



Connecticut Anti-Apartheid Committee

P. O. BOX 727 WATERBURY, CT 06720
WATERBURY 203-756-0296 — HARTFORD 203-243-1672



December 26, 1981

Dear friend:

The 1982 legislative session is upon us and once again the CT Anti-Apartheid Committee will be organizing support for the divestment legislation vetoed last year by Governor O'Neill. Over two thirds of the legislators supported this bill in the 1981 legislative session. Gov. O'Neill, the focus of heavy corporate pressure, then vetoed the bill which, while still supported by a clear majority, did not carry the votes needed for an override.

It is expected that all of the legislators who supported this legislation in the past will be pressured by corporations to switch their stand. In addition, the South African government has already indicated it will send an "information representative" to Connecticut in January to lobby against the bill. This attests to the fact that the divestment movement is a growing threat to apartheid South Africa.

The divestment legislation is needed now more than ever. Emboldened by an openly friendly administration in the White House, the South African government has recently embarked on some of the most repressive policies of its history.

Prospects are good for a successful campaign in 1982. But the legislators need to hear from you. Those who supported the bill need to be recognized and encouraged to hold fast to their position. Those who opposed it need to be reminded that there is considerable public support for this legislation.

The Anti-Apartheid Committee is asking prominent community, labor and church organizations, as well as some individuals, to add their names to the letter enclosed. (The letter will be modified for opposition legislators.) All of the signatures will be placed on one letter which will then be sent to the legislators. We hope you or your organization will sign the letter and return it to the Committee as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, call 756-0296.

A special alert: We will be asking all supporters to join us in some form of protest against the South African Consulate representative mentioned above. More details will be coming soon.

Thanks again for your continuing support.

In solidarity,

Christy Hoffman

Christy Hoffman, Chairperson