

# Between THE Lines



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Is watching Us...

**REBUILD CROSSROADS  
BRING YOUR SHANTY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 29  
NOON RALLY  
BIKO (SPOUL) PLAZA**

Shanties are currently being constructed by: Boalt School of Law, History Department, Developmental Studies, International House, Laney College, Barrington, Lothlorien, Physics Department, De-Cal Classes, Dwight Derby Dormitories, and many others.

Some shanties are in front of the departments and living areas right now, symbolizing that community's support for divestment and free speech; others will be going up soon.

**TAKE A STAND AGAINST APARTHEID**

Crossroads symbolizes the will and determination of the South African people. Even though the authorities in South Africa have torn down Crossroads again and again, the people have rebuilt in an effort by families to stay together despite the economic oppression of apartheid.

**REBUILD CROSSROADS, BERKELEY  
24-Hour Teach-In / Cultural Event  
Against Apartheid**

For More Information, call:  
**CAMPAIGN AGAINST APARTHEID  
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**The Campaign Explains Itself**

**a. Why do we link arms at Shantytown?**

We believe we need to transmit to the world a message of resistance that is in keeping with the urgency and gravity of our times. Will it be the image of an individual protestor, passive and alone, walking between long blue rows of Alameda County Sheriffs? Or will it be the image of collective struggle, activists linking arms, holding onto each other, not letting go. April 16, 1985, the last doorway to Biko Hall. April 1, 1986, the last Shanty. Which vision makes you feel more powerful? We cannot let our political vocabulary of solidarity be impoverished. We cannot submit to the kind of thought control that Heyman would impose.

**b. Why do we protest in the day and night?**

Heyman declared in a memo that Shantytown had to be closed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. But this doesn't represent the true situation in South Africa. As Bishop Tutu said, freedom is 24 hours a day.

And freedom ought to be twenty-four hours a day on the Berkeley campus too. The continuing presence of the Shantytown on university property, the twenty-four hour "lodging" declares our conviction that we are not just day-workers, to be consumed and then expelled like the sojourning miners of South Africa.

The outpouring of community people to install the shanties on university property expresses the community's conviction that the university belongs to all the people, that it is the site not just of narrowly channeled, privileged intellect, but of dreams. So too, the movement -- and America -- belongs not just to registered students and the Regents, but to everyone.

**c. If we insist on protesting at night, why do we make such a big point of resisting the police so that they have to carry us out in daylight?**

We believe not in violence, but in exposure. If people see what is really happening, they will act in a moral way. That is why we feel we have to resist 'till daylight, why we refuse to silently allow the cops to bus away our friends under cover of night. Why we delay the prison busses until all the students come. 'Till everyone can see what the Regents have done.

Thursday morning, protesters sat down, layed down in front of the busses. Did the police respect our non-violence and carry us off, one by one? No. They smashed our kneecaps, then beat us for crawling. They call us violent. What was the rush? Are the cops vampires, they're so afraid of the sun?

# AMANDLA

The practice of apartheid has clear links to the United States. The bantustan system of South Africa was modeled on the reservation system for American Indians. The U.S. ally, Israel, practices apartheid against Palestinians and its Arab population. At U.C. Berkeley, and around the world, students are realizing only fundamental change can end the present world situation. If left to the governments, it looks like World War, if left to us, we can wage the struggle for peace with justice. It's up to all of us to end our complicity with a culture of death and to get responsible in building a culture of life. The Third World Alliance of Campaign has meetings every Sunday at Noon at 613 Eshleman. We invite the General Union of Palestinian Students, League of Filipino Students and others, for we realize oppression of people of color is worldwide, from Big Mountain and East Oakland to Palestine and the bantustans of occupied Azania. Campaign has meetings every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on the 6th floor of Eshleman.

- Third World Caucus/Campaign

The real vampires are the Regents, who continue to suck the blood of South Africa. Now Heyman seems to have joined their number. By labeling the peaceful, beautiful shanties a provocation to violence, by issuing orders to call out the cops, by heaping lie upon lie, by making the issue violence rather than divestment, Heyman has joined their number and become another friend of apartheid.

d. Why should people join a situation where there might be confrontation?

Because "if people can be mean to blacks in South Africa, it'll be easier for people to be mean to my uncle, my mom and my dad," said a four year old black boy when asked why he wore a red ribbon.

Because Martin Luther King did not run from violence. As John Campbell-Hyde wrote in the Daily Cal (April 17, 1986):

## *Time, Place and Manner*

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| Mon 4/28 | 10:00 am. | TRO Injunction- Dept. 20, Oakland Superior Court (12th and Fallon)                                                                                                                  |
| Tue 4/29 | 9:00 am.  | Hearing for the first group of Pier 80 Defendants in SF Hall of Justice. Shantytown rebuilding, and 24 hour teach in.                                                               |
| Thu 5/1  | Noon.     | May Day Demonstration on Dwinelle Plaza Evening. Benefit at Ashkenaz for anti-apartheid legal defense.                                                                              |
| Sat 5/3  | 2:00 pm.  | Public meeting honoring 100th anniversary of May Day- will concentrate on anti-apartheid movement & the significance of April 3rd actions. M-L Books and Periodicals, 3232 MLK Way. |
| Sun 5/4  |           | Anniversary of Kent State shootings.                                                                                                                                                |
| Tue 5/6  |           | Economic summit in Japan.                                                                                                                                                           |

"Further violence by anybody will only explode negatively in the public consciousness. But the further willingness of protesters to struggle right up to the point of violent reaction is the most beautiful, the most profound and human expression of sympathetic unity with those struggling in South Africa."

Because there comes a time when you have to stand up for your rights -- or lose them. And that time is now.

When Heyman's cops half-strangled a movement leader before the doors of California Hall, the administration levelled a nightstick across all our throats. They're trying to make us forget about South Africa, forget about divestment, forget about the Regents, forget all we have learned from two years of struggle. They're trying to make us forget what it means to be free.

And isn't freedom what America's supposed to be about? Freedom for Everybody.

Amandla!

CAMPUS Clashes  
MOVEMENTS and  
Arrests

April 23

UCLA

Street theater staged in front of the campus student store. The plot is fascists arresting students who are looking through books. The theme is 'don't think'.

The word is put out that the students arrested by the fascists will be on trial at 11:45 AM at Mandela Quad.

11:45 AM - The trial is a rally. After the rally plans to take over a building are put to work. There is a march to the Career Placement Center.

1:00 PM - Building takeover of Career Placement Center protesting its assistance in recruitment for corporations doing business in South Africa.

2:00 PM - Alan Yarnell Vice Chancellor announces that it's an unlawful assembly. The police announce they will be arresting those people sitting-in for trespassing.

24 people arrested.

The arrested students are put into vans. Outside the crowd of 1500 (by police estimates) protest the arrests. Two-hundred people sit down around the vans. The police then formed a wedge and cleared the way for the vans. The police picked up people and threw them to the side and soon started randomly swinging nightsticks. People regardless of their involvement were beaten.

The police by starting such a violent confrontation, met with resistance. The protesters blockaded the path of the vans with objects besides their own bleeding bodies. Among those items in the road were: a burning trash dumpster, a truck moved into position across the road. The police vans attempted to find alternative routes out of the campus but at each attempt were met with crowds.

After the demonstration and police craziness, one more demonstrator was arrested for felony assault bringing the total arrests to twenty-five. Three cops were injured, one sprained his ankle, the two others were injured by being hit by the police vans from behind. No police were injured by any protesters--only by their own incompetence produced by their rabid nature.

At the jail, people were trying to post bail at 11PM, but no one was released until 5:30 AM on the 24th. Most didn't get out of the jail until 11:30AM. The injustice system at work again.

UCLA continued.

Three cheers for UCLA. The April 9th Regents' Investment meeting was shut down. A shanty was put in front of the student store and accompanying it was a wave of police brutality, but no arrests.

Now--Still standing in a shanty in front of the student store. Right On! Each day the collection of signatures in support on a petition supporting the shanties grows, 1500 signatures with more to come.

The students at UCLA are filing a class action suit against the UC. More word on this as it develops.

This week - Students plan to demonstrate at banks in Westwood to protest the banks who participate in Apartheid by pouring our money into Botha's pockets.

Thursday, April 17 -

UCSD

Two-hundred students rally against apartheid. Twenty-two students sit-in at the Career Placement Center. Police remove the demonstrators, many of whom go limp. No arrests.

University of Wisconsin at Madison

Capitol Shantytown arrests -

April 4 - Three shantytowns established on the capitol lawn.

April 5 & 6 - Twenty protesters arrested in attempts to establish and maintain a shantytown presence.

April 7 - Shantytowns remain.

April 17 - 250 protesters march to capitol to condemn U.S. bombings in Libya.

University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia

Tuesday, April 8 - Students construct shanties on the college green.

Wednesday, April 9 - Eight students occupied the office of University President Sheldon Hackney, forcing him to call the University's Executive Board of Trustees and demand that they readdress the divestment issue.

Friday, April 11 - Protesters stage a die-in at a trustees meeting.

University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana

Tuesday, April 8 - Shanty built on campus.

Thursday, April 10 - A protest at a trustee meeting resulted in sixty arrests.

Saturday, April 12 - Shanty taken down by protesters after threatened with expulsion by the administration. Seven activists from Madison went to show solidarity and provide support against administration strong arm tactics.

**REBUILD THE SHANTYTOWN!**