SELECTIVE PURCHASING POLICY

U.S. CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Gary, Indiana - December 1975 - City Council passed a resolution to end all city purchases from the four corporations listed below.

Washington, D.C. Similar resolution presented and now under consideration by city council.

Four corporations, IBM, Control Data, ITT and Motorola, have been targeted for boycotts by city councils and other public organizations as a protest against American corporate support of South African racist apartheid. They were selected for the following reasons:

1. They have wholly owned subsidiaries in South Africa.
2. A high proportion of their business is contracts from the South African government.
3. They have a record of a low level of employment of Africans.

The boycotts affect such articles as typewriters, computer services and two-way radios in police cars. Alternative sources of all these products are available.

The boycotts would stay in effect until the corporations end all business transactions, direct or indirect, in 1) South Africa and 2) Namibia.

PREPARATION FOR ACTION

Persons who are interested in working to implement such a boycott with the East Lansing City Council could help with the following:

a. Obtain detailed research to document the corporate operations in South Africa from the Anti-Apartheid Committee

b. Decide whether we should include a Michigan automotive firm

c. Obtain statistics from the city about the dollar amount of business it does with the four corporations

d. Ascertain whether there is a city code such as a human rights code which we could invoke in support of the boycott

e. Enlist endorsers of the boycott from churches and businesses

f. Set a community hearing to gain support from persons in the area

g. Suggest Mayor Griffiths send letters of inquiry to the corporations about their operations and make their replies public.

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