The January 7, 1983 issue of South African Digest, a publication of the South Africa Department of Foreign Affairs and Information reported that Mayor Tom Bradley had presented the key of the city of Los Angeles to South Africa Consul General, Sean Cleary.

This symbolic gesture has made Bradley an ally of Pretoria in its attempt to grease its propaganda machine and put a respectable face on apartheid. The major task of this publication is to demonstrate international recognition and acceptance of the racist regime to reassure South African whites.

While Bradley is giving the key of the city to Pretoria's representative, that racist regime is turning jail keys on Black trade unionists, journalists and church leaders. Spurred on by the Reagan Administration's policy of "constructive engagement", arrests and deaths in detention have dramatically increased in South Africa among those groups.

This action will be interpreted by South Africa as another indication of U.S. approval of the increasingly repressive measures being employed to maintain apartheid. But it is an insult to Blacks in South Africa, to the Los Angeles City Council which voted unanimously not to have the Consul General's office based in their city and to Los Angeles activists who have been demonstrating for two years against the opening of the consul office.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO WRITE A LETTER TO MAYOR BRADLEY TODAY CONDEMNING THIS ACTION IMMEDIATELY, AND ASK HIM TO ISSUE A STATEMENT OF APOLOGY AND EXPLANATION.

The Mayor of Los Angeles, the Honourable Tom Bradley (right), recently presented the key of the City of Los Angeles to the South African Consul General in Beverly Hills, Mr Sean M Cleary