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Fundraiser - May 17th - Please post attached flyer

On FRIDAY NIGHT, May 17, 1985, the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism will sponsor a fundraiser at Page Three in Albany. Bill Pendleton will play the records, snacks will be free. Only $5.00 for "a good time for a good cause"
Bring Our Money Home!

Divest From South Africa

In South Africa today, New York State funds are strengthening a unique system of institutionalized racism and violence. A system which gives the white minority absolute control over the lives of 25 million African men and women.

Such a system of state run racial discrimination is abhorrent to Americans. And yet our New York State monies are invested in South Africa as silent accomplice to racism.

Now, important bills have been introduced in the N.Y. State Assembly and Senate calling for an end to the New York-South Africa connection. Senate Bill 1242-A and Assembly Bill 250-A would require divestment of state pension funds over a three year period from banks and companies involved in South Africa.

These monies would then be freed up to be reinvested in New York enterprises and to help rebuild our communities and generate jobs.

Through divestment New York would join other states, cities and organizations across the country which have already taken positive action against apartheid. N.Y. State has always been a leader in the fight for civil and human rights. Please support the bills to divest public funds from "business-as-usual" in South Africa!

SUPPORT BILLS S 1242-A AND A 250-A
To be successful, your voice is needed now

Please write a letter on behalf of the 25 million oppressed persons of South Africa to each of the following:

(Your State Senator)
Legislative Office Bldg.
Albany, NY 12247

Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink
Legislative Office Bldg.
Albany, NY 12248

Senator Warren Anderson
Room 330, Capitol Bldg.
Albany, NY 12247

Governor Mario Cuomo
Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

For more information or to get involved, contact, New York DIVEST Coalition:

Peace and Justice Commission
39 Philip St.
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 463-4411

American Committee on Africa
198 Broadway
New York, NY 10038
(212) 362-1210

N.Y. State Council of Churches
3049 East Genesee St.
Syracuse, New York 13224
(315) 446-6151

The letters can be simple. Here is a sample:

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I support legislation A250-A and S1242-A which call for the divestment of state pension funds from companies and banks doing business within the Republic of South Africa.

I believe there is a clear moral imperative to no longer allow these funds to prop up the evil system of apartheid government. I'm anticipating your moral leadership in urging passage of this legislation, and I would like to be kept informed of your position.

Sincerely,
On March 25, 1985, Mafason (Murphy) Morobe visited Albany and brought the message about apartheid South Africa to several groups. The events, including a public forum at Wilborn Temple on Jay and S. Swan Streets in Albany, were arranged by the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism.

Morobe spoke at the public forum about the system in South Africa which denies basic human and political rights to 80 percent of the population. The Black majority is increasingly showing dissatisfaction with the poor living standards and the lack of rights. Morobe, when asked about increasing violence by the Black majority, pointed out that the governmental policy of apartheid, a system which denies human dignity, is the real violence in South Africa.

Murphy Morobe (left) of the United Democratic Front (UDF) being interviewed by Vera Michelson and Merton Simpson of the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism for Channel 9 T.V.

Morobe, a regional secretary for the United Democratic Front (UDF), represents the Transvaal Region of South Africa. The UDF is a broadly based coalition of over 600 organizations (women, religious, labor, student). The apartheid government recently arrested 16 of the top leadership of the UDF and charged them with treason. Public meetings, both inside and outside, are now forbidden. In spite of these repressive moves by the government against the UDF and in spite of the recent outbreaks of violence by the government, the UDF remains committed to seeking a peaceful end to apartheid. "We've tried our best to keep ourselves within the very narrow confines of the law," Morobe said. He offered no guarantees, however, that violence will not prevail as the only way to effect real change.

Morobe said what is needed from the people of the United States is a strong denouncement of President Ronald Reagan's policy of "constructive engagement." This policy, he said, gives tacit reinforcement to the white minority government's policies of repression and institutionalized segregation.

In addition to the public forum, Morobe brought his call for solidarity to a breakfast for the clergy at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Albany, to a labor reception at the New York State United Teachers headquarters on Wolf Road, to a statewide Human Rights Conference at the Empire State Plaza and to the television viewers of Inside Albany on Channel 17 and to the viewers of Capitol Cablevision Channel 9.

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A thank you to the UDF, Murphy Morobe and many others...

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