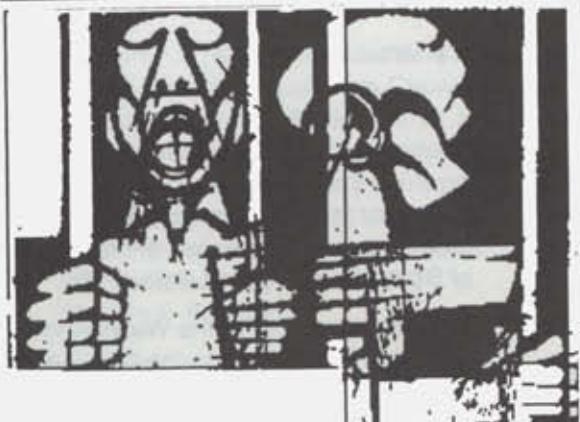


Soweto Day '89 Walkathon

June 17, 1989

Registration 9AM - Step Off 10AM
Charles A. Hayes Community Center
4859 S. Wabash, Chicago



Soweto Day Rally

Following Walkathon at 1 PM
Charles A. Hayes Community Center
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*Sponsored by Illinois Labor Network
Against Apartheid*
Food and Drinks will be available at
the Rally

REMEMBER SOWETO DAY!

Soweto Day, June 16, which commemorates the 1976 massacre of children who protested the poor quality of apartheid education, is a day of protest and renewed commitment to the struggle against apartheid both within South Africa and throughout the anti-apartheid movement.

For many years, CCISSA has joined with Chicago churches, unions and other justice seeking organizations to commemorate Soweto Day with demonstrations and prayer services at the South African consulate. This year, we are asking you to join with us not only to protest against apartheid but also to express support for the mass democratic movement which struggles courageously within South Africa. We hope you will join us in the SOWETO '89 WALKATHON which will take place on Saturday, June 17, 1989, on the south side of Chicago. The 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) walk, which is sponsored by CCISSA and Church World Service will begin and end at the Charles A. Hayes Community Center, 4859 S. Wabash in Chicago. All proceeds from the walk will go directly to South Africa for medical, legal and other needs of political detainees and their families.

The Walkathon will be followed by a mass Rally at 1:00 PM at the Hayes Center. The Rally is being sponsored by the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid. Invited speakers include Congressman

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CCISSA began its campaign on behalf of South African detainees with a demonstration (see photo above) and a letter-writing campaign on March 12, Detainees Day in South Africa.

Other highlights of CCISSA's 1989 education and solidarity campaign include the March 1 reception for Graca Machel, Mozambique's former Minister of Education and widow of Mozambiquan President Samora Machel. The reception, which was attended by over 100 persons, was hosted by CCISSA and the Mozambique Support Network. In April, Southern Africa expert William Minter discussed recent developments in Namibia with CCISSA members. On May 7th, CCISSA joined with other groups to sponsor a forum with ex-CIA agent Philip Agee, the first of four forums on Low Intensity Warfare: Deception of the American Public. We encourage you to participate in the remaining three forums of the series. See CCISSA's calendar for details.

CCISSA's Speakers Bureau has been very active presenting programs to a number of Chicago area churches, high schools and

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South Africa Undermines Namibian Independence

BY BASIL CLUNIE

On Kassinga Day, Chicagoans, led by SYNAPSES, demonstrated at the South African consulate in a show of solidarity with the Namibian people. Kassinga Day commemorates the May 4, 1978 massacre of over 600 Namibian refugees at Kassinga, Angola by South African military forces. The murders at Kassinga underscored both South Africa's treatment of the people of illegally-occupied Namibia and its policy of attacking the territory and integrity of surrounding independent states.

Now in 1989, due in part to its military defeat at Cuito Cuanavale, in yet another invasion of Angola, South Africa has agreed to a plan for the implementation of U.N. Resolution 435 (1978) which calls for indepen-

dence and elections for Namibia.

Since 1966, the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO), has been fighting the South African regime for the right of Namibians to control their own destiny. It is accepted knowledge that SWAPO would win any fair election by 75-85 percent of the vote. For years, Namibians have resisted the South African domination of their lives, supporting SWAPO through churches, unions and student organizations. South Africa has tried and failed to create a political alternative to SWAPO.

In anticipation of Namibia's independence, South Africa has sought to build structures to limit and weaken the future democratic government of Namibia. Among

these is the South West African Territorial Force (SWAFT), effectively designed as a military destabilizing force. SWAFT was created in 1980 after passage of UN 435, and thus is not covered by the resolution's requirements for withdrawl of South African troops during the transition to independence. Pretoria's moves to minimize and blunt any SWAPO political victory are clear. Since April 1, the nominal date for a ceasefire and countdown to Namibian elections, South Africa has been responsible for: A) the movement of thousands of Angolan UNITA members to Namibia to be registered to vote as "Namibians" in areas controlled by South African security forces; B) the ambushing of SWAPO combatants who sought to put

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Walkathon Map



Total Distance~10 kilometers (6.2 miles)

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Ron Dellums (D/Cal) and Senator Paul Simon (D/Ill), sponsors of comprehensive U.S. sanction legislation in Congress, and Nomonde Ngubo, the United Mine Workers' International Representative and founding member of the National Union of Mine Workers of South Africa.

Your involvement, as a walker, pledger, or volunteer is critical to the success of the Walkathon. Pledge

materials are available at the CCISSA office on Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM or you may call CCISSA at 427-9868 to have a pledge form sent to you by mail.

DETAINEES IN SOUTH AFRICA

In an attempt to destroy all opposition to apartheid, the white minority government of South Africa has detained over 30,000 people since 1986. The detainees are denied access to lawyers and family: many have been held without charge for up to three years. Forty percent of those detained are 18 years old or younger. The detainees are denied access to lawyers or family. Doctors have reported that more than 80 percent of the detainees they examined showed signs of torture. Many prisoners have died in police custody. Hundreds of detainees recently participated in hunger strikes to protest their desperate situation.

WALKATHON PROCEEDS

Half of the Walkathon's proceeds will go to the South African Council of Churches' (SACC) Dependent's Conference which provides ministry to political prisoners, detainees, banned persons and their families. SACC channels legal defense costs,

arranges prison visits by relatives, provides counseling and subsistence grants for families of prisoners, and creates public awareness of the plight of South Africa's political prisoners.

The remaining half of the Walkathon proceeds will be sent to the National Medical and Dental Association of South Africa (NAMDA). NAMDA is a multiracial organization which documents the medical consequences of detention, monitors the condition of detainees on hunger strikes, and provides medical and psychological services to detainees upon release. NAMDA has trained over 1000 township residents in lifesaving first aid skills, crucial in situations where, following confrontation, medical personnel are not allowed to enter the township.

NAMDA sees the general poor health of the majority of South Africa's population as being inextricably linked to the system of apartheid. They are committed to creating a democratic health system within a nonracial South Africa.

Action Alert

Churches Called to Action PENTECOST TO SOWETO

The National Council of Churches has called for a period of study and prayer between Pentecost, May 14 and Soweto Day, June 16th. Chicago area churches are responding to this call with a number of activities including participation in the SOWETO '89 WALKATHON and RALLY on June 17th in Chicago.

On Saturday, May 27th, Little Flower Catholic Church at 80th and Wood in Chicago, will sponsor an ecumenical prayer service with an interdenominational choir. All are invited to join in prayer and action for an end to apartheid. For more details, contact Barbara Blaine, St. Elizabeth Catholic Worker, 874-2500.

On June 15-16, Church members from St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and Little Flower Catholic Church will be traveling by bus to Washington D.C. to lobby in support of comprehensive U.S. sanctions against South Africa. For information on the bus trip, contact Rev. Booker Vance at St. Stephen's, 994-2700.

CCISSA resounds the National Council of Churches' call to STAND FOR TRUTH UNTIL SOUTH AFRICA IS FREE!

SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

On March 3, 1989, Illinois Senator Paul Simon introduced Senate Bill 507 which calls for comprehensive sanctions against South Africa. S.507 is identical to House Resolution 21 which was introduced in the House by Congressman Ron Dellums in January.

Among other sanctions, H.R.21/S.507 mandates complete divestment by U.S. companies, a near total embargo on trade and restrictions on military cooperation with South Africa, and restrictions on U.S. oil firms who trade with South Africa.

As predicted, opposition to the measure in the Senate is substantial. It is crucial that Illinois Senators Simon and Dixon not only support H.R.21/S. 507 but also that they lobby other members of the Senate who do not. Write them today in support of strong U.S. sanctions against South Africa.

Senator Paul Simon
230 S. Dearborn, Suite 3892
Chicago, IL 60604 353-4952

Senator Alan Dixon
230 S. Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60604 353-5420

BRING SOUTH AFRICA NOW TO WTTW

Long frustrated by the lack of Chicago media coverage of Southern Africa, CCISSA is working to bring a fine 13 week television series entitled South Africa Now to WTTW. Channel 11 in Chicago. South Africa Now specializes in reports on Southern Africa which don't otherwise make it to American television due largely to South African government censorship and the reluctance of the major networks to challenge these restrictions. The program, which is produced by Globalvision in New York and sponsored by the Africa Fund, uses original material and footage from a variety of sources including European networks, independent crews and the South African Broadcasting System.

Contact WTTW to request that they bring this program to Chicago. South Africa Now is currently broadcast on two New York public television stations and on over 100 other public and cable stations across the U.S. Direct letters and calls to: William McCarter
WTTW General Manager
5400 N. St. Louis
Chicago, IL 60625
312-583-5000

CCISSA Calendar

- MAY 21 SOWETO WALKATHON STUDENTS COMMITTEE : at Synapses, 1821 W. Cullerton, Chicago, 5 - 7 PM, Call Joan Gerig 421-5513
- MAY 21 LOW INTENSITY WARFARE - KOREA & THE PHILIPPINES: 7 PM. DePaul U. Schmidt Academic Center, 2323 N. Seminary, Chicago. \$2.00
- MAY 22 INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Walt Whitman, Director of Soul Children of Chicago, conducts choir rehearsal for May 27th Prayer Service at Little Flower Parish, 1803 W. 80th Street, Chicago. Everyone welcome.
- MAY 27 ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE: Little Flower Parish, 1803 W. 80th Street, Chicago. Focus on solidarity with churches and people of South Africa. Soweto Day Walkathon materials will be available.
- JUNE 4 LOW INTENSITY WARFARE - SOUTHERN AFRICA: 7 PM. DePaul U. Schmidt Academic Center, 2323 N. Seminary, Chicago. \$2.00.
- JUNE 11 LOW INTENSITY WARFARE - CENTRAL AMERICA: 7 PM. DePaul U. Schmidt Academic Center, 2323 N. Seminary, Chicago. \$2.00.
- JUNE 15 BUS DEPARTS FOR WASHINGTON D.C. LOBBY DAY: in conjunction with National Council of Churches, lobby day for sanctions against South Africa. Contact Rev. Booker Vance, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 994-2700
- JUNE 16 SOWETO DAY: day of international protest against apartheid.
- JUNE 17 SOWETO DAY WALKATHON: Registration at 9 AM, step off at 10 AM. Charles Hayes Center, 4859 S. Wabash, Chicago. Proceeds to provide medical, legal and other assistance to South African detainees. For pledge forms call CCISSA 427-9868. SOWETO DAY RALLY: Immediately following Walkathon, 1 PM at the Hayes Center. Rally focuses on sanctions legislation. Sponsored by the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid.
- CCISSA WALKATHON COMMITTEE: meets each Tuesday through June 13, 6 PM, 343 S. Dearborn, #1414, Chicago.
- CCISSA SATURDAY OFFICE HOURS: through June 10, 10 AM to 2 PM, 343 S. Dearborn, #918, Chicago. Pick up walkathon materials and help with organizing tasks.

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themselves under U.N. supervision within Namibia - almost 300 were killed in the first ten days of April; C) the "decommissioning" of members of the dreaded Koevoet (crowbar) paramilitary force accused of many atrocities of war, effectively releasing them into the general population to do their work away from the watchful eyes of U.N. forces; D) the continued harassment and intimidation of civilian supporters wearing SWAPO colors. U.S. anti-apartheid organizations continue to monitor events in Namibia. They are recruiting additional observers to go to Namibia during the transition process and are pressing the Bush administration to allocate U.S. funds for the restoration of critical U.N. observer forces from 4650 to the original level of 7500 troops.

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other groups. CCISSA has also participated in the Third World Conference, the Good Friday Walk for Justice, and the 8th Day Center Justice Bazaar. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE THIS IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL AND SOLIDARITY PROGRAM. Please join CCISSA and become an active