Write-up on Boston Coalition for the Liberation of Southern Africa for national CILSA.

Composition of Coalition: BCLSA now has three member organizations, which are the Southern Africa Solidarity Committee (a group of people/whom have worked together for years on southern Africa solidarity work), the Boston branch of the ANC-SA, and the Boston branch of the International Socialists. There are also individual members and we have working relationships with with a number of community, church, and left groups which are not members of the BCLSA.

Activities in last six months:

1. In February we sponsored a demonstration at offices of Merrill Lynch opposing sales of Krugerrand.

2. On April 30, we co-sponsored with four other organizations an anti-apartheid May Day march and rally that attracted about 800 people.

3. We have taken up the question of investments in South Africa by the First National Bank of Boston, linking them to the bank's role in city and state services cutbacks. We sponsored a picket line at the head office of the bank on June 16. We are now helping a community organization to take up the boycott campaign in their neighborhood. We are bringing this question to a variety of groups that are involved in the fight against cutbacks.

4. For the last two months we have also been working on a campaign to collect shoes and clothes for shipment to Patriotic Front camps in Mozambique. We are cooperating in this campaign with a coalition of Black groups in the Roxbury section of Boston. Our own forces are concentrated in two integrated communities, for this campaign. This project has provided the occasion for a number of slide shows at homes and churches in these areas.

5. We do occasional mailings including reprints of articles and notes on resources as well as notices.

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