

# SHARPEVILLE TO CROSSROADS

IN SOLIDARITY WITH BLACK RESISTANCE TO APARTHEID  
*A WEEK OF EDUCATION AND ACTION*



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On March 21, 1960, thousands gathered in Sharpeville to protest the repressive pass law. The South African police opened fire on the unarmed demonstrators, killing 69 people and wounding 227 others. International outcry followed. Thousands more participated in mass demonstrations. The white South African government met the resistance with stepped up violence and repression. The African National Congress (ANC), the leading anti-apartheid organization, was banned. Leaders of the movement were forced underground.

On Thursday, March 21, 1985 the people of South Africa commemorated the 25th anniversary of the historic Sharpeville massacre. Once again the brutality of the apartheid system was revealed. As thousands gathered peacefully in memory of the 69 killed 25 years ago, the police opened fire killing over 40 unarmed demonstrators and wounding many more.

Twenty-five years after the Sharpeville massacre, the oppression and repression of the black majority continues unabated. But so does the resistance to apartheid.

Since August, 1984, blacks, "coloureds" and Asians in South Africa have joined to resist the white supremacist South African police state through sustained mass protest, strikes, and boycotts. The ANC, though illegal, operates actively in the country and the building of the anti-apartheid movement.

U.S. banks and corporations continue to bankroll apartheid. Since Sharpeville, U.S. corporate investments has increased to over \$3 billion, while total U.S. direct and indirect investments and loans total over \$14 billion. The Reagan administration has implemented a policy of "constructive engagement" with the racist South African regime. While previous administrations have allied with the South African government since 1948, the current administration has dropped even the weak "human rights criteria" of the Carter era and has moved to open, blatant collaboration with apartheid.

In response to the increased resistance in South Africa, the U.S. anti-apartheid has reached new levels and the issue of U.S. collaboration with South Africa has become a highly visible and hotly debated issue within U.S. society.

The demands of the U.S. anti-apartheid movement call for total economic, military, political, cultural and diplomatic boycott of South Africa until apartheid is completely dismantled and an end to the policy of "constructive engagement".

**PROGRAM**

<b>Mona Bailey</b>	<b>Introductory Remarks</b>
<b>Cecelia Beckwith</b>	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
<b>Ephat Mujuru</b>	<b>Master of MBIRA</b>
<b>Maryamu Eltayeb</b>	<b>Seattle Coalition Against Apartheid</b>
<b>Jean Sindab</b>	<b>Ex. Director, Washington Office on Africa</b>
<b>John Gilbert</b>	<b>Activist, Actor and Fundraiser</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>Gerald Lenoir</b>	
<b>Ephat Mujuru</b>	<b>Master of MBIRA</b>
<b>Neo Mnumzana</b>	<b>Chief Representative to the United Nations for the African National Congress</b>
<b>Question and Answer period</b>	<b>20 minutes</b>
<b>Closing remarks</b>	

ENDORSORS

Washington State Rainbow Coalition  
National Black United Front - Seattle Chapter  
Minority Executive Directors Coalition  
Church Council of Greater Seattle  
American Friends Service Committee  
National Conference of Black Lawyers  
National Lawyers Guild  
Southern Africa Support Project  
Blacks in Government  
Multi Greek Council  
City Light Black Employees, Assoc.  
Black Health Care Professionals Network  
Kadima  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
Black Professional Educators  
Seattle Community College District Chicano Education Task  
Force  
Committee to Defend Immigrant Rights  
Seattle Women Act for Peace  
Africa Network  
Radical Women  
Freedom Socialist Party  
Stonewall Committee for Lesbian and Gay Rights  
Workers World Party  
Seattle Coalition in Solidarity with Black South African  
Resistance  
Seattle Non-Violent Action Group  
Palestine Human Rights Campaign  
American-Arb Anti-Discrimination Committee  
Black and White Men Together  
Committee in Solidarity With the People of El Salvador  
Seattle Reproductive Rights Alliance  
Labor Committee on Central America  
Friendes of ANDES  
Line of March  
Peace and Solidarity Alliance  
Socialist Workers Party  
Union of Democratic Filipinos  
Phillipine Solidarity Network/ Committee Against Marcos  
Dictatorship  
Guatemalan Support Committee