WE ARE PROTESTING THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH IS HOLDING A CONFERENCE IN THE MADISON HOTEL, TRYING TO ENCOURAGE U.S. CORPORATIONS TO INVEST IN APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA

Why South Africa?
- In South Africa 4 million whites deny 21 million blacks their basic human rights. Blacks are not allowed to vote or join political parties.
- It is the only country in the world that constitutionally denies the majority of its people basic economic and political rights on the basis of skin color. The white minority reserves 87% of the land for themselves. Only 13% of the land, devoid of natural and industrial resources, is allocated for the black majority.
- Recent studies show that, while no white children suffer from malnutrition, at least 4 black children every hour die from malnutrition.
- The dozens of racial laws that control every aspect of black life help to keep tight control over black workers. This results in very low wages for blacks.

U.S. Companies Profiting from Racism
- The very low wages of black workers make South Africa a more profitable "investment climate" than other areas of the world.
- Over 350 U.S. corporations (e.g., Ford, General Motors, IBM, Mobil) have subsidiaries in South Africa. They are concentrated in strategic sectors--nuclear technology, computers, oil and chemicals, transportation equipment--that create very few jobs for blacks yet provide necessary capital and technology to the white regime.
- U.S. companies employ less than one percent of black workers, so even if they paid wages equal to whites it would only help create a small black elite which is exactly what the white government is trying to do.
- Although it is a crime for a South African to advocate withdrawal of foreign investment, black leaders such as Bishop Desmond Tutu have called for the total isolation of the apartheid regime.

What Can We Do?
- Americans in dozens of cities and states have been passing legislation prohibiting the investment of public funds in companies operating in South Africa.
- D.C. City Council Bill 5-18, if approved by Congress, will phase out D.C. pension fund money from investments in South Africa.
- We must become more aware of which U.S. companies are profiting from racism in South Africa and take action to make them change. The groups listed below are involved in various aspects of the struggle to end U.S. support for apartheid. GET INVOLVED!!

Committee for a Free South Africa, P.O. Box 7193, Silver Spring, MD 20907
Southern Africa Support Project,
TransAfrica, 545 8th St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003
THE DYNAMICS OF DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA - A BUSINESS SEMINAR

The past year has seen a number of developments in South Africa that will have a significant impact on the foreign and domestic business community there. Constitutional reform, emerging black labour unions, the relaxation of foreign exchange controls and new incentives to attract investment that will provide jobs where they are most needed, are aspects of doing business in South Africa that may be of some interest to you.

Consequently we have chosen the theme "The Dynamics of Development" for our annual business seminar and have invited, as keynote speaker, The Hon. J. C. Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, under whose guidance the reform legislation is currently taking shape. Several prominent members of the South African business community will also present papers and participate in panel discussions.

I have pleasure in inviting you to attend the seminar which will be held at the Madison Hotel, 1177 - 15th Street NW in Washington DC, on Tuesday, October 11, 1983. The proceedings will start at 9 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m. with a break for lunch.

Should you wish to attend the seminar or be represented there, please respond to this invitation in writing. You may also call Pieter Swanepoel at (202) 232-4400, for further information or assistance.

In view of the fact that this year's seminar will last only one day, we are not providing accommodation, but the Embassy is prepared to make hotel reservations on your behalf at the Madison Hotel, if you so wish.

Yours sincerely,

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