CLOSE SOUTH AFRICA'S CONSULATE!

NO MORE TIES TO APARTEID!

WHAT WE ARE DEMONSTRATING ABOUT: We are here today, June 16, to:

* commemorate the Soweto student uprising two years ago today, which triggered massive African protests against the whole racist system of Apartheid;

* demand that the South African consulate in Chicago be closed immediately; the recent opening of the consulate and other consulates elsewhere insults Chicago and its people;

* protest the American government's failure to support efforts at the United Nations to impose a total economic boycott of South Africa.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOUTH AFRICA?

* a massive boycott of government schools in the black townships

* a series of protests in South African mines

* a boycott of recent government-sponsored elections in Soweto (only 6% of eligible voters cast ballots last month)

* a deteriorating economic situation as African resistance grows

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF CHICAGO BANKS AND CORPORATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA?

* Continental and First National Banks have taken part in lending South Africa over $3 billion (1/3 of all money borrowed by South Africa comes from the U.S.).

* Continental and First National Banks continue to sell the Krugerrand, South Africa's gold coin, boosting the country's foreign exchange earnings.

* Chicago corporations have joined over 400 American companies in investing over $2 billion in South Africa (or 17% of all foreign investment there).

* Chicago and other U.S. companies are the 2nd largest seller of goods to South Africa and the 3rd largest buyer of South African products.

- OVER -
NO MORE SOWETOS!
U.S. out of South Africa!

HOW BANKS AND COMPANIES INCREASE RACISM AND UNEMPLOYMENT HERE IN CHICAGO

* by "redlining" they deny money to black and low-income neighborhoods
* corporate layoffs and relocation, sometimes to South Africa, intensifies unemployment (40% in the black neighborhoods of Chicago)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

* Write or phone your Congressman and President Carter demanding an end to all economic and diplomatic ties with South Africa.
* Call your Alderman or Ward Committeeman; ask them to back efforts to close the South African consulate in Chicago.
* Demand that your bank stop investing in Apartheid and start investing in Chicago's south and west sides! Withdraw your account if your bank refuses.
* Ask your college, church or pension fund to not invest in corporations doing business in South Africa. Don't profit from Apartheid!
* Work with the Coalition; have speakers at your church or community group

SELLING INTERVENTION: THE HUMAN RIGHTS PACKAGING OF ZAIRE

In reporting on recent events in Zaire, many newspapers have talked of massacres of whites, communist subversion, disruption of production and threats to strategic raw materials. What has been ignored, however, are the opinions, the welfare, the rights of the Zairean people. Their poverty, their victimization by the Zairean Army and multinationals, their growing protests against Mobutu Sese Seko's repressive rule and support for his opponents -- even their deaths in the recent fighting in Shaba province -- have been virtually ignored by the media.

Carter is distorting the Zaire situation, with the help of the press, to justify intervention there. We must make sure that Zaire does not become a model for new intervention against liberation struggles throughout southern Africa.

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