The Reagan Administration has moved swiftly to form an alliance with the minority white regime in South Africa; this alliance must be challenged. We urge you to form an anti-apartheid committee in your community to work on some of the following campaigns, linking them to local issues. Working with other groups and constituencies - women, peace, labor, church, and minorities - is essential to a successful campaign.

1. STATE/MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN: Organize citizens to support legislation to stop public monies and/or pension funds from being deposited or invested in banks and corporations which have invested in South Africa. Such funds should be invested in revitalizing our communities and creating new jobs. For more information and sample legislation contact groups listed at the end of this sheet.

2. BANK WITHDRAWAL CAMPAIGN: Organize local churches, unions, campus and community groups as well as individuals to withdraw their deposits from any local bank lending to South Africa until the bank adopts a public policy of no such loans. Mass withdrawals organized on a specific date (e.g. during the annual meeting) can publicly embarrass the bank and pressure it to change its policies. Information COBLSA.

3. DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGN: Churches and universities should be pressured to stop investing in corporations and banks which invest in or lend money to South Africa. Student/alumni committees can pressure the university administration to withdraw; local churches should pressure their church headquarters to withdraw. Information ACOA, ICCR, COBLSA, AFSC.

4. KRUGERRAND CAMPAIGN: If your local bank or coin dealer sells krugerrands, (South African gold coins), hold pickets and demonstrations or organize mass withdrawals of deposits until they agree to end such sales. Information ACOA.

5. NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS: People have fought long battles in this country for the right to vote. However, voting is only the first step in exercising your democratic rights. You also have to make sure your elected representatives really represent you. Calls, letters and telegrams from you and your friends can influence Congressional votes and encourage your representative to speak out on key issues. Important South African issues before Congress now include:

a) The Clark Amendment, which prohibits covert or overt U.S. military activity in Angola. Write your Congressperson immediately urging him or her to vote with the majority of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to retain the Clark Amendment.

b) The Gray Bill (HR3397), introduced by Congressman Gray (D-Pa) of the Black Caucus, would bar all new U.S. corporate investment in South Africa. Urge your Congressperson to co-sponsor and support this important piece of legislation.

c) Export controls currently restrict military-related exports to South Africa. Urge your representative to oppose Department of Commerce efforts to revise or loosen these controls. These controls should be maintained!

d) U.S. Contributions to a U.N. fund supporting legal defense of South African political prisoners are being eliminated by Reagan. Urge that this contribution be restored. Information IDAF, WOA.

Make South Africa a major 1982 election campaign issue. Demand that candidates oppose the Reagan Administration’s tilt toward the South African government if they want the votes of you and your friends.

6. MATERIAL AID CAMPAIGN: A concrete way to support the liberation effort in South Africa and Namibia is to collect needed items for shipment to their refugee camps in neighboring countries. Such campaigns allow you to involve large numbers of people, make the South Africa issue more visible locally, and can facilitate joint work by diverse groups - churches, community, campus groups and high schools. Shipping costs are quite expensive, even by sea, so some groups might collect needed items while others raise money for shipping costs. Alternatively, groups could send the proceeds from garage/book/cafe sales to refugee centers directly (by international money order).

7. PETITION CAMPAIGNS: These provide an ideal way to raise consciousness around Southern Africa issues. The Free Nelson Mandela campaign is currently gathering 100,000 signatures demanding the release of Mr. Mandela, an ANC leader serving a life sentence on Robben Island, the Alcatraz of South Africa. Other petition campaigns could protest the Reagan Administration’s growing alliance with the racist South African Government.

8. MEDIA WATCH CAMPAIGN: Write letters to or call up newspaper/TV/radio editors and newscasters protesting incorrect or biased stories or editorials on South Africa. Praise well-done stories or editors and newscasters protesting incorrect or biased stories or editorials on South Africa. Praise well-done stories or editors and newscasters protesting incorrect or biased stories or editorials on South Africa. Praise well-done stories or editors and newscasters.
9. ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA CAMPAIGNS: Local groups are ideally placed to protest white South African attempts to build cultural, sporting, entertainment and political ties with the U.S. Monitor your local media for news of upcoming visits by South African sportmen, academics, officials and performers. Organize demonstrations and pickets to protest such visits and publicize the issue. Local anti-Apartheid groups successfully picketed touring South African rugby teams and a boys' choir in several cities. Other possible actions:

a) Boycott and picket performances, concerts and records of artist who accept invitations to visit South Africa.

b) Protest the presence of South African honorary consulates in your city. Protest to city officials and to the State Department. Picket the building where it is located. (Groups in Los Angeles and New Orleans were able to close consulates after series of protest.)

c) Protest visits by any white South African scholars or scientists to your university. Demonstrate against their presence on campus and against providing them with any university services, facilities and amenities.

10. SOUTH AFRICA EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS: Conduct teach-ins on South Africa in the community, on campus, in schools and churches. Present films and speakers that address the issue of South Africa in a human way. Ask for more and better education on these issues in other forums: ask that school and university courses deal with the region in depth; ask churches, unions and community groups to include information on Southern Africa periodically in their publications and educational programs; ask libraries and schools to purchase films, books and periodicals on South Africa. For more information, contact ACOA, WOA, AFSC.

11. WORKER'S BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN: If you live in or near a port city, work with unions to organize a boycott of ships carrying South African exports or imports. Ask workers to refuse to unload such ships.

12. "NATIONAL DAY" CAMPAIGNS: Organize events around commemorative dates of the South African resistance struggle, such as Sharpeville Day and Soweto Day, or plan a Namibia Day/Week of activities. Two weeks of national action on Namibia and South Africa are currently being planned for 1982, beginning on March 21 and ending April 4 (the Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King). For more information, contact ACOA, WOA.

Useful contacts for information and speakers on Southern Africa:

AFSC-Southern Africa Program (American Friends Service Committee), 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 *(215)-241-7159

TRANS-AFRICA, 545 8th Street, S.E. Washington, DC 20003 (212)-547-2550

COBLSA (Campaign to oppose Bank Loans to South Africa), 1901 Q Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20002 *(202)-234-9382

SWAPO (Southwest Africa Peoples Organization), 801 Second Ave., NY, NY 10017 *(212)-886-7863

IDAF (International Defense and Aid Fund), 777 UN Plaza, 1st Floor, NY, NY 10017 *(212)-697-4838

ANC (African National Congress), 801 Second Ave., 1st Floor, New York, NY 10017

WOA (Washington office on Africa), 110 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002 *(202)-546-7961

PAC (Pan-African Congress of Azania), 211 E. 43rd St. Suite 506, NY, NY 10017 *(212)-886-7378

ICCR (Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility), 475 Riverside Dr., Rm. 986, NY, NY 10027 *(212)-970-2293/467-8854

SAMRAF, (South African War Resisters), 29 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11217 *(212)-638-0417

ACOA (American Committee on Africa), 156 Broadway Ave., NY, NY 10038 *(212)-962-1210

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