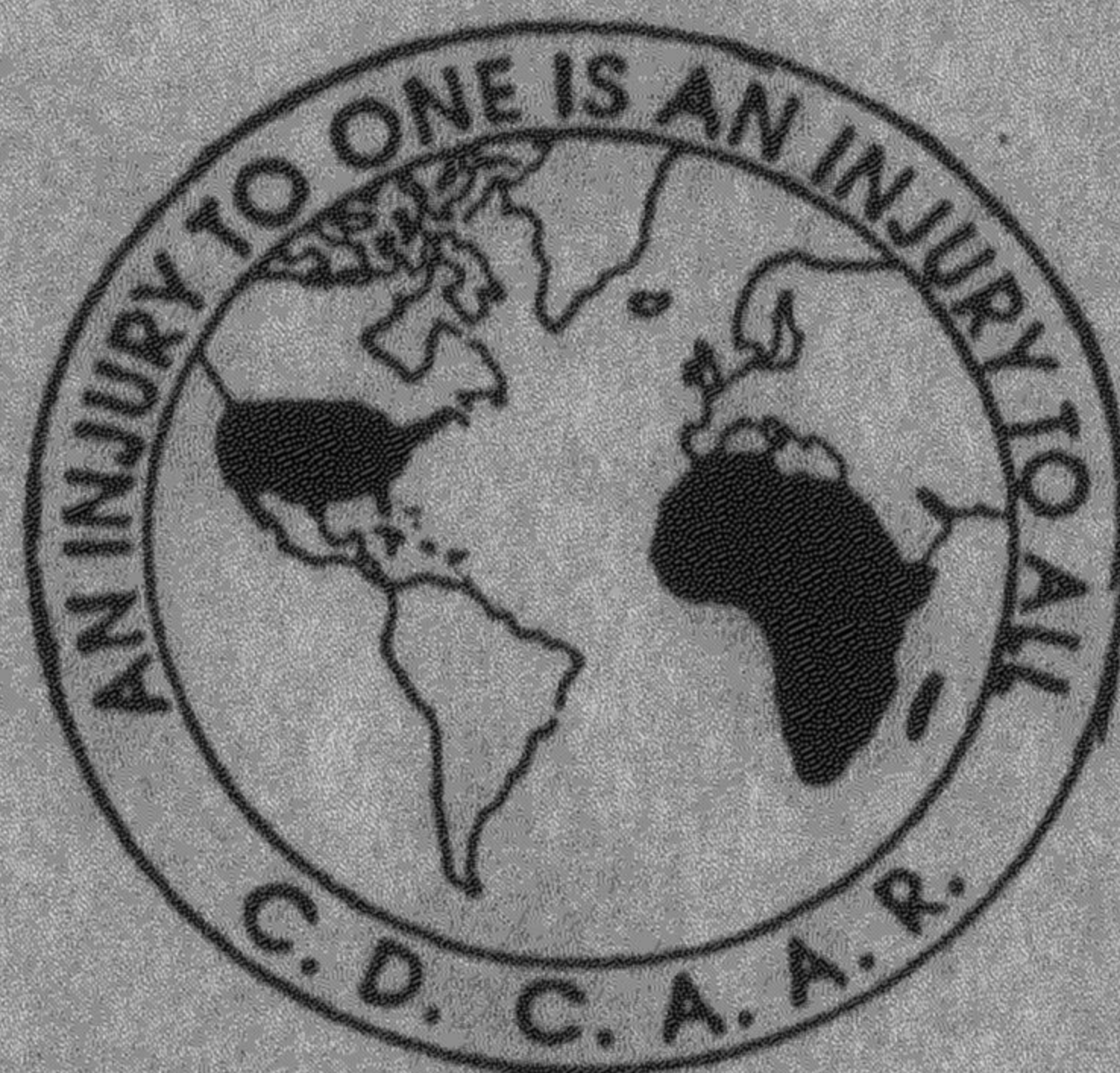


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On the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of CD CAAR, the Government and People of the Republic of Namibia wish to congratulate the Coalition on this important anniversary.

Together, we have traveled on that long and thorny road destined for freedom and independence. Today, we have achieved our cherished objective and a free and independent Namibia has become a reality. Indeed, CD CAAR's vigorous campaign for Namibia's independence has been indispensable.

As we commemorate this important day, we urge all those who stand for freedom to continue the struggle against apartheid in South Africa until its logical conclusion. We call on all the anti-apartheid forces to continue to support the Government and People of Namibia in their second phase of the struggle for economic well being. Until Walvis Bay and the Offshore Islands are reintegrated into Namibian territorial integrity, the struggle for economic independence in Namibia will continue. We look to the day when apartheid will be an anachronism in Southern Africa.

Selma Ashipala
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to *Taking Apartheid Apart* – a celebration of a decade of activism against apartheid in South Africa and racism at home.

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Our ten years of activism have borne many fruits. However, we are keenly aware that the struggle for a free South Africa is far from over, that the fight against racism at home is long and difficult. Tonight we renew our pledge to continue the struggle. *Won't you join us?*

CD CAAR

Dear Friends:

The ANC is very happy to join you in celebrating your tenth anniversary. CD CAAR has earned a special place in our hearts as an invaluable contingent in the international struggle for the creation of a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa.

During the decade of your existence, through your tireless efforts, you have insured that the plight and struggle of the people of South Africa reached many households in the United States. Your ceaseless campaigns against apartheid contributed immensely to the promulgation of the sanctions legislation and thereby helped in isolating the apartheid regime. As a result of the efforts of the international community, of which you are an integral part, and the heroic struggle of the people of South Africa, the apartheid regime has been forced to give into some of the demands of the democratic forces.

While the pillars of apartheid have gone, apartheid is firmly in place. The people of South Africa are determined to transform the country into a democratic society. Your continued support can only help speed up the process. We salute the *Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism*. We look forward to working with you in the future in the pursuit of our common objectives.

Victory is certain — AMANDLA

*Tebogo Mafole
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Joe Allen, President
Schenectady Branch, NAACP

"The Coalition has provided a critical leadership role on combating racism in Albany and apartheid in South Africa. From its roots in the Springbok rugby protest, CD CAAR has successfully organized and empowered community members to fight against injustice."

Nancy Burton
Former member of Albany City Council

"Mandela, South Africa and the rest of the world should be eternally grateful for the existence of this great organization. CD CAAR is the epitome of self determination."

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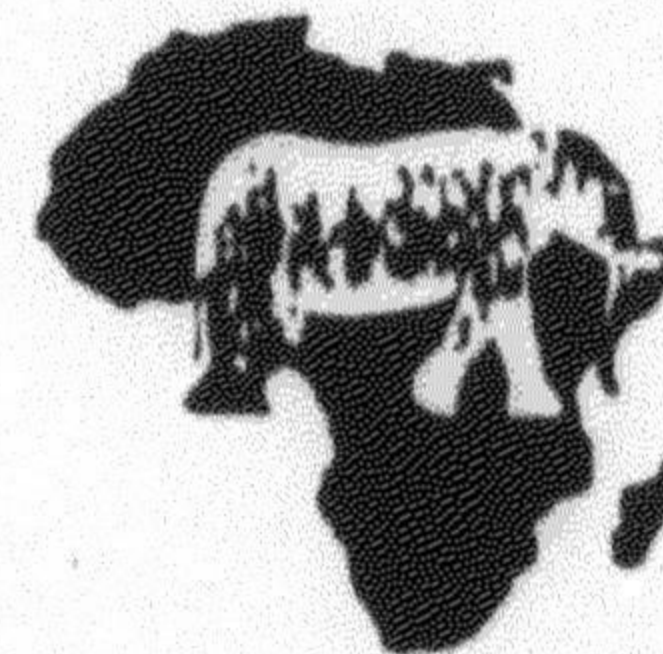
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Dr. E.J. Josey, Professor
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Past President of Albany NAACP

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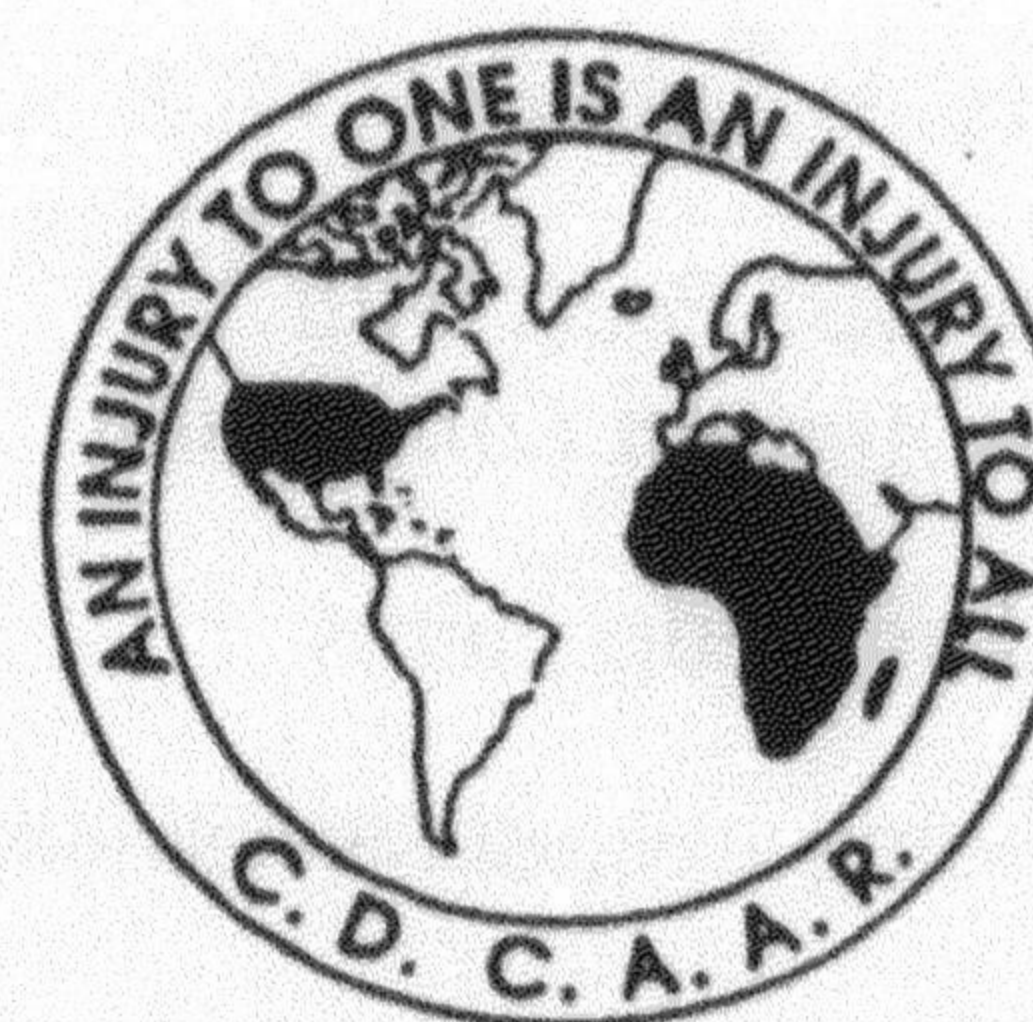
Paula Bower, Co-Chair
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"Your inspiring leadership in this monumental struggle against apartheid and racism is making our world a somewhat better place for our children and grandchildren."

Dr. James and Margaret Cunningham

"The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism has provided a forum for the voices of many oppressed people in our country and all over the world. It gives me great pleasure and honor to be associated with such committed and concerned individuals who seek to empower people with the human dignity and respect that all people are entitled to and deserve. As Frederick Douglass so widely stated 'If there's no struggle, there's no progress.' The Coalition must continue the struggle as long as necessary. Best wishes for continued success."

Barbara Allen, President
Albany City School Board



PROGRAM

7:00 P.M.

1. Opening Ceremony
 - History of CD CAAR
Bernard Tarver
Pat Trowers-Johnson
 - Freedom is Coming
2. Welcome
3. Oaziz
4. INTERMISSION
5. *The Last Poets with
The African Connection*
6. Acknowledgements
7. Closing – Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika

CAPITAL DISTRICT
COALITION AGAINST
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10 YEARS

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• *One Year Later* anniversary program at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.
• Organized buses to Washington, DC for anti-Klan demonstration.
• Lawsuit filed on behalf of Coalition, Michelson and Estes against Albany City Police and F.B.I. challenging the "rugby" raid and arrests.
- 1983 • Picketed Caldors protesting sale of South African baby bonnets.
• Showing of *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* fund-raiser.
• Numerous demonstrations including a major walkout at the Saratoga Kool Jazz Festival against Ray Charles for breaking UN boycott.
• Co-sponsored New Paltz Conference on New York State Divestment.
• Testimony presented at the United Nations to the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly.
• Sponsored buses to *20 Year Anniversary March* in Washington, DC.
• Co-sponsored with Albany NAACP a conference *Racism: A National Policy*.
• Fundraiser at Otis'.
• Coalition lawyers defeat motion to set aside "rugby" lawsuit.
- 1984 • Jesse Davis murdered - Coalition joins protest and demands for an Albany Police Review Board.
• David Ndaba of the African National Congress speaks at Coalition sponsored forum at Wilborn Temple.
• Numerous cultural boycott events. Statement obtained by Coalition and Unity in Action from the Temptations vowing never to return to South Africa until apartheid is ended.
• Testimony presented to Banking Committee of New York State Assembly on need for divestment.
- 1985 • Testimony given at the United Nations to the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly.
• Artis Lee of the American Friends Service Committee speaks at Coalition co-sponsored forum at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.
• Participate in conference on nuclear arms *Reducing the Risk* sponsored by Capital District Peace Power Network.
• Murphy Morobe, leading spokesperson of the United Democratic Front of South Africa, speaks in Albany at a clergy breakfast, labor reception and open forum at Wilborn Temple.
• SUNY students force SUNY divestment.
• Picket line against Ray Charles at the Albany Palace Theater protests his adamant refusal to respect the cultural boycott.
• Successful "walkback" protest at the Chick Corea performance at Kool Jazz Festival in Saratoga.
• Film on Malcolm X co-sponsored with Malcolm X Study Network.
• Neo Mnumzana, Chief Representative of the ANC Observer Mission to the United Nations, and Hinyagerwa Asheekwe of SWAPO speak at Coalition forum at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.
• Free South Africa demonstration in Albany co-sponsored with Albany NAACP - 10 community leaders arrested.
- 1986 • January conference in Albany to establish a network of anti-apartheid forces to work in the N.Y. State Divestment Campaign.
• Picket line at Alfred E. Smith building against Ned Regan, State Comptroller for opposition to divestment.
• State-wide Lobby Day for Divestment and demonstration at Legislative Office Building in Albany.
• Overnight shantytown set up on State Capitol grounds to demand New York State divestment.
• Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism established at State University of New York at Albany.
• Nelson & Winnie Mandela movie at Metropolitan Baptist Church co-sponsored with Unity in Action.
• Sharpville commemoration *From Sharpville, South Africa, to Albany, USA* held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.
• Community Police Relations Board established as a result of actions on Jesse Davis case. Coalition holds seat.
• Coalition becomes participant in Niebuhr Institute at Siena College.
• Bus trips to demonstration against racism in Philadelphia and anti-apartheid march in New York City.
• Federal courts deny information to Coalition lawyers about identity or activities of secret police informant working for the FBI during organizing activities in 1981.
• *Victory is Certain* program commemorates fifth anniversary of Coalition.
• Pro-Apartheid speaker sponsored by John Birch Society is picketed.
• Coalition plays leading role in organizing New York State Coalition for Divestment.
- 1987 • *Community Forum on Racism & Violence: Albany-Howard Beach-South Africa* held at the Arbor Hill Community Center.
• Weekend speaking tour by two women anti-apartheid fighters sponsored by broad array of women's and activist groups.
• *Apartheid is No Game* protest of the OTB Tennis Tournament co-sponsored with Schenectady Branch NAACP.
• *Ray Charles Sold Out to Apartheid* picket line at the Palace Theatre.
• Vera Michelson attends international conference at Arusha, Tanzania as part of 14 member US delegation.

- 1988 • Coalition joins the annual Martin Luther King March under the banner "Don't Let the Dream Become a Nightmare"
- *Stop Racist Violence* Coalition forum held at the Wilborn Temple.
 - Coalition organizes *Soweto Day* at the Arbor Hill Community Center.
 - Sechaba, the African National Congress singers, perform at the Black Arts Festival. Fundraiser/party afterwards celebrates and honors Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday.
 - Leafletting and placard protests OTB Tennis Tournament in Schenectady.
 - City of Albany settles Springbok rugby lawsuit.
- 1989 • Panel discussion *Crisis in Southern Africa* held at Macedonia Baptist Church.
- Coalition leads *OTB - You Can't Hide* picketing of OTB Teletheater protesting their continuing invitation to South African tennis players to join tournament defying UN boycott.
 - *Party with a Purpose* at Holiday held to raise funds for "Dollars for Democracy in Namibia" campaign. Funds used to purchase computers for SWAPO in Namibia's pre-independence elections.
 - Channel 17 agrees to air *South Africa Now*.
 - Coalition holds *Stop Police Abuse* forum.
- 1990 • Rev. Allan D. Boesak, founding member of the United Democratic Front of South Africa visits Albany.
- Public Employees Federation and Coalition host breakfast for community and labor leaders.
 - *Have You Met Batman?* Rally against police abuse at City Hall.
 - NELSON MANDELLA RELEASED! The world celebrates.
 - National campaign *Vote to End Apartheid* launched. Coalition joins efforts to gather symbolic ballots for freedom in South Africa.
 - Namibia gains independence!
 - Coalition Co-Chairs Vera Michelson and Mert Simpson attend activist meeting in New York City and meet Nelson Mandela.
 - Coalition sponsors bus to Mandela reception at Yankee Stadium *Mandela Released - But Not Freed*.
 - Coalition and Assemblyman Roger Green host reception for the ANC with authors William Kennedy and Ossie Davis.
 - The Center for Law and Justice opens under the leadership of Dr. Alice Green.
 - Vera Michelson and Les Davis attend international conference of anti-apartheid activists in Stockholm, Sweden to progress the international sports boycott against South Africa.
- 1991 • Coalition participates in the Martin Luther King Day March under the banner "If Martin Luther King Were Alive today, He'd Be Organizing".
- *Stop Police Abuse* Coalition forum and evening picket of Mayor Whalen's house on a very cold and windy night.
 - Albany Branch NAACP and Coalition join forces to sponsor Anti-Klan Demonstration — only a few Klansmen appear.
 - Coalition participates in community criminal justice conference *Education, Mobilization and Change*.

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Rid it of wars and troubles

Save it
Save it
Our nation
Our nation of Africa

Save it Lord
Save our nation
Our nation
Our nation of Africa

So let it be
So let it be
Until eternity
Until eternity

BIOGRAPHIES

The Last Poets

Abiodun Oyewole was a key member of the original Last Poets, the dynamic poetic ensemble which was formed on May 19, 1968 in Mount Morris Park, Harlem, New York. Abiodun is recognized as a major figure in the promotion of black consciousness and culture through song, poetry, rap, drama and education. The fact that Abiodun is one of the fathers of rap is attested to by knowledge that lines delivered by Dune on the 1971 album *The Last Poets* such as "When the Revolution Comes" and "Time is Running Out" are sampled on the 1990 cut "Concerto in X Minor" taken from Brand Nubian's successful rap album *One For All*.

Felipe Luciano joined the Last Poets replacing David Nelson. Felipe added an important African Latino element to the Poets through his popular poems like "Jibaro" and "Rifle Prayer." Felipe was formerly a member of the Young Lords (a Latino group similar to the Black Panthers). Felipe later hosted the Essence Magazine television show with editor Susan Taylor; he also hosted a popular Latin music show entitled "Latin Roots" on the jazz radio station WRVR, in New York City. Felipe has done a great deal to clarify the relationship between African and Latino heritage.

The African Connection

Ade Knowles was the former lead percussionist with Gil-Scott Heron and the Midnight Band. Ade has performed on a host of smash albums including the Gil-Scott recordings: *First Minute of a New Day* and *From South Africa to South Carolina*. Ade, a master percussionist, has performed with the late internationally renowned Nana Gus Dinizulu. Ade is a member of the African Connection and of the Capital District's own musical group the Afro-Eurasian Connection.

Druis Knowles a noted cultural worker, has distinguished herself in song, drama, dance, and percussion. A highly respected vocalist, Druis is a member of the African Connection and of the Afro-Eurasian Connection.

Oaziz

Oaziz plays "Music With Your Mind in Mind." Members of Oaziz performing this evening are: Azaam Hameed, keyboard; Ron Mayfield, lead vocals and guitar; and Ray Harper, bass. The music of Oaziz can be characterized as a cross-section of jazz, fusion, Latin, and Rhythm and Blues.

"Congratulations on ten years of very successful and committed service to the Albany area. I can recall when CD CAAR was founded ten years ago. I have not regretted being a part of the founding of the Coalition and am pleased to continue to support the vibrant activities of the group. I would like to underscore your untiring energy and I congratulate both Vera Michelson and Merton Simpson, the leaders, for their devotion to the Coalition."

Dr. Frank Pogue, Vice Chancellor
Student Affairs and Special Programs
SUNY Central Administration

"One of the most significant contributions of the Coalition has been its ability to unite people of diverse backgrounds in friendship and struggle—we are family. Congratulations on your ten years of activism."

Dr. Alice Green
Center For Law and Justice

"I applaud and honor the work of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, especially its consistency over the past ten years. Nothing is needed more in South Africa than friends and solidarity activists who are long distant runners and not sprinters. I also feel very humbled by CD CAAR's ability to work both on the home front and abroad and at the same time maintain a clear perspective — same struggle—same fight."

Prexy Nesbitt
Senior Consultant for the
Mozambique Government

"I remember the beginning. The passion and commitment of the people I met in the Capital District has stayed with me and has continued to inspire me over the last ten years. Until we all reach a day when none of our organizations need to exist. I wish you the strength and courage to continue your valiant fight. Best Wishes."

Richard Lapchick, Director
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Reginald Knox, Publisher
The Scene

*"We salute the Capital District Coalition Against
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Jennifer Davis, Executive Director
American Committee on Africa

*"Congratulations to the Capital District Coalition
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phobic and growing neo-fascist order in the U.S."*

Elombe Brath
Patricia Lumumba Coalition

"If every town had an organization with the Capital District Coalition's commitment to the abolition of racism and injustice, we would all be much closer to the world we want to see — Happy Birthday!"

Connie Hogarth, Director
Westchester People's
Action Coalition

"From the fight against apartheid in South Africa to the struggle against the cultural destruction of native peoples in northern Canada, the Coalition and the Solidarity Committee have one goal in common—continued progress in seeing that human rights are upheld whatever the battleground."

John Funicello, Chairman
Solidarity Committee of
The Capital District

"The Coalition has been a consistent voice in speaking out against oppression in South Africa. I am proud to be a founding member. Keep the pressure on! Change will come"

Anne Pope, President
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 - *One Year Later* anniversary program at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.
 - Organized buses to Washington, DC for anti-Klan demonstration.
 - Lawsuit filed on behalf of Coalition, Michelson and Estes against Albany City Police and F.B.I. challenging the "rugby" raid and arrests.
- 1983**
- Picketed Caldors protesting sale of South African baby bonnets.
 - Showing of *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* fund-raiser.
 - Numerous demonstrations including a major walkout at the Saratoga Kool Jazz Festival against Ray Charles for breaking UN boycott.
 - Co-sponsored New Paltz Conference on New York State Divestment.
 - Testimony presented at the United Nations to the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly.
 - Sponsored buses to *20 Year Anniversary March* in Washington, DC.
 - Co-sponsored with Albany NAACP a conference *Racism: A National Policy*.
 - Fundraiser at Otis'.
 - Coalition lawyers defeat motion to set aside "rugby" lawsuit.
- 1984**
- Jesse Davis murdered - Coalition joins protest and demands for an Albany Police Review Board.
 - David Ndaba of the African National Congress speaks at Coalition sponsored forum at Wilbom Temple.
 - Numerous cultural boycott events. Statement obtained by Coalition and Unity in Action from the Temptations vowing never to return to South Africa until apartheid is ended.
 - Testimony presented to Banking Committee of New York State Assembly on need for divestment.
- 1985**
- Testimony given at the United Nations to the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly.
 - Artis Lee of the American Friends Service Committee speaks at Coalition co-sponsored forum at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.
 - Participate in conference on nuclear arms *Reducing the Risk* sponsored by Capital District Peace Power Network.
 - Murphy Morobe, leading spokesperson of the United Democratic Front of South Africa, speaks in Albany at a clergy breakfast, labor reception and open forum at Wilbom Temple.
 - SUNY students force SUNY divestment.
 - Picket line against Ray Charles at the Albany Palace Theater protests his adamant refusal to respect the cultural boycott.
 - Successful "walkback" protest at the Chick Corea performance at Kool Jazz Festival in Saratoga.
 - Film on Malcolm X co-sponsored with Malcolm X Study Network.
 - Neo Mnumzana, Chief Representative of the ANC Observer Mission to the United Nations, and Hinyagarwa Ashekeke of SWAPO speak at Coalition forum at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.
 - Free South Africa demonstration in Albany co-sponsored with Albany NAACP - 10 community leaders arrested.
- 1986**
- January conference in Albany to establish a network of anti-apartheid forces to work in the N.Y. State Divestment Campaign.
 - Picket line at Alfred E. Smith building against Ned Regan, State Comptroller for opposition to divestment.
 - State-wide Lobby Day for Divestment and demonstration at Legislative Office Building in Albany.
 - Overnight shantytown set up on State Capitol grounds to demand New York State divestment.
 - Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism established at State University of New York at Albany.
 - Nelson & Winnie Mandela movie at Metropolitan Baptist Church co-sponsored with Unity in Action.
 - Sharpville commemoration *From Sharpville, South Africa, to Albany, USA* held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.
 - Community Police Relations Board established as a result of actions on Jesse Davis case. Coalition holds seat.
 - Coalition becomes participant in Niebuhr Institute at Siena College.
 - Bus trips to demonstration against racism in Philadelphia and anti-apartheid march in New York City.
 - Federal courts deny information to Coalition lawyers about identity or activities of secret police informant working for the FBI during organizing activities in 1981.
 - *Victory is Certain* program commemorates fifth anniversary of Coalition.
 - Pro-Apartheid speaker sponsored by John Birch Society is picketed.
 - Coalition plays leading role in organizing New York State Coalition for Divestment.
- 1987**
- *Community Forum on Racism & Violence: Albany-Howard Beach-South Africa* held at the Arbor Hill Community Center.
 - Weekend speaking tour by two women anti-apartheid fighters sponsored by broad array of women's and activist groups.
 - *Apartheid is No Game* protest of the OTB Tennis Tournament co-sponsored with Schenectady Branch NAACP.
 - *Ray Charles Sold Out to Apartheid* picket line at the Palace Theatre.
 - Vera Michelson attends international conference at Arusha, Tanzania as part of 14 member US delegation.

- 1988 • Coalition joins the annual Martin Luther King March under the banner "Don't Let the Dream Become a Nightmare"
- *Stop Racist Violence* Coalition forum held at the Wilborn Temple.
 - Coalition organizes *Soweto Day* at the Arbor Hill Community Center.
 - Sechaba, the African National Congress singers, perform at the Black Arts Festival. Fundraiser/party afterwards celebrates and honors Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday.
 - Leafletting and placard protests OTB Tennis Tournament in Schenectady.
 - City of Albany settles Springbok rugby lawsuit.
- 1989 • Panel discussion *Crisis in Southern Africa* held at Macedonia Baptist Church.
- Coalition leads *OTB - You Can't Hide* picketing of OTB Teletheater protesting their continuing invitation to South African tennis players to join tournament defying UN boycott.
 - *Party with a Purpose* at Holiday held to raise funds for "Dollars for Democracy in Namibia" campaign. Funds used to purchase computers for SWAPO in Namibia's pre-independence elections.
 - Channel 17 agrees to air *South Africa Now*.
 - Coalition holds *Stop Police Abuse* forum.
- 1990 • Rev. Allan D. Boesak, founding member of the United Democratic Front of South Africa visits Albany.
- Public Employees Federation and Coalition host breakfast for community and labor leaders.
 - *Have You Met Batman?* Rally against police abuse at City Hall.
 - NELSON MANDELLA RELEASED! The world celebrates.
 - National campaign *Vote to End Apartheid* launched. Coalition joins efforts to gather symbolic ballots for freedom in South Africa.
 - Namibia gains independence!
 - Coalition Co-Chairs Vera Michelson and Mert Simpson attend activist meeting in New York City and meet Nelson Mandela.
 - Coalition sponsors bus to Mandela reception at Yankee Stadium *Mandela Released - But Not Freed*.
 - Coalition and Assemblyman Roger Green host reception for the ANC with authors William Kennedy and Ossie Davis.
 - The Center for Law and Justice opens under the leadership of Dr. Alice Green.
 - Vera Michelson and Les Davis attend international conference of anti-apartheid activists in Stockholm, Sweden to progress the international sports boycott against South Africa.
- 1991 • Coalition participates in the Martin Luther King Day March under the banner "If Martin Luther King Were Alive today, He'd Be Organizing".
- *Stop Police Abuse* Coalition forum and evening picket of Mayor Whalen's house on a very cold and windy night.
 - Albany Branch NAACP and Coalition join forces to sponsor Anti-Klan Demonstration -- only a few Klansmen appear.
 - Coalition participates in community criminal justice conference *Education, Mobilization and Change*.



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**"If Martin Luther King
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he'd be organizing"**



Next General CD-CARR Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 24, 1991 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Albany Public Library

Washington Avenue, Albany, New York

Why would Martin Luther King be organizing?

**We encourage all to come and participate in a community
discussion on Dr. King's legacy and how it applies to
local, national and international issues today.**

*(If you have time to read some of the writings of Dr. King before
the meeting that would be helpful.)*

Please note article inside on Dr. Martin Luther King.

Some CD-CARR Business...

Steering Committee Election - At the November 1990 general meeting of CD-CARR, election to the steering committee was held. The following people were elected:

Merton Simpson, Co-Chair	Vera Michelson, Co-Chair
Eileen Kawola, Newsletter Editor	Anita Thayer
Deborah Maxwell	Vicki Smith
Mabel Leon	Pat Trowers Johnson
Anita Thayer	Mike Riddick
Jim Bouldin	Mark Mishler

(Roll Varma will continue as Treasurer)

Membership Letter - Early this month a membership letter was sent to everyone who receives this newsletter. This letter was the annual request for your \$5.00 (or more!) yearly dues. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, please do so. This will guarantee you continued mailing of the newsletter, and a membership card which will be sent to you on receipt of your dues. **Most importantly, it means you are continuing your commitment to the fight against apartheid and racism.**

Coalition Events - Past and Future

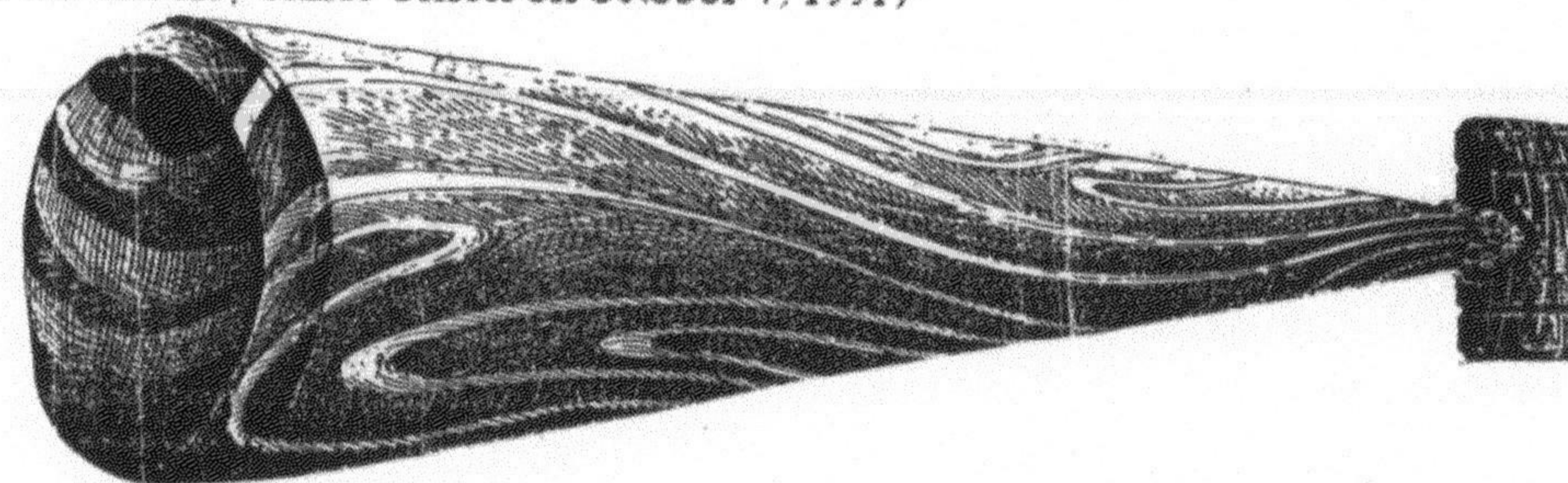
On December 14, 1990 the Coalition held a fundraiser "Party with a Purpose." Thanks to party chair Mike Riddick and his committee, Judy Rubenstein and Deborah Muhammad, the party was a financial and a social success-continuing the tradition that CD-CARR throws the best party in town!

Speaking of parties, in September, 1991, CD-CARR will celebrate its tenth year anniversary. This will be a very special event and we are beginning to organize for it now. If you would like to be involved in the planning stages, call Pat Trowers Johnson at 463-4486.

County Bail Record Far from Impartial

by Alice Green

(The following article is adapted from a piece written by Dr. Green of the Center for Law and Justice of Albany, a private, tax-exempt advocacy organization. It appeared in the Albany Times Union on October 7, 1991.)



Dale McGrath, an Albany County jail inmate, underwent a hunger strike this summer to call attention to the longheld practice of using bail for purposes other than that intended. Bail should be used only as a measure for assuring the defendant's appearance in court. Historically, bail has been used in Albany County in many instances strictly as a measure of social control and oppression directed against certain people. The practice has been to set unreasonably high bail in cases of the poor and powerless who find themselves accused of a crime. Most recently we saw how it was used to harass and punish those who dare to challenge the system. A case in point was that of Donna DeMaria, longtime community activist whose bail was set at \$10,000 on a trumped-up felony charge.

A large number of admissions to local jails in New York state are pretrial detainees, and most are confined for want of modest amounts of bail. Consequently, those unable to afford their release are poor. It also follows that people of color, who are disproportionately represented among the poor, will suffer the most. In Albany County, they have suffered for years from the destructive impact of this practice in terms of loss of jobs, housing, the breakup of families, the foster placement of children, and higher conviction and incarceration rates. Research shows that those who fail to be released are much more likely to be convicted.

There is a growing awareness that certain ill-defined criteria, once relied upon as "objective criteria" to be used in making release decisions, are not objective at all.

For example, "employment" and "residence" may simply have more to do with defining one's ethnic group or economic status than one's "riskiness." Therefore, Assitant District Attorney Lawrence Wiest was wrong in suggesting that McGrath, who admittedly has lived at several different residences within the community, poses a "risk to society" simply because he has "...a checkered employment history and has lived in at least four different places this year." For often those characteristics simply describe the plight of the poor and the homeless.

The practice of unreasonable bail increases disrespect for the law and adds to the overcrowding problem in the jail, as well as the burden placed upon taxpayers.

The Center for Law and Justice, as well as the Coalition for Criminal Justice, supported McGrath's valiant effort. He has asked all of us in the community to reexamine our commitment of the cherished constitutional principle that the accused should stand innocent until proven guilty. He has also asked that the community at least explore more creative measures that both honor this principle and provide protection to our community.



CD-CAAR's Subcommittee on Police Abuse and Racist Violence is working with Dr. Green and the Center for Law and Justice to coordinate the anti-police abuse campaign. On January 7, 1991, the two groups sponsored a community meeting to address the problem of police abuse. From the time of the planning of that meeting and the actual meeting there was the suicide of Corey J. Sheldon, a robbery suspect, in the Albany City Division II Lockup. This case as well as other issues of police abuse which were brought up at the community meeting will be discussed at the general CD-CAAR meeting on January 24th.

UPDATE...

Jail death spurs blacks'

THE TIMES UNION

Albany, N.Y., Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1991

protest against police

By Richard Wexler

Staff writer

ALBANY — Singing "We Shall Overcome" and braving bitter cold, about 65 people demonstrated in front of the home of Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III Monday night, protesting what they charge is widespread brutality against blacks by Albany police.

For 20 minutes, the demonstrators chanted, "What happened to Corey Sheldon?" a reference to a black robbery suspect who died in a cell in the Division 2 lockup. Police say the death was a suicide, but the demon-

strators did not believe it. They also chanted, "Whose mayor are you?" and, "Where is Whalen?"

Lights were switched off at the Whalen household on South Pine Avenue as the protest began and the mayor did not come to the door when reporters sought comment after the protest. Shortly after the demonstrators left, police arrived. Whalen, clad in a bathrobe, opened the door, asked, "Is it quiet now?" again refused comment, and shut the door. One of the officers on the scene said he did not know who had called police.

The demonstration was unplanned. It happened after people attending a meeting at the Arbor Hill Community Center about alleged police brutality demanded that some sort of action be taken immediately. More than 100 people attended the meeting, which had to be moved to the gymnasium from a smaller room.

The meeting was called in the wake of the Sheldon death and the alleged beating of several members of the Cancer family in Arbor Hill last month. John Cancer, a family spokesman, said Monday night that

formal complaints would be filed with the Police Department's internal affairs unit this morning.

"I brought with me a copy of the Constitution of the United States," said Alice Green, who has resigned her job with the New York Civil Liberties Union to work full time on issues of police abuse. "The Albany Police Department doesn't seem to believe it exists for black people."

"I was scared (to speak out) but I couldn't take it any more," said Carolyn Edmonds, a merchant in Arbor Hill. "I have seen people harassed, abused, beaten and

charged for no reason at all," though she added that she has seen "good officers, too."

"Racism is alive and well right here in Albany," charged Deborah Muhammad, a human relations specialist for the state Division of Human Rights. Like other speakers, Muhammad cited what she said was the widespread feeling among blacks that they faced retaliation if they complained about brutality. "Even if there is no abuse, there is a problem when people are this afraid," Muhammad said.

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THIS AND OTHER ISSUES INVOLVING POLICE ABUSE AND RACIST VIOLENCE WILL BE PART OF CD-CAAR'S JANUARY 24TH MEETING.

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Corey Sheldon's aunt Joyce Frederick, who now lives in Maryland, came to Albany to plead for help in investigating her nephew's death. "Help me find out what happened to my nephew," she said. "He didn't kill himself." The pastor of Sheldon's church, Emmett Jeffress, said that shortly before his death, Sheldon "led the devotion service. He sang, he praised God, he was happy, he rejoiced. ... I just don't believe he did this."

Mark Mishler, an attorney and former member of the city's Police-Community Relations Board, alleged that police routinely stop young

black men on the street for questioning, and sometimes partial strip-searching, without cause. He charged that searches at the Greyhound Bus Terminal targeted blacks. And he blasted the county public defender's office for allegedly failing to fight for its clients. Mishler is now representing the Cancer family.

Mishler called for creation of an independent civilian review board with the power to conduct its own investigations into alleged police misconduct.

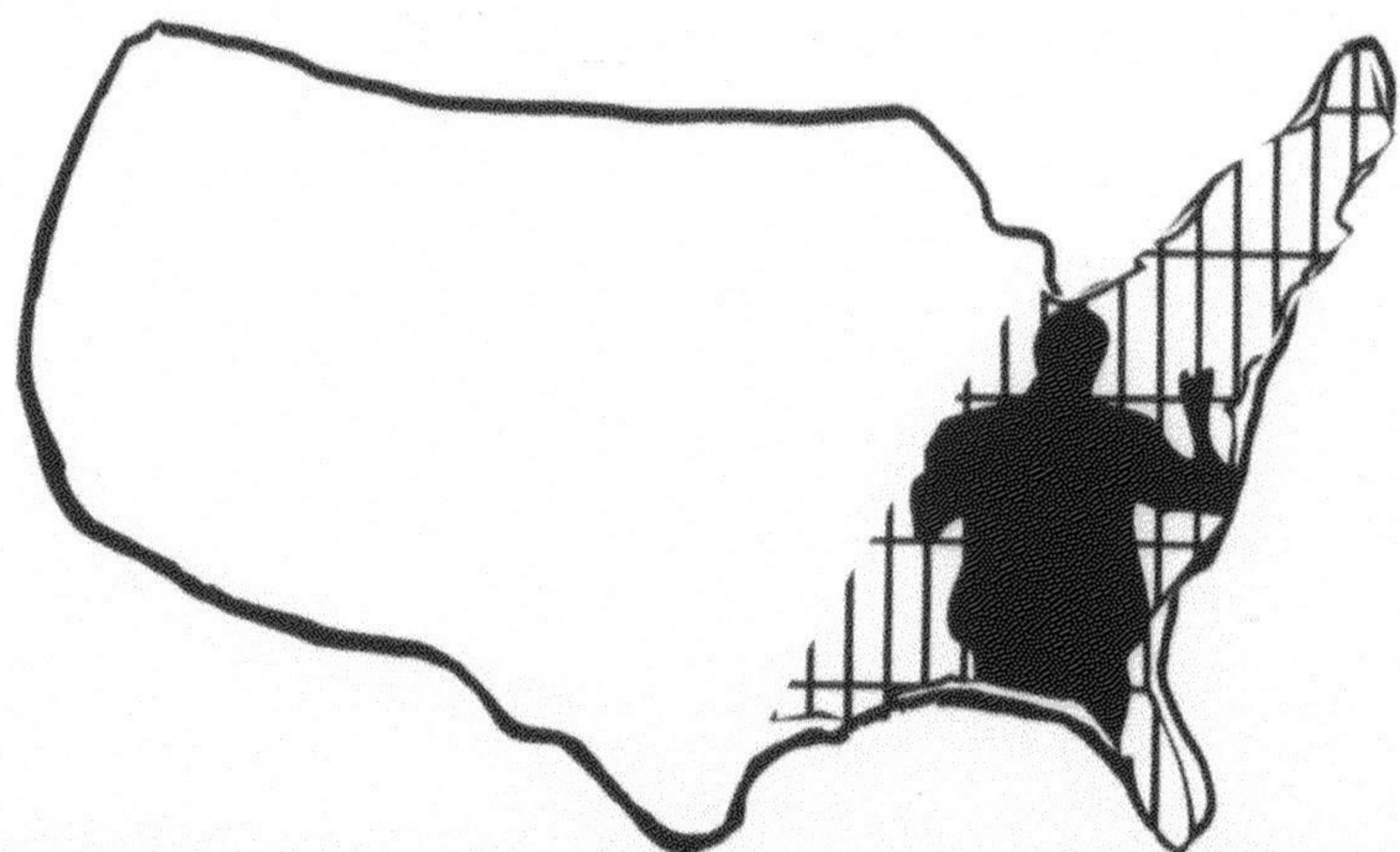
Green said her newly formed Center for Law and Justice Inc. will serve as a clearinghouse for complaints against the police. Green said she and an attorney on her staff will help people file complaints and accompany them when they are

questioned by the police. She urged people with complaints against the police to call her at 427-8361.

No one from the Police Department attended the meeting. The moderator, Merton Simpson, said they were not invited, but "they knew about it." Police Chief John Dale has an unlisted phone number and could not be reached for comment Monday night.

A few people at the meeting said peaceful protest was not enough. "It's been a long time since there's been a riot here," said one speaker. "When we start tearing up (stuff) we'll get better taken care of."

But several speakers said violence was self-destructive. "In the long run, what will it accomplish?" asked Edmonds.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN ISSUES OF POLICE ABUSE AND RACIST VIOLENCE, CD-CAAR IS WORKING WITH THE CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE, CALL MERTON SIMPSON IN CARE OF ALICE GREEN, (518) 427-8361.

THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO END U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS ORGANIZING SEVERAL EVENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE U.S. ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ON JANUARY 19TH AND ON JANUARY 26TH NATIONAL MARCHES ARE BEING HELD IN WASHINGTON TO CALL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR THE U.S. TO BRING THE TROOPS HOME. BUSES ARE BEING SENT FROM ALBANY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BUSES CALL THE SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTER, 434-4037. FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, CALL DAVID AT 482-7448.

Education News...

The election of Barbara Allen as President of the Albany Board of Education is one of the most hopeful things to happen to the public school system in Albany since there's been public schools! As the first African American Board president, Barbara, a community activist and member of CD-CAAR, promises to make her main concern the education of all of the children. Congratulations Barbara!

Education '91 - Tapping Every Talent: Expanding Achievement Opportunities for All Students, a community based conference designed to promote a long-term, broad-based effort to enrich, diversity, and strengthen education in Albany, is planned for Saturday, February 2, 1991 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Philip Livingston Middle School, 315 Northern Boulevard, Albany. The conference is being sponsored by the Albany Citizens for Education, the Albany City School District, the NAACP-Albany branch, and the Albany Urban League. CD-CAAR is one of the many endorsers of the event. The basic fee is \$6.00 which may be reduced for anyone to whom it presents a hardship. On-site child care will be available free of charge. Reservations must be made by January 22nd by calling telephone #447-5877. If you are interested in the changes taking place in the Albany Public Schools, if you want to see that these changes meet the needs of all students, plan to attend this important conference.

Martin Luther King Revolutionary or Dream Merchant?

Vera Michelson



Over the years, CD-CARR members have expressed concern and frustration over the way the true meaning of Dr. Martin Luther King's life has been manipulated by the mass media, politicians and professional "dream organizers and merchants."

Each January celebration we are left with the image of a great man who went to a mountain top to have a dream. Our children (Black and white) are led to believe that he died so that they could hold hands.

This sanitized view of Dr. King is a discredit to all that he lived and died for. This version of the struggle numbs us and enables us to create a perspective on King's life which is more comfortable, more easy to digest and which fails to disturb or significantly challenge us.

Remembering the real King and learning the lessons of that time in history means that we remember the Martin Luther King who:

1. denounced the U.S. government as the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world" and spoke of America as a "malignant society."

2. called for a "radical redistribution of wealth and power in America" as a way of providing food, shelter, medical care, jobs, education and hope for all of its' people.

3. described the ills of American society as "systemic rather than superficial flaws."

4. linked wealth and power to race and class oppression.

5. in discussing the war in Viet Nam commented that "the western arrogance of feeling that it has everything to teach others and nothing to learn from them is not just..."and "...a nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

We believe that if Martin Luther King were alive today he would be outraged at a Bush administration which shows total disregard for domestic issues of housing, drugs, AIDS, homelessness, health care and hate crimes. We believe that instead of walking hand in hand with the Governor of New York State he would be organizing protests at the Capitol in support of the thousands of workers who will be laid off in the upcoming months. He would make us face reality; the Bush veto of national civil rights legislation is a declaration of war on people of color in this country. He would organize us to protest against this country's preparation to engage Blacks, Latinos and white working class youth in a devastating and senseless war for profit and control in the Middle East. We believe unequivocally that Martin Luther King would be organizing to get U.S. troops out of the Persian Gulf.

We hope that all CD-CARR members and friends will be able to join us at our January 24, 1991 monthly meeting which will include a community discussion of the real meaning of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and it's relevance for our work today. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Albany Public Library (main branch on Washington Avenue). We urge everyone to be on time since we have to be out of the library by 9:00 p.m. sharp.

On December 16, 1991, in Johannesburg, South Africa, the African National Congress ended its first national conference inside South Africa. It announced that 1991 will be "a year of mass action" to press the government into fulfilling its commitments to release all political prisoners and allow the return of exiles. The ANC also said it would push Pretoria into accepting an elected constituent assembly to draft a new constitution and allow the formation of an interim government with Black participation. The ANC position on continued sanctions was also clarified. We reprint for you below the proposals from the December 16th conference and the document on sanctions which came out of that conference



We, the African National Congress dedicate ourselves to making the year 1991 a year of mass action for the transfer of power to the people through following programme of action.

We propose:

1. The launching of a campaign to culminate on Solomon Mahlangu Day (16 April) for the release of our prisoners, (including those on death row) the return of our exiles, the cessation of political trials and the detention of our people.
2. The launching of mass action around the opening of parliament to highlight our demands for an interim government and constituent assembly and to demand the abolition of the tricameral and bantustan systems. This to be followed by a mass door-to-door signature campaign to popularise and mobilise our people around the objectives of an interim government and constituent assembly.
3.
 - 3.1 The convening of workshops with our allies to develop a joint programme of action against violence in our country.
 - 3.2 The NEC set up a National Defence Committee to take charge of the speedy implementation of self-defence units in our structures.
 - 3.3 That our structures be encouraged to actively participate in the campaigns of our allies in our communities and in our factories. To this effect, we propose the setting up of local alliance structures.
4. The convening of a patriotic conference on Sharpville Day, 21 March, to mobilise all anti-apartheid forces against this regime.
5. That we consolidate our organisation by synchronising our mass recruitment campaigns with our campaigns of mass action, by improving the communication efficiency and effectivity of our structures, by deepening democratic practices and by correcting rural-urban imbalances.
6. That conference reaffirms its policy on affirmative action for women and directs all structures of the ANC to implement it, and calls on the Women's League to spearhead this process.
7. That the Land Commission of the ANC be given a specific mandate to consult widely on drawing up a programme of action to rally and mobilise our people for the return of the land to its rightful owners.
8. Conference resolves to embark on a campaign for the reorientation of the community and students towards a culture of learning, and therefore undertakes to campaign for mass education, a common education system for all, and a demand that the regime provides adequate resources for education.

Document on Sanctions

Cognizant of the necessity to counteract the growing perception that DeKlerk and his government should be rewarded for recent reforms, aware that the basic institutions of apartheid are still firmly in place, that the South African government continues to use violence and police repression to suppress legitimate political and civic actions,

alarmed over the orchestrated violence against defenceless citizens, especially in African residential areas, in which elements of the SA security establishment are deeply implicated, noting that many of the obstacles to genuine negotiations such as the Internal Security Act and others, remain in the statute books and are still vigorously enforced.

We resolve that the existing sanctions package be maintained.

As such as the ANC appeals to the EC, U.S Congress, EFTA and other international bodies to postpone any consideration of the issue of sanctions against apartheid SA until the ANC and all other democratic formations inside our country including Trade Unions and Religious bodies initiate discussion with them on the issues.

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**Discussion: the "Third World" war and
its horrifying implications for people of
color worldwide.**

"Third World" War

Since the last CD-CAAR newsletter was sent, the U.S. went to war. We began this war by beginning the most massive aerial bombing attack in history. While we condemn Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, war is not the solution. We call for a negotiated settlement, **support of U.S. troops by bringing them home**, spending money for human needs and not for war. The so-called peace dividend, which now seems like a cruel joke, was to use our resources to lessen suffering at home (AIDS research, health care, including better care for U.S. veterans, to combat drugs and homelessness, education, etc.). Now billions are being spent to cause suffering.



To stop this war we must be organized. In the Capital District many people have been mobilizing to protest the war since the first troop buildups in the Fall. One day after the U.S. began the war, over a thousand anti-war protesters marched through the streets of Albany to a rally at the Federal building. The Emergency Committee to End U.S. Intervention in the Middle East has planned meetings and protests. To get involved with the Emergency Committee, call the Social Justice Center at 434-4037 or David at 482-7448. If you are interested in draft counseling, call Karen Beetle at 436-7492.

Reprinted is a copy of an African National Congress statement on the Gulf which was issued by the ANC Information Department in Johannesburg, January 19, 1991.

African National Congress Statement on the Gulf



End the War Now!

The ANC wishes to express very grave concern at the outbreak of war in the Gulf. Accordingly we call for the immediate cessation of hostilities and the resumption of diplomatic initiatives, in particular by the Secretary General of the United Nations, to arrive at a peaceful resolution of all relevant issues.

We believe that the following are critical to the settlement of the conflict in the Gulf:

- The withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait and the resolution of the dispute between these two countries through bilateral negotiations;
- The withdrawal of the United States and other foreign forces from the Gulf;
- The convening of an International Conference to elaborate a comprehensive settlement of the Middle East question which would restore the national rights of the Palestinian people, oblige Israel to withdraw from all occupied Arab lands and ensure the security of all countries in the region.

We further wish to express our opposition to efforts by the white minority Pretoria government further to fan the flames of war in the Gulf and to draw our country into this tragic conflict by encouraging some of the belligerents and offering them facilities in our country.

We further call on this government and its police force to stop harassing and persecuting those of our people who are engaged in peaceful public demonstrations to express their views about the situation in the Gulf.

The war must be brought to an end now!

The Albany NAACP and the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism organized a counter demonstration to the Klan at the State Capitol in Albany. In addition to the non-violent counter demonstration, which attracted 1,500 people, a prayer vigil attended by about 400 people was also held to protest the Klan presence. The evening before the planned Klan rally, a town meeting was called by anti-racist activists.

Anti-Klan protesters deliver their message

Demonstrators use various techniques

By JOHN MORAN
Gazette Reporter 1/21/91

ALBANY — There were three modes of protesting the Ku Klux Klan's presence at the Capitol yesterday: shout at them, occasionally punctuating words with snowballs; protest peacefully in East Capitol Park within view of where they were supposed to be, but far enough away to avoid confrontation; attend a prayer vigil across the street in Academy Park.

The vigil, which drew about 400 people compared to the 1,500 that attended the counter-demonstration, was intended to send the Klan the same message: They are not welcome in Albany. Martin Luther King's message of non-violent change was often evoked at the vigil, which took place simultaneously with the other events.

"I think Martin Luther King was the apostle of non-violence par excellence, and a way to counter the Klan was to gather in the spirit of non-violence," said Albany Diocese Catholic Bishop Howard Hubbard, who participated in the service. "We wanted an opportunity to have a peaceful response. I really do not believe there is strong feeling for their goals [in the Albany area]," Hubbard said of the Klan's effort to recruit here.

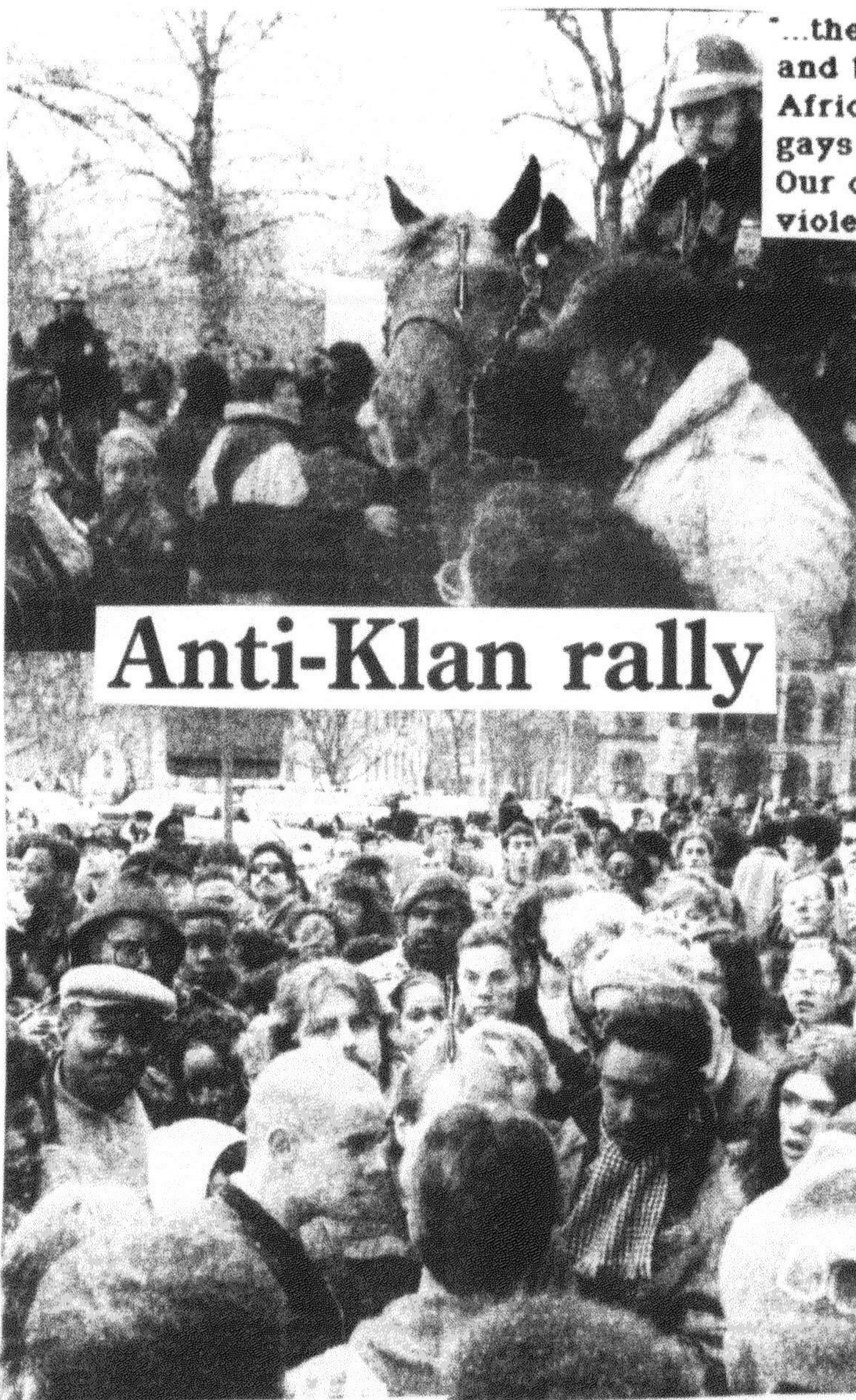
Prayers were also offered by Albany Episcopal Bishop David Ball, Rabbi Martin Silverman of Congregation Beth Emeth and the Rev. Rob-

ert Dixon of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church. Singer Harry Belafonte, the honorary chairman of the state Martin Luther King Holiday Commission, also attended and helped sing the closing verses of "We Shall Overcome," despite having a sore throat.

While some people preferred either the demonstration or the prayer vigil, the two events' organizers endorsed each other. Virgil Hodges, deputy commissioner for the state Labor Department, organized the vigil and encouraged people to attend the counter-demonstration in addition to vigil. The two organizers of the demonstration, the Albany National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, also endorsed the vigil.

Anne Pope, president of the NAACP, delivered remarks to both gatherings. "We are committed to building a strong brotherhood and a strong sisterhood among all peoples," Pope said at the prayer gathering. "However, we believe that brotherhood and sisterhood cannot be simple words and symbols, they must be coupled with deeds and actions."

At the Capitol, only one admitted member of the Klan showed up, although some in the crowd were suspected of being in the organization or sympathetic to it.



"...the sickness they breed of bias-related violence and blatant racism must be defeated. For decades, African-Americans, Jews, Asians, Latinos, Muslims, gays and lesbians have been on the KKK's hit lists. Our community cannot risk the influence of racist violence..."

Anne Pope, Albany NAACP

Demonstrators Foil Plans For a Ku Klux Klan Rally

1/21/91

By KEVIN SACK

Special to The New York Times

ALBANY, Jan. 20 — Ku Klux Klan members who gathered today outside the state Capitol to protest the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday were pelted with snowballs and epithets by an angry mass of more than 1,000 counter-demonstrators.

The demonstration turned briefly into a melee when the Albany police, some on horseback, tried to restrain an anti-Klan protester who was approaching one of the Klansmen. Several dozen protesters rushed the line of officers to rescue their colleague and, with batons raised and horses swirling, the officers sent the panicked protesters running wildly away.

What the counter-demonstrators had intended as a declaration against racism was quickly transformed into a confrontation with authority, as the protesters chanted "Cops and Klan go hand in hand."

No arrests or injuries were reported. For the first hour of the rally, the Klan had lived up to its billing as the Invisible Empire.

Singing and Speaking

Wayne Crowley of Round Lake, N.Y., had received a state permit to use the Capitol steps for a 25-person Klan rally that would begin at 2 P.M. But for almost an hour there was no sign of the Klan, and the 1,500 counter-demonstrators had sole use of the Capitol grounds for singing, speaking and chanting.

At that point, a lone Klansman, Ron Demers, arrived and was quickly escorted behind a police barricade beside the Capitol steps. The counter-demonstrators converged on the other side of the barricade, tossing eggs and snowballs at Mr. Demers.

Wearing a camouflage jacket that had the words Ku Klux Klan and a Klan

Protesters outnumber the racists by more than a thousand.

emblem on it, Mr. Demers said he had come to meet several associates.

"I personally don't believe Martin Luther King's birthday should be a national holiday," said Mr. Demers, who refused to say where he lived. "I believe black should be black and white should be white, separation of the races."

'What a Joke'

Then a group of about a dozen Klan members from Connecticut arrived. Like Mr. Demers, they expressed disappointment that Mr. Crowley and his contingent had not materialized.

"No one from New York showed up? What a joke," said William E. Dodge of Bristol, who identified himself as the state leader of the Connecticut Klan. Mr. Dodge said his members had brought their white robes and hoods with them, but chose not to wear them.

As the Connecticut Klansmen tried to drive away, they were chased by the crowd and bombarded with snowballs.

Although several of the anti-Klan demonstrators conceded that their peaceful protest had been marred, they said that their numbers had discouraged a larger Klan showing.

"These ain't the Klan's kind of odds," said David Macks of Albany. "It's daylight, they're outnumbered, and they have no ropes and no guns."

Community Relations or Public Relations?

Alice Green, Center for Law and Justice (427-8361)

On November 8, 1990, Mayor Thomas Whalen announced the appointment of nine members of a newly restructured Police Community Relations Board. Mayor Whalen and Police Chief John Dale addressed the "new" Board at its first meeting on January 28, 1991 at City Hall. During his address, Mayor Whalen stated that "there is a perception problem for the police in the city ..." but did not admit the definite presence of a problem of police abuse in Albany.

The Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism and the Center for Law and Justice, Inc. opposed the establishment of the "new" Board. Members of both organizations attended the meeting and distributed a press release expressing opposition to the Board as "another clever attempt on the part of the Mayor to create the impression that there is no problem of police abuse in our community." The statement, which was signed by Alice Green of the Center and Merton Simpson, co-chair of CD-CAAR, further denounced the Mayor's Board as a "public relations ploy" which would not work and urged the passing of new legislation to create an independent Civilian Complaint Review Board, an idea to which both Mayor Whalen and Police Chief Dale are opposed.

"The Mayor steadfastly refused to address the issue of police abuse and by this latest action, has chosed to blatantly ignore the community's expressed interest in helping to develop a workable and effective mechanism to ensure fair and just treatment of all people by our police department," the statement said.

Members of the Police Community Relations Board agreed to meet on the fourth Monday of each month and the community is urged to attend these meetings in order to have an informed view as to the success or failure of the "new" Board in meeting its goal of "building a more positive relationship between citizens and the police department."

Liberty and Justice for All? Angela Davis will speaking in Albany on March 7, 1991 at 7:30 p.m at the Palace Theater. She will focus on the Criminal Justice System. CD-CAAR is one of the co-sponsors of this event. A "Fund for the Angela Davis Event" has been set up to help with the costs. If you can contribute, send checks to P.O.Box 6502, Albany, N.Y. 12206

In memoriam

Two women who were deeply committed to improving the quality of life for young African American people in our community died during the month of January. **Bonnie Biefendorf**, an English teacher at the Street Academy of Albany, and **Cathy Hunter-Roberts**, an admissions counselor at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, went far beyond what their job titles suggest to fight for racial justice. Your presence will be greatly missed. Peace to you.

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The next general meeting of CD-CAAR will include a discussion on the war: The "Third World" war and its racist implications - in the United States and internationally.

- *African American and Latino American soldiers are on the front lines in grossly disproportionate numbers.
- *Thousands of people of color in the Middle East are being killed.
- *Millions of people in the Arab world are being displaced.
- *Whole economies are being destroyed.
- *The natural environment of the Middle East and North Africa is being placed in grave danger.



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NEXT GENERAL CD-CARR MEETING

THURS. MARCH 28, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.

Albany Public Library
Washington Avenue, Albany, New York

Agenda:

**WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA WHILE BUSH
HAS BEEN BOMBING IN THE GULF?**

An update on Southern Africa

Also: A discussion on the impact of the
war on domestic issues



and

Information on two upcoming events:
*Capital District Community Conference on
Crime and Criminal Justice - "Education,
Mobilization, and Change" May 18, 1991
(see inside for more information)*

and

**Ten Year Anniversary of CD-CARR - plans
for community celebration in Sept., 1991
(if you would like to be part of the planning committee
for this event, call Pat Trowers Johnson at 463-4486)**