TODAY IS NATIONAL DIVESTMENT PROTEST DAY. THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IBM HAS CLOSED IT'S EXECUTIVE OFFICES.

COULD IT BE THAT IBM IS TRYING TO HIDE IT'S HANDS DIRTIED BY IMMORAL INVOLVEMENT IN BLOODY SOUTH AFRICA?

TODAY, WE DEMAND THAT IBM REMOVE IT'S INVESTMENTS FROM THE OPPRESSIVE APARTHEID REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA.

"More than any other single technological advancement, the computer has fostered the concentration of administrative power in the hands of South African's white elite." (Automating Apartheid) IBM, one of the twelve largest multinational corporations operating in South Africa, helps build Apartheid by supplying the South African Interior Department with computers. One function of these computers is to classify race. Race classification is the main system underlining apartheid.

"Since 1970, South Africa's Department of Interior has relied of IBM hardware for it's portion of computerized registry." (Automating Apartheid) Presently, the IBM 370 and 158 miniframe computers are used by the department. These systems contain an immense amount of details about seven million South Africans. These details stored by the computers, are used for the police and military services, contributing to the deaths of black South Africans. IBM insists that it is politically neutral and claims that it won't do business when its equipment will be used for repressive purposes." (Automating Apartheid)

Yet in actuality, IBM's actions are no less than criminal as they are involved with one of the most repressive regimes ever.

In 1976, IBM's Vice President, Gilbert Jones, said, "It is beyond me to believe that the South African government is going to buy your computers and allow you to stay in South Africa if you don't deal with the government."

This statement clarifies IBM's motives for involvement in South Africa. IBM IS MORE CONCERNED WITH IT'S OWN ECONOMIC PROFIT THAN THEY ARE WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE LIVES OF SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS.

IT IS OUR MORAL DUTY TO OPPOSE IBM'S INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS OUR MORAL DUTY TO OPPOSE ALL ECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. PLEASE JOIN US, AS WE JOIN THOUSANDS OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS, IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS HAVE REPEATEDLY URGED US TO CONTROL CORPORATIONS, LIKE IBM, THAT BUILD APARTHEID.

THEIR VOICES ARE THE VOICES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, LET'S ALL SPEAK OUT AND STOP APARTHEID ... NOW!

(Automating Apartheid is available from the American Friends Service Committee.)