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FEBRUARY 20, 1989

Vera Michaelson
13 Pennsylvania Avenue
Albany NY 12206

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Dear Vera Michaelson:

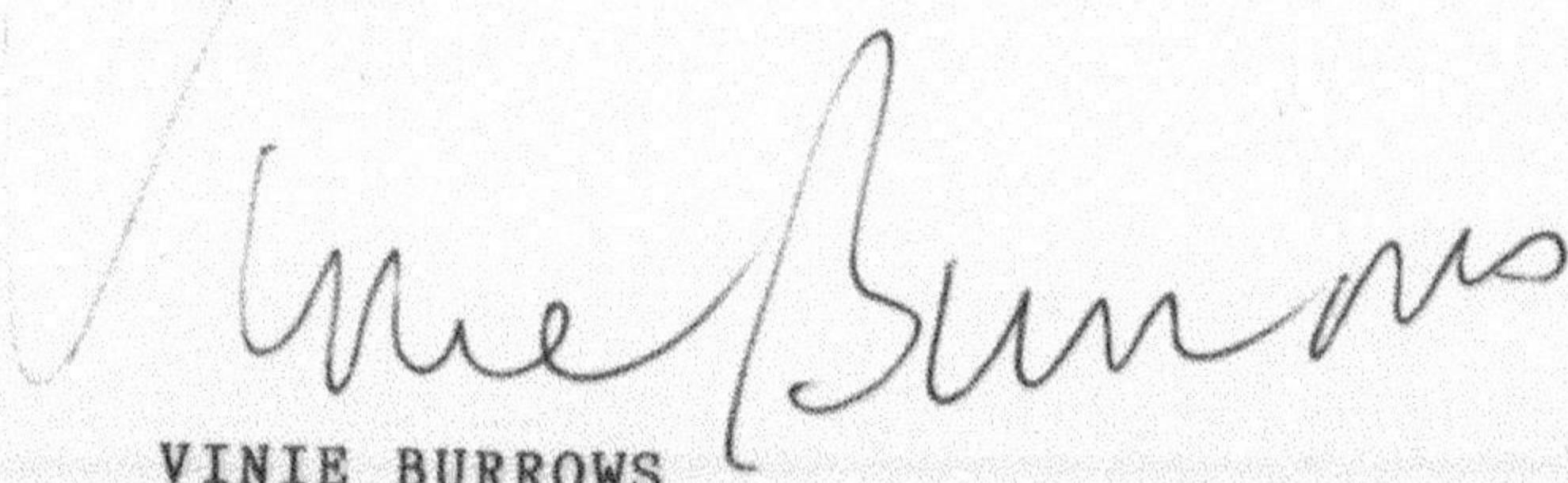
Thanks for the duplicate mailing you sent out. I never received the other.

The picture was taken on the factfinding mission that the CAA sent to the FrontLine States. The man next to me is the Ambassador Gbeho from Ghana who headed the mission. I don't recall the photo call and the small house that we were in could not have housed all those children but I am assuming that kids were told to assemble around the guests and the van.

Thanks for the information. I hope that you have spoken to ANC and interested others. The problem is of course UN recognition of the two liberation movements and as long as equal treatment is given in the conference there is not much you can do.

Thanks for staying on the case.

Peace,


VINIE BURROWS
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PS Just back from 17 days on the road and off again in a few days but I wanted to respond to your concerns.

September 27, 1988

Vinie Burrows
63 Avenue A, #19
New York, New York 10009-6535

Dear Vinie,

Your address to the participants in the Free Southern Africa Regional Conference in New Haven this past weekend was, indeed, an outstanding contribution. The standing ovation was a recognition of the depth of ideas and material that went into the speech. It enabled the delegates to understand the connection between events and the regional nature of the struggle against Apartheid. It was truly a keynote address, which served to guide us in our deliberations.

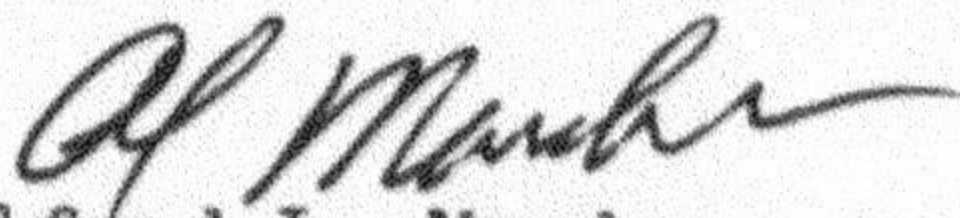
The students, many of whom have not had the privilege of hearing you before, were so very enthusiastic about your appearance. It was exciting.

I have enclosed a wonderful picture of you leading the over 300 participants in the Conference to the site of the Rally.

On behalf of the entire Planning Committee, I want to thank you for your presence and your contributions. We do hope that Senator Weicker, who listened to you very attentively, learned as much as we did from your remarks.

On a personal level, I was glad you came and look forward to having you visit our home again. Perhaps next time it can be raspberry jam. It depends upon whether I get to picking soon.

Yours in Peace and Solidarity,


Alfred L. Marder



CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM

P. O. 3002 PINE HILLS STATION
ALBANY, NY 12203

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
PLEASE ANNOUNCE**

INFO CONTACT: 436-0562

CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA - A COMMUNITY FORUM
Friday, March 31, 1989, 7pm at the
Macedonia Baptist Church, 172 North Allen Street
Rev. Leonard Comithler, Pastor

Representatives from the African National Congress (ANC) of the South African Observer Mission to the United Nations and the South West People's Organization (SWAPO) of the Namibian Observer Mission to the United Nations will discuss the current crisis in Southern Africa. They will also be joined by a representative from the Angolan Mission to the United Nations.

This distinguished panel will discuss several issues critical to the future of Southern Africa such as the status of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, the independence of Namibia from South African domination, South Africa's continuous attacks on Angola, etc.

The forum, sponsored by the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, is open and free to the public. The community is encouraged to attend.

Churches or organizations wishing to become an endorser of the program or interested in provided assistance should call 436-0562 as soon as possible.



**Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid
and Racism**

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

February 22, 1989

Rev. Leonard Comithier
Macedonia Baptist Church
172 North Allen Street
Albany, New York 12206

Dear Rev. Comithier:

Please see attached press release which will give you an idea of the kind of program we are planning.

As we discussed, it will be necessary for us to have access to the church at approximately 6:00 p.m. on March 31st. We will need a microphone with a podium and a table for our panelists in front of the sanctuary.

After the program we would like to serve coffee and light refreshments downstairs. It would be lovely if the church could provide the coffee, etc., but if this is not possible, we are prepared to bring our own refreshments.

Someone from our planning committee will be designated to work with your liason, I believe you mentioned Nell Smith, to ensure that the program comes off as smoothly as possible. We will also make sure that you have enough promotional flyers to distribute to your congregation.

We are extremely pleased about this opportunity to work with you again.

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
Vera Michelson
Co-chair

The Significance of Southern Africa
In Black History

By: Merton Simpson

3/89

During the "Black History Month" celebrations occurring in February 1989, it is indeed timely to examine the importance of southern Africa. The very concept of "Black History Month" is in essence an oxymoron, when the true role of African people is examined objectively rather than from a self-serving Euro-centric "HIS STORY".

The present negotiations on Namibian independence, once again highlights in bold relief the importance not just of South Africa but of southern Africa as a region (which encompasses the area roughly contiguous to the frontline states of Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) in world affairs.

The present borders of the nations of Africa bear little logical relationship to the geopolitical realities that existed in Africa prior to the European Balkanization of Africa which culminated at the Berlin conference of 1884. Southern Africa is no exception to this problem. Yet the primacy of southern Africa in world history is one of the best kept secrets of the western world.

One of the first known remains of Homo Habilis, which anthropologists regard as the earliest true humans, have been found in Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge. It is estimated to be some 1.6 to 1.8 million years old, and belongs to a female, anthropologists misnomered "Eve".

A long and fascinating tradition of stone wall construction has existed since the eleventh century among peoples in the area of southern Zimbabwe and the provinces of Transvaal and Orange free state. The Sotho and Shona are best known for perfecting the art of free stonemasonry.

The Shona's work reached a peak of excellence at Great Zimbabwe, a ruined stone city in the southern part of modern Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe in the local language means "structures of stone" and referred to the hundreds of stone kraals scattered on both sides of the Limpopo River. Great Zimbabwe became an important Shona center of trade, governance, and religion and was perhaps the largest of the Zimbabweans. Founded in about 320 A.D., much of the major stone walling of Great Zimbabwe was executed between 1100 and 1450 the outer elliptical walls of the great enclosure are more than 800 feet long, a maximum of 17 feet thick, and 32 feet high. Altogether, they contain about 182,000 cubic feet of carefully cut, freestanding stonework. The site is unparalleled in prehistoric sub-Saharan Africa. It stands like a jewel among more than 150 similar though smaller stone ruins spread out over a 260-mile radius.

The oldest known sculpture in the world—the Bas Relief—has been found in South Africa. This sculpture depicts a white rhinoceros with ticks. It was undoubtedly the work of indigenous Africans.

The Zulus of South Africa have developed more than 700 natural cures for various diseases, illnesses and injuries.

Shaka Zulu (1786-1828) was one of the finest warriors and generals in history. He trained and organized one of history's first military forces. His "impis" conquered most of South Africa spreading Zulu culture, and saving the region from European domination and colonization, he fought to consolidate South Africa and save it from European rule. When he died in 1828 he was winning that fight.

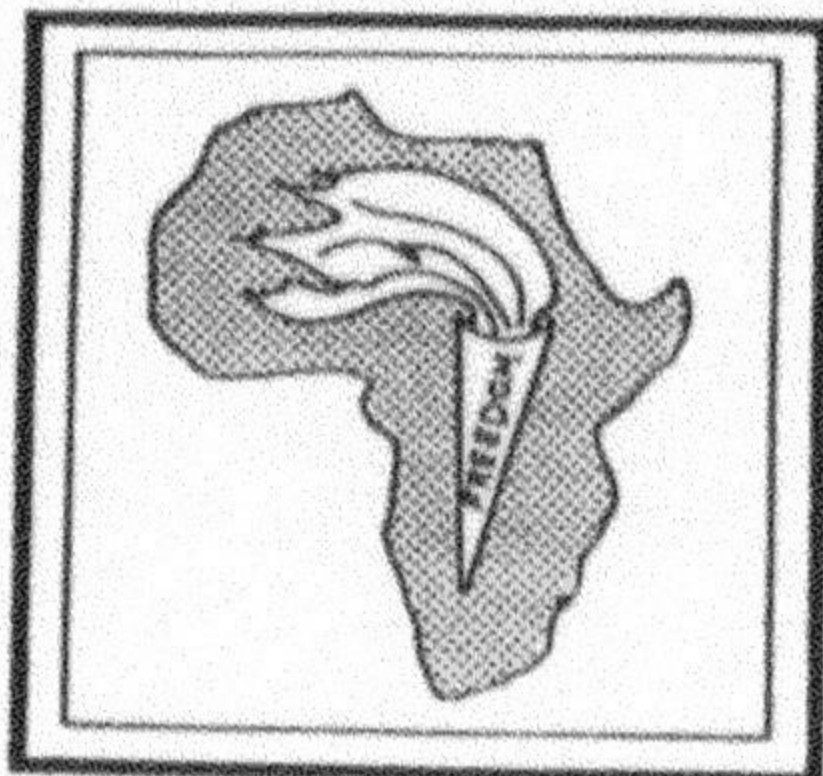
Ann Nzinga (1582-1663) fought and defeated the Portuguese slavers for more than eighteen years in what is today Angola. She commanded a female army of fierce warriors.

Africans were the true discoverers of iron. The oldest known mine has been uncovered in South Africa. According to radio carbon dating, this mine is about 43,000 years old, and was used for extracting hematite.

The oldest known iron-smelting furnace has been uncovered in Tanzania. This furnace, believed to be 2,000 year old, achieved a temperature European furnaces did not achieve until the nineteenth century.

Archaeologists have discovered that prehistoric South Africans harvested shellfish along the Indian ocean coast sixty or seventy thousand years ago. This may be the oldest known example of the human exploitation of marine resources in the world.

It is certain that stone age hunters and gathers inhabited southern Africa thousands of years before the arrival of the Europeans. Iron age peoples trickled into the region later and were not racially different from the original inhabitants. They were distinguished by their language, life style, culture and superior level of technology, expressed in metallurgy. Confrontations were seldom violent, since population densities were so low and land was relatively plentiful. Autocratic leadership was almost unknown. Decisions were usually reached by consensus, after often considerable consultation with the elders and others. However, life was not perfect periodic droughts and famines took many lives. Infant mortality rates were always high. Stone age and Iron age peoples generally kept apart socially and politically but interacted economically and culturally. Clear cultural links are evident between modern southern Africans and their ancestors, despite nearly five centuries of contact with Europeans.



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Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station,
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"CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA"

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY FORUM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARCH 8, 1989

"The Crisis in Southern Africa will be the subject of a forum scheduled for Friday, March 31, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. The evening program, which is sponsored by the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, will be held at Macedonia Baptist Church, 172 N. Allen Street, (between Washington and Central), Albany, New York.

Forum panelists will include a representative of the Angolan Ambassador to the United Nations, and representatives of the United Nations Missions of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) and the South West African Peoples Organization of Namibia (SWAPO),

Topics of discussion will include: the November 1989 Namibian elections and that country's scheduled independence; the future of Angola without Cuban military support; the role of South Africa in undermining the independent countries of Angola and Mozambique; the anti-apartheid movement inside South Africa, and the role of U.S. foreign policy in the region. An opportunity for questions will be provided.

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The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism is inviting the public to attend and welcome these international guests to our community.

The evening's program will include poetry readings and a musical selection by students from Albany's Street Academy.

For more information about this program, or if your organization or church would like to become an endorser of this event, please call 436-0562.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information call Anita Thayer at 462-2542



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Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
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March 19, 1989

Solly Simelane
African National Congress
Room 405, 801 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Comrade Simelane,

We are extremely pleased that you are able to take part in our community forum, "Crisis in Southern Africa," on March 31, 1989 in Albany.

Those in attendance will range from people who have extensive knowledge of the situation in Southern Africa to those with very limited information about the region. (Our printed program will include definitions of UNITA, R435, RENAMO, etc.) With this audience in mind, we would like to suggest the following topics for the focus of your presentations:

Angola representative - the effects of South African destabilization on the frontline states.

ANC representative - the status of the struggle inside South Africa after three years of a state of emergency.

SWAPO representative - the prospects for Namibian independence.

It is also vitally important for the audience to understand the role of U.S. foreign policy in the continuing chaos and destruction of Southern Africa.

The program is set up to include a fifteen minute presentation from each speaker and there will be a forty five minute period set aside for questions from the audience. At the end of the program a representative from the Coalition will present a concrete plan for local action.

As regards to the mechanics of your visit, we include the following information: Transportation costs will be totally covered by the Coalition and checks can be presented on your arrival. Supper will be available upon your arrival. An AMTRAK train leaves Grand Central Station in New York City at 3:29 p.m. on Friday and arrives in Albany (Rensselaer station) at 6:03 p.m. You will be met at the train station. There is no train available to return on Friday night but there is a Trailways bus which leaves Albany at 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening and arrives at the Port Authority in New York City at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday. There are two trains to New York City from Albany early on

Saturday morning. One leaves at 7:15 a.m. and arrives in New York's Grand Central Station at 9:42 a.m. Another leaves at 8:50 a.m. and arrives at 11:17 a.m.

If you can spend the night in Albany you would be extremely welcome to do so and it would provide the chance for further discussion after the forum in a more informal and relaxed setting. If you are able to stay over in Albany, housing, of course, will be provided.

Enclosed is a copy of the flyer which we have distributed throughout the Capital District. We are looking forward to your visit as a real opportunity to help educate the people of this area about the situation in Southern Africa. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Vera Michelson at (518) 436-0562 evenings.

In solidarity, r

Vera Michelson

Vera Michelson
Co-chair

c.c. Tebogo Mafole

April 13, 1989

Dear Steering Committee Members,

I am busy preparing to leave for that great land down South, as are 8 others of us. But I had a few things I wanted to review with you before we leave.

1. Dollars for Dem. In Namibia Campaign:

At this time, the brochure is not complete. I have been badgering our friends in New York to get it done since folks expected it on April 7 in Washington. I've told them that we need them by our April 27 meeting. It may turn out that Arlette from Sasu will do the initial printing. But more on that when I get more information. Hopefully it will be resolved soon. Pam Saffer from Connect. was hired as temporary staff person for 10 weeks while a search goes on. She is good and will also be searched. Her number is 203-776-1970. She has a tape.. A lot of regional logistics were figured out in Wash., hiring Pam, work on grants, more outreach, network brochure etc.

I have some thoughts re; the April 27 meeting. It should be made clear to people that we need to bring organizations, churches etc into this...organizers need to go to these groups, describe the urgency of the matter and get them to take up the campaign. These groups would then be responsible for their own efforts but would work in concert with us. In this way the groups would be able to maintain their organizational identity but we would be able to help guide the politics....in consultation with SWAPO of course.

The meeting on the 27th needs to be carefully planned. I believe that Anita, Mert, Shobhna and Eileen agreed to meet before to plan...not sure. Many things should be thought about for discussion although some good ideas may come out of the meeting. Are there ideas for fundraising that would be the most successful and involve the broadest parts of the community? Will there be people at the meeting who can take leadership responsibility for certain aspects of the campaign like: church outreach (maybe target a few churches), in addition to broader outreach, unions, ^{separates} brochure maintenance and distribution, press coordination.. overall coordination. Perhaps you can think of some people before the meeting and they should be specifically invited... For example...Lois Daley from Sienna, I'm sure is interested in the religious aspect..someone could call her before the meeting..She goes regularly to the Ministers Breakfast. Her # is w-783-2306, 767-9379 h.

Re: logistics...I have sent press announcements to the papers and WVCN as usual.. I think we can expect 40-50 people at the meeting and someone should make sure there are enough chairs, Mert, check with Arlena re: this and her opening up the building.

Re; other matters, Merton was going to initiate meeting with McNulty and a Coalition delegation...this has press potential. Merton and Eileen were going to have separate conversations with Todd Moshier from Amnesty Inter.. Vicki was going to clear the way for Mert to proxy at the Police meeting..

Sean and Shobhna have been doing a lot of mobilizing on Campus. Sean is leaving in June. I think they should brief the steering committee on what can be expected for next year and what their overall analysis is.

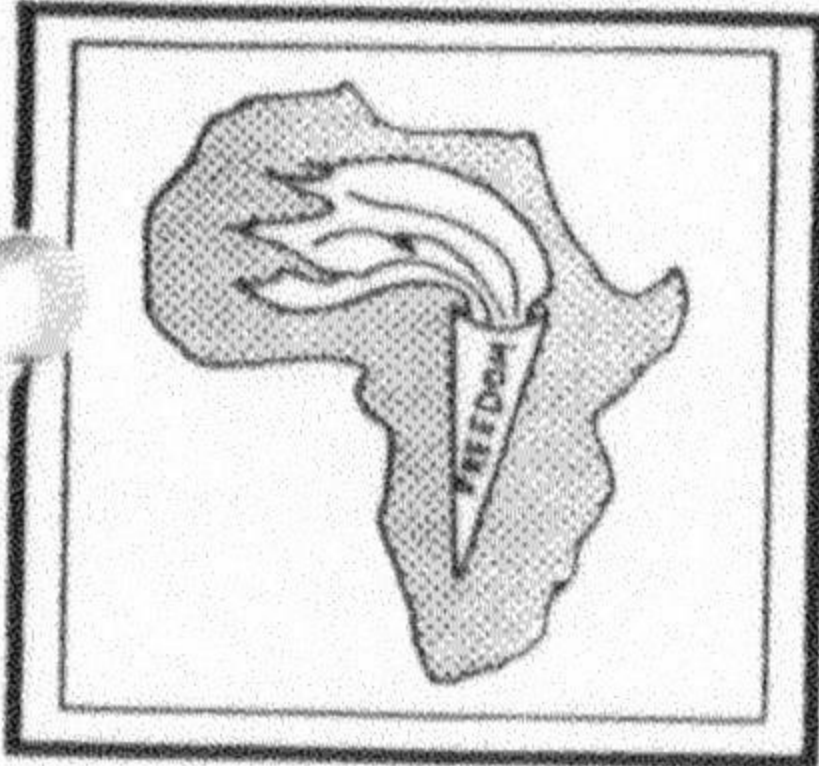
I thought you'd get a kick out of the Australian letter. Isn't that amazing? It confirms that no one else was doing anything. I still think our decision not to do anything organized this year is a necessary one. We do need to talk with Les, Mabel and Doug about it though..oh Martin too. Or maybe at the May meeting.

Well that's it for now.. Soon we'll be on that plane..my brother calls it "Left Wing Travel" I am hopeful that the Cuba trip will enhance our internationalist perspective, increase our understanding of the importance of our work and help us bring a new energy to the work that must be done. I also hope we have fun. (^^)

We are leaving on the 22nd, returning on May 6 or so .

A luta,

"Mike"



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Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
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Mr. Bill Haley
General Manager
WMHT-TV
P.O. Box 17
Schenectady, NY 12301

Dear Mr. Haley:

Over the past ten years I have watched the interest and participation of Capital District residents in Anti-Apartheid activity increase dramatically.

With the black out of media coverage in South Africa a void is created which is not adequately being addressed by mainstream media coverage.

As you must know IPS has obtained sufficient involvement from PBS affiliates to make "South Africa Now" available to the Capital District.

As Co-Chairperson of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism I am urging you on behalf of our membership to make "South Africa Now" part of your programming.

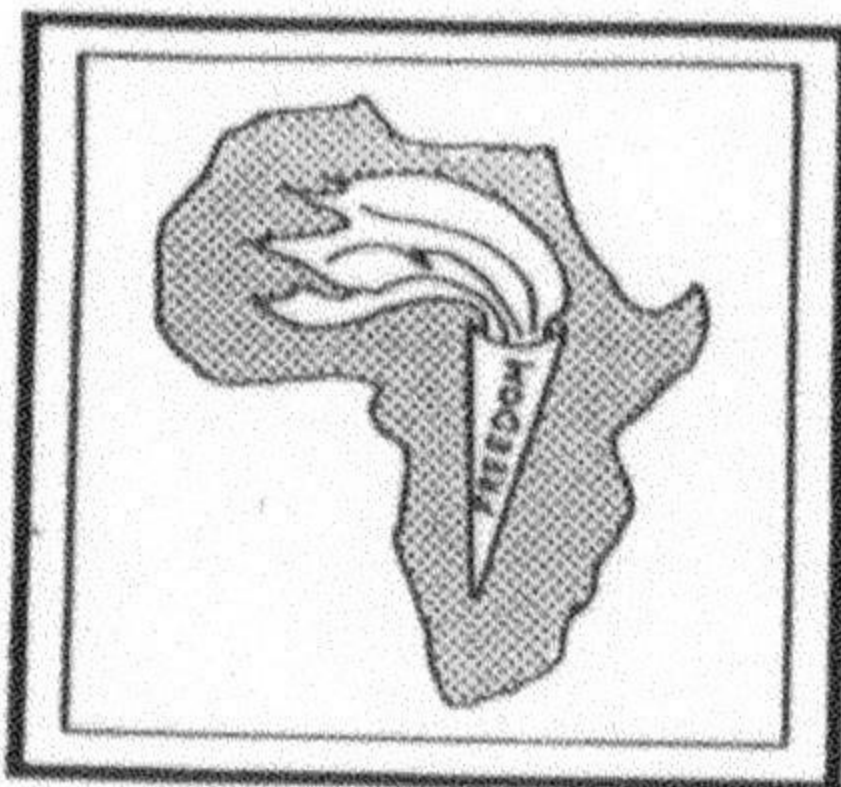
If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 457-5183.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Merton Simpson

Merton Simpson
Co-Chairperson
Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid and
Racism

cc: Mr. Ellis Bromberg



Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid
and Racism

Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
Albany, NY 12203

April 18, 1989

David Howes
Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Victoria)
GPO Box 1724P
Melbourne 3001

Dear David,

Received your recent letter and was delighted to hear from our comrades in Australia. Dennis certainly did put himself out on a limb this time didn't he?

Well as you can see from the enclosed clips we have been pretty active in the tennis boycott. Unfortunately, as you well know, there is no real tennis boycott in the U.S.A. As a matter of fact, our entire anti-apartheid sports activity is nothing to write home about. And this analysis has actually meant that it is very likely that we will not be conducting a tennis protest this summer.

We are putting most of our summer resources into a "Dollars for Democracy in Namibia" campaign. We feel that:

1. Since there is no coordinated U.S. campaign, it may in fact be unwise to be the only one who protest these tennis players. When they come to our area they dismiss the actions by saying that Schenectady/Albany is the only time they face protests in the U.S. "Most Americans are trying to be fair, etc."
2. The current crisis in Namibia demands our full attention right now. We are playing a leadership role in a regional (12 state) effort to educate people about Namibia and raise substantial funds for SWAPO.

If things change and we decide to move ahead on the tennis, I'll be in touch. Could you send me your home telephone number? Mine is (518) 436-0562.

And if there are any conferences coming up on the sports boycott, please keep us posted.

A luta continua

Vera Michelson

Vera Michelson
Co-chair

c.c. Sam Ramsamey

P.S. Thanks for the newsletter



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Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
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June 13, 1989

David Howes
Australian Anti-Apartheid Movement (Victoria)
GPO Box 172 4 p
Melbourne Australia 3001

Dear David,

It looks like there's been a change in our summer protest plans. We are in fact going to organize a protest for July 21 at the Gala Ball and Dinner Dance. This event will be attended by the sponsors, the players and members of "local high society". Tuxedos and evening gowns will be the evening attire of the participants. We however are committed to the most fashionable of bullhorns and placards and chants.

By the way, we are not sure which South Africans will be participating this year. In past years the following S.A. players have competed in the Schenectady-Nabisco OTB Tournaments: Michael Robertson, Gary Muller, Barry and Kevin Moir, ~~Dinky~~ and Christo VanRensburg.

We will keep you informed as we get closer to the event but is there some way that you can support us. Do you have any thoughts on this?

I am looking foreword to hearing from you.

A luta continua

Vera

Vera Michelson
Co-chair

cc SAM RAMSAMMEY
ANC- N.Y.
LES DAVIS CDCAAR
GEROME BIBULD



**THE
AUSTRALIAN
ANTI-APARTHEID
MOVEMENT (VIC.)**

GPO BOX 1724P, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA. 3001. ☎ (03) 650 3595

Vera Michelson
CDCAAR
Albany
NY 12203

Dear Vera

Thank you for your letter informing us of your upcoming demo against S.African tennis players. David Howes is currently taking a short well earned vacation so I am responding on his behalf.

The AAAM(Vic.) wishes you the best of luck with your "fashionable" protest and we are delighted to liase with you in the area of sports sanctions. Earlier this year we "invaded" a court at the Australian tennis open featuring a match with the S.African Neil Broad.

If you intend issuing a media release it may be worthwhile mentioning our support and our intention to target S.African tennis players again at next years Australian open (Jan.90).

Goodbye for now and good luck again to all!

Amanda!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Moody', written in a cursive style.

John Moody
AAAM(Vic.) Co-ordinating Committee
5/7/1989



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August 4, 1989

Don Drewicki and Karl Frances
WRPI 91.5 FM
RPI, Troy, NY 12180

Dear Don and Karl,

Your recent announcement and letter has given me the impetus to do some reflection. Of course the first thought is that your leaving the station will be a "tremendous loss". I guess we've kind of taken you for granted - thinking you'd always be there.

Secondly, I am wishing we had taken more advantage of the easy access we always had on your show.

Thirdly, however, I am remembering the many times, particularly in the earlier days, when we did come on the show and the fun we had working together.

On behalf of the CDCAAR, I would like to acknowledge both of you for the excellent contribution you have made to the political life of our community. Your persistence and insights have proven to be invaluable.

Forward,

"Miki"

Vera Michelson



THE UNIVERSITY YWCA

Ms. Vera Michelson
O.D. Heck Development Center
Balltown Road
Schenectady, NY 12304

Sent!

Dear Ms. Michelson:

I was given your name and work number by a contact person from the American Committee on Africa to request information concerning your activities around the cultural and academic boycott of South Africa.

I apologize for phoning your office, I had no idea who you were or who you worked with. I got home too late to call the number you left for me so I called your office the next morning, without identifying myself, to get the mailing address.

I am specifically interested in any articles, flyers, etc. regarding direct action and/or other support of the boycott. I have enclosed information about an action we did and succeeded with during an international conference on Women and Peace sponsored by the Department of Social Work at the University of Illinois, UC. We are interested in doing some follow-up and are seeking ideas/suggestions from others involved in the struggle.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Imani Bazzell

Imani Bazzell, YWCA
Program Director

**Proposed Resolution to the CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND PEACE
University of Illinois, March 12-15, 1989**

As participants in the Women and Peace Conference, we want to protest the disregard of the United Nations' call for cultural boycott of the apartheid regime of South Africa in the conference program.

We wish to call to the attention of all conference participants and the general public that there are long standing resolutions of the **United Nations General Assembly and Security Council** calling for cultural boycott. In addition a **Resolution on the Academic and Cultural Boycott** has been adopted by the **United Democratic Front**, the broad coalition of anti-apartheid forces in South Africa, calling for the isolation of the apartheid regime and all its supporting forces from all foreign assistance, technical, scientific, and cultural.

The text of this resolution, which includes specific conditions for exceptions to this boycott, is on the reverse side.

In violation of these calls for cultural boycott on the part of both the international community and the UDF, a South African speaker was invited to speak in a prominent position on the program without the endorsements called for in the UDF resolution. In addition, this speaker's identification was given as coming from "The Republic of Bophuthatswana"--which is not recognized by the United Nations. At the same time, Black South African speakers who came to the conference with the recommended endorsements and with no financial support from the conference, appeared in the conference program in secondary sessions.

We therefore call upon the conference participants assembled at this meeting to take action to dissolve the closing plenary panel and reconstitute the session in a manner that would demonstrate respect for the international cultural boycott and for the struggle of the South African people for justice and democracy.

RESOLUTION ON THE ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL BOYCOTT

This National Working Committee Conference of the UDF

BELIEVING THAT

1. The apartheid regime and all its supporting forces must be isolated from all foreign assistance, technical, scientific and cultural
2. The campaign for the isolation of the apartheid regime and its supporting forces must be intensified and strengthened
3. Our main priority on the academic and cultural fronts is the building of progressive organisations which would work towards developing the academic and cultural potential of the people of South Africa

AND FURTHER BELIEVING THAT

The campaign for the international isolation of the regime and its supporting forces is not the same as calling for the isolation of the people of South Africa and their organisations

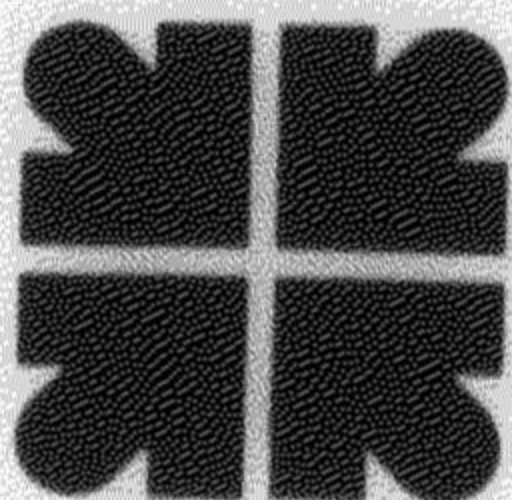
THEREFORE RESOLVES

To campaign against all academics and cultural workers who travel outside South Africa, and all foreign academics and cultural workers who travel to South Africa, for academic and cultural purposes.

HOWEVER

A tour would not be affected by this campaign if:

1. It is supported by the democratic movement in South Africa
2. It is approved by overseas solidarity groups
3. It contributes to the advancement of the national democratic struggle and the building of a future South Africa.



Christians United in Mission, Inc.

40 North Main Avenue Albany, New York 12203 (518) 438-6681

August 17, 1989

Ms Vera Michaelson
13 Pennsylvania Ave
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Ms Michaelson:

Pardon the delay in getting back to you re your speaking to our board in September and utilization of our mailing list.

Our executives, while much concerned with your program needs and the Nambibia situation, cannot undertake any fundraising assistance for you at this time. Their suggestion is to consider doing something later this fall as we are overloaded now with our own homeless Dollar Day Campaign and the AIDS programs.

Please talk to me again soon about speaking to our board later in 1989 or early 1990.

Ron Willis, Program Director

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United Methodist Church, Troy Conference • United Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Albany



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Sept. 11.1989

Kenneth Johnson
Holidaze
108 Central Ave
Albany, N.Y. 12206

Dear Mr. Johnson,

This letter acknowledges your contribution of \$1,732 to the Dollars for Democracy in Namibia Campaign which was sent to P.E.R.A. (Progressive Education and Research Associates/c/o NESASN P.O. Box #1322, New Haven Conn.06505.)

Sincerely,

Vera Michelson
CO CHAIR



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September 11, 1989

Social Justice Center
33 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
ATTN: Awards Committee

The Coalition nominates Metroland newspaper for a Peace & Justice Award. We nominate for Metroland's excellence in the reporting on the "Real News".

Anita Thayer

On Behalf of the Steering
Committee



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Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station
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Sept. 19, 1989

Jennifer Davis, Director
ACOA
198 Broadway
N.Y. N.Y. 10038

Dear Jennifer,

This is just a brief note to let you know how valuable UPDATE: NAMIBIA has been to us in our organizing efforts.

As you probably know, we have spent this summer organizing the "Dollars for Democracy In Namibia" Campaign. We photocopied 500 copies of the summer issue and handed them out with our "Dollars" brochures. We found them to be particularly useful for our organizers to study and they were an excellent tool to use with labor and religious leaders. All the questions are answered in it, i.e. Is Swapo communist? etc. Of course it is very easy to follow and is printed in an appealing manner.

These are the kinds of tools we need in our grassroots work.

Forward,

Vera Michelson
Co chair

CAPITAL DISTRICT COALITION
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PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRESS CONFERENCE

ROB JONES

Anti-Apartheid Educator and Activist

Recently returned from

Investigative trip to South Africa

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1989 AT 3 P.M.

AT THE LAW OFFICES OF
WALTER, THAYER, LONG, AND MISHLER
ONE COLUMBIA PLACE
ALBANY, NEW YORK

Other press interviews with Rob Jones may be arranged by
calling Anita Thayer at 462-6753 or 462-2542.



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SEPTEMBER 25, 1989

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIVIST RETURNS FROM AUGUST / SEPTEMBER,
TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA
REPORTS ON DEFIANCE CAMPAIGN

"A Report on the Anti-Apartheid Defiance Campaign Within South Africa," will be the subject of a talk by Rob A. W. Jones, Project Director of the American Committee on Africa on Thursday, September 28, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at the regular monthly meeting of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism. The Coalition meets at the Urban League Building, 79 Livingston Avenue, (corner of Livingston, Manning, and Ten Broeck streets), Albany, New York,

According to Vera Michelson, co-chairperson of the Coalition, this event is a "rare opportunity" to get current information about the struggle for freedom within South Africa.

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Jones travelled in South Africa for 17 days in August and September 1989 observing demonstrations and meeting with anti-apartheid activists, journalists, and educators, etc. Jones also visited the nearby countries of Mozambique and Zambia.

Members of the public are invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

The Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism was organized in 1981 to protest the playing in Albany of the South African Springbok rugby team and has continued a full program of anti-racism, anti-apartheid activity throughout its eight (8) year history.

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Thank you

10/9/89

"Mike"

The members of the Board of Directors
and the executive committee of the
C.O.N.P. Inc. thanks you greatly for your
presentation to us on 10/5/89

The presentation helped us
steer through our 1st resolution with
only a few bumps and bruises instead of
a probable split in the organization.
not to mention hurt feelings.

You gave us information
on how to fight apartheid on
other levels.

I hope we can continue to
use you and your coalition for/for
as a resource.

TRISA Thomas CNM/FRP
corresp secret.

WALTER, THAYER, LONG & MISHLER, P.C.

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October 10, 1989

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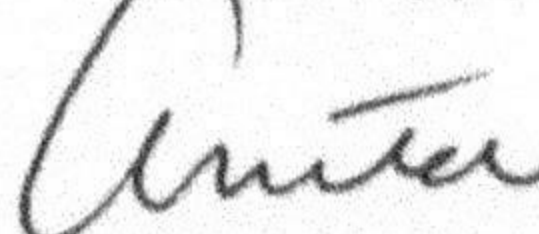
American Committee on America
198 Broadway
New York, New York 10034
ATTN: Rob Jones

Dear Rob:

Enclosed are the two (2) clippings from your Albany visit.
The Troy paper apparently never ran a story.

Nadine Gordimer read from a recent work at SUNY Albany last
Thursday to about 800 people. Nearly all the questions from the
audience were about South Africa politics and her relationship
to it. She warned the audience about DeKleek and told them to
watch the M.D.M. not the South African government and also
explained she supported the NC.

Sincerely,



Anita Thayer
Attorney at Law

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Enclosures

cc: Vera Michelson



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Awards Committee
Social Justice Committee
33 Central Avenue
Albany, New York 12206

Re: Voting on Awards

Dear Awards Committee:

1. Individuals: no preference
2. Groups: Metroland (2 votes)
3. Creative Action: Act Up.

In Struggle,

Anita Thayer
Steering Committee

AT/d