Nelson Mandela will visit Chicago on July 6th and 7th. The primary purpose of this visit to the United States will be to raise funds for the African National Congress. The trip is being organized by Lindewae Mabuza, the ANC’s Chief Representative to the United States, based in Washington D.C. Local arrangements have been spearheaded by Harold Rogers of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid. Mandela will travel to Chicago following the presentation of the “U.S. Liberty Medal” to both Mandela and South African President F.W. de Klerk in Philadelphia on July 4th. Other cities on the tour include Washington D.C., New York, Los Angeles, and Indianapolis, where Mandela will attend the NAACP convention.

Due to serious security concerns following the assassination of Chris Hani, as well as concerns for Mr. Mandela’s health, organizers have planned only a limited number of public events during Mandela’s short stay in Chicago. Due to the very late confirmation of Mandela’s visit, we suggest that you contact the organizers of each individual event directly regarding the availability of tickets.

**SCHEDULE OF MANDELA FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, July 6**

**Noon**  Religious Luncheon  
Palmer House, 17 E. Monroe, Chicago  
Tickets: $100.00 per person  
Contact: Gwen Jordan, Community Renewal Society 312-427-4830

**6-8 PM**  Reception sponsored by Mayor Richard Daley  
Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State, Chicago  
Tickets: $100.00 per person  
Contact: Mayor’s Office for Special Events 312-744-3315

**Wednesday, July 7**

**Noon**  Corporate Luncheon sponsored by Sara Lee Corp.  
Private Luncheon

**5:30 PM**  Reception with Black Professionals  
Swissotel, 323 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago  
Tickets: $100.00 per person  
Contact: Bob Bennett 312-236-3309

**6:30-9 PM**  Labor Welcomes Nelson Mandela to Chicago  
Fundraising Rally for Democracy in South Africa  
Plumbers Hall  
1340 W. Washington, Chicago

Tickets available to participating unions

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SOUTH AFRICAN DEMOCRACY:
ROADBLOCKS ON THE WAY TO ELECTIONS

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April 27, 1994 has been set as the date for South Africa’s first non-racial elections.

Despite understandable optimism about the upcoming elections, there are many obstacles that still stand between the 20 million eligible voters and the ballot box. So, this may be a classic case where an election date is set to be broken later.

Here are some of the hurdles which still remain on the road to democracy:

NO GO AREAS: The ANC and the democratic movement point our that there are vast areas of South Africa in which they are not allowed to campaign. Not surprisingly, these so-called “no-go areas” are in the apartheid created homelands - KwaZulu, led by Gatsha Buthelezi; Bophutatswana under the repressive Lucas Mangope; and the Ciskei ruled by Oupa Gqozo. The ANC estimates that more that 5,000,000 people live in these areas, about one quarter of the total electorate. These are the people who continue to be denied their fundamental right to hear the views of the ANC and its allies before voting.

APARTHEID'S VIOLENCE: The pre-election control and accountability of the police and military is a very important issue. There is evidence from Judge Richard Goldstone and his commission on violence, among others that the police and military officers have been directly involved in fomenting apartheid’s violence which has claimed over 8,000 lives. There is fear throughout the country that this will not change, and the same forces that continue to terrorize people will be standing at the doors of the polling stations on election day.

GIVING UP POWER: There is also the question of Mr. de Klerk’s position as State President during the run up to the elections. Any process that would allow the apartheid leader to preside over an election that is supposed to get rid of him will raise further questions about fairness. The ANC has called for an installation of a Transitional Executive Council (TEC) to run the country, level the “playing field” and make sure that the voting process is free and fair. Although Mr. de Klerk has accepted the TEC in principal, he has yet to agree to give up power during the transition period.

VOTER REGISTRATION: It seems possible that there will be no voter registration before the election. Instead identity cards will be required at the polls. The ANC estimates that there are at least 5,000,000 black people who the government still has to issue with identity documents.

THE RIGHT TO VOTE: South Africa still operates under an apartheid constitution which makes it illegal for Mandela and the 30 million black people to vote. Before the election is held, the apartheid Parliament must meet, remove this last pillar of legalized racism from the statute books, and thereby vote for its own extinction.

CONCLUSION: When Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years in apartheid’s jails, he said that his main task would be to lead the ANC into negotiations aimed at bringing an end to the legalized and institutionalized apartheid system of racism. The convention for a Democratic South Africa, better known by its acronym CODESA, was born as a negotiating forum. Since then, CODESA has ballooned to include 26 parties, many of them creations of the Pretoria regime. The negotiations have involved a tortuous stop-and-start process that has dragged on for two years. A key problem has been the deliberate intransigence of Mr. de Klerk and his CODESA homeland allies, who have either failed to keep agreements and promises they made during the negotiations or produced other outrageous demands they knew could not be easily met.

CHICAGO-ALEXANDRA SISTER
COMMUNITY PROJECT TO MEET ON JULY 18TH

In April 1990, the Chicago City Council passed a resolution linking Chicago with Alexandra, SA., where over 300,000 people live on two square kilometers of land in the township near Johannesburg. The community is largely unsupported by infrastructure, access to running water, electricity and paved roads is limited. The resolution recognizes the Alexandra Civic Organization as the representative of the residents of Alex and declares that Chicagoans support the ACO as it struggles to bring safe and clean living conditions to their community.

The Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project (CASC) works in dialogue with the ACO to provide technical and political assistance to their struggle. Current projects in the fields of health, education, housing and media are being explored. The sister community relationship is furthered through exchange visits. CASC hosted ACO President Moses Mayekiso in April and Chicagoans Toni Moore and Rachel Rubin have visited Alex this year. The 1993 Soweto Day Walkathon raised $10,000 for voter education in Alex.

The Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project meets monthly, generally on the second Sunday of each month, at the First Church of the Brethren, 425 S. Central Park in Chicago at 5:00 PM. The July meeting, however, will take place on Sunday, July 18th. Please join us and get involved in developing our program of direct support for the struggle against apartheid.
The 5th annual Soweto Day Walkathon raised $10,000 in pledges to support voter education in South Africa, surpassing Walkathon totals of recent years. The Walkathon was held on June 12th on Chicago's south side. Over 200 walkers stepped off from Trinity United Church of Christ following a spirited prayer service with words of encouragement from Trinity's Reverend Jeremiah Wright and South African activist, Reverend Molefe Tsele.

Along the 10 kilometer (6.2) mile route, walkers refreshed themselves at rest stops at the office of State Representative Monique Davis, Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers at 99th and Western and the Beverly Unitarian Church. At the end of the route, walkers were welcomed to Third Baptist Church by Reverend Ragland. A delightful lunch was provided by the Hospitality Ministry of Trinity United Church of Christ. Walkers were treated to a ride back to Trinity UCC by the Robinson Bus Co.

Joining a significant number of walkers from the many ministries of Trinity United Church of Christ, CCISSA and the Chicago Alexandra Sister Community Project were members of the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid (ILNAA), Third Baptist Church, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Synapses, The Chicago Council of Black Lawyers, IVI-IPO, and the Chicago Friends Meeting. ILNAA's Carl Shier of the United Auto Workers once again this year raised the largest number of pledges with $695.00. In honor of his accomplishment, Carl was given a beautiful amber bead necklace created by Lucille Graham for the walker with the highest pledges. Additional contributions may be sent to the Soweto Day Walkathon, c/o CCISSA, PO. Box 578066, Chicago, IL 60657.

Proceeds from the walk will be sent to the Alexandra Civic Organization, Chicago's sister community in South Africa. Voter education will be critical in the coming months leading up to the first democratic elections in South Africa's history. Elections are tentatively set for April 27th, 1994. While the funds will be transferred electronically to the ACO, CCISSA Board member Dr. Rachel Rubin will present the Walkathon totals along with some Walkathon t-shirts to the ACO leadership when she visits Alexandra Township in July.

CCISSA is proud to make this annual material aid contribution to the struggle against apartheid and CCISSA's Board of Directors sincerely thanks all those who worked so hard to make this year's Walkathon a success.

WALKATHON T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

A limited number of Soweto Day Walkathon T-shirts (sizes large and extra large) are available from CCISSA for $10.00 each. Proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts will be added to Walkathon funds sent to Alexandra Township. The bright yellow t-shirts feature the Walkathon logo in black and "1993 Soweto Day Walkathon" in green. Order your shirt today and it will be sent to you by return mail. Make your check out to CCISSA and send it to P.O. Box 578066, Chicago, IL 60657.

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Join CCISSA and the Southern Africa Response Network

CCISSA has initiated the Southern Africa Response Network to consolidate the Illinois anti-apartheid constituency into a solid, consistent voice for change in U.S. policy in southern Africa. The Network will communicate with President Clinton and our representatives to pressure the South African regime to curb township violence, halt land transfers and other moves designed to cripple a future democratic government. The network will work to end U.S. support for destabilization campaigns in South Africa and the frontline states. The network will also be activated on behalf of Chicago's sister community Alexandra Township in the struggle for decent housing, health and education for Alex residents.

CCISSA will work closely with the American Committee on Africa, Washington Office on Africa and TransAfrica in monitoring key legislation, hearings and issues that need our support. We expect the Network to be activated approximately once a month. Network members may choose to have Action Alerts sent to them for response or to have CCISSA send letters/mailgrams in their names with copies of communications sent to them.

Join CCISSA and become a part of this Response Network as we create a new era of U.S. policy toward southern Africa.

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PLEASE RETURN TO CCISSA, P.O. Box 578066 CHICAGO, IL 60657

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Enclosed is my check for:

☐ $25. CCISSA and Response Network Membership
☐ $10. CCISSA Membership
☐ Send Action Alerts to me
☐ Send letters in my name
☐ Walkathon Contribution
☐ $10. Walkathon T-Shirt
☐ I would like to get involved in the Sister Community Project.
☐ I am unable to make a contribution but would like to be on the mailing list.

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