From Dec 1 - 4, 1987, over 500 delegates from all over the world, travelled to Arusha, Tanzania, to attend an Anti-Apartheid conference called by the African National Congress. Vera Michelson, of the Capital district Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, was part of the 14-member US delegation to the conference which consisted of representatives of governments, non-governmental organisations solidarity organisations, national liberation movements of several counties and the South African democratic movement inside the country. The confernce was entitled, "PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AGAINST APARTHEID FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA".

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

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

1) Pretoria's policy of aggression against the frontline states.

2) Mobilization of people's sanctions.

3) The international isolation of the Apartheid regime.

4) New perspectives on international solidarity.

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

How does the African National congress fit into the internal or external struggle?

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

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

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

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

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

Simply being Anti-Apartheid is not enough. The liberation movement needs A:

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our concrete support. There is no middle ground. We are either supporting the ANC or the regime. In his address to the conference, President Julius Nyerere said: "...the task of the ANC is to continue the struggle and the task of non-racialists everywhere is to support them."

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

A: Britain and the Scandinavian countries have strong movements which are not fragmented. Most of the Socialist countries and the African nations support the liberation movement. Even Japan now has a growing Anti-Apartheid movement which is working to prevent Japanese companies from moving into South Africa to replace disinvesting companies. In the US we tend to go in spurts and jogs. We have a tendency to support an issue if it is fashionable. I sometimes think we have very short attention spans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Call 436-0562 to get involved.



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January 5, 1990

Dear Vina

The Reverend Allan Boesak, President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and a major spokesperson for the United Democratic Front in South Africa, will be in Albany in January.

You are invited to a special private breakfast at the Office of the Public Employees Federation at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesay, January 16, 1990, to meet and hear Reverend Boesak give an update on the fight for freedom in South Africa.

This breakfast, which is co-sponsored with the Public Employees Federation/ PEF and a number of Capital District labor, religious and community organizations, is part of a two day visit to our area. After his appearance at PEF, he will deliver a major address at Siena College at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni Recreation Center.

We hope that your schedule will permit your joining with us for this important meeting with Reverend Boesak. As space is limited and reservations are required, your immediate response is needed. For reservations, call 370-0384 or 462-6753.

My warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Merle Longwood

Chair

BREAKFAST IN HONOR OF REV. ALLAN A. BOESAK

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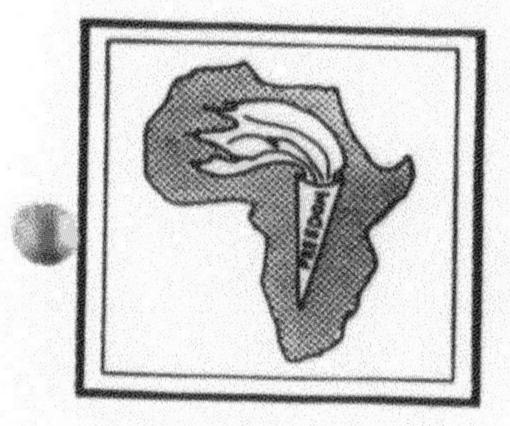
- The South African ambassador to the United States. Dr. Piet Koornhof. joins hands with Dr. Dorothy Height. president of the National Council of Negro Women, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson during a chorus of "We Shall Overcome" in Washington, D.C., Monday. Coverage of national and state observ. ances on 8-4.



Thousands march in Albany to honor Kil

assassinated on April 4, 1968, paid tribute to King. They also took

at the First Church



Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station Albany, NY 12203

January 23, 1990

Rev. William E. McConville, President Siena College Loudonville, New York 12211

Dear Rev. McConville,

Congratulations to you and the Siena College community for organizing the recent visit of Rev. Allan Boesak to the Capital District.

It has been a rewarding experience to work with Siena on this event and we are hopeful that Rev. Boesak's visit will energize others to become involved in the anti-apartheid movement in 1990.

In particular, we were most moved by your introductory comments on Tuesday morning. It was clear that Rev. Boesak appreciated your reflections as well.

We are grateful to Siena for taking the initiative for this important event. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Toward freedom in Southern Africa,

Vera Michelson, Co-chair

cc: Merle Longwood Ethel David

Box 3002, Pine Hills Station, Albany, N.Y. 12203

February 7, 1990

Dear Friend:

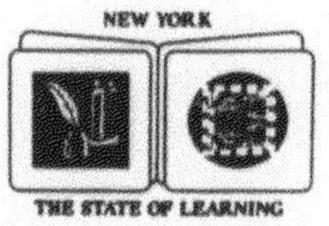
We of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism invite you join an international campaign to continue and intensify economic sanctions against South Africa. Reception committees worldwide will celebrate Nelson Mandela's release from prison while stepping up the call for sanctions.

Following De Klerk' state of the nation speech on February 2, 1990, George Bush and Margaret Thatcher responded by suggesting that sanctions should be re-evaluated. In contrast, also following De Klerk's speech, Thabo Mbeki, Director of International Affairs for the ANC called for sanctions to be intensified. In a statement released following the speech, the UDF said, in part, that:

"...the sanctions campaign must be maintained and intensified. To lift sanctions now would be to run the risk of aborting the progress to democracy. If anything, the speech that De Klerk has made shows that all the pressures we have been calling for and all the demands for sanctions were pointed in the right direction. This is no time to relent on this issue."

We must listen to the voice of the majority of South Africans, not Bush and Thatcher, in deciding when to lift sanctions. The South African government has only made any changes precisely because South Africa has lost \$32 billion through direct and indirect sanctions over the last 5 years.

When Nelson Mandela is released, and as an initial step in a campaign for intensified sanctions, we will attempt to hold a press conference using the enclosed press release. To use your name on this press release will aid the campaign immensely. In addition, if you or your organization feel committed to joining us in the coming months please indicate this on the tear off sheet.



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, N.Y. 12234

DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS

February 22, 1990

Ms. Paula Bower 625 Linden Avenue Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Dear Ms. Bower:

Thank you for sharing a review copy of your publication, Apartheid is Wrong: A Curriculum for Young People. You are to be congratulated for your commitment to coordinate this publication on the nature and history of apartheid. The publication is very timely in that students of all ages and ethnicity should be aware of such subjects as the denial of human rights.

Without a doubt, Apartheid is Wrong is an excellent document on the policy of segregation and political-economic discrimination against non-European groups in South Africa. Some of the most interesting and profound literary works, fiction and nonfiction, have their roots in major social issues.

The content is appropriate for a traditional study of all subjects while the method of instruction can be altered to add variety to the classroom presentations. The presentation of concepts is clear and the activity sheets are consistent with the concepts presented.

Teachers may use this publication in all disciplines. It is a valuable resource and well done. Apartheid is Wrong should be included in all school libraries. It provides teachers with the material to open up their classrooms as a facilitator of knowledge and a moderator of discussion. The nature of the subject matter provides flexibility, is attractive and well designed with clear, easy-to-read directions, attractive layouts and interesting illustrations.

The last Chapter, What We Can Do to End Apartheid, should have a great deal of relevance since the recent release of Nelson Mandella from prison by the South African Government.

The Department's Division of Civil Rights and Intercultural Relations, in its work with school districts, will make them aware of the publication and how and where it can be purchased. In addition, we would like to purchase a copy for this office. Please forward information pertaining to purchasing cost and procedure.

Thank you again for sharing this excellent publication with us.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Glover Program Manager

Division of Civil Rights and Intercultural Relations

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Earlier this fall Vera Michelson and Les Davis of The
Capital District Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid (CD CAAR)
attended the Fourth International Conference Against Apartheid
Sport held in Stockholm, Sweden They were two of four United
States delegates who joined 200 representatives from 39 other
countries. (CDCAAR has been active locally in protesting the OTB
Tennis Tournament which includes South African tennis players)
The conference was sponsored by the South Africa Non Racial
Olympic Committee (SANROC), the Swedish Sports Federation and the
United Nations. A brief report follows.

"It's not over yet" was the general statement of conference delegates at the Fourth Annual International Conference Against Apartheid Sport. Delegates from Africa, the Scandinavian countries, Europe, the United States, Canada, The Caribbean and the Soviet Union reaffirmed their work in the sports boycott as they listened to sports activists from South Africa passionately describe the condition of sports for Blacks in the apartheid state.

They also warned conference delegates not to be fooled by "gestures" by State President de Klerk. Mluleki George, the president of the National Olympic and Sports Congress (NSC) told the gathering that "it has not reached a stage yet where we can say that" the changes are profound and irreversible. Therefore, it would be dangerous for the international community to relax any measures against apartheid in sport. "He urged the conference to keep up the sanction's campaign in all areas including sport.

He said "When we have reached the point when we can say the changes are profound and irreversible we will signal all of our friends in the international community".

While the sports boycott is as vibrant as ever there are some new developments which must be noted. South African anti apartheid sports activists do not want to be caught with their racquets down on the day of freedom. Today, under apartheid, sports facilities for South Africa Blacks are either non existent or completely inadequate. All sports funds and facilities are used to train white south Africa sportspersons. Developing non racial sports to a competitive level will require massive assistance and resources. Preparation for sports in a free South Africa and subsequent reentry into Olympic competition (South Africa was banned from Olympic Sports in 1970) will require international aid for development of sports facilities, equipment and the training of coaches and sports administrators. Sam Ramsamy, chairperson of Sanroc, said that "experience from Zimbabwe and Namibia had shown that once a political settlement was reached the international community stopped funding. It is essential to obtain assistance now".

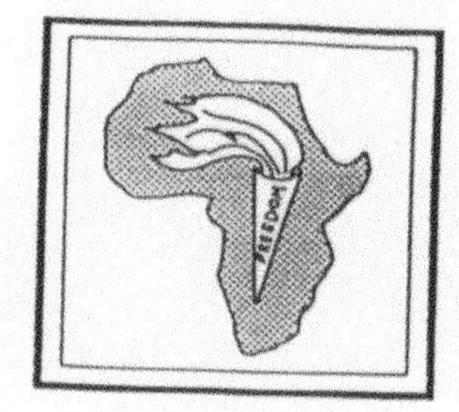
Sports activities stressed that this aid must be closely monitored by non racial sporting bodies in order to prevent charitable or neocolonialistic relationships from developing with sporting entities and to ensure that the material aid is properly routed.

The NSC (which organized last summer's successful protest against the English Crickett Team) is also seeking unity in

sports. Their ultimate objective is to form one controlling non racial sports body for each discipline to replace existing apartheid sports federations. To this end, unity talks have begun in Tennis, Track and Field and Road Running and Crickett. These talks include topics such as sports development for Blacks, schools and education, sponsorship, and Defense Force/Police involvement in the apartheid sporting structures.

After three and a half days, the conference ended with an emotional closing ceremony which included a presentation by Cheryl Roberts of the NSC and poetry readings and songs by four Swedish athletes which paid tribute to the South African liberation struggle.

Submitted by Vera Michelson



Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station Albany, NY 12203

Sam Walker, President Interdenominational Ministers' Conference 34 Forest Road Burnt Hills, N.Y. 12027

Dear Rev. Walker,

In the dawn of last weekend's spectacular events in South Africa, we are proposing a meeting between the Executive Committee of the ministers' conference and members of the CDCAAR religious action committee.

The purpose of this meeting would be to discuss, in concrete ways, how we can unify our efforts to keep up the pressure on the apartheid government. We feel that it is important for a meeting of this type to take place within the next few weeks so that we can respond properly to Mandela's call to intensify our efforts.

"We call on the international community to continue to isolate the apartheid regime. To lift sanctions now would be to run the risk of aborting the process toward the complete eradication of apartheid."

Nelson Mandela - Feb. 11, 1990

It is imperative now, more than ever, that our legislators, public officials, and our President understand that freedom-loving people across this nation will not rest, nor will we truly rejoice, until there is one person - one vote in South Africa and apartheid is abolished.

Please contact me at 436-0562 in the evening so that we can discuss a meeting of this nature.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson

cc: Nellis Trembly
Rev. Robert Dixon
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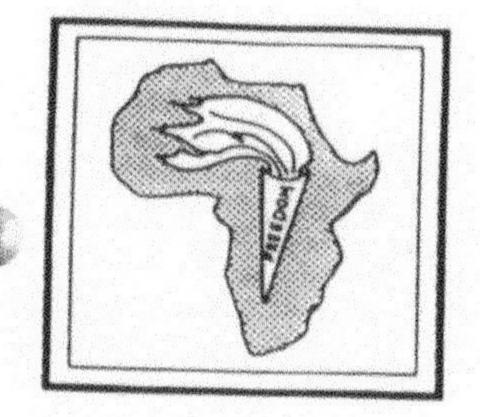
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Another major aspect of this work is a campaign to collect as many signatures as possible in support of continued and strengthened mandatory comprehensive sanctions against the South African regime. The Africa Fund has put out a ballot which makes it easy for people to vote and show their support for sanctions. These ballots will be delivered to the U.S. Congress. We have ballots available for you to distribute to your union so that each member can be actively involved. Enclosed you will find a sample ballot and we can provide ballots for your organization.

We hope to engage all sectors of the community in this effort: religious, labor, elected officials, students, academicians, entertainers, and community activists. If you can join our efforts, please call the committee as soon as possible at 432-4623.

Sincerely,

For the Mandela Reception Committee



Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station Albany, NY 12203

March 2, 1990

Dear Union Leader:

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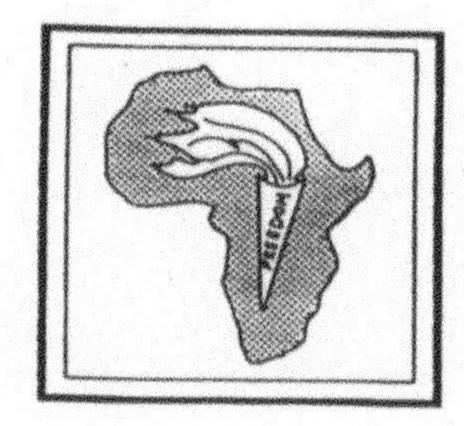
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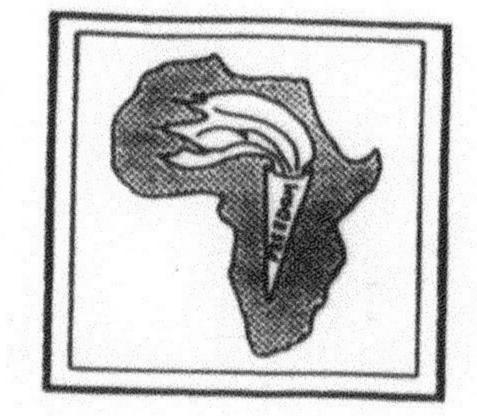
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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA

We, members of the Mandela Reception Committee, join in celebrations around the world which commemorate the release of African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela after 28 years in South Africa's apartheid prisons. Mandela has maintained his integrity and dignity throughout these long and difficult years. He has been an inspiration to anti-apartheid forces everywhere.

While we are jubilant about Mandela's release, we want to make it very clear that the struggle is far from over. The apartheid system remains intact. Over 1300 political prisoners remain in jail, 200 of these on death row. Several hundred individuals remain restricted. Troops remain in the townships. The State of Emergency instituted in 1985 and only partially lifted, is still being used by President F.W. deKlerk to detain people without trial, break up meetings, rallies and marches and censor the press. Peaceful anti-apartheid demonstrations still bring police violence. All of the basic laws which constitute the apartheid system of white minority controlled government, racism and repression, remain in full effect.

Mandela's release has not come about because apartheid has had a change of heart. The release is a result of the uncompromising struggle being waged inside South Africa and in the international community.

The campaign to isolate the apartheid regime is beginning to reap success. International economic sanctions levied against South Africa are taking their toll and South African President deKlerk is desparately trying to ward off any more sanctions.

The Bush administration will attempt to use the Mandela release as an excuse to lift existing sanctions against South African.

Virtually all anti-apartheid forces inside South Africa continue to call for increased sanctions.

We, therefore, join hundreds of Mandela Reception Committees in the United States and around the world, in launching an intensified campaign for comprehensive sanctions against South Africa. We call on all capital district residents to join us in showing support for the people of South Africa by pressuring our legislators to move for full and comprehensive sanctions against the apartheid regime.

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April 5, 1990

Vera Michelson P. O. Box 3002 Albany, NY 12203

Dear Ms. Michelson:

With reference to your meeting room request for the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism, there is only one date that has been previously booked. I have no space available on October 25, 1990. Would you like to call me to select another date?

November 29, 1990 - the small auditorium is available. All the additional 1990 dates are available from what I can see.

Sincerely,

Barbara Whipple Gimber
Administrative Assistant

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CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM BOX 3002 PINE HILLS STATION ALBANY, NY 12203 A Project of the Social Justice Center

Mr. Lewis Krupka Executive Director Holt House Inc. 44 Tivoli Street Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Krupka,

We need your help! First, by way of introduction, the Capital District Coalition against Apartheid and Racism is a grassroots organization based in Albany, New York. Our organization was formed in 1981 to protest a South African Rugby Tour in the United States and, in particular, to protest the teams appearance in Albany. The game was played, but several thousand people participated in one of the largest protests in the city's history. Since that time the Coalition has grown. We have worked diligently in the struggle against racism in the United States and apartheid in Southern Africa. We are a co-convenor of the Northeast Southern Africa Solidarity Network, a regional anti-apartheid network and an affiliate with the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, a national anti-racist network. We work as a solidarity support group with the African National Congress and with SWAPO of Namibia.

We need your help in the sanctions campaign. As we are sure you are aware, the Africa Fund of the American Committee on Africa has launced a national "Vote Democracy" campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to gather signatures in support of continued and intensified sanctions against South Africa to maintain pressure against the apartheid regime. These signed ballots will be sent to the United States Congress, and to the people of South Africa to demonstrate our support for their democratic movement.

The Coalition has been working in the effort for some time. We have been gathering signatures in various ways. Ballots have gone out in our monthly mailing to one thousand people. Ballot boxes have been set up at the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus Weekend in Albany, at the Rev. Alan Boesak visit to Sienna

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College, at the Cordoned Heart Photography Exhibit and Film Series at the New York State Museum, at the Black History month exhibit at the Social Justice Center of Albany, and at every occasion when a member of the Coalition has spoken to a college, church or community group about apartheid.

The help we are asking from you is for you to be part of a celebrity welcome, reception, and press event to publicly and officially launch the "Vote Democracy" campaign in the Capital District region. Tebogo Mafole, Chief Representative of the African National Congress Observer Mission to the United Nations has agreed to appear in Albany for this event. We are asking celebrities and other prominent persons in the Capital District to join him in this effort. We have contacted many local personalities who have agreed to participate. We are requesting your presence. A leader of your stature and your committment in the anti-apartheid movement would do much to assure maximum community participation and full scale press coverage for this important occassion. You would, of course, play a leading role, with the ANC, in the event itself and in any media coverage before or after that event that we are able to organize.

We are planning to have this event in June, the exact time and date will depend on the availability of certain celebrities with whom we are negotiating at the present time. However, we are hoping to determine your interest and willingness to paticipate in this event.

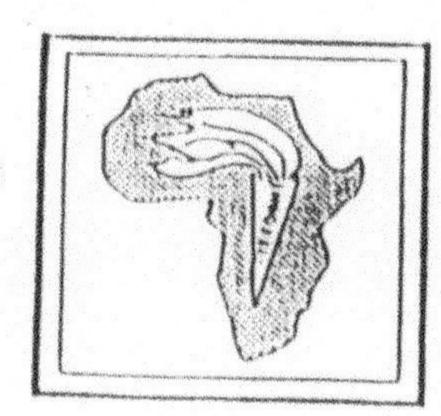
I will be calling you in the near future to determine your interest and willingness to participate in the event.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact the coalition. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely

Zaida Kajee on behalf of the coaltion



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Dear Restauranteur/ Merchant:
On February 11, 1990, our hearts overflowed with joy at the sight of Nelson Mandela, a leader of the African National Congress, walking out of the Victor Verster prison and speaking to the people of Cape Town. This tremendous victory is, above all else, the result of the decades-long and heroic struggle of the South African people for democracy and freedom. It is also a direct result of the isolation and economic sanctions brought by the international community against the apartheid regime. Thus, this is our victory as well. It is a magnificent first step down a long road to the total abolition of apartheid and the birth of a new South Africa based on one person, one vote.

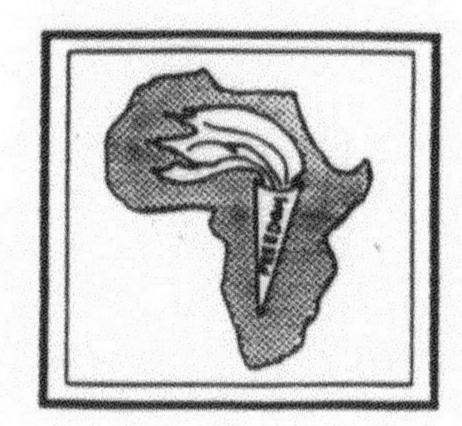
In great jubilation and hope we approach this new stage of the struggle and the possibility of a political settlement end apartheid, but we celebrate with full knowledge that the struggle is far from over. Apartheid is still in place. Serious obstacles still exist to establishing a climate where free political discussion and activity can take place in South Africa. Only when such a climate exists can negotiations take place in South Africa.

As Americans we have a particular responsibility to take up and make real the unanimous call by our brothers and sisters in South Africa to continue and intensify sanctions against apartheid.

In our efforts to continually meet the challenge and fulfill our charge, we are asking you to join with us in your support of freedom by donating food items to the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism for us to serve at a reception that we are co-sponsoring with The New York State Black And Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus. On Wednesday, June 27, 1990 invited guests will be convening with a representative of the African National Congress at a reception at the Legislative Office Building.

Your donation and support is greatly appreciated and will not go unnoticed. Thank you for your on-going support.

Towards freedom in South Africa,



Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station Albany, NY 12203

April 17, 1990.

Tebogo Mafole ANC-RM. 405 N.Y., N.Y. 10017

Dear Comrade Tebogo!

Thank you for agreeing to come to Albany for the "celebrity press conference" on Tuesday May 22 (see attached letter). At the press conference we will have a huge mounted sanctions ballot. This mounted ballot will be signed by the celebrities and presented to you as a show of support for the sanctions campaign. We also hope to have individuals from 3 area cities present sanctions resolutions which they will introduce to their relevant legislative structures.

In addition we will be scheduling you to appear in local radio talk shows etc. In this way we will be able to maximize your visit to the Capital District.

Please prepare to take the 7:35 A.M. Amtrak train to Albany, arriving 10:13 A.M. Your train will leave Albany on the same day at 3:05 P.M., arriving at Grand Central at 5:40 P.M. We will either send you a ticket or arrange to have a ticket ready for pick up at Amtrak.

Forward to victory

Vera Michelson

REVENUES 1/1/90 TO 4/30/90

1. Eileen Kawola speaking at Union Collage	\$ 50.00
2. Membership contributions (Given by Eileen)	\$ 815.00
3. Membership contributions (Given by Eileen)	\$ 170.00
4. From key chains sale (Anita Thayer \$13.00, Vicki Smith \$21.00, Mabel Leon Vicki Smith \$20.00 Hazune EyTina \$5.00, Cash \$9.00)	\$ 81.00
5. From posters sale (cash given by Mike)	\$ 90.00
6. Membership contributions (Given by Eileen)	\$ 210.00
7. January interest	\$ 7.81
8. Feburary interest	\$ 9.08
9. James Cunningham for reception	\$ 25.00
10. T-shirts sale (Deborah Maxwell \$15.00, Mabel Leon \$60.00, Hazling)	\$ 105.00 EyTina \$30.00)
11. March interest	\$ 9.02
12. Membership contributions (Given by Eileen)	\$ 80.00
13. T-shirts sale (Given by Hazare EyTina)	\$ 45.00
14. Buttons sale (Given by Mike)	\$ 15.00
16. Shenendehowa Teachers Asso. for reception	\$ 50.00
17. PEF Divison No 165 for reception	\$ 50.00
18. Membership contributions	\$ 15.00

EXPENSES 1/1/90 TO 4/30/90

1. Augsburg Publishing House for rental of video entitled "Broken for you"	\$ 7.50
2. Social Justice Center for January mailing	\$ 60.74
3. Vera Michelson for December phone	\$ 49.50
4. Roli Varma (\$12.00 for xeroxing & \$14.50 for mailing thankyou notes)	26.50
5. Social Justice Center for March mailing	\$ 64.85
6. Walter, Thayer et.al. for postage & xeroxing	\$ 48.00
7. Merton Simpson for audio equipment rental for Feb rally	\$ 40.60
8. Vera Michelson for January telephone	\$ 87.04
9. Vera Michelson for small on-going expenditures	\$ 100.00
10. Capital Business Services for leaflets mailed to Pam Saffer (Given by Anita)	\$ 13.73
11. Schatz Stationery (Given by Anita)	\$ 1.20
12. Post Office (Given by Anita)	\$ 2.40
13. Bill Ritchie for 2/23/90 mailing	\$ 7.34
14. NESASN Membership (requested by Mike)	50.00
15. NAACP for Coalition message in freedom fund dinner jour	rnal \$ 30.00
16. Vicki Erenstien for 30 T-shirts at \$ 15.00 each (requested by Mike)	\$ 450.00
17. Africa Fund for 30 copies of voices of liberation & copies of perspectives (requested by Mike)	\$ 29.90
18. Roli Varma for mailing thankyou note	\$ 4.75
19. ANC for 25 Joe Solvo books (requested by Mike)	\$ 75.00
20. NESASN for one person one vote buttons (requested by Mil	ke) \$ 20.00
21. Social Justice Center monthly dues from Jan to April	\$ 40.00
22. Castle computers for Emacs 20DL Drive (given by Anita)	\$497.55
23. Vera Michelson for Feb telephone	\$101.32

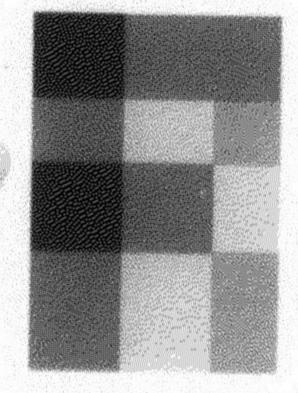
24. YWCA of Albany for ad (requested by Eileen)	\$ 25.00
25. Street Academy Activity Fund for ad (requested by Eileen)	\$ 15.00
26. NY State Museum (requested by Vicki Smith)	\$ 250.00
27. Social Justice Center for copy (\$.75) & May monthly due (\$10)	\$ 10.75
28. Michael Dollard for labels	\$ 50.00
29. Vera Michelson for postage	\$ 50.00
30. Vera Michelson for March telephone	\$ 92.92 156.72
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31. Blank check to Eileen for May mailing

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1. T-shirts	\$ 450.00
2. Literature	\$ 104.90
3. Buttons	\$ 20.00
4. Computer	\$ 497.55
5. NY State Museum	\$ 250.00
6. SJC monthly dues	\$ 50.00
7. NESASN membership	\$ 50.00
8. Advertisment	\$ 70.00
9. Rental equipment	\$ 48.10
10. Postage, xerox & labels	\$ 279.51
11. Mike's small on going expenditures	\$ 150.00
12. Mike's telephone	\$ 281.28 345-08
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2. Interest	\$ 25.91
3. Key chains sale	\$ 81.00
4. Posters sale	\$ 90.00
5. T-shirts sale	\$ 150.00
6. Buttons sale	\$ 15.00
7. Public lecture	\$ 50.00
8. For reception	\$ 125.00

Total money Coalshon has = \$ 650.00 approx.



May 14, 1990

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Ms. Vera Michaelson Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism 13 Pennsylvania Avenue Albany, New York 12222

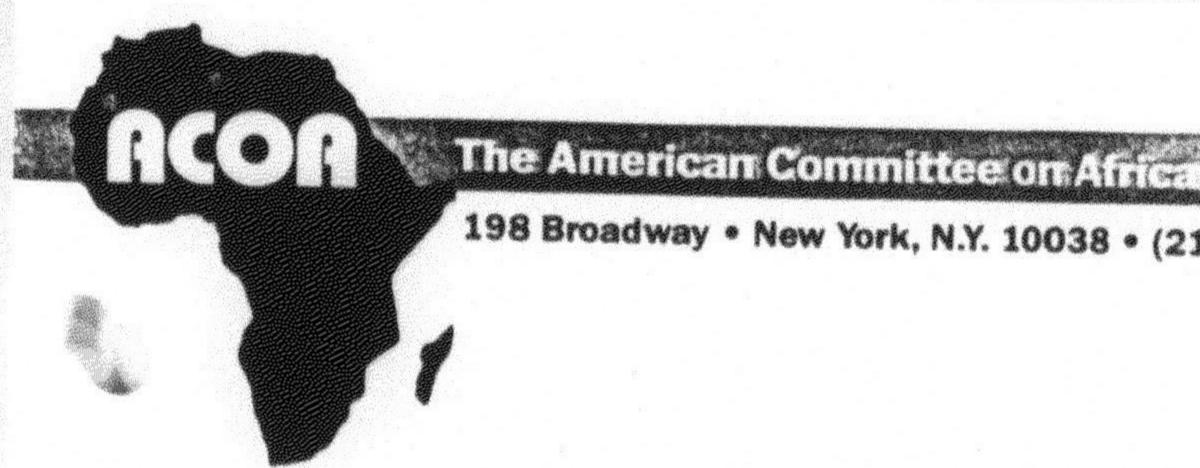
Dear Ms. Michaelson:

On behalf of Mr. Smith and Mr. Kamabaya, let me express my sincere appreciation for your hospitality and for so warmly receiving them during their visit to Albany.

Their trip was a huge success and generated a great deal of media coverage. Thank you for "mobilizing the troops."

In Solidarity,

Leila McDowell



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M William Howard, President Elizabeth Landis. Vice President Jennifer Davis, Executive Director

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May 30, 1990

Vera P. Michelson Capitol District Coalition AA 13 Pennsylvania Ave Albany, NY 12206

Dear Vera,

I write to invite your organization, Capitol District Coalition AA, to send one delegate to a National Activist Briefing being convened on Friday, June 22, 1990 in New York City under the umbrella of the Nelson Mandela New York Anti-Apartheid Welcome Committee. As you know, Nelson Mandela and a large delegation from the African National Congress will be in New York from June 20 - 22. We have asked that Walter Sisulu provide a substantive briefing on the current situation in South Africa for this national gathering.

This meeting comes out of discussions with Lindiwe Mabuza, the ANC Chief Representative to the United States, and the belief that the ANC delegation's trip to the United States should validate and strengthen the forces that have consistently organized against apartheid in the United States.

The struggle for liberation and democracy in South Africa has not yet been won and yet there are many signs that the Bush administration would like to ease pressure on South Africa. The promised future visit of President de Klerk to the United States is such a sign and Bush may move to lift some sanctions as early as July. To maintain effective solidarity with the liberation struggle we need both a comprehensive analysis of the current situation in South Africa and an immediate strategy for action that recognizes new circumstances without abandoning the fundamental demand for the total eradication of apartheid and the creation of a democratic unified South Africa.

We expect this one-day briefing will bring together a core group of invited anti-apartheid activists to hear from a senior member of the ANC and discuss the current situation inside South Africa. We have also planned workshops to discuss developments in the region and a briefing on U.S. policy. We expect the whole conference to run from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Because of security considerations surrounding the Mandela visit and the need to keep an effective working meeting down to a manageable size, we are asking about 100 organizations around the country to send one delegate to the conference. We encourage you to consult with other organizations in your area to ensure that the delegate you elect can report back to as diverse and comprehensive a group of activists involved in anti-apartheid work as possible.

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This meeting is being convened at short notice and as yet we still do not have final confirmation that Walter Sisulu will be the speaker addressing the conference. Nonetheless, a committee composed of Aubrey McCutcheon (Washington Office on Africa), Jerry Herman (AFSC), Prexy Nesbitt, Gay McDougall (Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights), Cleveland Robinson (New York Anti-Apartheid Coordinating Committee), Randall Robinson (TransAfrica) and myself have come together to plan this important event and develop an agenda that will ensure a productive meeting within the overall context of the activities being designed by the National Welcome Committee.

As overall details of the New York schedule for Nelson Mandela's visit and final confirmation of the location of the National Activist Briefing are not yet complete, we will be back in touch with you in the next few days with more information.

The Secret Service requires that we compile a list with names, organization, address and social security number for each delegate attending the conference. Please return the enclosed response card with this information by June 8.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis

Roger Wilkins

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NATIONAL ACTIVIST BRIEFING

Friday, June 22, 1990 New York City, NY

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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia To The United Nations

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CIRCULAR.

Dear Friends,

I have the distinct honor to inform you that, since the independence of Namibia on March 21, 1990, and particularly following the admission of my country to the membership of the United Nations on April 23, 1990, this office has changed status.

Its official designation is: The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Namibia to the United Nations.

It is our wish to continue having cordial relations with all of you who have assisted us in the struggle for the liberation of our country, and to strengthen ties during this face of national reconstruction and development.

Yours sincerely,

Hinyangerwa P. Asheeke Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires.



and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station Albany, NY 12203

July 27, 1990

Rema Goldstein Tanya Owens c/o ACE 653 Morris Street Albany, New York 12208

RE: 1991 Conference

Dear Rema & Tanya:

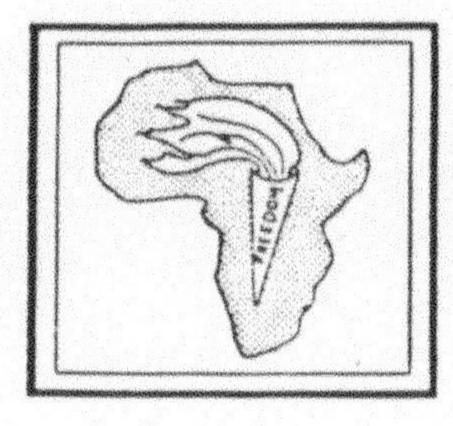
The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism would like to accept your offer to be a "supporting" organization for the Alternatives to Tracking Conference. Anita Thayer will be our representative.

We will be able to publish a preliminary announcement in our September newsletter, if any information is available by mid-August about September and October activities.

Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism

cc: Vera Michelson

Eileen Kawola, Newsletter Editor 39 Academy Road Albany, NY 12208



Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station -Albany, NY 12203

August 3, 1990

A.J. Williams-Myers, Ph.D.
Executive Director
New York African American Institute
State University of New York
State University Plaza
Albany, NY 12246

Dear Dr. Williams-Myers:

We were happy that you could join us at our June 27th ANC reception beaturing Ossie Davis.

The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism wishes to extend our appreciation to you for the, very timely, upcoming visit of Randall Robinson to Albany.

We are sure that his visit to Albany will enhance local support and increase the visibility of the comprehensive sanctions campaign.

As you know the Coalition is a major anti-apartheid organization in this country and we are presently coordinating the sanctions effort in the Capital District.

We would like to be a co-sponsor of the upcoming October 23 forum featuring Randall Robinson.

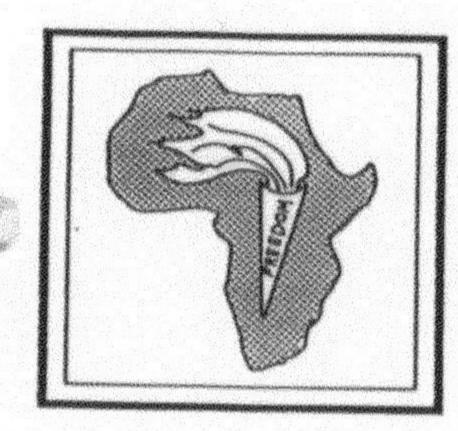
We have an extensive mailing list which contains the names of may antiapartheid activists and we would be happy to do a mailing which could reach individuals who may not otherwise be aware of this important event.

Please call me as soon as possible at: 370-7366 or after 5:00 p.m. at 436-0562, so that we can arrange to develop announcements for this event.

Yours in Struggle

Vera Michelson Co-Chair Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism

cc: Merton Simpson



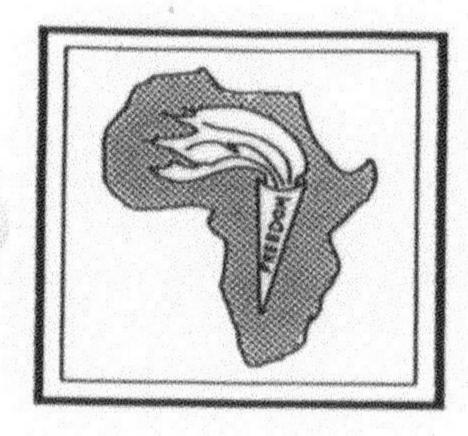
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The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism was formed in 1981 to oppose the planned visit to Albany, New York of the South African apartheid rugby team, the Springboks. More than forty local community groups and hundreds of concerned individuals came together to try to prevent the apartheid rugby tour from stopping in Albany. The efforts to stop the game were not successful, but thousands of people took to the streets on September 22, 1981 and demonstrated their opposition to apartheid and to the presence of the Springboks in Albany.

After the rugby tour was over, the Coalition decided that the on-going struggle against apartheid and racism required that the organization continue in existence.

Now, almost ten years later, the Coalition has an active mailing list of about 1,000 and is an active, community-based, multi-racial organization committed to:

- 1. providing support to the ANC, SWAPO and the Front-Line states;
- working for comprehensive sanctions against South Africa and for an end to US aid to, and complicity with, the apartheid system;
- 3. enforcing the cultural and sports boycott;
- 4. fighting racism in this country, including, particularly, racist police violence; and
- 5. educating our community about developments in Southern Africa and the links between the struggles in Southern Africa and the United States.



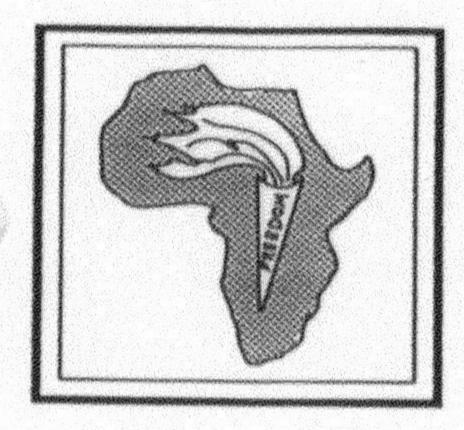
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Towards these goals, our activities have included: raising funds for the ANC and SWAPO, including collecting almost \$3,000 for the recent "Dollars for Democracy in Namibia" campaign; protesting appearances in our area of cultural boycott violators and South African athletes, particularly tennis players, and playing an instrumental role in obtaining apologies and promises of future adherence to the boycott from performers such as Chick Corea and the Temptations; demonstrating and lobbying for divestment of New York State pension funds from companies involved in South Africa; supporting national efforts for meaningful and comprehensive sanctions; organizing community response to incidents of racist police brutality, including pressing for the establishment of a civilian review board; presenting community forums on these issues, often with speakers from the ANC and SWAPO; and publishing a monthly newsletter.

We also recently helped, in conjunction with Siena College, to coordinate the visit to Albany of Rev. Alan Boesak and were co-hosts of a major labor breakfast with Rev. Boesak.

We have petitioned, lobbied, rallied, picketed and sat-in and have carried our organizing efforts to the community with door-to-door campaigns, to the religious community with "sanctions Sundays", as well as to the campuses and labor unions.



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The Coalition organized the Albany component of the Free South Africa campaign in 1986 and were key organizers of the North East Southern Africa Solidarity Network in 1988, in which we continue to be a co-convening organization. The Coalition has recently affiliated with the National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression to become part of the national movement to end racist violence and police brutality.

Co-Chairs: Vera Michelson & Merton Simpson Contact telephone #: (518) 432-4623



THANK YOU!!!

Dear Capital District Coalition against
A special thanks is attack and Pacism

A special thanks is extended to you for your assistance/participation with the 1990 African American Family Festival this past weekend. It is with this kind of support that community bonds are strengthened and more importantly, lets our young people know that we care.

We are already beginning plans for our tenth anniversary celebration and hope that you will favorably consider being a part of that process. Our focus is the same providing wholesome, quality family activity within the community.

Again, on behalf of the Committee, thanks for your support. Please feel free to call on us if we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
Jerome A. Brewer
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10 September 1990

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It was great to meet you at Stockholm, and a wonderful gathering of true believers!

I promised to let you have a copy of "Mission to South Africa", and the report of the Commonwealth Eminent Person's Group in 1986. A copy is enclosed. If you need more copies, please do not hesitate to let me know and I will see what I can do.

Your Sur

J. D. Pope Director Legal Division

Ms. Vera Michelson
Coach Chairperson
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Ms. Vera Michelson Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid 13 Pennsylvannia Avenue Albany, New York 12206 USA

Dear Vera:

I'm sorry I missed your call.

It was a pleasure to meet you in Stockholm and hear of your activities. I hope your work continues to go well.

Enclosed is the copy of the BBC documentary on the Gatting tour you requested. (Actually, Ramani asked me to make it for you.) It cost me \$170 Canadian to have it converted from the British system and to make three copies (the other for Vera Mitchelson) so I would greatly appreciate if you could make a contribution. How about \$50 US? Thanks.

I'm also enclosing a copy of the report I wrote of the Stockholm conference, in case you're not a subscriber to $\underline{\text{South}}$ $\underline{\text{African Report}}$.

I would like to stay in touch, and will try to send you information that I send out. If you have a mailing list, I would greatly appreciate it if you could put me on it.

And, of course, if ever I get to Albany, I'll be sure to

With all best wishes,

Bruce Kidd