The Southern Africa Coalition of Duke University
Announces

A Conference on

UNIVERSITIES AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

In March, 1978, the Southern Africa Coalition issued the first call for a conference on University Investments in Southern Africa to be held in October, 1978. Several groups including the Washington Committee on Africa, the American Committee on Africa, Africa News, the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility, the South Africa Catalyst Project, and the Association of Concerned Africanists and interested campus groups and individuals have sent us suggestions about the conference. With their help we have begun planning the actual conference format which we will outline below for your approval, criticisms and suggestions.

We have arranged the proposals for the conference in three groups concerning its scope, structure, and content. Please read through the proposals and indicate your approval or disapproval in the numbered blanks which follow the entire list. Mail your responses to the address listed below.

I. Scope
The initial proposal for the conference stated that it would be a regionally-based conference focused on the subject of university investments in Southern Africa. A number of respondents have suggested that we give the conference a "national" focus by inviting delegations from other regions as well as inviting people from the South and Mid-Atlantic states. The other major suggestion is that we deal with the broader topic of how universities can contribute to building a national anti-apartheid movement as well as the narrower issue of university investments in Southern Africa.

While we think both suggestions could be implemented while continuing to deal with the creation of a regional network and the campaign against corporate investment in South Africa, we would like to know your opinions as to these suggestions.

A. Would you like the conference to have representatives from other regions?
B. Do you want the conference to deal with a wide-range of issues involving the universities and Southern Africa?

II. Structure
Members of the Southern Africa Coalition remaining in Durham over the summer will act as an informal conference planning group, but one informant has suggested that we set up a more representative Planning Committee with participants from outside North Carolina including those who planned the Madison conference last year, the New Haven conference in early April, and the South Africa Catalyst Project from Stanford.

A. Would you like to see a broader Planning Committee?
B. Would you be interested in participating in the Planning Committee?

III. Content
Here is a suggested conference program with descriptions of the subject areas and the names of groups that might be prepared to lead the discussions.

A. A "State of the Anti-Apartheid Campus Movement" keynote address presenting reports from the regional coordinators about local activities over the past years.
B. "Campus Mobilization" Workshop led by the South Africa Catalyst Project and the Association of Concerned Africanists.

C. "Building a National Anti-Apartheid Movement" led by the National Planning Committee set up in Nashville, March, 1978.

D. A "Public Hearing on U.S. investments in South Africa" with corporate and government representatives. This would be a "showcase session" set up to attract media coverage. It could be coordinated with the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility.

E. A "Corporate Withdrawal Strategy Workshop" with all university groups reporting on their campaigns and discussion of disinvestment vs. stockholder resolutions as strategies.

F. A "Community and Workplace Mobilization" workshop dealing with strategies such as the anti-bank loan campaign led by Jennifer Davis or Presly Nesbit, of the American Committee on Africa.

G. A "U.S. Foreign Policy" Strategy Session led by people from the Congressional Ad Hoc Committee monitoring Southern Africa and the Washington Office on Africa.

H. A "Research and Information" Workshop to discuss ways of finding out about Southern African issues and disseminating the information led by the Africa News Service and the American Committee on Africa.

I. "A Media and Culture" workshop to discuss ways of film, photography, drama, and literature can be used to inform the community about Southern Africa led by Dennis Brutus and the Steve Biko Memorial Committee.

J. A Wrap-up Session with reports from the workshops and panels, resolution, and plans for action.

Please mark the sessions for the conference which you deem essential because we may have to eliminate some sessions in order to allow time for network building.

I. Scope A. yes no B. yes no

II. Structure A. yes no B. yes no

III. Content

A. State of Movement Address
B. University Mobilization
C. National Anti-Apartheid
D. Public Hearing
E. Corporate Withdrawal
F. Community Mobilisation
G. U.S. Policy
H. Public Information
I. Media & Culture
J. Wrap-Up

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Please list other suggestions below and on additional paper.