Northeast Conference on the Liberation Struggles in SOUTHERN AFRICA: organizing opposition to U.S. involvement

SOUTH AFRICA: A NATION OF EXTREME OPPRESSION, EXPLOITATION AND POVERTY

SOUTH AFRICA: A nation where 4 million whites -- less than 20% of the population -- own 87% of the land and 76% of the wealth.

SOUTH AFRICA: A nation under a system called APARTHEID where over 18 million blacks have no political or economic rights but whose slave labor produces the nation's wealth; where 80% of the black majority lives below poverty level.

SOUTH AFRICA: A nation given crucial support with $1.6 billion invested by 450 U.S. corporations -- rates of profit are extreme, ranging from 17 to 25%.

YALE UNIVERSITY * NEW HAVEN, CT.
March 31 - April 2

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE GROWING STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PEOPLE, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE U.S. HAVE RESPONDED WITH ORGANIZED SUPPORT. PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE NORTHEAST WILL BE ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT, COORDINATE AND PROMOTE CURRENT AND FUTURE ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIONS.

SCHEDULE

Fri., March 31: Registration 4-7pm (William L. Harkness Hall, $2.50 admission; financial assistance available); Panel discussion including Judge William Booth, pres. of Amer. Comm. on Africa; Jennie Davis, research dir. of the Africa Fund; Prof. Willard Johnson, Assn. of Concerned African Scholars; and representatives of the liberation movements from South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.

Sat., April 1: Workshops on apartheid and how to organize opposition to U.S. involvement in Southern Africa; Cultural Event in the evening.

Sun., April 2: Proposals, discussion, voting on regional newsletter and April 30 Northeast regional demonstration.

For more information about registration, schedules, etc. call:

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Organized action opposing U.S. corporate investment in South Africa:

--Student groups at Hampshire College, Ohio Univ., the Univ. of Mass., the Univ. of Oregon, and the Univ. of Wisconsin have been successful in forcing their administrations to divest of stock holdings in U.S. corporations operating in South Africa.

--A spirited, broad-based national campaign forced Merrill Lynch to end its sale of the Krugerrand—the South African gold coin.

--In California, at Stanford, Santa Cruz, Berkeley, and Davis, over 400 students have been arrested protesting university investments in Southern Africa.

--District Local 1199, made up of 70,000 hospital workers, voted to pull its $236 million pension fund out of a U.S. bank because of its loans to the racist Vorster regime.

--Within the last year in the Northeast alone, divestment campaigns have spread to many campuses including: Amherst College, Boston Univ., Clark, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Northeastern, Princeton, Rutgers, Swarthmore, Tufts, Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Yale.

Workshops:

Educational
--history of Liberation movements in S. Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia
--Relationship of U.S. government and multinationals to racist minority regime in Southern Africa

Organizing
--University Divestment
--Bank loan campaigns
--anti-Krugerrand campaigns
--link-ups with community struggles and trade unions
--Bakke/Affirmative action

Free Housing will be available, but it is necessary to pre-register so that it can be arranged. Bring sleeping bags, etc. A limited number of beds are available at $3/night.

Registration Form: Send to Nick Ollott, 949 Yale Station, New Haven, Ct. 06520 (203)789-1003.

Name ____________________________ Do you expect to be arriving Friday p.m. or Saturday a.m. (Circle one)? A limited number of guaranteed beds are available at $3/night. If you want one please check here ________.

School or Organization ____________________________

Address ____________________________

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