VICTORY IS CERTAIN

CONCERT

Page Hall
Albany, N.Y.
Sunday, September 21st 1986

Proceeds to the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism
and the African National Congress

5 Years after the Springbok Rugby Tour!
OPENING NUMBER....- "Winnie Mandela" by Rupert Blaize (1986), Calypso led by Pat Trowers, Ethel David and Tlaks Seepe

GREETINGS....................Introduction of the program by Vera Michelson and Ethel David

DAMU SMITH....................Director of the Washington Office on Africa with main address - "The United States and South Africa"

FISIWE ZWANA..............A presentation of African Interpretative dance

JAZZ with CARNIVALLE "Original Music with a Positive Message" Featuring Ron Mayfield, lead guitarist and vocalist; Ricky Hambright, saxophonist; Maurice Rucker, vocals; and Azzaam Hameed, pianist and vocalist

ZENZILE......................A presentation of original African poetry

SECHABA......................Introduction by Pat Trowers - the ANC cultural group, made up of South African exiles, who will present freedom songs and music

Everyone is invited to a reception at Van's Night Cap, 177 Northern Blvd, Albany - immediately following the show.

A special dedication to Ethel Brown
Loved by many, remembered by all....
We extend sincere thanks to the following patrons who have generously contributed to "Victory is Certain."

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We appreciate the help that was given to us in organizing this program by the Public Employees Federation (PEF) and the Albany Urban League.

We take this opportunity to recognize Georgia Urban, area jazz columnist, for her outstanding contribution to the anti-apartheid movement and the struggle against racism.

Program Credits

James Mosely, stage manager
Bill Ritchie, assistant stage manager
Allan Barker, sound technician
Lindalisa Norville, head usher
Eileen Kawola, program
Jahari Penda, flyer distribution
Mark Mishler, ticket chairman
and the
State University of Albany Performing Arts Center for technical assistance

- Labor Donated -
"The historic demonstration's significance is that it opened many people's eyes about the continued struggle in South Africa. Indeed, victory is certain - I wish it would come sooner."
Pat Trowers

"The South African regime received the clear message that the American people were not prepared to entertain the adventures of the so-called cultural ambassadors whose real objective was to be representatives of apartheid and racism."
Anita Thayer

"The demonstration provided the opportunity for individuals to take a firm stand on the issue of apartheid in South Africa. It generated a spirit of good feeling among those involved towards the struggling masses in South Africa and reinforced the desire for peace and good will towards all humankind throughout the world."
Donna Perry

"The Springbok rugby demonstration in the Capital District gave birth to one of the major anti-apartheid centers in this country. The work of this community has been recognized internationally."
Merton Simpson
"The event demonstrated that it was possible to develop a viable and ongoing multi-national political base in the city of Albany in opposition to the apartheid regime in South Africa and its apologists here in the United States."

Bill Ritchie

"The formation of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism exerted pressure upon the American government to take some action, however limited and weak. The activities of the Coalition brought awareness among the South African people that Americans in the Capital District area stood ready to strike a blow against apartheid."

Margaret Kirwin

"The demonstration revealed the fact that the people of the Capital District area were concerned about international politics. They understood and reaffirmed the age old concept that the struggle is the same in the United States, in Albany, as in South Africa. The demonstration helped to bring the South African issue closer to the general public."

Odell Winfield

"The demonstration was the catalyst for the timely formation of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism and the American South African People's Friendship Association. Organizational activities included informational and educational series throughout the area. The divestment movement was given tremendous impetus and inspiration during and after the demonstration."

Henry Elonge

"The demonstration provided a forum from which to send a message of displeasure with the South African regime's ambassadors of oppression. It was a dramatic articulation to call attention of the world to the daily public atrocities committed by the South African perpetrators of apartheid. The demonstration was not directed as such, rather it provided an attention getter for the local and the wider United States Congress and American South Africa business community."

Margaret Kirwin

"Few communities were aware of the going on's within South Africa. That changed all that. It inspired a number of educational and informational activities in the area. It signified a new consciousness among the participants in that it mirrored what the struggle for South African liberation was about."

Rev. Rev. Roza

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Frank C. B. Nathan

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Nathanial Quattlebaum

"Few communities were aware of or cared about the going ons within South Africa. The demonstration changed all that. It inspired involvement among grassroots organizations. It spawned a number of educational and information programs in the area. It signified a victory for the participants in that it mirrored Albany as the resistance capital of the United States."  

Rev. Robert Dixon

"The demonstration was worth the efforts and preparation. It brought into sharp focus the horrors of the system of apartheid to the average person. It was an educational exercise for the State of New York and the nation. It is likely that the demonstration forestalled more plans that were in place to further the cause of apartheid in South Africa in the Capital Dis-trict or elsewhere in the nation."

Frank G. Pogue

"The demonstration had a tremendous impact on the people. It brought people of both races together against a common enemy. The event and its magnitude was a first for Albany. The city was put on the world map in a positive light. Progressive forces prevailed over official intransigence and the Capital District area has never been the same since then."

Nebraska Brace
"The Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism has succeeded to lubricate the conscience and concern of local residents about the cause of the liberation struggle in Southern Africa. It has continued to supply first hand information about significant development in South Africa otherwise not made readily available by mass media and other carefully crafted policy pronouncements. It has become a vehicle for active involvement and participation by people with positive contributions to the welfare of humankind and peace."

Clarence Parker

"The demonstration forced city authorities to make hard decisions. The event was a very important message of protest against an injustice that was long overdue. It raised the level of awareness about the variety of issues implicit in apartheid. The participants demonstrated a mature and high level of self respect, restraint and discipline in spite of rumors and expectations to the contrary. The magnitude and tone of the event were a clear evidence of organizational genius."

Brian O'Shaughnessy

"The significance of the commemoration can be summed up as follows: Victory for the liberation forces in South Africa and Namibia is inevitable. In spite of this hope, the forces that will effect this result cannot relax at this point - pressure needs to be maintained. The actions of the U.S. Congress and the Administration on sanctions do not go far enough. Dependence on South Africa or Western goodwill and connivance should be stopped. This event should provide fuel for the next mile's race in the Capital District."

Japhet M. Zwana