Next general meeting of the Coalition: Thursday,
May 24, 1990 at 7:00 P.M.
Albany Public Library, Main Branch
Washington Avenue, Albany, New York

Assessment of Spring work
May Meeting
What do we do this summer?

LET’S BE FRIENDS... FROM A CO-CHAIR, VERA MICHELSON

You see us in the streets, you tell us “keep up the good work.” You shake hands with one
our our many organizers and say “how can I help?” When you see us representing CDCAAR at
forums, meetings, marches and rallies your are simply amazed at how we can keep going all
the time (nine years to be exact). When Mandela was released you told people how you were
proud to be part of an organization (CDCAAR) that had contributed so much to the struggle
against apartheid in Southern Africa and racism at home. YOU SAY ALL OF THESE THINGS
BUT YOU DON'T SEND US YOUR $5.00 MEMBERSHIP SO THAT YOU CAN KEEP
GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER. Don't fret. This problem is so easy to resolve. Just send a
$5.00 check (or more) to CDCAAR, P.O. Box 3002 - Pine Hills Station, Albany, N.Y. 12203
and we can be friends again.

The preceding message does not apply to our many friends who have already paid their
membership fee.
COMMISSIONER SOBOL CALLS FOR CURRICULUM CHANGE
A salute to Thomas Sobol, New York State Commissioner of Education, for his plan to draft broad revisions in the state's public school curriculum to give much greater recognition to the contribution of people of different ethnic, cultural and linguistic groups. This proposed "curriculum of inclusion" is an important step in making New York State public schools the schools of all the children.

APARtheid IS WRONG: A CURRICULUM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
This curriculum by Paula Rogovin Bower offers educators a comprehensive curriculum on South Africa with extensive plans for teaching of the evils of apartheid in all disciplines. It can be adapted to all age levels and is even a useful educational tool for anti-apartheid activists because of the substantive material included.
You can order Apartheid is Wrong: A Curriculum for Young People by sending $15.00 and $3.00 for postage and handling to: Educators Against Apartheid, 164-04 Goethals Avenue, Jamaica, N.Y. 11432.

BACK IN THE STUDIO – Congratulations to Art Mitchell, veteran radio announcer who recently returned to the studio after many years. Early birds can catch Art on Sunday mornings on 59 AM WROW from 6:45 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The show is called News, Views, Interviews and Gospel Music.
By the way, all community announcements should be sent to Art at WROW, 34 Northern Boulevard, Albany, New York 12204. Deadlines are Tuesday before the Sunday show. Good luck Art – we support you 100%
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Congratulations to Anita Thayer on your recognition from the Albany YWCA as a "Woman of the Year."

The Coalition would also like to congratulate Reka Basu, a journalist whose writings in Metroland and now in the Gazette provide the Capital District with progressive in-depth reporting and analysis.

There are many members of the Coalition who work tirelessly year after year and remain consistently committed to the struggle against injustice in this country and apartheid in South Africa. Anita Thayer, a practicing attorney with the law firm of Walter, Thayer, Long and Mishler, and a member of the National Lawyers Guild, is one of those individuals whose behind the scenes work is essential to the Coalition. Congratulations, Anita, on this well-deserved community recognition. Characteristically, Anita took the occasion of the award to make a strong political statement which we reprint here:

"I am honored that I was nominated for this award by the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism. I'm proud of my association with the Coalition.

One of the things that I have learned from association with the many people who are involved in the Coalition is that every occasion is an occasion to deal with the problems of racism in this country and to educate people about the evils of apartheid in South Africa.

As some of you know or have learned tonight, the YWCA organization has a position on the question of racism. Its "One Imperative" is a declaration by the Y that it will "thrust its collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by whatever means necessary." This is an incredibly powerful slogan and is a huge and important challenge to all of us who are gathered here together tonight under the umbrella of the YWCA to celebrate our unity and diversity.

The elimination of racism in the United States is a major responsibility for us all...but what does this responsibility really mean? What can be done?"
Thirty-six years after Brown v. Board of Education, we still have de facto segregated schools, even right here in Albany. All our public schools, with the exception of the one public high school, are predominantly either white or black.

Voting participation in the U.S. is far from universal. We have the lowest percentage of adults voting in our elections of any Western democracy. Our local democratic party is only recently beginning to feel the winds of perestroika.

Our children, black, white and brown, do not have teachers of color. They learn quickly that equal opportunity looks great on paper and in the cute little boxed inserts of their social studies textbooks. But our children rarely see equal opportunity in action...

The pervasiveness of racism is not a problem that can be resolved or eliminated solely by self-examination, sensitivity sessions, guilt, or good intentions. The tested and surest path of reversing racist conditioning and eliminating racism is to actually work on the specific problems of our day. Day by day, side by side with people of all colors as equal partners in struggle.

Only with a united, hands-on effort against bias, prejudice, and institutional racism can we become a truly democratic society.

Before I conclude, I also want to add that we are citizens of the world and we have world citizenship responsibilities.

On behalf of the Coalition, I would like to give each of you here today an opportunity to participate in a national campaign of the anti-apartheid movement to support democracy in South Africa and to lobby for comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa. The South African government refuses to address the core demand of the South African people for "one person, one vote." Nelson Mandela is out of jail but still not free. The anti-apartheid movement, through its "VOTE" campaign, gives the people of this country an opportunity to vote for democracy in South Africa and to support economic sanctions against South Africa. These ballots for democracy, will be sent to the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa to show our support for their struggle and the ballots for sanctions will go to the U.S. Congress. I urge you to take this opportunity to stand in struggle with the people of South Africa.
NOTE: The "VOTE" Campaign which Anita referred to in her speech has been a coalition effort since the time of Nelson Mandela's release from prison. It is part of a national effort to maintain and strengthen sanctions against the apartheid regime. For the past two months we have published these sanctions ballots in this newsletter. Because this campaign for sanctions is such an important one we have included the ballot again in this month's newsletter. Please take the time to fill out the ballot and mail.

NOTE: The American Committee on Africa (ACOA) which organized the VOTE campaign reports that ballots from the Coalition are flooding their New York Office. Let's keep the ballots coming. If you have already sent one, pass it on to a friend, copy and distribute.

You Can Help
Cast Your Ballot Today

☑️ VOTE for Democracy ☑️ VOTE for Sanctions

Capital District Coalition
Against Apartheid
And Racism

BALLOT

DEMOCRACY

☐ YES, every South African deserves full democracy—the right to vote. I vote yes for one person, one vote in a unified, nonracial South Africa.

☐ NO, I don't believe that democracy is the answer for South Africa. I vote no to democracy.

Signature _______________________________  City _______________________________

The Africa Fund will mail your ballot on democracy to the people of South Africa to register your support for their demands. The ballot on sanctions will be delivered to Congress to aid the push for comprehensive sanctions against South Africa.

☐ I've enclosed my contribution to support the campaign.

SANCTIONS

☐ YES, democracy will come to South Africa only when the government is under real pressure. That is why I vote for comprehensive mandatory sanctions now.

☐ NO, I don't want to pressure the white minority government to end apartheid. I vote no to sanctions against apartheid.

Name _______________________________

Organization _______________________________

Address _______________________________

City, State, Zip _______________________________

RETURN TO: VOTE DEMOCRACY CAMPAIGN, The Africa Fund, 198 Broadway, New York, NY 10038
The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression has been struggling for the past seventeen years against racist and political repression. At the April membership meeting of the Coalition, Mark Mishler, a member of the Coalition steering committee, proposed that the Coalition join this Alliance as a way to strengthen and broaden the work of the Coalition against police and racist violence. The membership unanimously agreed and Mark will represent the Coalition at the 10th National Conference of the Alliance in Chicago during the latter part of May.

The Alliance is a multiracial, multinational coalition with varying political persuasions united by a common struggle to end racist and political repression.

There is a national emergency of hate-related violence. Racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic and other hate-motivated attacks deny millions of Americans their basic human rights. This national emergency not only threatens the direct victims, but the society as a whole.

"It has taken over 40 years, but the U.S. Congress has finally passed an anti-genocide law. This landmark legislation, coming as part of the ratification of the United Nations Convention to Prevent Genocide, makes it a crime to attempt to destroy a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. Significantly the act includes incitement as a crime. Stiff penalties include both fines and prison sentences. Resolute and aggressive federal enforcement of this legislation can be the key to turning back the tide of hate-motivated violence...We know from too much experience that this and other statutes are not worth the paper they are written on unless a mass movement can unleash them as weapons in our arsenal. Building that movement will be the business of this conference."

Two years ago the Coalition joined the Northeast Southern Africa Solidary Network. This affiliation with other anti-apartheid groups from several Northeast states has served to strengthen the work we are able to do in the struggle for democracy in Southern Africa. Affiliation with the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression will provide us with the strength of a network working against racism and racist violence in this country.
NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 24, 1990 at 7:00 p.m.

EYE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA NOW is a weekly television news magazine.

Produced by Globalvision as a non-profit project in association with The Africa Fund.

The program features news, footage, analysis, background reports and cultural segments not seen elsewhere on developments in the region of Southern Africa.

South Africa Now is seen nationally on The International Television Network.

Never-before-seen footage and expert reporting break the government-imposed silence.

REMEMBER TO WATCH "SOUTH AFRICA NOW" WHICH IS TELEVISION IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT AREA AT 2:00 P.M. ON SUNDAYS - PBS CABLE CHANNEL 45.