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Thursday, January 26, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.
Urban League, corner of Ten Broeck and Livingston
Albany, New York

Critical planning meeting - make it a priority!

NEWS NOTES

North East Southern Africa Solidarity Network - On March 11th, an all day strategy meeting is planned for New York City. If you are interested in attending as a member of the Coalition or would like to represent an organization to which you belong (church, labor, community, etc.), please call Celia Bess Cotton at (518) 436-9234. (See inside for more details)

"Broken Promises: Resurgence of Racism" - On January 29th from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Channel 10 will air a program examining different levels and aspects of racism in our society - campuses, educational systems, legal systems.

"The Palestinian Uprising: an Eyewitness Report" - A lecture and slide show by Greg Craig Morkhiber at 7:30 p.m in Lecture Center 22, Sunya, Albany on February 2nd.

"Apartheid and the Tragedy of South Africa" - A showing of the film "Cry Freedom" and a lecture by Donald Woods, exiled South African newspaper editor and author at Siena College of Jan. 29th. For more information, contact Siena.

See inside for flyer on New York State Rainbow Coalition conference on Feb. 4th.
Namibia Accords - At the United Nations on December 22, 1988, representatives of Angola, Cuba and South Africa signed accords which provide for the independence of Namibia. In 1978, U.N. Resolution 435 called for Namibia's independence. The apartheid regime of South Africa has been illegally occupying this former German colony and imposing on it the same brutal system as exists in South Africa. Some 100,000 South African troops are massed in Namibia and representatives of SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization - the legitimate representative of the Namibian people with an Observer Mission at the UN) are expressing cautious optimism about the accords. Many other peace plans have fallen through and Pretoria has used delaying tactics and excuses in the past for not implementing R435.

South Africa has suffered serious military defeats in Angola over the past year which helped force them to the bargaining table. A long range timetable for withdrawal can give them time to recover their military position. The success of the peace accords ultimately depends on just one thing and that is the complete demise of the apartheid regime in South Africa. And, contrary to most U.S. media reports it is not the Americans who should be lauded for their efforts in helping Namibia gain freedom. It has been the continued pressure of Angola and the Cuban forces in Angola which have forced South Africa to the negotiating table.

North East Southern Africa Solidarity Network - One of the major goals of the N.E. Southern Africa Solidarity Network is to set up and expand a regional network ready to work consistently on a plan of action against apartheid. Follow-ups to the September New Haven Conference have been held in Albany and New York City. The next general meeting is set for March 11th in N.Y.C. An interim planning committee meeting will take place on Jan. 28th in N.Y.C. It is a major task to hammer out a program as one mass movement but it is imperative to the struggle for freedom in Southern Africa that we do so. Questions or suggestions for the interim planning committee should be directed to either Tim Johnson (212) 924-2523 or Vera Michelson (518) 436-0562. Save March 11th on your calendar!!
Dear Friends in the ANC,

As it is with so many people around the world, we are badly shaken by the death of Mfanafuthi "Johnny" Makatini. His passing creates such a tremendous void in the international movement for peace and justice.

Johnny's commitment and untiring energy became a motivating force to those of us who were fortunate enough to know him. He was equally effective with heads of state and local solidarity groups.

A comrade who had such high expectations of himself drove others to strive toward excellence.

We in the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism benefitted greatly from our direct work with Johnny. His ability to analyze and problem solve served as a guiding force on many occasions. He was accessible and took every aspect of our work seriously.

We know that the many stories that we can tell about working with Johnny can be repeated around the world. We know that the struggle continues and we will all carry on the fight. We know that Victory is Certain. It's only that it's a little harder to get there without our friends.

Amandla "Victory is Certain'
VIVA ANC

We welcome to the new Chief Representative to the ANC Observer Mission, Tebogo "Teb" Mafole and his wife. Members of the Coalition have already met with them and are very enthusiastic about their presence in the New York ANC office. The discussions have been fruitful and we look forward to a positive working relationship in the future.
We are a Coalition of several community organizations and of individual members. We are supported by our members - you! We have no paid staff or overhead expenses so all funds go directly to lobbying efforts, education, printing and postage. The struggle cannot continue without your support. For more information, or to join the Coalition, call 518-436-0562.

We desperately need contributions to the Coalition - send whatever you can afford today to:

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Victory to ANC of South Africa
Victory to SWAPO of Namibia