

ANC Unbanned! Free Nelson Mandela!

Celebrate!

Saturday, February 24 7:30 - 11:00PM

Malcolm X College

1900 W. Van Buren

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ANC Rep. Tells Chicago, "This is your Victory Too!"

Ms. Lindiwe Mabuza, Chief Representative of the African National Congress to the United States brought greetings from ANC leadership to anti-apartheid activists in Chicago at a reception on January 27th. She thanked us for our efforts over the years, noting that international economic pressures have indeed brought the deKlerk regime to a crossroads. She speculated that jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela would indeed be released and that we in Chicago should share in this victory. However, she reminded us that the struggle will not end until South Africa achieves true democracy: one person - one vote.

She noted that although deKlerk is being credited with unprecedented reform measures, he is actually only "blessing the results of defiance" The ANC has been "unbanned" by the people who have been displaying ANC flags and logos for many months. Petty apartheid laws have become unenforceable. Nelson Mandela is dictating the conditions of his own release. The only alternative available to the South African government is violent crackdown, something the international community with its threats of even stronger sanctions has made an unacceptable alternative.

As of this writing, Nelson Mandela is still in prison! We demand satisfaction of his conditions for release: to free all political prisoners and to completely lift the State of Emergency. Until these conditions are met, political activity by unbanned organizations is threatened and negotiations cannot begin. We must intensify our campaign for U.S. sanctions until deKlerk drops his "group rights" bottom line in favor of majority rule democracy. Indeed, democracy is the bottom line for the ANC and South Africa's anti-apartheid movement.



1990 Walkathon to Aid Mozambique

Prexy Nesbitt to Address March 4th Meeting

CCISSA, Church World Service and the Chicago Mozambique Support Network have agreed to sponsor the June 16, 1990 Soweto Day Walkathon to benefit victims of the South African backed rebel war against Mozambique. With South Africa's support, the Mozambique National Resistance, known as Renamo, has killed over 100,000 people since 1982, disrupted food production and attacked famine relief convoys.

Church World Service will send half of the Walkathon proceeds to the Christian Council of Mozambique which provides materi-

al aid to refugees displaced by the rebel war. CCISSA and MSN-Chicago will send half of the proceeds to the Organization of Mozambiquan Women which promotes the participation of women at all levels of society, supports health and literacy programs, provides temporary housing for people displaced by the war and develops programs aimed at helping war-traumatized children lead normal lives again. Last year, the Walkathon raised over \$12,000 for aid to political detainees inside South Africa.

We will begin outreach for the 1990 Walkathon with an education-

al program on March 4th, 6 PM, at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington, Chicago. We are pleased that Prexy Nesbitt, consultant to the government of Mozambique, will address the meeting. We will also have displayed available educational materials and videos on Mozambique. We also have a number of very knowledgeable speakers who can come to your church, union or organization. If you are interested in learning more about Mozambique and the Walkathon, we urge you to attend this March 4th meeting.

South African Activist Visits Chicago

Joseph Nkuana was the featured guest at a November 10th reception hosted by the Mozambique Support Network and CCISSA. Nkuana, a leader of the South African Youth Congress, traveled to Chicago and other U.S. cities to meet with supporters of the Mass Democratic Movement.

Nkuana was one of those detained in South Africa under the emergency restrictions, and he was among the hunger strikers who brought worldwide attention to South Africa's jails in early 1989. Like many resistance leaders, Nkuana was "restricted" after his release but chose to ignore the restrictions as part of the defiance campaign.

"The people have forced the government into retreat," declared Nkuana, explaining recent changes in Pretoria's approach to the movement. "The ANC has been unbanned by the people of South Africa, not by President de Klerk...the apartheid system is in power, but they are not in control of most of our people."

Nkuana spoke strongly in favor of a South Africa united across racial and tribal lines. "We don't want to live as groups, but as equal people in our own country. The govern-

ment is saying that the people of South Africa are divided, yet it is that very same government which is dividing us." The police arrest Xhosas who travel to Zulu areas, for example, in an unsuccessful attempt to isolate the resistance.

However, the South African police are divided, Nkuana told his listeners. The police refused to shoot young whites involved in the End Conscription Campaign, and a few have publicly criticized police officials.

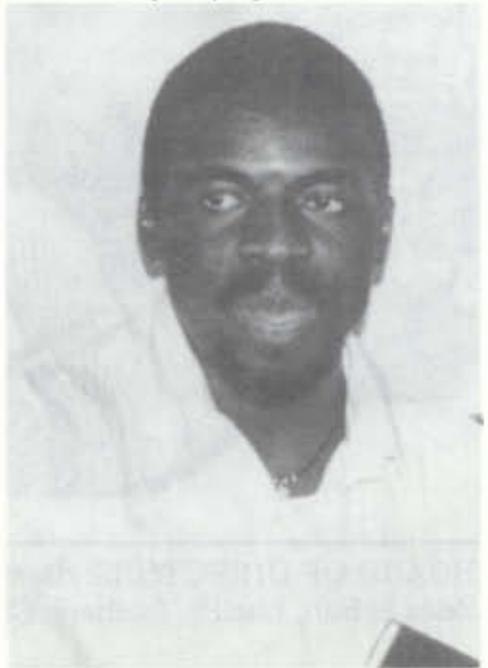
"The government told the police, 'You can no longer shoot the people' after the police stopped on their own accord," said Nkuana. Still, some anti-government protests have been met by police violence. "The apartheid regime is bent on killing our people."

Nkuana said there are 80 political prisoners awaiting execution on South Africa's death row. Thirteen political prisoners were hanged in the first few months of de Klerk's regime. Nkuana estimated that about 3,500 political prisoners are still behind bars.

Nkuana reminded his listeners that de Klerk can lift the state of emergency by himself. Although de Klerk is lauded as a "moderate" by

the media, Nkuana noted that de Klerk had served in the apartheid parliament for over 20 years and still maintains that there will be no majority rule in his lifetime.

Nkuana spoke of the importance of international pressure on Pretoria, and felt that the economic sanctions are weakening the South African government. Nkuana was asked about the harmful effects sanctions might have on the people they are meant to help. "If sanctions hurt," Nkuana replied, "apartheid kills."



Chicago Sings Out Against Apartheid



250 Chicagoans gathered to SING OUT AGAINST APARTHEID on Dr. Martin Luther King Day in front of the South African Consulate. Singing songs from the Civil Rights Movement the "choir" remembered King and his 1965 call for a "swift and unstinting" response to apartheid. The second annual Sing Out was organized by Synapses and co-sponsored by CCISSA and Chicago Mozambique Support Network.

ILNAA Hosts NGUBO

On January 6 and 7, the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid (ILNAA) hosted a visit to Chicago by Nomonde Ngubo, International Representative of the United Mine Workers of America and a founding member of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUMSA), the largest union in South Africa.

Ms. Ngubo participated in an educational program for the ILNAA Steering Committee and emphasized the importance of the recent Conference for a Democratic Future held in South Africa on December 9th. Over 2000 anti-apartheid organizations from all over the country participated in the meeting including the Congress of South African Trade Unions. The Conference called for increased international pressure especially in the area of economic sanctions and loans to South Africa. Ms. Ngubo also spoke

about the continued disinformation in the U.S. media around southern and South African issues. She called for a renewed effort on the part of unions and anti-apartheid organizations to counter this type of press disinformation.

While in Chicago, Ms. Ngubo also spoke at a rally hosted by United Auto Workers Local 551. About 150 people attended and were presented not only with Ms. Ngubo's rousing speech but also with her singing of South African workers' songs, U.S. labor songs, and her dancing a Zulu dance. She was accompanied by ILLNA's Ron Bowden of AFSCME and Michael Elliott of UAW with AFSCME's Alan Schwartz on guitar. Cultural activity is an integral of the struggle inside South Africa and the Chicago labor gathering was inspired by this spirit.

ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP - CHICAGO'S FUTURE SISTER COMMUNITY?

Alexandra Township, a poor community of 200,000 people next to one of Johannesburg's wealthiest suburbs, is a target of government efforts to remove or radically reshape it. Alexandra's militant resistance to apartheid has put it at the top of a list of thirteen "oil spots" - the name the government gives to sources of the revolutionary movement.

The people in Alexandra share the goals of many struggling communities here in Chicago: open and affordable housing, improved public services, employment, and community control. They have waged a number of key battles in recent years, most centering around the role of the Alexandra Civic Organization (ACO) and its president, leading trade unionist Moses Mayekiso.

Community organizing in Alexandra goes hand-in-hand with their struggle against the apartheid regime. "Strengthening ACO and other community structures will also strengthen the Mass Democratic Movement," said ACO's Obed Bapela in a recent issue of the Weekly Mail.

People in Alexandra would like Chicagoans to join their struggle, by working with the United States-South Africa Sister Community Project to establish a local support committee. To learn more, contact Joan Gerig at (312) 421-5513, or leave a message at the CCISSA office, (312) 427-9868.



Anti-Apartheid Calendar

FEBRUARY 10 INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK Come and hear what's happening in Mozambique. 7 PM - 616 S. Scoville, Oak Park. Call 383-4330.

FEBRUARY 17 CHANGING COURSE OF PLANET EARTH: Justice for People in Partnership with the Earth: featuring Dr. Sandra Steingraber, Environmentalist, Food First Institute; York High School, Elmhurst; 9 AM - 4:30 PM. \$5 fee includes lunch. Call Church World Service 708-953-2767.

FEBRUARY 23 HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP Mozambique Support Network and coordinator Lisa January will conduct a workshop at the Museum of Science and Industry from 1 to 4 PM on "How Life is for Students in Southern Africa". A 30 minute film "Mozambique: Riding Out the Storm" will be viewed.

FEBRUARY 24 FREE! NELSON MANDELA! CELEBRATION 7:30-11:00 PM; Malcolm X College 1900 W. Van Buren, Chicago Live Music, Cash Bar and African Food; TICKETS \$5.00. For more information call CCISSA 312-427-9868.

MARCH 4 DEFEND MOZAMBIQUE/DEFEAT APARTHEID Educational on Mozambique and information on the June 16th Soweto Walkathon; 6 PM; Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington, Chicago. Call CCISSA: 312-427-9868.

JUNE 16 SOWETO DAY WALKATHON 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) walk to benefit victims of South Africa's war against neighboring Mozambique. For more information call CCISSA 312-427-9868.

CHICAGO SANCTIONS HEARING SET

Two legislative measures have recently been introduced in Chicago's City Council calling for stronger sanctions against South Africa at both federal and local levels. The measures were introduced by Alderman Helen Shiller and co-sponsored by over 30 Aldermen.

The first measure is a resolution memorializing (urging) the U.S. Congress to increase economic sanctions and to take other appropriate action to isolate and pressure South Africa until apartheid is ended. A public hearing on this resolution is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 10 AM on the second floor of Chicago City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St.

The second measure is an ordinance calling for public hearings to assess compliance with the 1985 Chicago ordinance which prohibits firms doing business with South Africa from receiving certain considerations from the city. The hearings would also ascertain if changes or expansion in scope of the existing regulations should be made. This ordinance was referred to the Finance Committee which is chaired by Alderman Ed Burke. Call 744-3380 to urge him to schedule hearings on this ordinance.

CCISSA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Support CCISSA's anti-apartheid campaign by joining CCISSA or renewing your membership. A \$10.00 membership will keep you on our mailing list but an additional contribution will make it possible for CCISSA to expand its educational resources and to reach out to more people in the coming year. Please consider joining CCISSA's Amandla Club, a group of very special friends who contribute \$100.00 or more per year. Some Amandla Club members make a single contribution while others make monthly payments.

CCISSA really needs your support and involvement to keep our campaign going. Please be generous! Thank you in advance for your support of our mutual struggle to end apartheid.

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_____ Additional contribution
to CCISSA enclosed.

I WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN:
_____ CCISSA educational work
_____ Sister Community Project
_____ Soweto Day Walkathon

_____ I would like to join the AMANDLA Club
_____ contribution enclosed _____ pledge per month.