STOP THE APARTHEID RUGBY TOUR

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African National Congress of South Africa • Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania • South-west African People’s Organization

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FROM THE SART STEERING COMMITTEE

That the work of SART in opposing the Rugby Tour was a tremendous success in that we, along with others opposed to the Springbok tour, educated millions of American people around the nature of apartheid, and how South Africa uses the sports issue to their advantage; in that we forced 3 matches - in New York City, Rochester and Chicago - to be cancelled outright, while 2 of the matches that were eventually played were done so in virtual secrecy; in that we forced the issue of the tour and apartheid itself to be debated across the country, including in the national media and even in Congress itself.

That as the SART coalition came together to struggle against the Springbok Rugby Tour, and as that tour is now over, there is no longer a reason for SART - as such - to continue.

But that while the Springbok tour is over, the system of apartheid still oppresses millions throughout Southern Africa, the people of Namibia still do not have the right of self-determination, and the US government is steadily drawing closer to apartheid South Africa, as its recent veto in the Security Council and its issuance of visas to the Springboks very clearly shows. The arrests of the 9 activists in Albany, and the fact that 4 of them, including Mike Young, a co-convener of New York SART, were held in preventive detention for over 72 hours, was an obvious attempt by the state to sabotage opposition to the tour.

The Steering Committee of SART calls for the formation of a SART Defense Committee to take up the defense of the people arrested and illegally held without bail in Albany. Our view is that this defense work should be put in the context of the overall struggle against racist apartheid South Africa and the exposure of the US government's closer collaboration with that racist state. We urge all SART members to become active in the defense effort.

Endorsers (partial list):

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