DAVIS CUP PROTEST

The South African Davis Cup Team is scheduled to meet the US Team on March 17-19 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. The American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and Society, the NAACP, Urban League and the Coalition for Human Rights in South Africa have called for a massive protest of this event which contravenes many UN and OAU resolutions. The US is now the major competitor with South Africa in sports.

The importance of this event lies in its visibility. This is an excellent opportunity for large numbers of American people to demonstrate their opposition to apartheid.

You can do this in two ways. Write to Chancellor Alexander Heard, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., 37240 to stop the matches.

AND

join a Milwaukee contingent to Nashville for the demonstration on Saturday, March 18th. For further information contact Vicki Plevin in the evenings at 442-6409.

BAN PROPOSED FOR EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA

Congress chartered the Eximbank in 1945 to help American businesses sell products overseas. It underwrites, with government approval, political and economic risks in export sales. Since 1971, Eximbank's coverage of South African risks have grown 5 times. South Africa now gets almost double the world wide average in Exim assistance.

Rep. Andrew Maguire (D-NJ) has introduced HR 9746 calling for a ban on Eximbank financing for South Africa. It is hoped that the language of this bill will be included as an amendment on the total Exim Authorization bill, now before Congress, which must be voted on by May 15th.

Rep. Henry Reuss and Sen William Proxmire are key in this decision-making process as chairpersons of the Banking Committees thru which the authorization must pass. The Milwaukee Committee on South Africa has sent letters to them urging that they use their influence as chairpersons to ensure the passage of the amendment banning Exim aid to South Africa. We hope to meet with both Reuss and Proxmire over their Easter Recess.

Please write to Reuss and Proxmire right away urging them to support this amendment.

LOCAL BANKS ASKED TO PLEDGE - NO LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA

On Feb. 28th, the Committee sent letters to First Wisconsin, Marshall & Ilsley and Marine banks requesting a pledge to make no loans to South Africa. First Wisconsin is the only bank which has made a loan in the past, but as the big city banks give into public pressure to stop making loans for South Africa, it is feared that companies will begin to approach regional banks in cities like Milwaukee. So forewarned is forearmed!

ON THE UNION FRONT.....

District 48 of ASCME has voted to condemn investment of its pension funds in companies doing business in South Africa. They are now working on the implementation of this resolution.

If you would like to introduce a resolution in your union, please contact us.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE CALL

JOHN CARROLL (344-0625) OR
ANN HEIDKAMP (873-9081)
**Funds Needed**

The Milwaukee Committee on South Africa is in need of funds for mailings and other activities regarding the South Africa issue. Contributions can be sent to 2711 W. Juneau Ave. 53208.

**The Next Meeting of the Milwaukee Committee on South Africa is Scheduled to be Held on Sunday, March 12th at 3:30PM at Jan and John Carroll’s, 2711 W. Juneau.**

All are urged to attend. If you are in need of a ride to the meeting, call 344-0625 or 873-9081.

**Weekend of Activities in Commemoration of Sharpeville**

A series of special events is scheduled for the weekend of March 17-19 here in Milwaukee. The events will be sponsored by NAIMESEL and the Milwaukee Committee on South Africa. Actress, Francis Williams is expected in town to participate at the events. Both educational and cultural programs are planned. For more information contact William McGill at 477-6783 or J. Carroll at 344-0625.
February 28, 1978

Mr. Hal C. Kuehl
First Wisconsin Corporation
777 E. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Mr. Kuehl:

On September 28, 1977 Reverend Michael Crosby of the Justice and Peace Center, representing a number of Catholic orders in Wisconsin, wrote to the director of your loan department requesting clarification on loans by First Wisconsin to South Africa. He received no reply.

You are certainly aware of growing community concern over the situation in South Africa. The Milwaukee Common Council has declared its opposition to South Africa's official policy of apartheid and to the sale of the South African gold coin, the Krugerrand; the last two Milwaukee banks selling the Krugerrand have ceased sales of that coin; and the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents recently voted to end UW investments in companies doing business in South Africa. Nationally, Polaroid Corporation has announced an end to sales of its products in South Africa, and several banks have announced their intentions to make no loans to South Africa until a positive change has occurred.

The January 1978 report of the Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs states that in 1975 First Wisconsin National Bank made a $30 million loan to a South African corporation for the purchase of earth moving and construction equipment. We would like you to clarify whether this loan has been repaid or has been extended.
In addition, we would like you to indicate whether First Wisconsin has made any other loans to: 1) the government of South Africa, 2) its public agencies, 3) private corporations for the purpose of investment in South Africa, or 4) the governments or public corporations of Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa).

In view of the appalling disregard for majority rights in South Africa and in view of mounting local and national concern, we feel it is crucial that First Wisconsin Bank pledge to make no further loans of the types described above until the Organization of African Unity has recognized the South African government as a democratic and representative government.

We realize that this request presents First Wisconsin, as a profit making institution, with a serious dilemma. Yet, we feel assured that you will give this matter serious consideration and, as a leader in the business community, decide in favor of helping to make Milwaukee an "apartheid free" city. We have accumulated a good deal of information on this subject and would be happy to act as a resource, if you so wish.

Your reply can be sent to the above address. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Carroll
Milwaukee Committee on Southern Africa