ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING SR. JANICE McLAUGHLIN'S VISIT

*** There will be an informal session with Sr. Janice Friday afternoon, March 9th, at 4:00 PM at the Coalition address, 22 East Van Buren, 5th Floor; the focus of this session will be on the current legislative situation in Congress related to U.S. policy toward southern Africa and, in particular, Zimbabwe, and how we in the Midwest might most usefully respond. Several right-wing Senators have been trying to get the US to suspend all economic sanctions against Rhodesia. Currently, two resolutions are pending before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; one would direct Pres. Carter to lift sanctions 10 days after Rhodesian elections scheduled for April 20; the other would mandate the formation of an observer delegation to monitor whether these elections are free and fair. Sr. Janice testified against both resolutions this past Monday, and a Committee vote on both resolutions is set for Tuesday, March 13th. We need individuals and organizations to write or telegram Senator Percy, who sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, asking him to vote against both resolutions. (Sr. Janice works for the Washington Office on Africa.)

*** Friday evening, March 9 from 8 - 10 PM there will be a public program:
In Honor of International Women's Day: An Evening with Sr. Janice McLaughlin (see enclosed flyer). It will be held at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 East 55th Street (Hyde Park), in the Student Lounge, 2nd Floor. Please invite friends.

*** Other scheduled activities:
Press conference, 10:00 AM at 22 East Van Buren, 5th Floor on Friday, March 9, to announce the launching of a campaign in Chicago to maintain economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

Informal meeting on Zimbabwe situation and material aid needs of the Patriotic Front: This has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 11th, from 4-6 PM at the home of Carole Collins, 3123 North Seminary (472-2167). If you are planning to attend this meeting, you must RSVP to Carole by Sunday morning. Thank you!

A number of interviews have been set up with radio and TV stations. Sr. Janice will also be speaking at a conference on the black child being sponsored by the Catholic Board of Education Saturday morning, March 10 at approx. 9:30 AM. Call
Report on other activities planned for Sharpeville month:

March 14-16: Visit to Chicago by youth leaders of three southern Africa liberation movements (SWAPO, ANC-SA, Patriotic Front-Zimbabwe). Program Friday, March 16th at 8 PM, Abraham Lincoln Center (see enclosed). Party to follow. Call Chicago Peace Council if interested in setting up any speaking engagements.

March 17 Saturday: Showing of Cuban film on South Africa, Spear of the Nation, followed by discussion. Film will be shown at both 8 PM and 10 PM at the New World Resource Center, 1476 West Irving Park Road (348-3370). $2 donation to cover cost of film.

March 21 Wednesday: Sharpeville commemoration to be held at the Wellington Ave. Church, 615 West Wellington. Sponsored by the Steve Biko Memorial Committee and other groups. Call 427-4351 next week for more information.

April 4-11: National week of actions against Apartheid called by student coalitions around the country. A demonstration is tentatively being planned for April 7 (Saturday) by the Midwest Student Coalition Against Apartheid. Call 427-4351 for more information in the coming weeks about this and other planned events.

NOTES

At our last meeting, the Coalition discussed plans for the visit by the SACTU representative (who attended the forum planned by the Action Committee at the University of Chicago) and Sr. Janice, and what assistance we could lend to the March 14-16 visit by the youth leaders and the March 21 program (mostly by publicizing events, passing out leaflets).

C. Collins submitted a working /discussion paper to the national Bank Loan Campaign (CCSA is the Midwest Representative for the Campaign); we were unable to send anyone to attend the national meeting, however, held in Washington, DC March 3-4. At that meeting a new structure to ensure local group participation in the BLC was agreed on. We should be receiving minutes of the meeting very soon.

C. Collins and others will be focusing in the coming weeks on getting local groups to plan and put on their own programs on southern Africa. We sent a representative to the last meeting of the Midwest Student Coalition Against Apartheid (B. Massey) to explore cooperative relations; we agreed that we would probably support a demonstration called for during early April.