SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE OFFICIALS INVITED TO UNITED STATES

Officers of the South African law enforcement establishment have been invited to the 84th annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police to be held in Los Angeles - 1 October - 6 October.

The IACP boasts 11,200 individual members - all high-ranking policemen - from 64 countries. IACP's president is Los Angeles Chief of Police - Edward M. Davis. Chief Davis retires in January, and the IACP conclave is expected to draw a record crowd - providing a dazzling send-off for its president and helping to launch him on a new career. THE NEW YORK TIMES reported on 15 August that the 60-year-old Davis is preparing to run for Governor of California, seeking the Republican nomination and gathering support and financial pledges 'from the same conservative elements that supported former Governor Ronald Reagan and former Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty'. THE TIMES adds: 'Mr. Davis has a reputation as a tough cop, impatient and intolerant of the unconventional. He says he is deeply religious, thinks courts are too soft on criminals, and was one of the state's most outspoken proponents of the death penalty, which was restored by the State Legislature last week after a campaign led in part by Mr. Davis.'

The 7,000-person LAPD is under scrutiny. Some members are accused of being 'trigger happy', and a recent shooting of an unarmed man has aroused the LA District Attorney to announce an independent investigation. The American Civil Liberties Union has protested. There is an active citizens group - the Coalition Against Police Abuse. LAPD acknowledges that so far in 1977, 36 deaths have resulted from 'police-involved' shootings.

The South African cops should feel comfortable at the convention, along with comrades from Chile, Iran, South Korea and elsewhere. Sources list 9 policemen from South Africa as IACP members. Most of them are recorded as traffic superintendents from Johannesburg and other cities and towns. There is one security advisor from the giant mining house, Anglo-American Corporation. There are two members of the national South African Police - a small town lieutenant and a brigadier from Pretoria, headquarters of the SAPs.

Americans do not want SAP murderers in the USA. Three years ago a successful peoples' campaign caused a SAP athletic team to be dis-invited to a Police Olympics held in San Francisco.

PROTEST TO:

- Glen D. King, executive director,
  International Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.
  11 Firstfield Road
  Gaithersburg, MD 20760  PHONE: (301) 948-0922

- Mayor Thomas Bradley
  City Hall
  Los Angeles, CA 90012  PHONE: (213) 485-3311

- Your own police chief, mayor, members of Congress.

SUPPORT: - Coalition Against Police Abuse/Southern Africa Support Committee
  816 Summit Street
  Pasadena, CA 91103  PHONE: (213) 684-1892
EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN FOR SOUTH AFRICA
14 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10011

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WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

- Send a cable of love to -
  Ms Ntsikie Biko
  698 Leiteynville
  Kingwilliamstown
  South Africa

- Wire/Phone/Write -
  President Jimmy Carter
  The White House
  Washington, DC 20500
  PHONE: (202) 456-1414

  Call upon him to condemn publicly the South African regime.

- Hold services of dedication for Steven Biko and all the Martyrs of Southern Africa - especially on the day of Steven Biko's funeral - Sunday, 25 September 1977.

- Contact your Senators and Members of the House of Representatives -

  Call upon them to demand that the United States government publicly resolve and actively carry out economic sanctions against South Africa.

  A recent example of a government responding to the popular will: The Holland Committee on Southern Africa and the largest trade union in the Netherlands, Industriebond-NVV, caused the Dutch government to refuse an export permit to the Fokker Aircraft Company for delivery of a Fellowship F-28 airplane to Suidwes Lugdiens, an airline operating in South African-occupied Namibia. Suidwes Lugdiens is a subsidiary of the South African transportation conglomerate, SAFMarine. There are three principal competitors to Fokker: two British firms and Fairchild Industries, Inc. of the United States.

- Support community, church, university campaigns directed at US corporations operating in South Africa and occupied Namibia.

- Join the Bank Campaign to oppose loans to South Africa -

  At least 54 US banks - not only large internationally-operating ones, but regional and small city institutions - are known to have made loans to the South African regime and to US companies in South Africa.

  A nation-wide campaign to withdraw accounts from these banks is growing rapidly. Individuals, trade unions, and other organizations are joining. For example, the Furriers Joint Council in New York City has pulled out over $10 million from Manufacturers Hanover Trust. Demonstrations are causing acute embarrassment and the admission by bank officials of 're-evaluation'.

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