NOTE: The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. at the Albany Urban League, corner of Ten Broeck and Livingston Ave., Albany. This is a critical divestment planning meeting - plan to attend.

New York State - Target: Divestment - 1987

The New York State Legislature ended its 1986 session without passing a bill on divestment. The bill to divest N.Y. State funds from South Africa passed the Assembly but stalled in the Republican controlled Senate where it never got out of the Finance Committee. Anti-apartheid activists from around the state lobbied and protested but divestment did not happen. The 1987 Legislative session must pass a divestment bill and end the collaboration of New York with the apartheid regime. Plans to bring this about are under way:

Mobilization for 1987

- October 11, 1986 - New York State Coalition for Divestment formally organized at a meeting in New York City. Merton Simpson and Vera Michelson of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism in attendance.
- December 13, 1986 - second meeting held in New York City, statewide committees formed:
  - Resource Coordinating Committee
  - Research/Education/Outreach Committee
  - Media Committee
  - Legislative/Lobby Group and a Steering Committee with representatives from PEF, American Committee on Africa, CSEA, DC 65, Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, NYPIRG, SASU, National Alliance of Third World Journalists, Legal Committee Against Apartheid and WEST PAC.
  - Merton Simpson, Vera Michelson and Everette Joseph of SASU were in attendance.
- January 5, 1987 - Capital District divestment planning meeting at the Albany Urban League. This group will report to the general Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism meeting on January 28, 1986 at the Urban League.

(see next page for upcoming dates...)

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DIVESTMENT MOBILIZATION FOR 1987 CONTINUES...

• January 24, 1987 - NEW YORK STATE COALITION FOR DIVESTMENT meeting scheduled. 1:00 p.m. District 65 union offices, Astor Place, New York City. If you can attend this important meeting to help plan strategy and implementation for N.Y.S. divestment, please call SASU (465-2406).

• January 28, 1987 - Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism regular monthly meeting. Main topic: N.Y.S. divestment. 7:30 p.m. at Albany Urban League.

• February 7, 1987, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and February 8, 1987, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Northeast Regional Student Conference Against Apartheid and Racism, Columbia University, Earl Hall, 116th St. and Broadway, New York City. For details, call SASU (465-2406).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT * IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT * IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

OLIVER TAMBO, head of the African National Congress is scheduled to appear at the Riverside Church in New York City. (This date is tentative and may be changed) If you are interested in going to New York, or for more details, call 436-0562.

RACIST VIOLENCE IN QUEENS, N.Y.

On Saturday, December 20, 1986, a gang of white teenagers in Howard Beach Queens, brutally beat three Black men whose car had broken down in the area. Michael Griffith, one of the three beaten, was then chased on to a highway where he was killed by a car trying to flee the mob. The following comment is by Sipho Seepe, a South African student studying in the United States:

What happened in Howard Beach is part of a pattern of racist violence that happens everyday in New York City and around the country. Once more we have not been spared the anguish of witnessing another Black mother preparing a funeral for a child murdered by the bloody hand of racist violence. That the cries of "Howard Beach have you heard, this is not Johannesburg" were made at the recent demonstration which took place at the scene of this vicious crime comes as no surprise. As we join those who have expressed their outrage at the brutal, racist murder of Michael Griffith, we urge our friends to remember that the same racist climate has taken the lives of Willie Turks, Eleanor Bumbers, Michael Stewart, Jesse Davis here in Albany, and many others whose deaths have gone unpublicized. This racist violence is fueled by the growing climate of hostility to the rights of minorities -- a climate perpetuated by politicians from Reagan to Koch.

From South Africa to the United States, it must be remembered that injury to one is injury to all.

A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO SIPHO SEEPE... In the fifteen months since you came to our community, you have been for us an articulate spokesperson for the cause of liberation in Southern Africa. You have energized and inspired us as you quickly became part of the political community in the Capital District. You have been consistent in you efforts to make the links between racism in the United States and Southern Africa. Through all of our discussions and organizing efforts, you have given us spirit and solidarity which we will greatly miss as you now return home to South Africa. Our thoughts are with you, Sipho, as you return. A LUTA CONTINUA!
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(The following examination of corporate withdrawals from South Africa has been compiled from two sources: an article by Joshua Nessen for the Student Anti-Apartheid Newsletter put out by the Africa Fund (associated with the American Committee on Africa) and an article by Anita Thayer (of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism) for the National Lawyers Guild.

**U.S. corporate withdrawal: sham or substance?**

The recent announcements of many U.S. corporations that they are pulling out of South Africa is "welcomed" by the African National Congress says Solly Simelane, a member of the ANC Observer Mission to the United Nations. "These developments are in response to the ANC's call for sanctions and the international campaign to isolate South Africa. However, we do not want to be cheated...The umbilical cord between transnational corporations and the fascist regime must be severed. We rely on the people of the U.S. to monitor these gains."

A close examination of the pull-outs does show the need for such monitoring. The divestments actually fall into two categories:

1. **Genuine corporate withdrawal:** As in the case of Kodak which will sell its assets and halt all sales of its products in South Africa.
2. **Corporate shell games:** As in the cases of IBM, GM, and Coca Cola. These corporations will show formal ownership changes but will continue to provide products and technology in South Africa.

An example of how the "shell game" works:

**GM** announced the following arrangements as part of its "pull-out:"

1. GM's South African assets will be sold to a local management group.
2. The same American Chief Executive, W. Robert Price, will continue to run GM's South African subsidiary after transfer to locals.
3. The new South African company will still build GM cars and trucks under a licensing agreement.
4. THE NEW OWNERSHIP WILL NO LONGER BE PRECLUDED FROM SALES TO THE POLICE AND MILITARY, AS ARE U.S. CORPORATIONS BY U.S. LAW.
5. GM will apparently assume its subsidiaries' $90 million debt.
6. GM reserved the right to re-purchase the South African operation at an undisclosed future date.

Another example of the "shell game:"

**IBM** will set up a new company headed by the current manager of IBM/South Africa. This new company will have the exclusive franchise to sell IBM products in South Africa. In full page advertisements in the South African Financial Mail and Business Day, IBM/South Africa gave "unequivocal assurance" to its customers (which include the South African government) that: "A full range of products and services will continue to be available in South Africa through the current sole supplier." Moreover, IBM in New York made a five-year loan to the South African Company to buy IBM/South Africa.

**GM AND IBM WILL STILL BE "DOING BUSINESS WITH SOUTH AFRICA"**

"Divestment is a total shutdown that's airtight," says Randall Robinson, Executive Director of Trans Africa. "When you pull your money out but continue to sell your assets to local buyers and continue to supply these buyers with your product, that's not...what was intended..."

The strategy of divestment is to isolate South Africa and cut all links between transnational corporations and the racist South African regime. In the face of these corporate moves, anti-apartheid groups have explicitly stated that COMPANIES WHICH HAVE LICENSES AND FRANCHISES IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL REMAIN DIVESTMENT TARGETS.
Important Reminder:
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Wednesday, January 28, 1987
PLAN TO ATTEND

NEWS NOTES

MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION - On January 15, 1987, the annual commemoration of Dr. King's birthday will take place at the First Church in Albany at 7:00 p.m. (Clinton Square across from the Palace Theater)

JOSEPH LOWERY of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will speak at the Palace Theater in Albany on January 21, 1987. His appearance is being sponsored by the Niebuhr Institute of Siena College.

VICTORY IS CERTAIN CONCERT UPDATE - In December, local cable channel 8 aired the concert which had been taped by Frank Lownes. This concert, which celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, had been taped by Frank Lownes. Many people have commented that it was good to have a chance to see the concert again. If you missed this airing, you still will have a chance to see it if you have access to a VCR. Lindalisa Norville taped the concert and that tape will be available to anyone interested. For details, call 462-2542.

CAPITAL DISTRICT UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL - The Capital District Unemployed Council, a project sponsored by the Solidarity Committee, now has 15 active members and has held three meetings since October, 1986, according to Greg Wildemann, chairman. The council is attempting to meet the needs of the unemployed, while keeping public attention focused on the problem. Meetings are open to the unemployed and the many friends of the unemployed. Anyone interested may call Wildemann at 518-465-9321 for further information.

COALITION SPEAKERS AVAILABLE - In December, 1986, Eileen Kawola spoke to the members of the Cohoes Social Club on the issue of apartheid in South Africa. The Coalition has a Speakers Bureau which provides speakers on apartheid, Southern Africa and divestment. If you would like to arrange for a speaker for your group, please call the Social Action Center (434-4037) or 438-0309.

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE - If you are interested in the services of a mature, responsible babysitter, please call 436-0562 for details or to make arrangements.

"MUSIC WITH YOUR MIND IN MIND" - Ron Mayfield, Silvestre Wallace and Azzaam Hameed will be appearing at the Half Moon Cafe on lower Madison Avenue in Albany on Jan. 11th, 18th and 25th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. $3 admission. This group played the Victory is Certain concert - go and enjoy!