WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA?

* 16% of the population (the whites) own 87% of the land; the white/black wage gap is widening
* mandatory forced relocation of thousands of blacks to remote reservations where half the babies die before their first birthday
* intensified enforcement of Apartheid as more than 250,000 blacks are arrested every year
* for passport violations and South Africa's execution rate becomes the highest in the world
* the Malawati scandal, revealing secret government funding of over $7.5 million to support US newspapers and election processes (including funding a campaign that defeated Sen. Dick Clark (D-Iowa) because of his strong anti-Apartheid positions)

HOW DOES FIRST NATIONAL SUPPORT APARTHEID?

* it propels up white minority rule in South Africa by participating in a $10 million loan directed to the South African government
* it is the largest Chicago-based seller of the South African gold coin - the krugerrand, selling more than 300 per day, approximately $11,000 in value
* it finances US corporate investment in South Africa; American corporations there include:
  - IBM, which provides computers used to enforce Apartheid
  - Ford, GM and Chrysler, which supply vehicles to the military and police
* it creates a vested interest in the survival of South Africa's racist government

HOW YOUR MONEY SUPPORTS RACISM

In 1976, US banks had $2.2 billion in loans outstanding to South Africa, an amount roughly equivalent to the foreign exchange needed to cover SA's defense and oil import costs for that year. As a Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs study in 1978 concluded: "The net effect of American investment has been to strengthen the economic and military self-sufficiency of South Africa's Apartheid regime."

HOW FIRST NATIONAL'S LENDING POLICIES AFFECT CHICAGO

* supports a government which has intervened directly in American politics by funding pro-Apartheid politicians
* withdraws money needed for jobs in Chicago
* reduces available mortgage money, contributing to redlining Chicago's neighborhoods

WHAT YOU CAN DO

* Withdraw your personal/organizational account from First National. Put it in a savings and loan association or a bank that does not finance Apartheid, such as:
  - Amalgamated Bank
  - Michigan Avenue National Bank
  - South Shore Bank
  - Central National Bank
  - Upper Avenue Bank
  - Seaway Bank
* Protests First National Bank's sale of krugerrands.
  Write call A.R. Abdou, Chairman, 1st National Plaza, Chicago, IL 60670 (312-973433)
* Support Illinois House Bill 1258, demanding withdrawal of IL State funds from banks that loan to South Africa
* Sponsor an educational program on South Africa at your local church, union or school

Chicago Committee to Save Lives

in Chile (922-6586)

Chicago Coalition on Southern Africa (427-433)

Clergy & Laity Concerned

(922-929)