Community Police Relations Board - On February 23, 1987 at 7:00, the next meeting of this board will take place at the Urban League (corner of Ten Broeck and Livingston Ave.) in Albany. Among the topics to be discussed are minority hiring in the police department and bias related violence. For information, or any questions or complaints about the police or the board, call Mark Mishler, 438-2845. This meeting is open to the general public.

Police Violence in Upstate New York - On January 15, 1987, Vera Michelson, Odell Winfield and Jabari Penda went to Ellenville, N.Y. to attend a community protest meeting of the murder of Jimmy Lee Bruce who was killed by an off duty policeman in a choke hold on December 13, 1986. The New York State NAACP has called for an indictment of the policeman involved. The choke hold has been at the heart of controversy throughout the country because of its murderous effects and its application primarily to Black citizens. This heinous incident is again evidence of the upsurge of racist violence in the United States.

Joseph Lowery in Albany - On January 21, 1987, Joseph Lowery, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, spoke in Albany as part of a Spring Lecture Series, "Empowerment of the People," which was sponsored by the Reinhold Niebuhr Institute of Siena College. Frank Lownes represented the Coalition, one of the series co-sponsors, at the lecture.
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MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATION - On January 19, 1987, the Coalition joined with many other community groups to take part in this commemoration which was sponsored by the New York State Martin Luther King Commission. "THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES...FREE NELSON MANDELA" was one of the key messages of the day. Our involvement was successful thanks to the work of many people including: Jim Wright, Elaine Bowen, Bill Ritchie, Sipho Seepe, Jabari Penda, Bernie Mulligan, John Funicello, Dick Melita and Eileen Kawola. Tlaks Seepe did a beautiful job reading an excerpt from "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Tom Cooper, Public Information Officer of OGS provided valuable assistance.

BEST WISHES TO ART MITCHELL on your retirement as editor of the South End Scene. The history of the South End Scene and Art Mitchell are solidly interwoven into a story of unshakable community service. We'll be looking for your next venture, Art.

WELCOME, NADIA LAWSON, TO ALBANY. Nadia is in Albany doing an internship with NYPIRG and will be working on New York State divestment. We look forward to working with you.

DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVES CONFERENCE - "Social Needs in a Changing Economy" This conference is scheduled for Feb. 27 and Feb. 28 at the Albany Hilton. The foreign policy workshop will focus on South Africa, nationally prominent speakers are scheduled. There is a registration fee. For details, call Heidi Siegfried at 489-6598.

OLIVER TAMBO - The Olof Palme Memorial Lecture on Disarmament and Development was given by Oliver Tambo, President, African National Congress, at the Riverside Church in Manhattan on Jan. 21, 1987. Members of the Coalition attended this historic event and on Jan 23, Vera Michelson, Coalition Co-chair attended a luncheon for President Tambo at the United Nations.

"MUSIC AGAINST APARTHEID III" - concert scheduled for Feb. 27, 1987 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. Babatunde Olatunji and his Drums of Passion, Abdullah Ibrahim and Sathima are featured. Tickets are $10, $12 and $15(at the door). All interested in attending will need to make their own transportation arrangements.