"Keep the door open and continue to negotiate with a friendly nation such as South Africa."

Ronald Reagan

SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON U.S. VISIT

Since taking office in January, the Reagan administration has moved closer and closer to racist South Africa:

1) The US ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick, has conferred with top South African military generals. This is in gross violation of US policy, which is supposedly to observe a UN-sponsored military embargo of South Africa.

2) The administration is opposed to effective punitive action against South Africa for its continued illegal occupation of its neighbor, Namibia, and its refusal to agree to UN-supervised free elections there.

3) AND NOW the South African foreign minister, Pik Botha, is on an official visit to the US to hold talks with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other top officials.

MASSACHUSETTS GROUP OPPOSES APARTHEID

While the Reagan administration is wineing and dining one of the highest-ranking officials of the racist apartheid regime of South Africa, a coalition called Mass. Divest, made up of labor, church, community and student groups, is organizing support for Mass. Senate Bill 1138. This bill would require the state public employees' pension fund to divest ($131 million) of its stocks and bonds which are now invested in banks and corporations which do business with South Africa. Public employees have no control over how their pension funds are invested, and many are opposed to their money going to support the racist government of South Africa.

The bill further calls for the reinvestment of this money in companies which do business in Massachusetts. This money would then provide jobs and home mortgages to Mass. residents, instead of financial support for South Africa, whose official government policy of apartheid denies all rights to the 80% of the population which is non-white.

This campaign is part of an international effort to help pressure South Africa into changing its racist policies. You can support this effort by contacting Mass. Divest at 354-0008 (days) or write us c/o Mobilization for Survival, 13 Sellers St., Cambridge, Ma. 02139.

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