The following Minutes are from the STOP BANKING ON APARTHEID general meeting held 27 February. If you're interested in helping with the Campaign, in whatever capacity, please notify the Contact Person for the Working Group you're interested in (pg. 3). Also, we've enclosed a Statement of Agreement for your signature. Or even better, make copies and distribute them to friends, organizations you work with, etc. We'd like to get feedback soon on the Statement's effectiveness (if you want them in quantity, let us know). Thanks for your interest AND help!!

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1978, 6:00 P.M., 870 MARKET ST., RM. 675, SAN FRANCISCO

Minutes
Meeting of February 27, 1978

Bea Gillette chaired the meeting, which was opened with introductions. A special welcome was given to Bill Sutherland, a black American who has been living in Tanzania and working in various states of Africa for the past twenty years. He is the American Friends Service Committee representative for Southern Africa.

A revised version of the slide show, "Banking on South Africa" was shown by Walt Spevak, who has coordinated the revision so that the slide show will reflect more of the concerns of the bank campaign in California. A brief discussion was held following the showing. Response was favorable. Questions were asked about rental and it was agreed that it would be on a sliding scale. Will it be available for purchase? Unknown. It was suggested that concrete suggestions for what people can do be put in the slide show. It was pointed out that the informational packets would be made available with rental of the slide show.

Jody Parsons gave a brief background of the bank campaign in Northern California, which started in May of 1977 and is focusing on four major areas of concern relating to banks and our communities: loans to South Africa, redlining, employment, and unions. The campaign is making the link between racism in South Africa and in this country. In addition, stress is put on the responsibility of groups and individuals in regard to banking relationships in our communities, including alternative banking possibilities.

BRIEF REPORTS OF ACTIVITY October - February

1. North American Meeting of the Bank Campaign
   Miloanne Hecathorn reported on a meeting held January 22, 1978, in New York, for organizers of the various bank campaigns around the country. Representatives from Chicago, New York, Canada, California, and various other cities attended the meeting to share resources and build strategies and goals. The national groups suggested two possible "days of withdrawal", March 21 and June 16. Because of different stages of the various local campaigns, it was decided that each local group would decide which day they would focus on. In California, some student groups will be concentrating on withdrawals prior to March 21 because of conflicts with finals. In addition, it was pointed out that June 16 is not good for student groups because they will be out of session.
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Please contact these people if you are interested in being on one of these working groups.

The working groups will meet as the need arises and will report to the general meetings.

FUNDING

Miloanne reported on the campaign's funding situation. AFSC has donated postage, paper, and printing so far. EPI, NC-ICCR, and BA-NAG have also donated funds for mailings and literature distribution. Other individuals have donated money, time, and staff.

A question about whether $BoA has a bank account was raised. Miloanne related that so far she has been depositing funds in the BA-NAG account, with a record of check numbers for $BoA. It was suggested that research be done on where to open a separate account. This was referred to the Finance Working Group. The Finance group will also work on a funding proposal and office location.

Steve Greenberg raised a policy question about printing. He said that our materials need a union bug or "labor donated" on every piece of paper which we distribute. He proposed that all materials have a union bug, "labor donated" or "produced by member, local __________". A consensus was reached on this matter, in favor.

The mobilization working group was asked to bring a timetable and strategy for future action to the next meeting (due to lack of time at this meeting).

Minutes submitted by Jody Parsons