

\$top Banking on Apartheid
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Greetings

As the crisis heightens in southern Africa, it becomes even more important that we rally in support of the Black resistance spreading throughout the region. The white minority governments are under a great deal of pressure to solidify support for themselves in the outside world. The South African fascist government is conducting a major propoganda campaign in the U.S., spending several million dollars to "put its case" to the U.S. people. and to solicit further U.S. investment. Yet with the growing furror over Steven Biko's murder by the "apartheid system", such forces are hard put to portray themselves in a positive manner.

NOW IS THE TIME to apply pressure on U.S. firms and banks, on President Carter, Andrew Young, the State Department, elected officials, and those who still acquiesce to the white minority government.

NOW IS THE TIME to demonstrate your support of the liberation struggles being waged in Zimbabwe, Namibia, and South Africa.

The various Bay Area African liberation support groups are involved in a variety of such pressure and support actions--please join with us. We urge you to spread the word about the true conditions within southern Africa, U.S. support of the minority racist regimes, and the widespread successful Black resistance in spite of "the odds".

The following information about the \$top Banking on Apartheid campaign, the assasination of Steven Biko and the International Association of Police Chiefs Annual Conference provide several avenues of just such support work. We'd appreciate it very much if you would publicize the events detailed through whatever means you have available: posting, newsletters, meetings, friends... We have leaflets for the film benefits and pamphlets on \$top Banking on Apartheid. If you can distribute them, PLEASE let us know. Likewise if you want more information, be sure and contact us!

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Mr. Prexy Nesbitt, Executive Associate for the American Committee on Africa (New York based) will be in the Bay Area from September 27 to October 9 to address the issue of U.S. banking investments in southern Africa. Mr. Nesbitt is the National Coordinator of the Committee to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa, which has spearheaded a nation-wide campaign to stop banks from making all types of loans to South Africa and its Apartheid system of racial discrimination.

As the arrests of peacefully protesting blacks grow every day, as the turmoil within the country increases, U.S. bank support of the Apartheid regime becomes even more significant. Mr. Nesbitt will be joining \$top Banking on Apartheid in making major announcements about the Bank of America's involvement in South Africa. He will also be publicizing the Bay Area campaign to withdraw funds from banks making loans to South Africa and its investors. In addition to the Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Crocker Citizens also make loans for investment in South Africa.

Mr. Nesbitt and \$top Banking on Apartheid will be presenting the West Coast Premier of the film, SOUTH AFRICA: THE RISING TIDE, by the African filmmaker Boubakar Adjali. This film has been highly acclaimed for its emphasis on what's happening in South Africa today, from the uprisings in the black townships such as Soweto to the white minority government's extensive defense build-up. The film also focuses on U.S. corporate involvement and South Africa's relationships with Namibia and Zimbabwe. It will be shown with the documentary NAMIBIA: A STUDY IN COLONIALISM at Epic West, 2640 College Avenue in Berkeley on Saturday October 1, AND at the Roxie Theater, Valencia and 16th, in San Francisco on Tuesday October 4. Both evenings will have two showings at 7:30 and 9:30. A person recently returned from southern Africa will give a brief presentation and will be available to answer questions.

Mr. Nesbitt and \$top Banking on Apartheid will also be showing the new slide show (with tape), "Banking on South Africa", at various community meetings. They will also be exhibiting a selection of posters from the recent national anti-apartheid poster contest sponsored by the American Committee on Africa.

Mr. Nesbitt is knowledgeable about the historical and current political/social situation in southern Africa (particularly in relation to the black population), U.S. policy toward and investments in South Africa, as well as international and U.S. bank involvement in supporting the Apartheid system.

Further information about the national campaign to end bank loans to South Africa, \$top Banking on Apartheid, and Mr. Nesbitt follow.