The following proposal, made by the American Committee on Africa, was passed unanimously at the Oct 3-4 National Student Anti-Apartheid Strategy Conference held at Hunter College. 50 campuses from 20 states nationwide were represented at the event which was organized by ACOA with the support of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid. The liberation movements helped mobilize for the event and were active conference participants.

On October 9-11 a National Solidarity Conference on southern Africa held in NYC also strongly endorsed the Two Weeks of Action (March 21-April 4). This conference attracted nearly 1000 people and included all sectors of the anti-apartheid movement (unions, students, community groups, churches, left organizations). The endorsement of the proposal by both conferences means that the Two Weeks of Action will unite all forces active in African liberation support work. A key to the success of the March 21-April 4 mobilization will be heightened coordination with those focusing on other domestic and international struggles. We thus welcome the endorsement and participation of all interested groups in regional meetings:

Other Contacts

1) California: November 9-10 in LA. Contact Bud Day 213-628-8313, 882-8610
2) New England: Sat November 21 at Univ of Mass in Amherst MA to be held (1lam-6pm) at Ctr for Racial Studies (Moore Hall) Contact ACOA
3) New York/NJ/Phila: Sat December 5 at ACOA 198 BWAY Rm 402 (1lam-5pm) Contact ACOA: 212-962-1210
4) California: November 9-10 in LA. Contact Bud Day 213-628-8313, 882-8610

PROPOSAL FOR "TWO-WEEKS OF NATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID ACTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS"

From March 21 (Anniversary of Sharpeville Massacre) To April 4, 1982 (Anniversary of Martin Luther King's Assassination)

PURPOSE

With South African aggression increasing internally and in the region at the same time that the Reagan Administration is moving closer to Pretoria, there is a heightened need for strategic coordination in the U.S. anti-apartheid movement.

A useful way of increasing the overall effect of inherently decentralized local activity is to have activists from different regions plan their major events within a limited time-span, and well in advance. In Spring 1979 a national week of action in support of the liberation movements was quite successful in drawing attention to the anti-apartheid movement. Like that week, the two-weeks of National Action will be most effective if student groups are able to coordinate activities with community groups.

Though the particular nature of activity will necessarily vary for each locality and region, to give the TWO WEEKS OF ACTION national cohesion we propose the following:

Summary Demands:

1) Support for the Liberation Movements of Southern Africa, in particular a call for the immediate independence of Namibia. Linked to this support for the Front-line states which are bearing the brunt of South African aggression—particularly Angola.

2) a) Demand the immediate withdrawal of U.S. corporations from South Africa and Namibia and an end to all banks loans. Build support for mandatory U.S. sanctions against South Africa, particularly an oil embargo.

Summary Demand: Victory to the Liberation Movements!

INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA NOW! SUPPORT SWAPO!

END ALL SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACKS AGAINST ANGOLA AND OTHER INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES!

b) Demand an end to all U.S. academic, cultural and sporting ties to South Africa.

Summary Demand: U.S. OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA!

DIVEST ALL STOCKS NOW! END ALL ACADEMIC TIES!

REDLINE SOUTH AFRICA NOT (NYC, CHICAGO, LA, etc.)

MPOSE MANDATORY SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA!

DON'T PLAY BALL WITH APARTHEID! CUT CULTURAL TIES TO SA!

3) Opposition to the Reagan Administration's increasing collaboration with South Africa, and the current effort to repeal the Clark Amendment (banning U.S. covert operations in Angola). Groups should also make the link between U.S. foreign policy in Southern Africa and the Reagan Administration's support of dictators and opposition to liberation everywhere in the 3rd World, notably El Salvador.

Summary Demand: END ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT TIES TO SOUTH AFRICA!

BREAK THE US/SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR M K IS!

U.S. HANDS OFF ANGOLA! DEFEND THE CLARK M ENDENT!

4) a) Stress the links between U.S. support of racism in South Africa and racism in this country—both its long-term institutional forms and the particular racist programs of the Reagan Administration and other reactionary forces.

b) Also stress the positive connection between the struggle for liberation in Southern Africa and the struggle against racism in this country. Highlight the history of Government repression of anti-racist forces in this country.

c) Since the Weeks of Action run through April 4 groups should plan events that link commemoration of Martin Luther King with support for African liberation.

Summary Demand: FIGHT RACISM AT HOME AND ABROAD! END RACIST CUTBACKS!
TWO-WEEK NATIONAL ACTION PROPOSAL (continued)

Coordination and Planning

Though the strength of individual local movements will determine the success of the TWO-WEEKS OF NATIONAL ACTION, coordination will heighten its impact.

We propose the following coordination measures:

1) To ensure the broadest effect of the TWO WEEKS OF ACTION (as well as future projects) there needs to be greater coordination on a regional level in the U.S. movement.

-We propose (without setting up formal organizations at this point) that there take place regional meetings about every 6-7 weeks with at least one this Fall.

   a) These meetings would help coordinate activities for the TWO WEEKS OF ACTION--speaking tours, joint demonstrations/forums, regional press releases, etc and

   b) Just as importantly act as forums where groups can exchange pamphlets, strategy ideas and other useful information.

-At the October 3-4 National Student Conference regional coordinators were chosen with a mandate to organize regional meetings at the earliest possible time. The Coordinators are the following and should be contacted immediately:

   New England (as a whole): American Committee on Africa (212-962-1210)
   Williams College (Raymond Readon: 413-597-6807)
   for Sat Nov 21
   Maine: Chip Hammond (207-581-2611) University of Maine in Orono
   American Committee on Africa (212-962-1210)
   American University
   Chris Root (202-667-3875) DC Bank Camp/American Univ.
   University of Illinois
   (Champaign-Urbana)
   Aimee J. Grieb (217-333-1599)
   Washington DC Area: Brady Tyson (202-686-2838)
   American University

   Midwest: Aimee J. Grieb (217-333-1599)
   University of Illinois
   (Champaign-Urbana)
   Aimee J. Grieb (217-333-1599)

   West
   Northwest: Roger Walke (503-687-9331)
   People for Southern AFRican Freedom
   Eugene, Oregon
   Ed Ferguson (503-754-3421)
   Oregon State University
   California: Anita Pfouts (213-399-4403)
   African Activists Association
   Santa Monica CA
   Bud Day Hm (213-822-8610)
   Southern Africa Resource Project
   Venice, CA

   South
   Anita Pfouts (213-399-4403)
   Black Collegian Magazine (504-821-5694)
   New Orleans, LA. (James Borders)
   Corbin Seavers (606-986-9341 x380)
   Berea College, Berea Kentucky
   Dennie Littlejohn (615-974-6642 at work)
   Univ of Tennessee, Knoxville

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2) The American Committee on Africa will take responsibility for preparation and distribution of a National Press release before March 21, 1982. Such a release will contain:

   a) Political focus of the TWO WEEK period of action and

   b) As complete a listing as possible of events being planned.

Following the TWO WEEKS OF NATIONAL ACTION a similar press release, detailing major actions would be distributed by the American Committee on Africa.

3) In conjunction with the TWO WEEKS OF ACTION, Dumisani Kumalo (founder of the Union of Black South African Journalists and field rep of ACOA) will be available to go on an extensive national speaking tour of campuses. Mr. Kumalo has been an extremely effective speaker for divestment both on and off-campus.

An additional tour involving SWAPO is a possibility for this fall and spring 1982.

4) ACOA will make available to interested groups a poster for the TWO WEEKS OF ACTION incorporating its major political focuses. Regional groupings as well as local ones should of course prepare their own more specifically planned material.

NOTE: Contact ACOA immediately if you are interested in the SAT NOVEMBER 21

New England Meeting to be held in Amherst Mass.