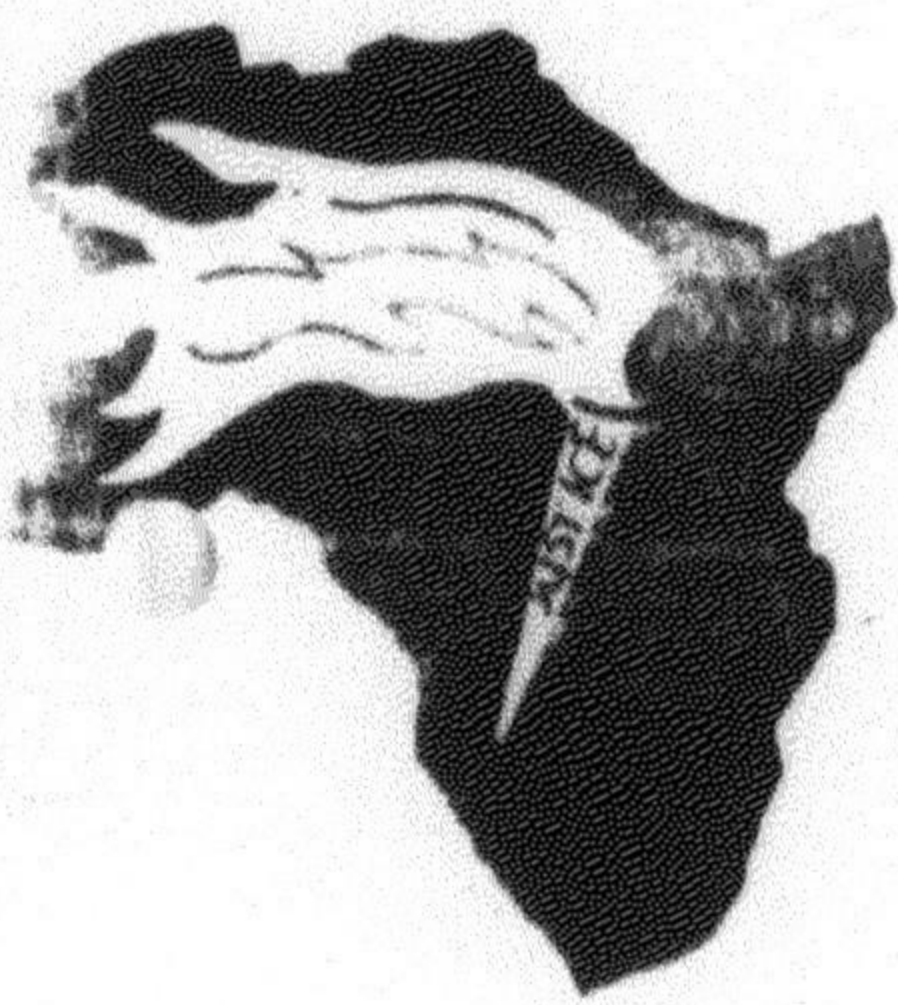
We look forward to intensified communication and co-operation.

Yours for the liberation of Azania.

MOLEFE IKE MAFOLE.

Chief Representative to the U.S. and Caribbean.

Pac Of Azania Office Of The
Chief Representative To The U.S. And
The Caribbean.
211 E. 43rd St. Suite 703
New York, NY 10017. (212) 986-7378



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9/23 /83

*The Mafole
PAC
211 43rd St Suite 703
N.Y. N.Y. 10017*

Dear Mr. Mafole,

*Thank you very much for your recent communications
I am sorry we were unable to attend the recent press
conference regarding athletes and artists against apartheid
but it was really too difficult to arrange.
It seemed to be quite successful and got fairly
wide spread publicity. Please keep us informed of any
other un-sponsored activities around the cultural
boycott - our work continues.*

Yours in struggle,

Vera Mickelson

*Acting Chair
Coalition Against Apartheid
and Racism*

October 13, 1983

Rev. Robert C. Lamar
First Presbyterian Church
362 State Street
Albany, New York

Dear Rev. Lamar:

At our October 3 steering committee meeting, the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism endorsed the plan of the FOCUS Churches to work with Alvin Cook over the next two (2) years to investigate and target apartheid.

We look forward to a close productive relationship with Mr. Cook. The Coalition is enormously pleased that the FOCUS Churches have sought out the opportunity for our community to improve and heighten its opposition to apartheid.

Please keep us in touch with this project as it develops.

I and the other members of our steering committee appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and Alvin Cook during his brief stay in Albany.

Sincerely,

Anita Thayer

CC: Rev. Robert Dixon
Ms. Vera Michelson

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YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING BILLS: THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTMENT
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BERBEN AMENDMENT HR-177 EXPORT CONTROL ACT AND HR-102 SPONSORED BY
CONGRESSMAN RANGLE DEMOCRAT NEW YORK. WE URGE YOU ALSO TO VOTE
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Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Oct. 22, 1983

Michael Amon-Ra
Brevoort Station
P.O. Box 507
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11216

Dear Michael,

This letter will serve to confirm our verbal arrangements regarding the conference on Racism : A National Policy?, scheduled for Nov. 19th in Albany.

We are pleased that you have agreed to be our keynote speaker for the day, speaking from 10:20 - 11:00a.m. and to co-lead two workshops on Rising Racist Violence(11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:00p.m.-3:15p.m.). You will find enclosed one brochure which has been marked to indicate the changes.

We are also very appreciative of the fact that you have agreed to do this for the cost of transportation, lunch and overnight lodging.

As you know, I have contacted Dr. Zaphet Zwana at SUNY- Albany as regards your potential speaking engagement on campus that evening. He indicated to me that he would be calling you.

As we get closer to conference time and things begin to shape up more, I will be speaking with you about the character of the conference, workshop focus and the conference goals in general.

We are looking at this event to help us establish a deeper level of struggle in the capital district and feel that your participation will be a factor in this.

c.c. Dr. Zwana

In struggle

Vera Miki Mubalen

10/83

CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID
AND RACISM
BOX 3002 - PINE HILLS STATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12203

Dear Friend,

The CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM was formed during the summer of 1981 to protest the visit of the South African rugby team to Albany, New York. Since that time the Coalition, which is made up of representatives from many community organizations, churches and concerned individuals, has continued the fight against South African apartheid and racism and government repression in the United States.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the tentative agenda for our next meeting. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 340 First Street, Albany, New York. You will also find a copy of other information and or announcements which may be of interest to you.

We are a community group and we feel it is important that community leaders like yourself be aware of the work we are doing in this vital area. We invite you to attend Coalition meetings. If that is not possible, the monthly mailings should serve to keep you abreast of Coalition activities you may wish to become involved in or on which you would wish to know more. If you have any questions about the Coalition, please contact us.

The fight against racism and apartheid is an ongoing struggle. Let us continue the fight together.

Sincerely,

Eileen Kawola
Membership Committee
Telephone Number 438-0309



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Chairman
M. J. Dollard

Vice-Chairman
E. J. Josey

10/83
489-1767

Mr. Dennis Brutus
c/o Dennis Brutus Defense Committee
P.O. Box 59364
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brutus:

The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism was very pleased to read about your successful effort to avoid deportation.

We hope your success is a bellwether of future developments in the American Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Our group has taken a very close interest in your situation. We remember that your work with us in the summer of 1981 laid the groundwork for the events in Albany of September, 1981 resulting development of our organization.

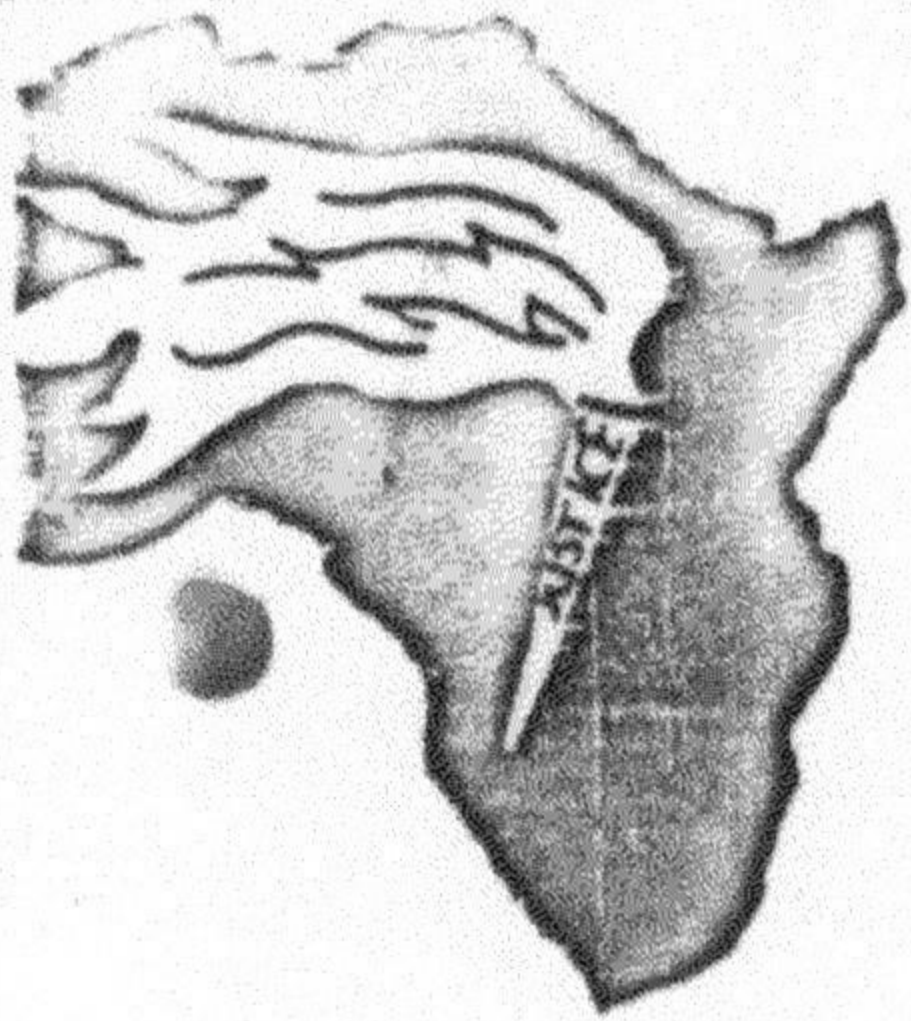
Over the summer we have focussed on the cultural boycott. We leafletted and picketed about seven performers including a "walk-back" on Ray Charles at the Saratoga Kool' Jazz Festival in July that attracted some national press attention. (We also passed out 2000 black armbands that day in memory of the ANC 3).

We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Anita Thayer
Anita Thayer

AT:cjh
cc: Ms. Vera Michelson



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

*mailgram
10/27/83*

October 20, 1983

H.E. Dr. Ernesto Medina
Chair, Special Political Committee
of the General Assembly
United Nations
N.Y., N.Y. 10017

Dear Dr. Medina,

We are interested in hearing more about the hearings on apartheid scheduled for Nov. 4, 8 and 9. Is it possible for anti-apartheid organizations to participate and at what level?

Our organization, The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism was formed specifically to protest the S.A. Springbok Rugby team's appearance in Albany on Sept. 22, 1981.

Since then we have continued to be extremely active in the anti-apartheid movement. We have put together many protests including the Watervliet arsenal which was routing arms and cannons to S.A. illegally and Caldors which was selling baby bonnets made in S.A. Our work around the cultural boycott has been particularly intensive and in the last year we have organized demonstrations against Chick Corea, The Beach Boys, Linda Ronstadt, America, Paul Anka(4 nights) and most recently, The Mighty Clouds of Joy. These activities have resulted in some interesting media response as

you can well imagine.

I have enclosed some additional information for you to look at. Perhaps we would be able to assist in some way.

I am looking forward to your response as we are more than willing to testify.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson, Chair

Any response should go to the address below...the P.O. of the Coalition is not checked on a daily basis.

VERA P MICHELSON
400 CENTRAL AVE #7K
ALBANY NY 12206

c.c. Center Against Apartheid, U.N.



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Nov. 26, 1983

Ceciuva Khonje
U.N. Radio
Room 848
United Nations
New York, New York 10017

Dear Ceciuva,

You may not remember me but I was one of the people who testified at the U.N. Special Political Committee hearings on apartheid, Nov. 4th. Later that day you had four of us on your show. At that time you told us you could send us tapes of that show in particular and any other shows that deal with the subject of apartheid. Would this still be possible? It would help us a lot in our work.

I have written to Radio Netherland for the shows you suggested. I hope they will respond.

Thank you so much for everything you have done. You can write to me at the above address. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours, in struggle

Vera

Vera Michelson
Chair



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Nov. 27, 1983

Radio Netherland,
Director of Programs
P.O. Box 222
Hilversum, The Netherlands

To Whom it may concern,

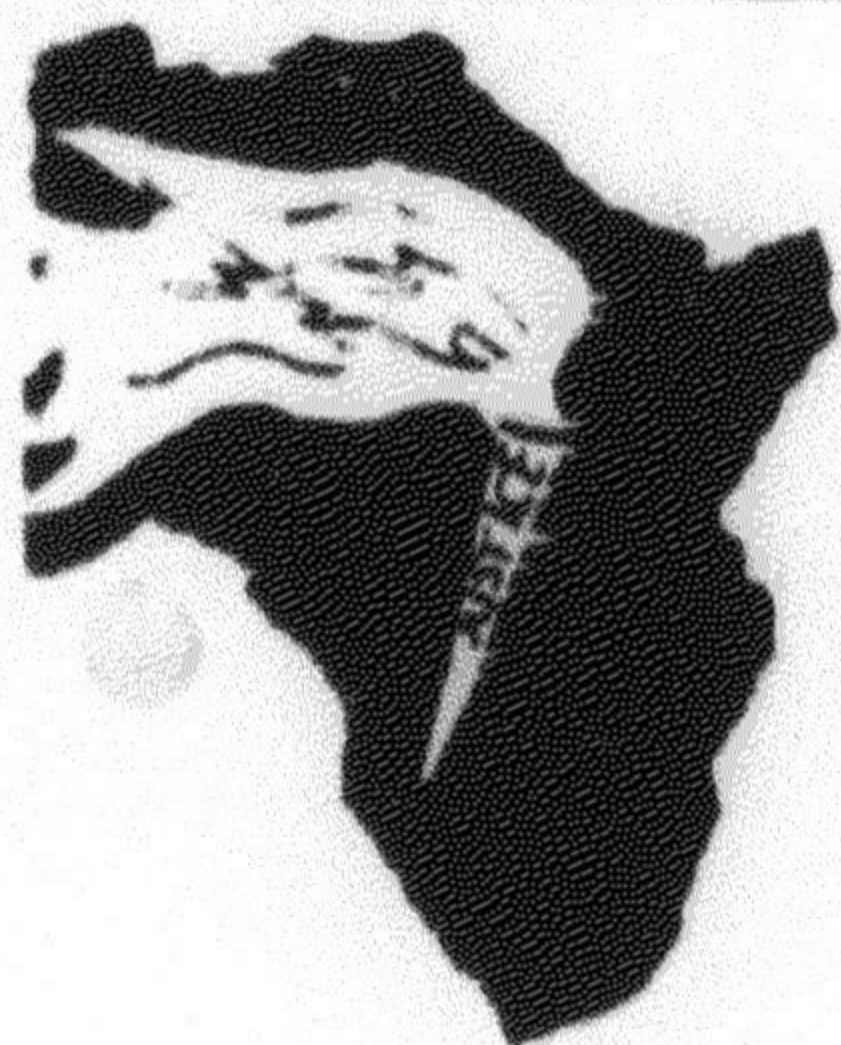
I recently testified at the United Nations Special Political Committee Hearings on Apartheid. During this visit I was told that Radio Netherland has quite a lot of information on apartheid...tapes, written materials and documents. We would very much appreciate being placed on your mailing list. It would be very helpful in our work.

Also, would it be possible for you to send us the tapes (5) from the Netherlands Programs on SADCC Documents? I understand they are quite good.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely,

Vera
Vera Michelson
Chair



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Nov. 30, 1983

John Rully
Chair, Public Pension Fund Committee
Albany Tax Local 690
State Campus, Bldg 8A
Albany, N Y 12227

Dear John,

As a local anti-apartheid organization, we would like to share some of our thoughts with you regarding the upcoming Dec. 6th Comptroller's advisory council meeting of the N.Y. State Public Pension Fund.

We recognize that like most Americans, you probably share our abhorrence of South African apartheid. The question then becomes, what can we as workers and freedom loving human beings do to assist blacks in South Africa in their struggle against apartheid. I am sure that Gary Pavlic pointed out in his discussions with you that we can respond to the call for full divestment of public funds which are invested in companies doing business in South Africa.

We encourage you and others on the committee not to be taken in by the Sullivan principles which in reality are merely an excuse for justifying corporate investments in apartheid.

Finally, we ask you to follow the lead of our neighboring state of Massachusetts in urging full divestment of public pension funds.

We believe it would be in everyone's best interest to recommend to the comptroller at this time that a public hearing be held in order that full and open discussion be held on this matter of international concern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Vera Michelson
Chair, Coalition Against
Apartheid and Racism, Albany
N.Y.

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Wayne Bayer PEF
American Committee On Africa
American South African Friendship People's Ass.
Bill McGowan CSEA



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Michael Amon-Ra
Brevort Station
P.O. Box 507
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11216
Nov. 25, 1983

Dear Michael,

A typical "thank you" for Nov. 19th would not be enough, clearly. Your keynote speech was exactly what we wanted and needed to start off the day...the analysis, the energy and the specific areas of focus all set the tone for what turned out to be a very unique day for the city of Albany. I don't think we really could have made a better choice for our morning speaker.

There was a piece in your address for everyone and I honestly think that if there was anyone who did not gain from it, they simply were not listening.

We are very interested to learn your impressions of the day. I am sure they will be helpful.

Of course, the begging question is....now what?

Be assured, we take our work very seriously and in addition to being action-oriented we tend to be quite thorough. Our first meeting to re-hash the conference is on Nov. 30..we'll see. I am hopeful that if, in addition, ^{to} our current anti-apartheid ^{work} etc we move towards dealing with the criminal justice system, police brutality etc you can be of some assistance.

Thank you again for everything. I look forward to hearing from you.

Forward in struggle,
On Behalf of the Conference Committee

Nea "Mike" Nelson
518 489-1767

Roli said you were a great houseguest because you were nice to get along with and you would tell her what you wanted.

Alice said she was really pleased to work with you and she enjoyed hearing you talk.

COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM/ NAACP ALBANY BRANCH
NOV. 19 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
RACISM A NATIONAL POLICY ?

Dec. 5, 1983

Dear conference participant,

Thank you for your attendance at the recent most significant Nov. 19th conference on Racism a National Policy?

It is clear that while some things could have been improved (for ex., more time for workshop discussions), overall the day was a complete success. Attendance was excellent, interest was high and the three major speakers seemed to capture in different ways, the full meaning of the struggle against racism.

Many of you signed up for a copy of the conference report. This report will be hopefully be finalized by the end of Dec.

The question of where do we go from here cannot be easily answered and we should not expect it to be. But perhaps we will be a bit more prepared to deal with the issue after our participation in the conference.

We all need to give careful thought as to how to build the movement against institutional racism in Albany and on the national level. Discussions around this issue must continue and hopefully you will be a part of those discussions by attending meetings of the NAACP, the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism or any other organization which is dealing with the many issues that came out of the conference.

We wish you and yours a Happy Holiday season.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID
AND RACISM
Dec. 14, 7:30 P.M. Wed.
340 First St
Neighborhood Resource Center
Downstairs

NAACP

Jan. 10, Tues. 7:30 P.M.
Urban League
Corner Livingston and Ten Broeck
Albany, N.Y.

Sincerely,
The Conference Committee

Depak Kapur
Lillie McLaughlin
Vera Michelson
Anita Thayer
Odell Winfield

For more info:

465-6974
489-1767



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Dec. 7, 1983

Special Committee on Apartheid
U.N.
N.Y., N.Y. 10017

To whom it may concern,

Enclosed please find copy of our testimony before the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly. As you can see, we are extensively involved with cultural boycott work.

Please send immediately, 20 copies of the U.N. registry of entertainers who have gone to South Africa and any other information you may have pertaining to the boycott. It is most urgent that we have these lists and the registry.

Thank you in advance. The lists may be sent to the above address.

Forward in struggle,

Vera Michelson
Chair

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NACIONES UNIDAS
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RADIO E INFORMACION VISUAL

7th December 1983

Dear Vera,

Just a quick very informal note!
I got your letter, thank you. You
will soon get an official reply
complete with all the programmes
you want.

Can you, meanwhile do me
a favour? Please send me as
soon as you can, the addresses
of Kakeem Shabazz of the
"Concerned Citizens Coalition"
and Tariq Iddinn of the "National
Association of Black Social Workers".
They also want the programmes.
I misplaced their addresses

and I would like the dispatch
of the programmes to be done
in one operation.

Keep up the excellent work
you are doing.

Regards,

Cecilia.

9.35

Honorable Judge Jack Cook
c/o Michael Salbeck Esq.
3003 South Congress Ave
Suite 1A
Palms Springs Florida
33461

re: James Ellis
12/13/83

Dear Judge Cook,

I am a person who has been very active in community affairs over the past several years in the Capital District.

I, along with many other Capital District Residents, am completely shocked about the recent conviction of James Ellis. James has, in many ways, shown fine qualities of leadership and a keen interest in community activities. His college record shows has been a tremendous asset to the community.

James has always been cooperative, friendly and easy to work with.

It is just impossible for me to believe this has happened to such a fine young man.

I trust I speak for many many people when I ask you show mercy in the sentencing - giving James the most minimum sentence possible -

Sincerely
Vera Michelson



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Chairman
M. J. Dollard

Vice-Chairman
E. J. Josey

Dear Friend:

On the morning of September 22, 1981, at 3:30 a.m., with shotguns drawn and pistols pointed, police burst into the apartment of an activist organizing against South Africa's brutal apartheid regime. She and other organizers staying in the apartment were held to the floor at gunpoint, fingerprinted, photographed, imprisoned and denied access to lawyers and bail. The police confiscated personal telephone books, organizational files, mailing lists and other political material.

These frightening events did not occur in South Africa or at the direction of some other far away repressive government. They happened in Albany on the eve of a massive demonstration against the Springboks; South Africa's sports ambassadors of Apartheid as they prepared to play in Albany's Bleecker Stadium.

Arrested were Vera Michelson, Aaron Estes and Mike Young. John Spearman, another anti-apartheid activist, was arrested earlier that evening. All were organizers in a peaceful protest coordinated by the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism and participated in by a broad spectrum of people from local and regional community, union and church groups.

"We condemn those police agencies that sought to foment violence instead of provide order, that sought to stifle protest rather than keep the peace and sought to frame innocent people in a futile attempt to disrupt a peaceful and legitimate challenge to the existing order."

Harry Hamilton - Chairperson
Legal Redress Committee-NAACP

The violations charged against Michelson and Estes were dropped. Young and Spearman were found innocent of all charges. Both outcomes are victories against police and government repression.

As a result of this government assault on the civil liberties of anti-apartheid and anti-racist activists, Vera Michelson, the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, and Aaron Estes (of Boston) have filed lawsuits totalling 9 million dollars. The suits were filed in federal court on December 14, 1983 and cite damages against the District Attorney, two Assistant DA's, the Chief of

Police, the Assistant Chief of Police, several detectives, and two F.B.I. officials. The claims range from false arrest and imprisonment, denial of bail, malicious prosecution to civil rights violations, slander and libel.

It is clear from the actions of the police and from information learned during the trials of Young and Spearman that the arrests were part of an attempt to disrupt the protest. By conducting an illegal preemptive raid removing key organizers, branding them as violent criminals and fabricating reports of impending Ku Klux Klan and Communist Workers Party violence, police and officials hoped to discredit the protests and silence the clear anti-apartheid message sent to South Africa, the U.S. government and the world. This was a clear attack on the anti-apartheid movement.

The message went out just the same:

"No to Apartheid, No to Racism!"

Through the suit the Coalition and other community activists will obtain vital information on the level and scope of political surveillance and disruption in Albany during the months preceding the demonstration. This information will provide a factual basis for challenges to abuses of police power. The suit is a clear message to would be violators of political and constitutionally guaranteed rights.


The Coalition has raised enough money to begin the lawsuit, however, the suit will involve a long struggle requiring the financial support and commitment of many people like yourself. The costs of legal fees, transcripts, and research are substantial and will run into the thousands of dollars. We are, however, convinced that the benefits will greatly outweigh the costs.

I am writing this letter to ask your assistance in supporting Vera Michelson and the Coalition in our efforts to prevent these frightening events from being repeated, perhaps someday in your home.

Donations to help with legal fees are badly needed. Checks can be made out to the "Coalition Against Apartheid Defense Fund," Box 3002, Pine Hills Station, Albany, New York 12203.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Dollard
Chairperson



Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid
and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Jan. 4, 1984

Sandra Rose Temple

Dear Sandra,

Enclosed you'll find the Conference report from Nov. 19th along with a letter we had sent out earlier.

Also...some info regarding a conference in Wash. on Independent Political action. We may rent a car and I would love to have you go with us. They will be very much involved in Jesse's campaign, along with other movements. They sent a brochure on Jesse and I noticed that you were listed as a national endorser...Congratulations! Let me know if you are interested in the conference.

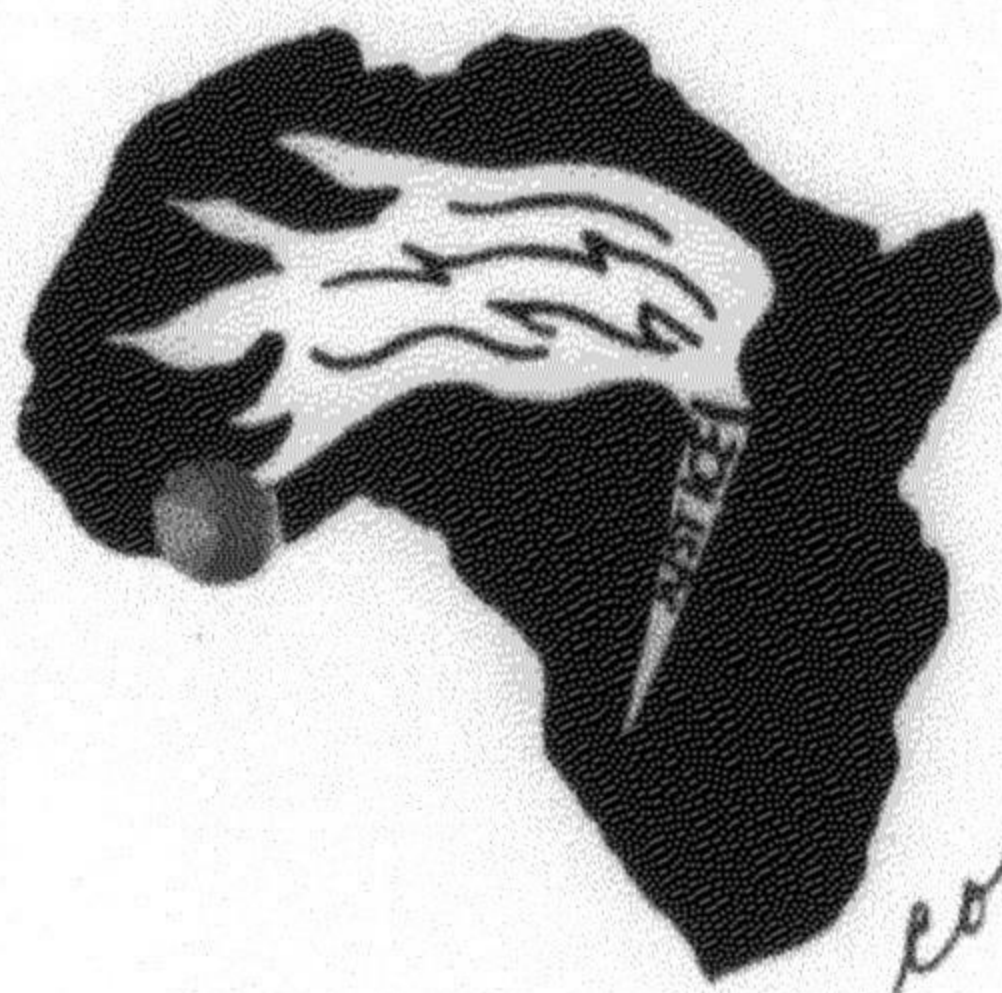
Also... Could you send someone to our next meeting (Jan. 11 Wed 7:30P.M., 340 First St. Basement) to briefly update us on what is going on with Jesse's campaign locally.

Please call me when you had a chance to look at this material I look forward to hearing from you.

In struggle,

P.S. Re; the Wash. conference... You might want to consider writing a piece on your anti-machine campaign and all the recent political excitement in Arbor Hill.. The story should be told nationally.

V. "Mike" Michelson
Chair 489-1767(h)



Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

correspondence

Chairman
M. J. Dollard

January 4, 1984

Vice-Chairman
E. J. Josey

Rev. William Roland, Pres.
Capital District Council of Churches
901 Madison Avenue
Albany, New York 12208

RE: November 19, 1983 Conference

Dear Rev. Roland:

Both the Coalition and the Albany Branch NAACP wish to thank you for your endorsement of our November 19, 1983 conference on "Racism: A National Policy?"

I am sorry that we received the endorsement too late to include on our conference brochure.

I have enclosed a copy of the conference report and the conference brochure.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson

VM:cjh
Enclosure
cc: Lillie McLaughlin, Albany Branch NAACP
Jim Campbell

Jan. 9, 1983

Dear members of DSA and friends,

I don't know about you but I was pretty upset when I read the recent Anvil article (Jan. 84) on Democratic Politics. How can any organization that calls itself "socialist" write a review of current Democratic party politics on a national level and blatantly exclude a serious analysis or comment about Jesse Jackson's campaign?

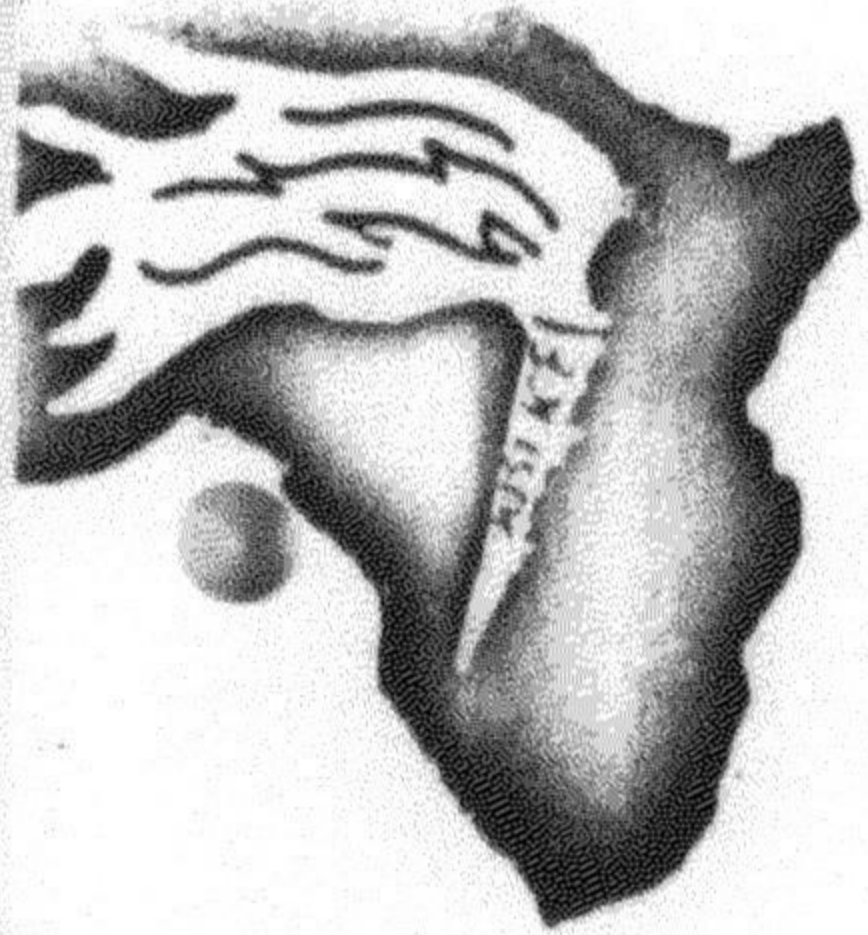
Despite the energy, enthusiasm and positive effect that Jesse's candidacy is having on the masses, despite the fact that he is putting the issues we have all been fighting for on the national agenda and despite the fact that he has stimulated an unprecedented voter registration campaign among blacks.... DSA has chosen to call the Jackson candidacy "a ritual bid from the left". People magazine has more positive things to say about the Jackson campaign than this.

These kinds of omissions and mistakes can only serve to isolate DSA from the progressive movement.

Your friend,

Vera "Mike" Michelson

*Please print
in the
Anvil*



Against Apartheid and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

Jan. 23, 1984

Ebriham Nwor
Secretary
Special Committee Against Apartheid
U.N.
N.Y., N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Nwor,

I am writing on behalf of the Coalition Against Apartheid. I am sure that you remember the infamous Ruby game played by the S.A. Springboks in Albany... We are the organization that was formed to organize the protest and as you can see, we have been active in anti-apartheid activities ever since.

I hope that you will look over the enclosed brochure.

It would be most helpful if you put us on the mailing list of the Special Committee Against Apartheid so that we can receive information on a regular basis. We would also like to be informed of any U.N. activities, meetings or debates that we might take part in.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Onward, Forward in
struggle,

Vera
Vera Michelson
Chair

WALTER & THAYER
LAW OFFICES
ONE COLUMBIA PLACE
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207

(518) 462-6753

July 18, 1984

ANITA THAYER
LANNY E. WALTER
MARY JO LONG

Mr. Artis Lee
American Friends Service Committee
821 Euclid Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210

Dear Artis:

As you know, I am a member of the steering committee of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism. We are very involved in the cultural boycott campaign against entertainers who have travelled to South Africa.

Our local newspaper and television stations carried news of the plans of a Syracuse group to picket the Beach Boys at the State Fair. We all thought this was very exciting.

Enclosed please find some information I thought you might find helpful.

1. Press release concerning apology from the Temptations plus news article.
2. A flyer we used at the Beach Boys concert last summer at S.P.A.C.
3. A flyer we planned to use for the Temptations but now can't.
4. A statement our organization prepared for the Special Political Committee of the United Nations.

We will be picketing the Beach Boys August 30 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, as well as Rod Stewart on August 29, 1984. Are you planning to picket Rod Stewart as well? We think he is a key target because his South African

Mr. Artis Lee
July 18, 1984
Page Two

tour was in 1983.

Please give me or our chairperson, Vera Michelson a call so we can further discuss this. The number is 518-436-0562. It seems to me that the State Fair concerts gives us all an opportunity to put pressure on the NYS as well as the performers themselves.

Sincerely,

Anita Thayer

AT:cjh

September 12, 1984
39 Academy Road
Albany, New York 12208

United Nations Centre Against Apartheid
United Nations, New York 10017

To whom it may concern:

From June 18 through June 21, 1984, I was one of a delegation of four from the Albany, New York Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism to attend the North American Regional Conference Against Apartheid at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. While at the conference, I was heartened by many things. The opportunity to meet other grassroots' activists and share ideas was very beneficial. The grassroots connections our people made have already proven helpful in our cultural boycott work over the summer. The possibilities for United Nations cooperation with non governmental organizations (NGO's) also seemed especially promising. However, the anticipated connections with the United Nations don't seem to be materializing.

At the conclusion of the conference, I was left with the understanding that those who had been in attendance would receive a copy of the conference report. As of today, that report has not been forthcoming and I understand it has been "out" for several weeks. I am requesting a copy of that report.

At the continuation of Workshop V on the afternoon of June 20, 1984, a representative from the Centre made mention that NGO's may receive funding for anti-apartheid projects from the United Nations. I asked at that time for further information on this and am now requesting that guidelines for such funding be sent. Any U. N. funding would be most helpful to our group, and I'm sure to other grassroots groups, which operate on shoestring budgets.

During the conference many suggestions were made that the U. N. publish a comprehensive directory of North American NGO's so that we might extend our networking capabilities. I do have a copy of the directory which was handed out at the conference but this directory is incomplete since some of the NGO's in attendance at the conference were not even included. (I have enclosed a brochure outlining the purposes of the Capital District Coalition for your information.) If a new directory has been published, I would like to receive a copy.

I left the conference at the end of June encouraged to be working with other organizations and with the United Nations in the struggle against apartheid. But for the conference to have been truly worthwhile, there is a need for follow up and follow through. I trust that my requests for the report, the directory and the funding guidelines will be met and that positive communication between the U. N. and the NGO's will continue.

Sincerely,

Eileen C. Kawola
Steering Committee
Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism