Rally for Divestment!

NOON - THURSDAY, MAY 3
on the Quad

The Board of Trustees decide...
to be South Africa's quiet ally.

BE THERE, SAY NO! TO OUR SCHOOL'S
$4 MILLION STOCK IN MODERN-DAY SLAVERY.
On Friday, April 20, members and supporters of the C-U Coalition Against Apartheid interrupted the meeting of the U. of I. Board of Trustees. Our decision to attend the meeting arose out of our growing frustration and anger over the Trustees' increasing support of the South African regime in the face of massive evidence against this, and the Board's arrogant refusal to publicly explain or defend their policy. Our purpose in doing so to the meeting was to protest this latest policy and to demand that the Trustees provide an explanation for it in an open forum. The Trustees have claimed repeatedly that they have carefully considered the issue of divestiture, that they are enemies of apartheid, and that they have decided that divestiture is inappropriate. Yet they have never openly discussed their reasoning for this decision. Nor have they been willing to explain why they have endorsed the Sullivan Principles, which are endorsed by the South African regime and are opposed by every independant Black South African organization. As a result of this new policy, they now vote with management against corporate withdrawal on stockholder resolutions calling for withdrawal from South Africa. Perhaps the Board is afraid that, in the light of public debate, their support of apartheid will become apparent.

We challenge the Trustees to back up their claim of support for Black people with definitive action. First, we repeat our demand for complete and immediate divestiture from corporations doing business in South Africa. Second, we join with concerned students at the Chicago Circle campus in demanding that the Trustees oppose the adoption of the "Selective Index" at the Circle campus. The Selective Index is an all-out assault on the right of Blacks, Hispanics, and poor whites to access to the Chicago Circle campus. Hundreds have already lost their place at Circle because of the Selective Index. Circle was founded in 1969 to fulfill a commitment to educating the people of Chicago, regardless of past discrimination in the public school system. Thousands of Blacks, Hispanics, and the poor were offered an opportunity for a college education. Now the U. of I. is no longer comfortable with the task of educating urban youth. They have raised admission criteria, are cutting the Equal Opportunity Program, are cutting back on counseling and tutorial services, and want to deny credit for remedial courses. All of this has not occurred without objection. Dozens of minority students and community leaders have testified in Chicago in front of the Trustees, citing the need for an urban campus to deal with the education of urban youth. The Board's response? Inaction.

On Thursday, May 3, members and supporters of the C-UCAA will hold a noon rally on the Quad. Its purpose will be to demand again that the Board of Trustees come out and publicly defend their position concerning investment in corporations in South Africa. In addition, the rally will focus on the ongoing struggle of Circle Campus students in opposition to the proposed Selective Index. We will bring to this campus a member of the coalition at Circle involved in that struggle. For students and faculty at this campus, it will be an opportunity to learn more about this issue. While taking a stand against the University's investment in apartheid.

U. of I./U.S. OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA
STOP THE SELECTIVE INDEX AT U. of I.-CIRCLE
NO TO RACISM FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED STATES