The South African tennis team is currently scheduled to play in the Davis Cup matches at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, March 17-19. This is in violation of the internationally sanctioned sports boycott of South Africa in sports currently endorsed by the United Nations and Organization of African Unity. The event has already received the condemnation of innumerable organizations and individuals in the United States and throughout the world.

The objective of the Tennessee Coalition Against Apartheid is to unite all who want to protest these matches and thus help isolate apartheid. This is of special significance since this can be the first massive demonstration against apartheid in the United States. It is in the interests of all organizations and individuals who would like to see the anti-apartheid movement take on a new mass character to protest these matches and seriously consider making building these demonstrations a priority for the next three weeks. This may break the political ice and allow the anti-apartheid movement to enter the mainstream of U.S. political life thus providing the potential for isolating apartheid in all spheres.

WE THEREFORE ISSUE AN URGENT NATIONAL CALL TO ALL WHO WANT TO PROTEST THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TENNIS TEAM IN THE DAVIS CUP MATCHES MARCH 17, 18, and 19. Contact the Coalition to endorse this demonstration effort.

The general strategy of the Coalition is to unite all political forces despite diversity to protest the matches and mobilize as many citizens as possible to show the sponsors of the Davis Cup (Vanderbilt University, United States Tennis Association, Davis Coal Inc., the Nashville Chamber of Commerce) and the people of the U.S., Apartheid (South Africa) and the world that Americans oppose apartheid and will not tolerate the use of a sporting event to sugar coat apartheid without a powerful nationally and internationally visible protest.

Building toward this demonstration we encourage all who have resources capable of assisting in education, agitation and mobilization of people from all over the nation to contact us and help us in this effort.

A copy of the Tennessee Coalition Against Apartheid's principles of unity are enclosed. But we do not seek as a priority endorsement of these principles. We would appreciate such an endorsement where possible. BUT WE SEEK AS A PRIORITY ENDOREEMENT OF THE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE MARCH 18 PROTESTS.

The March 18 demonstration is currently being spearheaded by the Coalition for Human Rights in Southern Africa and will be the largest.

Currently we seek immediate support in:
1. Broadcasting the call for this series of protests to the largest number of organizations and individuals through mailings and media available to the anti-apartheid movement. Everyone must take the initiative.
2. Help us educate the people in our immediate locale so thousands of Tennesseans can be mobilized. National educational resources would help.
3. Provide speakers, educational literature, films, volunteers, and funds to build for a legal but spirited series of protests March 17, 18 and 19.
4. We appeal for the mobilization of tens of thousands from around the nation and especially the Southern and Border state region. Primary emphasis is on the 18th but support on the 17th and 19th is also wanted.

History provides us with this opportunity to help isolate the South African police-state. Unity is necessary whatever political differences may exist in the anti-apartheid movement. Specifics of the protests and educational work will be released to those interested. We will be close to the site of the matches as well as have facilities to accommodate tens of thousands of demonstrators. We will help provide a platform for anti-apartheid speakers from all sectors of the anti-apartheid movement. Help us isolate apartheid South Africa! Contact us immediately!

David Haet-Vaughn, Coordinator
Tennessee Coalition Against Apartheid
PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

TENNESSEE COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID

TCAA was formed in order to:

1. Educate the people of Tennessee about the cruelty and oppression of apartheid.

2. Deepen appreciation and support for the liberation struggles against white supremacist governments in Southern Africa.

3. Help coordinate nonviolent political actions to oppose supporters of and support for apartheid by the United States government and multinational corporations as well as international and national financial institutions.

TCAA supports the right of the peoples of Southern Africa to determine their own future. We recognize the Pan Africanist Congress and the African National Council as the voice of the South African people as do the United Nations and Organization of African Unity.

TCAA supports the internationally sanctioned sports boycott of South Africa.

TCAA supports the just demands of the liberation movements in South Africa for all governments to end military, economic, intelligence and political support for the fascist regime.

TCAA demands the total withdrawal of all United States corporations from South Africa.

We seek to unite as many people and organizations as possible to effectively oppose and defeat apartheid.

David Huet-Vaughn, Coordinator TCAA

call 297-5104 to help build the Davis Cup protest activities and for educational assistance regarding apartheid