The NAACP, Albany Branch, and the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism called a meeting of several clergy, labor and community leaders on Friday, December 21, 1984, to lay the groundwork for local participation in protest and civil disobedience. This action, in solidarity with the Free South Africa Movement (see other side for more information on the F.S.A.M.), is being arranged to protest against the racist apartheid regime in South Africa and the Reagan administration's policy of constructive engagement with that apartheid system.

The protest will consist of a legal picket line and a few preselected people crossing the picket line to get arrested. Several prominent and responsible community leaders have been invited to participate in the action. The tentative date for the action is January 15, 1985.

**A successful protest demonstration takes work and support.**

Plan to attend the Jan. 9th Coalition meeting where plans will be discussed and finalized. **JOIN THE STRUGGLE**

The NAACP, Albany Branch, and the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism are jointly sponsoring this protest demonstration in concert with the Free South Africa Movement. Dan Hahn and Vera Michelson attended a F.S.A.M meeting in New York City on December 20th and we have been in touch with the F.S.A.M. offices in Washington on a regular basis.
In 1981, the South African rugby tour appeared in Albany in violation of an international boycott. The people of Albany made their voice heard in protest. Today the situation in South Africa is worsening with widespread government repression of those who oppose the white supremacist government.

Now is the time... to launch a mass protest again in Albany, joining the wave of protests spreading throughout the United States.

The purpose of this action is to show our support for the following demands of the nationwide campaign:

1. An end to the outrageous, collaborationist constructive engagement policy of the United States government.
2. The release of Nelson Mandela, founder of the African National Congress, and all political prisoners being held in South Africa.
3. The divestment of all United States corporations doing business in South Africa. (In New York State, the divestment campaign will be greatly intensified this year. This is a crucial legislative session.)

If you have any questions about the meeting or the planned protest, call Vera Michelson, Chair - Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, (436-0562) or E.J. Josey, President - Albany Branch NAACP, (452-1823).

Important planning meeting - Jan. 9th - All welcome.

Mary thanks to all of you who so generously responded to our December fundraising appeal! Our appeal and our need continues. If you are able, please send a contribution to: Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, Box 3002, Pine Hills Station, Albany, N.Y. 12203