South African Politics & Culture:
DuSable Hosts Dialogue
October 23–24

Chicago's anti-apartheid movement is joining with the DuSable Museum of African American History to present "Amandla! South Africa at the Crossroads" on October 23 and 24 at the DuSable Museum. The museum is located at 740 E. 56th Place. The event is organized around the photographic exhibit "Why Are They Weeping? South Africans under Apartheid" which documents one of the most violent periods in South Africa's history through the color photography of David C. Turnley, currently on display at the museum. All are encouraged to attend!

AMANDLA! SOUTH AFRICA AT THE CROSSROADS
Friday, October 23, 1992
A Night of Cultural Expression

7:00 p.m.  Reception with Music and Book Fair

7:30 p.m.  Welcome and Introduction
Dr. Gwendolyn Keita Robinson
Executive Director, DuSable Museum

7:45 p.m.  Keynote Speaker
Lindiwe Mabuza, Official African National Congress Representative to the United States

8:30 p.m.  Poetry Readings
Sterling Plump, University of Illinois-Chicago
Sandra Jackson-Opoku

South African Music
Ndkho Xaba and Nomusa

Poetry Readings
Keorapetse Kgositsile, Vice President,
South African Writers Union
Lindiwe Mabuza, ANC
Calvin Forbes, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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1992 Walkathon Raises $7000 for Women in Southern Africa

The 1992 Soweto Day Walkathon which was held on June 13th raised over $7000 to aid women in Southern Africa. Once again this year, the Walkathon, sponsored by CCISSA and Church World Service, was held on Chicago's west side beginning and ending at Malcolm X College.

Walkathon proceeds will be split between the Christian Council of Mozambique for their work with refugees and women's projects of the Alexandra Civic Organization, Chicago's sister community in South Africa.

Many thanks to all who served on the Walkathon organizing committees, to those who walked and to those who made financial contributions to this important cause. A special thank you to Malcolm X College for hosting the Walkathon registration, to the United Church of the Medical Center for providing a rest stop, and to the Strube Celery and Vegetable Co. for donating apples for walkers.

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No Chicago Support for Apartheid!

This summer, Chicago witnessed a number of events which were sponsored and promoted by the South African government. These events included a fundraiser and speaking tour by Mangosutho Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, in support of joint sponsorship of an art exhibition by Chicago's South African consulate, the Harold Washington Library, and other Chicago institutions, and South African consulate sponsorship of a luncheon organized by Chicagoans for a group of visiting South African women. Recently, anti-apartheid activists were invited by the South African Consulate to meet with members of the apartheid parliament.

CCISSA and other Chicago anti-apartheid organizations protested the involvement of the South African government and its agents and from taking money for sponsorship of local events from the deep pockets of the racist apartheid regime. We must hold the line on local sanctions until an interim government is established in South Africa and we support Nelson Mandela's call for an international peacekeeping force to stop the violence in South Africa. The struggle continues!

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Saturday, October 24, 1992
Community Educational Forum

9:00 a.m. Opening
Dr. Lisa Brock, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Politics and Aesthetics: The Changing Role of the Artists in South Africa
Chair: Dr. Danille Taylor-Guthrie, Indiana University Northwest
Panelists: Lindiwe Mabuza, ANC
Kgositsile, South African Writer's Union
Asha Walidah, Photojournalist, Detroit

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (International lunch for sale at Museum)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Current Impasse: Violence, Negotiations and the Constitution
Chair: Cheryl Harris, Co-Chair, National Conf. of Black Lawyers
Panelists: Rev. Molefe Tsele, South African Minister
Harold Rogers, Professor of Black Studies, Trade Unionist

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Anti-Apartheid Movement: Past, Present and Future
Chair: Dr. Barbara Ransby, DePaul University
Panelists: Roderick Johnson, Student Activist, University of Michigan
Prexy Nthusi, Mozambique Solidarity Office
Dr. Cheryl Johnson, Free So. Africa Movement, Loyola University

5:30 p.m. Closing Remarks
Basil Clunie, Chicago Comm. in Solidarity with Southern Africa

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SR 301—The LEAST We Can Do

In May, Senator Paul Simon introduced Senate Resolution 301 which condemns apartheid's violence and calls upon the South African Government to take immediate steps to end it. SR 301 directs President Bush to investigate the nature of the violence and its impact on South Africa's transition to democracy. The resolution stops short of ANC leader Nelson Mandela's call for an international peacekeeping force to end the violence in South Africa's townships.

In spite of reports of increased violence in South Africa's townships, the American Committee on Africa (ACOA) in New York reports that it took several weeks of campaigning to get even this resolution introduced due to the general feeling across the country that apartheid is dead. The turning point came when the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law brought from South Africa Moses Mayekiso, General Secretary of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa to brief key senators and senior staff members. Mayekiso is also the President of the Alexandra Civic Organization, Chicago's sister community in South Africa.

The ACOA reports that 25% of the Senate have signed on to the resolution. However, Senator Alan Dixon still has not agreed to sponsor of this legislation. Please contact Senator Dixon and ask him to sign on as a sponsor of Senate Bill 301 or at least to vote in favor of this bill when it comes before the Senate. In light of President Bush's lack of response to the violence, passing this relatively weak bill is the very least we can do.

Senator Alan Dixon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20501
Reflections on the Struggle

by Mzwanele Mayekiso

In this article reprinted from AFRICA SOUTH, civics activist Mzwanele Mayekiso says goodbye to South Africa for a while and looks at the state of the nation he leaves behind. Mzwanele is Organizing Officer of the Alexandra Civic Organization and author of a forthcoming Raven Press book "Civic Struggles for a New South Africa."

I am leaving South Africa, and I won't be alone. Many people, white and black, are throwing up their hands. White South Africans are taking the "chicken run" abroad, or just retreating behind larger physical and psychological walls. Either way, it can't be the right response.

I'm leaving the country but not the struggle for democracy and development. For nine months I'll be studying in New York, then I'll return to my job as an organizer in Alexandra township.

I am leaving at a time when some worry that we in the democratic movement under fierce attack from the state and its Inkatha agents, are now fatally locked in the embrace of the regime as South Africa tumbles over the abyss.

The state has been implicated in more than 6,000 killings since February 1990. Recent press reports paint a grisly picture of South Africa in the wake of the Boipatong funeral, where "One settler, one bullet" becomes not just a slogan, but a formula for politics. In fact, some assert that the post-Boipatong phase of politics is also post-nonracial.

This township activist at least, believes they are wrong. White South Africans in particular need not fear that Boipatong was a watershed of that kind.

Certainly, whites today are seen as largely lacking any comprehension of, or compassion for, township suffering. Certainly, the Vaal remains dangerous for whites (and many others who are just passing through). But this does not mean that the basic political position of the democratic movement is changing.

Progressive blacks - today as always - know the problem is the apartheid system, not individuals of a particular color who benefit from it. Non-racialism is cherished in the hearts of most blacks. "One settler, one bullet" remains simply an obscene remark hurled at passing whites by a lunatic fringe lacking political education. It is not the ideology of the townships.

City Press recently carried the story of Sipho Dhlomo, a young white ANC member who changed his name after disowning his family. His warm acceptance in the turbulent Vaal challenges that alleged anti-white anger.

Nevertheless, something larger is changing. Boipatong has dramatically shifted the political mood. There is increased determination and militancy among the people. For those who want to see an end to violence, that should be good news, not bad. There should be whites in their thousands (not tens) joining us in funerals at Boipatong and at peaceful mass actions aimed at destroying apartheid and its legacies.

Many in the township have long been asking what in god's name were the now suspended negotiations were for? Since 2 February 1990, nothing has improved for the residents of Alexandra. We have seen unprecedented killings in the Reef townships. What we have not seen is any progress on sharing the country's wealth.

More disturbingly, Inkatha agents of the government are committing genocides against their sisters and brothers.

The ANC has suspended CODESA negotiations with a partner who, in my view, never took them seriously. DeKlerk was reacting to the unrelenting anti-apartheid pressure of grassroots activists and ordinary people, to the international community's resolve and to the economic losses experienced by the system every day. He needed breathing space and that was why he engaged in what trade unionists call "surface bargaining".

DeKlerk is only PWV in a new coat - a claim of many comrades ignored until people of substance became convinced it was true. Now the media are finally taking it seriously. I always did because the security police of the PWV never stopped assassinating key activists capable of linking the bottoms to the top. Sam Ntule, Lloyd Mashele, (who died mysteriously in a car accident following attempts on his life) and many others have been murdered by apartheid or like Moses Mayekiso, still live in suspense as hit-list targets.

Recently, my younger brother Mzonke was (continued on page 4)

City Condemns Violence in South Africa

On May 20, 1992, the Chicago City Council passed a resolution condemning the escalation of violence in South Africa following a presentation featuring a recorded message from Nelson Mandela and a proclamation presented to Joseph Shabalala declaring May 20th "Ladysmith Black Mambazo Day" in Chicago. Shabalala's brother Headman was killed in December 1991 by right-wing vigilantes in South Africa.
Local Booksellers Send Books to Alex

Three local booksellers have donated children's books for Alexandra Township. The stores were approached by the Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project Education Committee for children's books which were delivered to Alex in September by committee chairperson Joan Gerig. Over 100 new and used books were presented as a symbol of the Committee's efforts to establish a community library for Alexandra. Many thanks to The Children's Bookstore, Women and Children First and the Seminary Coop and many generous individuals for their donations.

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awakened by sinister visitors, probably plain-clothes security policy, who came to our Alexandra room at 2 a.m.
Lately the next afternoon, five policemen came again searching for guns. They pulled the room apart to the point that my brother's condoms were openly stolen from the wardrobe. A visiting witness was rudely treated - relieved of his ANC membership card, he left in a hurry.

One cop looked at my Mandela poster and snorted, "Wie is die poes?" (Who is this —). Finally they left with only the condoms as booty, remarking "These activists will never see the freedom they are fighting for."

This kind of thing happens every day to township activists. Why? What will this country be like when I return?

Instead of the white cops at 2 a.m., will more of the privileged visit our homes, learn our languages, try to understand our needs and aspirations without stereotyping and join us in our struggles for equitable development? Only if whites listen carefully to township voices will they learn to value sentiments that today just seem frightening and incomprehensible.

Join CCISSA

You can support the work of CCISSA, the Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project and Chicago's sister community in South Africa, the Alexandra Civic Organization by joining CCISSA. We would welcome you to the Amandla Club with a contribution of $100.00 or more per year. With a contribution of $25.00 or more, you can become a member of both CCISSA and the Alexandra Civic Organization and receive an ACO membership card. A $10.00 CCISSA membership contribution will keep you on the CCISSA mailing list and help support our 1992 anti-apartheid campaign. Please show your support by sending your contribution today.

Anti-Apartheid Calendar

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<td>November 9</td>
<td>THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA TODAY with anti-apartheid activists Dr. Wolfram Kistner and Mudzunga Regina Farisani. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55th St. Sponsored by the Southern Africa Network-ELCA. For information (312) 421-5513.</td>
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<td>November 13-15</td>
<td>NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR A NEW SOUTH AFRICA, Riverside Church, New York. For more information contact Carol Thompson 312-327-0545</td>
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____ Additional Contribution

I would like to get involved in the Sister Community Project:

____ General
____ Media Committee
____ Housing Committee
____ Education
____ Health Committee