February 23, 1979

Dear Friends,

The next meeting of the coalition will be on March 11, 1979 (a Sunday). Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, was chosen as the site of this meeting. Below is a suggested agenda submitted by Steve Nadel of the Champaign-Urbana Coalition against Apartheid. This meeting will perhaps be the last meeting before the National Week of Activities, therefore all campuses are encouraged to send their representatives.

In addition the Newsletter Task Force has set March 4 as a deadline for receiving campus reports to be printed in the next newsletter. Please keep reports short and send them as soon as possible.

Suggested Agenda:

10:30 Campus Reports (concentrating on recent actions and local projections for the Week of Actions)
12:00 Report on planning for city-wide event in Chicago
1:00 Lunch Break
2:00 Old Business (Distribution of Buttons and Posters for Week of Activities, further Press Releases, Reports of plans by other regional coalitions)
3:00 New Business (Newsletter, Finances etc.)

? Any Other Business

For further information on this upcoming coalition meeting contact the following in Champaign:

Steve Nadel (217) 384-2154
Bill/Alise Kessler (217) 359-7254
Dean McHenry (217) 344-8637

Enclosed is a map with directions for getting to Champaign.

Sincerely,

Newsletter Task Force

Orders for Button and Poster approved at the last meeting will be available at the March 11 meeting. Groups and individuals should fill out the blank below to order quantities on these materials and mail them to the Newsletter P.O. Box with payment. Also the Newsletter task force is requesting groups to put in orders for copies of the next newsletter.

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Minutes of Midwest Coalition Steering Committee Meeting of Feb. 4, 1979

Chair: Steve Nadel
Secretary: Peter Thierjung
Place: University of Chicago
Time Convened: 11:35 a.m.

1. Proposed agenda—approved
2. Reports from various campuses
3. Brief discussion of Bethal 18 and Vassar 10
4. Discussion of week of Actions:
   Special dates noted to build for week—February 21, Malcolm X; March 21, Sharpeville day; April 4, Martin Luther King; April 11, Arm Band Day
   Motion made to make a button, poster, and press release for week of actions.
   1. Proposed slogan for button—"U.S. OUT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA-DIVEST NOW"—approved Other proposals made—"VICTORY TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS"—defeated
   2. Poster slogans proposed—"U.S. OUT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA-DIVEST NOW" "SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA", and "NOT TO RACISM FROM THE UNITED STATES TO SOUTH AFRICA"
   Motion to amend second slogan to read: "VICTORY TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA"
   Motion with amendment approved.
   Task force assigned to get out poster: Peter Thierjung, Oliver, Gina Small, Ed Moor
3. Press release task force: Branda Franklin, Peter Thierjung, Dennis Brutus
5. Discussion of regional action during week of activities—It was decided to assign a task force to contact Chicago area anti-apartheid groups to initiate a planning meeting to call for an event in Chicago which other groups from the midwest could participate in. Other areas were also encouraged to initiate local activities.
   Task Force assigned: Ed Moor, Ellen Mark, Oliver, Gina Small, Peter Thierjung, Rumie Uno
6. Discussion of Newsletter finances—Budget passed around and groups reminded to make their $10.00 contribution
   Zip code correction for Newsletter—Correct Zip-60690
7. Next meeting—March 11, 1979 in Champaign-Urbana
8. Announcement of letter to be sent to campus groups from Northeast Coalition regarding political problems of the Northeast Coalition. Letter to be printed in next newsletter.