
WHEREAS, the minority, white South African Government maintains its apartheid (segregation) system over the majority (87%) of non-white Africans through force, violence, fraud and terror; and

WHEREAS, American financial and industrial investments in that South African government serve only to strengthen and to perpetuate minority, apartheid rule; and

WHEREAS, the South African government has been condemned repeatedly by a majority of the countries which constitute the United Nations organization; and

WHEREAS, the recent South African police killing of hundreds and injuring of thousands of adults and school children in the black ghetto complex of Soweto and throughout South Africa are the predictable outgrowth of apartheid; and

WHEREAS, surveillance and control of black South Africans is made highly effective through modern technological equipment supplied by certain American industrial corporations; and

WHEREAS, South Africa continues to illegally occupy Namibia (South West Africa) in spite of World Court decisions to the contrary and continues as the sole supplier of war material to the illegal regime in Rhodesia; and

WHEREAS, the presence of these American corporations (and others), in perpetuating apartheid, also assists in perpetuating starvation wages for black South Africans and thus feeds the explosive tensions that are sweeping South Africa; and

WHEREAS, American corporations investing in South Africa have voluntarily taken advantage of the racial system of job discrimination and low wages, including the following:
- 80% of African workers earn less than the Poverty Datum Line, defined by the white government as the bare family subsistence level;
- African strikes, collective bargaining, and absence from work without due cause are all prohibited by law;
- Africans cannot hold supervisory positions above whites by law;
- Wage ratios of whites to blacks range from 5:1 in manufacturing to 15:1 in mining; and

WHEREAS, many American corporations have increased their investments rapidly in recent years as repression increased and in spite of pleas from the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity, and many world leaders for the American people to end this economic support of the South African apartheid system; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 29,355 of Madison Common Council, adopted June 29, 1976, urges use of economic means to seek change in South Africa;

Be it resolved that:

1) The City of Madison provide for public inspection a list of all corporations having economic interests in South Africa with which the city has contracts currently in force. "Economic interests" are here defined as including a) direct investment, b) licensing and leasing agreements, and c) the operation of sales outlets in the Republic of South Africa;
2) The City of Madison and public corporations under the jurisdiction of the City seek to award contracts and purchase agreements to companies which have chosen not to develop economic interests in the Republic of South Africa and are not sales agents for goods and services from South Africa;

3) The City of Madison attach to all contracts, correspondence, and written exchanges with corporations which have economic interests in South Africa the following paragraph under the Mayor's signature:

"The City of Madison wishes to express its grave concern about your company's policy of developing economic interests in the Republic of South Africa and its apartheid system. The great moral issue involved is forcing us to seek alternative suppliers for this product or service in future transactions.

Respectfully,
Mayor of the City of Madison."

4) These provisions shall expire automatically at the time that the Organization of African Unity recognizes the formation of a legitimate representative government in the Republic of South Africa.