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THE BAY AREA FREE SOUTH AFRICA MOVEMENT AND THE PEACE NAVY JOINTLY DECLARE ON THIS DATE, AUGUST 6, 1985 THE PORTS OF OAKLAND AND SAN FRANCISCO APARTHEID FREE PORTS WITHIN THESE UNITED STATES. WE CHOOSE ON THIS DATE, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA, TO MAKE SUCH DECLARATION WITH THE PRAYER THAT OUR ACTION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PREVENTING THE CONTINUATION OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

WE THEREFORE REQUEST/DEMAND THAT THE PORT AUTHORITIES OF THE CITIES OF OAKLAND AND SAN FRANCISCO RESPECT THE APARTHEID FREE STATUS OF THESE PORTS BY REFUSING ENTRY/EXIT TO ANY AND ALL SHIPS CARRYING PARTIAL OR FULL CARGO FROM THE OUTLAW NATION OF SOUTH AFRICA. ON AUGUST 7, 1985 AT 5 P.M. AND THEREAFTER THE BAY AREA FREE SOUTH AFRICA MOVEMENT AND THE PEACE NAVY WILL NONVIOLENTLY BLOCKADE SHIPS CARRYING SOUTH AFRICAN CARGO FROM DOCKING AND UNLOADING CARGO IN THESE TWO PORTS. WE ARE MORALLY FORCED TO TAKE THIS ACTION ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT TRADE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE BAY AREA AS THE LEVEL OF SOUTH AFRICAN ATROCITIES ESCALATES ON A DAILY BASIS. WE ISSUE A CALL FOR FRIENDS IN PORTLAND, SEATTLE, AND LOS ANGELES TO JOIN IN THIS BLOCKADE.

EMBARGO SOUTH AFRICA/NOT NICARAGUA!