TO: The President and Congress of the United States of America

IN VIEW OF THE GRAVE SITUATION WHICH THE OPPRESSIVE AND UNJUST SYSTEM ON "APARTHEID" HAS CREATED FOR THE MAJORITY POPULATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND,

IN VIEW OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST NAMIBIA, WHICH HAS EXTENDED ITS COLONIAL RULE OVER SOUTHWEST AFRICA.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES PETITION THAT:

(1) The United States break all diplomatic relations with the Republic of South Africa;

(2) The United States exercise economic sanctions against the Republic of South Africa, including:
   A. No trade between the United States and the Republic of South Africa; an end to the sale of South African Gold in the U.S.;
   B. No tourism, sporting, cultural, military and economic relations with the Republic of South Africa;
   C. The withdrawal of all U.S. multi-national corporations, including banks, from South Africa;
   D. End U.S. Government Loans to South Africa;

(3) We urge the United States to support the position of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations Council on Namibia, demanding the immediate withdrawal of South African Troops from Namibia; and setting an early date for the independence of that Country through a process supervised by the United Nations.

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South Africa is a rich, industrially developed country. Africans are 80% of the population and are forced to live on 13% of the land which is non-productive and non-industrial.

Black majority population is not allowed to vote or hold public office. Trade Unions for Blacks are illegal — as are strikes by these workers.

The White income per capita is about twenty times that of the average African: $500 a month for every White man, woman and child; $9.50 a month for every African. Most African workers with full time jobs are paid wages so low they are below the official South African poverty line.

Public schools for White children are free; parents of Black children must pay for them to go to school. "Bantu" (African) education is limited and inferior to education in White schools. Hundreds of students have been killed in recent demonstrations against "Apartheid" in townships like Soweto, Alexandria, and suburbs of Capetown; and newsmen (Black and White) are in prison for reporting the facts.

After the Movement pulled together people from all of South Africa some 20 years ago and adopted a FREEDOM CHARTER of human rights for all South Africans, the main organization of the Movement, the African National Congress, was outlawed by the "Apartheid" government. Many of the leaders of the ANC, like Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki and others are either in prison or exiled. South Africa is a Fascist state.

The rate of corporate profits from these conditions of exploitation and institutionalized racism in South Africa is 5 times greater than profits from overseas investments in any other part of the world. That is how profitable South Africa is for the multi-national corporations of the United States, Britain and France who control most of South Africa's industrial production.

South Africa has now extended its racist rule to the territory of South-West Africa (Namibia), acting as a colonial power, and in violation of the United Nations. Freedom fighters in Namibia are being jailed and often given the death penalty for their activities by the South African government and its courts.

Role of the United States


Loans from the U.S. government and corporate investments in South Africa, combined with South Africa's sale of gold here and abroad is the chief economic support for Apartheid. These U.S. investments total over $1 billion.

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