In solidarity with the Free South Africa Movement, the Portland chapter of the National Black United Front and Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom (POSAF) have called for a series of demonstrations beginning the week of December 10th at 12 noon in front of the Dayton Building, 838 SW 1st, location of the South African consulate.

The focus of the protest will be twofold: First, to call attention to political detainees in South Africa, one of whom was a high school exchange student, Kate Philip, who attended three Portland area schools. To date she has been released and our last report was that she spoke publicly in Durban, South Africa, making her subject to arrest once again. Since August of 1984, some 4300 persons have been arrested under sections 28 and 29 of the Internal Security Act, which provides for preventive detention in solitary confinement and indefinite detention for the purpose of interrogation. In referring to the arrests, a spokesman for the South African Council of Churches has stated, "We must view this in a very serious light. The threat now directed to Dr. Allan Boesak, an outspoken critic of the apartheid policy of the government, must be seen as a threat to
Bishop Desmond Tutu, or Archbishop Denis Hurley, or to any other person at all..."

We are also calling for the closing of the South African honorary consulate here in Portland. We cannot allow any agent to represent the government of South Africa in the State of Oregon until apartheid is abolished.

We therefore ask that all freedom loving Oregonians sever ties with our South African connections by closing the South African honorary consulate, divesting Oregon public funds, discontinuing the sale of South African Kruggerands, supporting the cultural boycott of artists and entertainers who have gone to South Africa, and calling for a work stoppage at the Port of Portland as related to all goods being shipped to South Africa. Can we in good conscience welcome people to a state that is known to have ties with South Africa?

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