

Between THE Lines



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Human Blockade
At Winnie Mandela Hall

Time, Place and Manner

- 7 am Blockade of California Hall
- 9 am Arraignments for Pier 80 arrestees at Hall of Injustice, 7th & Bryant, SF; Dept. 12. Also at 2.
- 2 pm Arraignments (Pier 80) - see 9 am
- 4 pm "Native American Women Speak", Bldg. T-9 (Women's Bldg.) (Big Mountain Support Group)
- 7 pm "Broken Rainbow" (film), 101 Morgan Hall. (Sponsored by Big Mountain Support Group.)
- 9 pm Mountain Support Group.) 2nd showing at 9.

Activist Arrested on a Hodgepodge of Charges

Community activist Joe Blackburn was picked up by the UCPD yesterday on a hodgepodge of charges.

A warrant was apparently issued for his arrest after Joe approached a campus worker who was sandblasting the road near Winnie Mandela (California) Hall, on Tuesday and asked him to stop sandblasting while protesters marched by on their way to Moffitt library. In response to his request, the worker turned the sandblaster on Joe, leaving a wide scar across his neck, and police attempted to arrest him (the alleged offence was unclear.) Joe is now being held on \$1930 bail for: resisting arrest, battery, having a dog on campus without a leash, and 'illegal' posting of leaflets.

Big Mountain Rally Draws 1500

Yesterday's noon rally began Big Mountain Awareness Week on the UC Berkeley campus. About 1500 participated in the rally, which was held against a backdrop of a huge banner painted with 10,000 dots to represent the 10,000 Navajo who could be driven from their rightful homes this July if P.L. 93-531 is not repealed.

Tena Council Drum performed an Honor Song for political prisoner Leonard Peltier, and the AIM National Anthem; the 29 banned activists burned their banning orders on

National Campus Action Against Apartheid

The Campaign has learned of actions that took place at schools in 35 states last Friday, the culmination of the National Weeks of Action Against Apartheid called by the American Committee on Africa.

The campuses participated in a wide variety of ways, from a joint rally with the United Steel Workers of America by Dartmouth students to Shantytown protests by many of the schools. The latest word yesterday from U of W in Madison is that they'd rebuilt their Shantytown for the fourth time on the State Capitol lawn there, to have it torn down again by police; 4 were arrested in that action.

The following is a partial list of campuses that participated:

Portland State; Lewis and Clark; Reed College; Brown University; U of Rhode Island; Purdue; U of Wisconsin, Madison; Boston U; Wellesley; MIT; U of Wyoming; U of Hawaii; City College, NYC; U of Texas; U of Houston; U of North Carolina; Penn State; Carnegie Mellon U; U of Pittsburgh; U of Pennsylvania; Hamilton College; Cornell; U of Michigan; U of Chicago; Northwestern; U of Illinois; Yale; Wesleyan; Georgetown; Georgia State U; Atlanta U; U of Florida; U of Virginia; U of Arizona; Cleveland State U; U of Toledo; Bowling Green; U of Minnesota; Iowa State; Luther College; Kansas U; MacAlister College; New Hampshire College; Keene; Dartmouth.

Since April 4th of last year, 29 schools in the U.S. have fully divested.

The students united...

the steps of Biko Hall; a representative from Local P-9, in the eighth month of their strike against Hormel, asked students to support P-9's upcoming national rally; and Bill Wahpehpah implored students not to make their activism "a trend", but rather a "lifelong commitment" to fighting oppression all over the world, from East Oakland to South Africa.

UCB's Big Mountain Support Group organizers were very pleased with the rally, and were especially glad that anti-apartheid groups and BMSG were able to show the connections between apartheid in South Africa and apartheid in Arizona.

You Haven't Done Nothin'

"We are amazed, but not amused
By all the things you say that you'll do
Though much concerned but not involved
With decisions that are made by you

But we are sick and tired of hearing your song
Telling how you're gonna change right from wrong
Cause if you really want to hear our views
You haven't done nothin'..."

- Stevie Wonder,
"You Haven't Done Nothin'"

by Ross Hammond

The university's decision to sell \$12 million worth of stock in the Eaton Corporation two weeks ago represents a commitment on the part of the Regents to divest one-half of one percent of the University of California's \$2.4 billion investment in corporations which do business in racist South Africa. This can hardly be construed as a change in the University's continuing support for murder and white supremacy, but must rather be seen as a clumsy attempt to pacify the anti-apartheid movement on the eve of a renewed wave of protest.

Since the Regents voted last June to set up the bogus Committee on Investor Responsibility (CIR) to examine "corporate citizenship" of American companies in South Africa whose stock is included in the UC portfolio, over 1,000 Blacks have been killed by the South African police and military. Despite increased repression, the Regents continue to provide financial support to the apartheid regime.

Last spring's protests on the nine UC campuses rocked the foundations of this university, and made it clear to the Regents that the overwhelming majority of students, staff and faculty support full and immediate divestment. It is painfully clear that the thousands of people chanting, singing, sleeping on concrete and going to jail last year were not doing so in order to get the Regents to set up a committee to decide whether U.S. corporations are complying with the essentially meaningless Sullivan principles.

Let's face it. The Regents have the information. They've been told how U.S. corporations provide strategic inputs to keep the apartheid economy running, and

why the Sullivan principles are completely irrelevant. "Good corporate citizenship" in the context of the reality of apartheid in South Africa is an absolute contradiction, the ultimate non-sequitur, and the Regents know it.

Token divestment is a slap in the face to the millions of Black South Africans who are fighting -- and dying -- for democratic control of a unitary, non-segregated South Africa. It is an insult to the liberation movement in South Africa which, since 1959, has called for substantive economic sanctions against the South African government.

The Regents have shown that, to them, profits are more important than human lives. Their complicity with apartheid continues as the death toll in South Africa rises.

We must show the Regents that we will not be appeased by token divestment. We must continue to struggle to force the Regents to divest every last penny of the \$2.4 billion they have invested in racist South Africa. The South African people will be free. It is up to us to do our part to bring that day of freedom closer.



—UC President David Gardner

The Issue Is Apartheid

Our blockade of California Hall today directly confronts the University administration. The Chancellor has indicated that he doesn't like that. He prefers for protest to be held somewhere else, and in a manner that allows him to ignore it, as he and the Regents have ignored our demands for divestment for the past year and a half.

Heyman says that protesters are interested in confrontation, in stopping the business of the university, and not on the issues. The Chancellor is wrong. What he fails to acknowledge is that unless the university is confronted with protest which stops business as usual, it will go on placidly overlooking student, worker and community demands for change.

We will attempt to stop business as usual, when business as usual means 2.4 billion dollars invested in companies that help to prop up the racist apartheid regime in South Africa. We will stop business as usual when business as usual means that the Chancellor opens a store especially for IBM products in the face of an student-initiated boycott against IBM because of that company's deep involvement in the maintenance of South African apartheid. We will stop business as usual until more minority faculty are hired, and until more minority students are admitted to and graduated from the university.

And we will do these things not because of some abstract theories, but because we have learned by hard experience that the Regents and the Chancellor have not listened to protesters for years. The issue of divestment was raised on this campus in 1978, and the Regents avoided action by diverting protest energy into a bogus forum, with no resultant action. In this round of anti-apartheid protests,

UC President David Gardner set up a committee that took almost a year to effect divestment of a mere 0.5 % of UC's \$2.4 billion tied to apartheid, and the Chancellor has acted in direct opposition to student-initiated action by opening the IBM store in Moffitt.

Last week, Winnie Mandela stood before the people of South Africa and the world, and said, "We believe the next phase of our struggle has come... No more talking, we are now planning direct action." Her statement was made in the context of South Africa's refusal to concede majority rule after 50 years of negotiation, protest and resistance. To years of cries for justice and freedom, the South African government has responded with violence and repression.

As in South Africa, the university administration here can either confront its responsibility to meet our demands, or it can attempt to silence us with violent attacks by its police force. Either way, we will stand united and strong.

In 1963, from his jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama, Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote in response to public criticism of the Civil Rights Movement's confrontational tactics. He wrote: "You deplore the demonstrations that are taking place in Birmingham. I am sorry that your statement did not express a similar concern for the conditions that brought the demonstrations into being."

The issue is apartheid. We call on Chancellor Heyman to end his propaganda war, and to act against apartheid rather than distract us from the issue with his pious and hypocritical preaching about violence perpetrated by his own police at our peaceful -- but committed -- protests.

SHUT DOWN APARTHEID
FULL DIVESTMENT NOW!