

# FRIENDS OF THE ANC and FRONT LINE STATES



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October 26, 1991

Memo to Co-Hosts of Michael Lapsley visit  
and to anti-apartheid organizers.

Dear Friends in the struggle,

In response to our earlier letter, a number of organizations are involved in co-sponsoring the coming visit of Michael Lapsley to the Los Angeles area. As the contact organization, the Friends of the ANC and the Frontline States are pleased to share with you the enclosed schedule of his major public events.

We ask the following of you and/or your organization:

- (1) Please share the schedule, publicizing events in any way.
- (2) Please let us know (213/-204-5904 or 213/733-2107) of any further contacts you would like to make with Father Lapsley.
- (3) If at all possible, please contribute a minimum of \$25.00 in cash or kind toward the expenses of this visit and Michael's continuing medical expenses. Checks may be made out to the Friends of the ANC and the Frontline States or to Rev. Russell Ayers, overall coordinator for the USA visit. All funds beyond tour expenses will be given to Michael Lapsley for discretionary use in anti-apartheid struggle.
- (4) At each event, kindly arrange for the following:
  - announcement of local contacts for some of the anti-apartheid groups, as you help people become involved.
  - anti-apartheid literature table, as possible.
  - sale of the video, "Apartheid Has Not Ended: the Michael Lapsley Story" (\$25 each). Copies will be available.
  - opportunity for audience to contribute financially; give all collected funds to the organizers.
  - distribution at the end of each event, copies of the leaflet, "Apartheid Has Not Ended"; a sample copy is enclosed for you to duplicate or request more copies.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in the struggle!!!

In addition to above mentioned groups, co-sponsors also include: Concerned Faculty, AAA, SAISCO, CHISA, MSN, SNMA, IHSN, USC Students for Peace and Justice, Amnesty International, Free Association, etc.

A luta continua,

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Warren 'Bud' Day (213/204-5904)



**SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE FREE!**

Visit of MICHAEL LAPSLEY to Los Angeles

Father Michael Lapsley, New Zealander by birth, South African by choice, Episcopal priest by vocation, member of the African National Congress, concludes an extensive international speaking tour in Los Angeles, November 10-15. On April 28, 1990, he was severely maimed by a bomb hidden in a parcel mailed from South Africa to his home in Zimbabwe; he now has only one eye and two hooks as hands. His key message: apartheid has not ended!

Michael Lapsley will appear at the following public gatherings:

Sunday, November 10th, 9:00 a.m.

Morning worship service, church anniversary celebration  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church,  
2115 N. Wilmington, Compton.  
(phone: 213/774-3194 for information)

Sunday, November 10th, 5:30 p.m.

Forum, with Ann Burroughs of ANC; pot-luck supper.  
All Saints Episcopal Church,  
132 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena.  
(phone: 818/356-9816 for reservations, information)

Monday, November 11th, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

Seminar & video, hosted by African Studies Center, etc.  
9383 Bunche Hall, U.C.L.A.,  
Westwood, Los Angeles.  
(phone: 213/825-3686 for information)

Monday, November 11th, 4:00 p.m.

Reception, hosted by University Religious Conference  
Upper Lounge, St. Alban's Church,  
Hilgard at Westholme, Westwood, Los Angeles.  
(phone: 213/208-6516 for information)

Tuesday, November 12th, 2:00 p.m.

Lecture, class on political economy of Southern Africa  
Room 151, VKC, USC campus, Los Angeles.  
(phone: 213/740-1683 for information)

Tuesday, November 12th, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting with Peace & Justice and Amnesty International  
Peace Center, United University Church, USC,  
Jefferson at Hoover, Los Angeles.  
(phone: 213/748-0209 for information)

Thursday, November 14th, 6:30 p.m.

Reception, with presentation and video, hosted by the  
Friends of the ANC and the Frontline States  
2824 S. Western, Los Angeles.  
(phone: 213/733-2107 for information)

EVERYONE WELCOME! For further information, call 213/204-5904

# Apartheid Has Not Ended

## U.S. Tour of Father Michael Lapsley

October 1991

**I**n April 28, 1990—just days before ANC President Nelson Mandela and State President F.W. de Klerk met for the first round of “talks about talks”—a letter bomb exploded in the hands of Anglican priest Father Michael Lapsley, an outspoken foe of apartheid and a chaplain in the ANC.

The bomb was concealed in a manila envelope mailed from South Africa. Father Michael holds the South African state responsible for the attack on his life. He had known for some time that his name was on a South African government death list.

Miraculously, he survived the blast, but not without serious injury. He lost both hands and an eye and his eardrums were shattered. Despite the physical loss, the bomb attack has been a positive, mobilizing experience for Father Michael who views his personal injuries as part of the broader damage inflicted by apartheid on the whole region.

Father Michael begins an eight-city tour of the U.S. October 18 where he will share his personal experience and discuss the impact of South Africa's government sponsored violence on the process of negotiations.

Just before Father Michael arrived in the U.S. irrefutable evidence was uncovered that the South African government has been secretly funding the Inkatha Freedom Party and other anti-ANC groups, and that military units had been directly involved in the massacre of township commuters.

For Father Michael and countless residents of South Africa's violence-torn townships, the truth had been obvious of a long time: “The killings bore all the hallmarks of the regime, which, as Nelson Mandela recently said ‘bears the responsibility for having created a culture of violence.’ The killings are not explainable in terms of ‘factional violence.’ This is the logic of

white racists who do not care how many black people die and want to foment conflict within the black community. Internationally, the interpretation of state-sponsored violence in South Africa as “black-on-black” violence successfully exploited and played on the racism which is endemic in white Western culture.”

Father Michael terms the funding of Inkatha not a question of telling lies or a problem of accountability, it was the “funding of death.” “It is not surprising that they can hold negotiations with the ANC and at the same time pursue a policy of death and destabilization.” When asked why the de Klerk government was promoting violence and conflict when it was involved in talks with the ANC, he responds theologically to explain de Klerk's two track policy.

“De Klerk and his regime said that apartheid was a colossal tactical blunder and did not work. They have not yet said that apartheid is fundamentally evil and morally responsible for death and suffering for millions throughout southern Africa, for which repentance, restitution and amendment must come.” “They themselves will not be free until they face up to their complicity and commitment to a policy of death and evil. De Klerk (and his government) is more clever than good.”

### Present U.S. Policy

In his eagerness to reward de Klerk, President Bush prematurely lifted the sanctions imposed by Congress under the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 (CAAA) on July 10. However, several key sanctions, independent of the CAAA, continue to ban:

- U.S. support for the extension of International Monetary Fund credit facilities to “any country engaging in apartheid,” except in certain limited circumstances.

- Export-Import Bank financing for a) any ex-

port which contributes to the maintenance of apartheid, b) any export to the South African government until the President certifies that significant progress has been made toward the elimination of apartheid, and c) any export to other South African purchasers which have not implemented specified fair employment practices. (An exemption, contained in the CAAA, is still in effect for black-owned South African businesses.)

■ all exports to the South African police and military.

■ arms trade with South Africa.

■ cooperation or intelligence-sharing between U.S. and South African intelligence agencies.

Additionally, many state, country, and municipal governments have imposed their own restrictions on transactions with companies doing business in South Africa. These were not directly affected by the president's move, although the administration hinted that it may initiate legal action to nullify local sanctions.

### How You Can Support The Struggle in South Africa

- 1 Organize a special religious service in solidarity with the struggle of the South African people.
- 2 Some observers believe that the President may lift restrictions on IMF and Export-Import Bank loans this fall. **Contact your Representative and Senators NOW to demand that they introduce legislation to prevent President Bush from terminating these vital sanctions.** Write to them at:

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Or call the House switchboard at (202) 225-3121 and the Senate switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

- 3 Build local sanctions. Find out what sanctions apply in your area and **contact the appropriate government officials to express your support for the retention of these measures until South Africa has adopted a democratic and non-racial constitution.**
- 4 Raise awareness locally. **Write a letter to the editor or an opinion column for your local paper. Draw attention to the South**

**African government's role in political violence and call for the continuation of remaining U.S. sanctions.** If you need further information, contact the Washington Office on Africa (202) 546-7961 for a media kit containing recent press clips and tips on preparing an article.

- 5 Write Secretary of State for Africa Herman Cohen and ask that the administration insist that the South African government release all remaining political prisoners and stop all political trials. Mtheteli Mncube and Mzondeleli Nondula are two ANC soldiers who are still on death row. Sibusiso Masuku and Robert McBride are two ANC soldiers serving sentences of 30 years each and life without parole, and who are both entitled to indemnity. Jacob Rapolo and Siphon Mabheba are two ANC soldiers awaiting trial.

Pray for and send messages of encouragement to the above prisoners c/o Lawyers for Human Rights, 713 Van Erkom Bld., Pretorius St., Pretoria 0002, South Africa.

For more information contact:  
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### LOCAL ANTI-APARTHEID ACTION

Father Michael Lapsley's visit to Southern California has been arranged by the Friends of the ANC and the Frontline States, with major cooperation from many other anti-apartheid organizations and individuals. To fight racism at home and apartheid in South Africa, you are invited to participate in regular study/action programs. Please contact the Friends of the ANC and the Frontline States (213/733-2107) or come to the regular meetings held every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm, at 2824 S. Western Ave.