Important April Meeting

April 15, 1986
7:30 p.m.
Arbor Hill Community Center, Lark St., Albany, N.Y.

Agenda:
1. Introduction of representatives from groups making up the Coalition
2. Planning of statewide divestment action in Albany April 22nd
   Everyone's help is needed to make this a success.
   (See attached flyer)

Meetings Open to Everyone

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STATEWIDE DIVESTMENT DAY
TUES. APRIL 22
LOBBY REPUBLICAN SENATORS RALLY AT LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, ALBANY

HELP PLAN:
LOBBYING
WORK AT REGISTRATION
JOIN DELEGATION TO SENATORS' OFFICES
PICKET/RALLY
MAKE SIGNS
JOIN 12:30 PICKET

436-0562 for more info.
Coalition Member at NYSUT Convention - Steering Committee Member, Bill Ritchie, spoke in favor of a resolution calling for complete divestment of NYS Teachers' Retirement monies from South Africa at the recent convention of NYS United Teachers Union, AFL-CIO in Toronto. Unfortunately, NYSUT again endorsed the Sullivan Principles in a resolution backed by Albert Shankar, but the groundwork was laid to bring the issue up again at the national convention this summer.

April 16, 1986 - "The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.", a speech by Coretta Scott King at the Palace Theater at 8:00 P.M.

May 1, 1986 - There will be a special buffet dinner to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of "Eight-Hour Day" (1886-1986). All proceeds will benefit the Solidarity Committee ... Entertainment ... Cash Bar ... $7.00 per person, $3.00 for children and unemployed ... For more information, call Fred Pfeiffer at 4463-2945 or Doug Bullock at 346-5931.

Malcolm X Study Network - is selling books on Black liberation, education and international issues, as well as children's books. To purchase a book or arrange to have a book display at the next meeting or function of your group, call Odell Winfield at 463-4654.

Political Prisoner Released - An alert reader may have seen a familiar face on the front page of the Knickerbocker News on Friday, March 7, 1986 and the New York Times on Saturday, March 8, 1986. Murphy Morobe, Publicity Secretary of the United Democratic Front, who visited this Country in April 1986 under the sponsorship of the National Lawyers' Guild and who spoke in Albany under the sponsorship of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism, was released from jail in South Africa, where he had been detained for six weeks under the emergency regulation.

The Capital District Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild has copies of a booklet entitled, *Nelson Mandela: Leader, Lawyer, and Prisoner*, produced by the Lawyers' Campaign to Free Nelson Mandela ($4.00). For a copy of the booklet, or for more information, call Anita Thayer (462-6753) or Mark Mishler (442-5654).

The FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH is the meeting of the Albany City Board of Education (7:00 P.M.). Parents are organizing to monitor these meetings and to discuss educational issues. For more information, call Odell Winfield at 463-4654.

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STATEWIDE LOBBY DAY
NEW YORK STATE DIVESTMENT
APRIL 22, 1986
ALBANY, NY
Picket Line 12:30-1:15 State St. at the L.O.B.

Massachusetts did it!
Connecticut did it!
New Jersey did it!

NEW YORK CAN DO IT!!

BRING OUR MONEY HOME
DIVEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA

As residents of New York State, we have a unique opportunity to win a victory for justice by saying no to racism, no to apartheid, no to the government of South Africa. Passage of a Senate divestment bill would mean an end to the investment of NY State pension funds in South Africa and an end to the New York-South Africa connection. A divestment bill has already passed by an overwhelming majority in the NY Assembly. Meanwhile, as the Senate bill sits in committee, the violence in South Africa is increasing to record levels. As citizens and tax payers we must demand that our Senators immediately vote to end New York's support of the racist government of South Africa.

AGENDA FOR APRIL 22

9:30 CHECK IN—HEARING ROOM C, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, ALBANY N.Y. NOTE: SOMEONE WILL BE IN THIS ROOM ALL DAY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

10:00 BRIEFING—OVERVIEW OF DAY'S ACTIVITIES; BILL SUMMARY; LOBBY TECHNIQUES

11:00 LOBBY VISITS OR IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN APPOINTMENT—SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING L.O.B. 913; DIVESTMENT BILL IS BEING HELD UP HERE

12:30 PICKET LINE AND NEWS CONFERENCE—L.O.B. MAIN ENTRANCE, STATE STREET

1:15 CONTINUE LOBBY VISITS

3:00 WRAP UP DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION—HEARING ROOM C, L.O.B. PLEASE ATTEND!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

LOBBY APPOINTMENT COORDINATOR: STACEY (518) 436-0876
CHILD CARE RESERVATIONS: SHELLY (518) 465-2406

REGIONAL CONTACTS:
CENTRAL: BRIAN KANE (607) 798-8908
DOWNSTATE: MAY NGAI (212) 673-5120
WEST: ISABEL MORRISON (716) 325-4000
UPPER HUDSON: VERA MICHELSON (518) 436-0562
LOWER HUDSON: CONNIE & ART DOBBIN (914) 682-0488
Siena College Divestment Drive Continues - Students recently submitted petitions to college president, Fr. Hugh Wines, and are waiting for his decision on whether or not to call an emergency meeting of the college trustees to consider divestment. Although the college administration was not initially receptive to the student's call for divestment, the upcoming visit of Coretta Scott King to the campus in order to receive an honorary degree (planned for April 16) may have caused college officials to reconsider their position. The student movement has made clear their feeling that support of South Africa is completely against the Franciscan ideals for which the college stands and that the awarding of an honorary degree to Mrs. King is hypocritical under the circumstances.

State Divestment Demonstration - The March 7, 1986 picket outside of the office of State Comptroller Edward Regan was a successful beginning to this year's drive calling for divestment of New York State funds from South Africa. The Coalition co-sponsored this rally with the Civil Service Employees Association and with the Public Employees Federation, the two largest State employee unions. Both unions have passed resolutions expressing support of divestment of State pension fund monies. Over 200 turned out for the noontime rally in front of the Alfred E. Smith building. Regan is a key target in the divestment campaign, because the State Senate Republican majority uses Regan as an excuse for their refusal to act on the issue of State divestment.

Sharpeville Commemoration - On March 21, the Coalition presented a cultural commemoration of Sharpeville at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Thalita Simpson and Dayalan Naidoo hosted the program which featured poetry by Sipho Sesepe and Natasha Levinson (two students from South Africa), Leslie Wallace (a member of the Coalition) and high school students Sam Coleman (Albany High) and Shirley Wilson (Albany Street Academy). The SECHABA Singers of the African National Congress made an emotional presentation of songs, dances and poetry. Their vision of a unitary, nonracial and democratic South Africa emanated from their work. The group's movement to build the culture of a free South Africa inspired us to work to build the support movement here. Amandla!

Thanks to Rev. Robert Dixon for opening his church to us for this very special event.

THANK YOU - The Capital District Against Apartheid and Racism appreciates the loyal and reliable work of our telephone callers: Fred Kakumba, Bill Ritchie, Dick Melita, Mike Kozak, Mark Mishler, Naomi Jaffee, Pam Suan, Leslie Wallace, Sipho Sesepe, and Martin Manley. If you can call a list of 12 people every 3 to 4 weeks, please consider being a Coalition telephone caller. To volunteer, call Martin Manley at 381-6784.

April 16, 1986 - "The Legacy of the Bhopal Disaster" at the Performing Arts Center, SUNY at Albany at 7:00 P.M. A panel discussion will explore the dangers posed in all countries by the chemical industry. For more information, call Paco Duarte at 442-5645 or 442-6455.

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