

Dear Friend(s),

We are writing you to urge your involvement in the growing movement of solidarity with the liberation struggles of the Southern African peoples.

At the beginning of this year, S.A.S.C. participated in an important statewide conference of liberation support and anti-apartheid groups. The forces in attendance at this Santa Barbara meeting included representatives from nine U.C. campuses, several state universities, locals of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union, the Stanford South Africa "Catalyst" Project, church groups, the African National Congress, the Black Consciousness Movement, etc. We unanimously adopted a proposal to initiate a statewide campaign to demand the immediate and unconditional divestment of all public monies (e.g. U.C. endowments and pension funds, State Retirement System funds, etc.) currently invested in corporations operating within the Republic of South Africa. As a first step we decided to concentrate on a massive petition drive (see enclosed copy) culminating in a March 17 demonstration at the U.C. Board of Regents meeting at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

We would like to emphasize that this project is conceived as a common focus which would allow us to begin to build a unified mass movement capable of providing the same kind of support for the freedom fighters of Southern Africa that the anti-war movement once gave to the Indochinese struggle. It is an initial step toward reaching and mobilizing the thousands of Californians ready to take a stand against U.S. support of South African racism. At the same time it is a vehicle for educating the other thousands who may be confused or unclear about U.S. governmental and corporate complicity in apartheid.

S.A.S.C. WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PETITION CAMPAIGN AND THE MARCH 17 DEMONSTRATION. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1 PM AT THE OFFICE OF THE COALITION AGAINST POLICE ABUSE NEAR DOWNTOWN L.A. (CAPA OFFICE, 4107 S. MAIN ST.). A full, detailed report on the statewide movement will be presented, and there will be ample opportunity to exchange information with most of the other groups or individuals working against apartheid in Southern California.

In the meantime we would encourage you to circulate this petition in your workplace, campus or community. If you are interested in holding educational events on Southern Africa we would be happy to help provide films and educational material. We can also put you in touch with representatives of various Southern African liberation organizations who would be willing to speak before your group.

At any event we hope that you will be able to participate in this important meeting on February 5. If you cannot attend for some reason, please let us know so we can provide you with a report of the meeting and future plans.

Yours for the Liberation of Southern Africa,

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