STOP THIS MAN!

COMPTROLLER EDWARD V. REGAN

HE KEEPS NEW YORK STATE'S PENSION MONEY INVESTED IN SOUTH AFRICA!

MASSIVE RALLY AND DEMONSTRATION

MASSACHUSETTS Did!

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NEW YORK Can do it!!!

DIVEST NOW!

Rally Location: Alfred E. Smith Building (Front)

Time: Friday—March 7, 1986

Assemble: 11:30 a.m.—Rally: 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid & Racism and Public Employees Federation, Capital District Region 8, AFL-CIO

TO VOLUNTEER: Call 518-436-0562 or 518-459-5412 and leave a message from 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

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OPPONENTS OF DIVESTMENT

Opponents of divestment continually call for patience on the part of the majority in South Africa. Opponents want the black majority to wait through reforms that are promised -- someday. They want apartheid to disappear through the operation of the Sullivan Principles, which provide for gradualism and growth of equal opportunity with U.S.-company-owned plants in South Africa.

In 25 years of operating in South Africa, the U.S. firms have accomplished nothing by way of changing the brutal facts of apartheid. Black workers are still black when they walk into the no-man's-land of White South Africa, when they leave the plant gates at the end of the day. Opponents of divestment can only hope that gradualism works. Twenty-five years of hoping by the black majority has brought nothing but death to more than 1,000 blacks in 1985 and suffering to thousands more, with a promise of much the same in each approaching year.

SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS WANT DIVESTMENT

We are told routinely that the only ones who would be hurt by divestment are the blacks in South Africa, if New York State and others divested their funds from companies which are operating in South Africa, doing business in South Africa, or are doing business with companies that trade in the South African economy.

When it formed in 1985, the largest trade union federation in South Africa, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, immediately called for divestment. The leader of 500,000 members of 36 trade unions declared in their first gathering in Durban, "We are going to burn all the passes of the black man...they (opponents of divestment in the West) are saying they are against divestment because a black person will suffer...COSATU is in full support of divestment."

Elijah Barayi, COSATU president, said that the U.S. and Great Britain seem to favor white South Africa, "in that they don't want to see divestment."

CALLING FOR DIVESTMENT IS A CRIME IN SOUTH AFRICA

Opponents of divestment have cited polls which show that blacks in South Africa were opposed to divestment or economic sanctions, but what they fail to say is that it is a crime for them to call for divestment.

Here is how things are moving among the black populace of South Africa: in early 1985, such a poll showed that 75 percent of blacks questioned said they opposed sanctions. As the year progressed, however, and it became clear that they were going to be killed whether or not they called for divestment, they changed their minds in great number.

Even with the threat of arrest and summary punishment, a later poll in 1985 showed that more than 50 percent of the respondents favored some form of economic pressure, such as divestment, on the white government (N.Y. Times, 12/2/85). These people were risking much, just to say what they felt about sanctions and divestment.

OPPONENTS OF DIVESTMENT IN NEW YORK STATE CAN'T HIDE BEHIND A SMOKESCREEN OF GRADUALISM AND SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES ANYMORE. THEY MUST SEE THE ERROR OF THEIR POSITIONS AND TAKE ACTION TO DIVEST NEW YORK STATE!