This past fall there has been considerable anti-apartheid activity on and off-campus. In September there were highly successful protests against the Springbok Rugby tour that involved both student and community activists. This was followed up in October by two significant conferences held in New York. The first one was a national student anti-apartheid conference that drew 200 activists representing 50 schools and was organized by ACOA with the support of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid. The second was a Solidarity Conference that involved 1000 delegates from every sector of the U.S. anti-apartheid movement—unions, students, church groups, community organizations etc. Both conferences endorsed a proposal for "Two Weeks of National Action in Support of Southern African Liberation Movements" that will run from March 21 (anniversary of Sharpeville Massacre) to April 4, 1982 (anniversary of Martin Luther King's Assassination). This newsletter will inform you of ongoing plans for the Weeks of Action and summarize some of the activity that has occurred on campuses this fall.

Upcoming Planning Meetings

In January and February there will be four regional and city-wide conferences to begin building coordinated networks for the Weeks of Action and beyond. Though the primary emphasis will be on students these meetings will also seek to involve community activists:

- On Sat, January 16 a New York City-area meeting will be held at the House of the Lord Church 415 Atlantic Ave Brooklyn (headquarters of the Black United Front). For info contact ACOA at 212-962-1210

- On Sat-Sun, January 23-4 a Southern Regional Conference will be held at Berea College in Berea Kentucky. This event is being organized by Students Against Apartheid around the major themes for the Weeks of Action: 1) Support for the liberation movements and front-line states 2) Isolation of South Africa—cutting all U.S. ties 3) Opposition to U.S. foreign policy 4) Linking Anti-Apartheid work to other struggles particularly against domestic racism.

For info contact: Vernae Williams CPO 2259 Berea Coll Berea KY 40404 #606-986-9341 x286 or x451 Mon-Fri after 8pm

- On January 22-4 there will be a Midwest Regional Conference beginning at 8pm on January 22 at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

For info contact: Aimee Grieb #217-333-1599

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- On Sat, February 6 there will be a Northeast Regional meeting to be held at Smith College in Northampton, MA (western Massachusetts).

For info contact at Smith College: Anne Griffin 413-584-2700 x388

Alternate contact: ACOA Jane Kreisman 413-584-2700 x7774

There are also tentative meetings scheduled in February for the Northwest Region (in Oregon) and the Deep South (New Orleans)

SPRING SWAPO SPEAKING TOUR: In conjunction with the Weeks of Action ACOA is planning a national speaking tour of SWAPO. Contact us immediately about engagements. (413) 94-210
International Youth and Student Solidarity Conference

On November 13-15 a highly successful conference was held in Luanda (Angola) that involved delegates from over 100 international and national organizations. The conference was organized at the request of the ANC and SWAPO and received the support of the UN Center Against Apartheid and UNESCO. The event was hosted by the JMPLA—the youth organization of the MPLA/Party of Labor—and ended with adoption of an International Programme of Action. This programme emphasised:
1) Support for the liberation movements, ANC and SWAPO.
2) Isolation of South Africa—comprehensive and mandatory sanctions.
3) Solidarity with Angola and the other front-line states.

Dennis Brutus Support Committee

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has been attempting to deport South African poet and activist Dennis Brutus. The INS claims he is deportable for "working without a valid U.S. visa". In response to the threatened deportation Dennis Brutus Support Committees have been organized in many communities and on campuses as well. Dennis Brutus’ next INS hearing is scheduled for January 14.

For more info contact: Dennis Brutus Support Committee
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Can also call Phyllis Thorek #312-677-7416

Fall 1981 Campus Activity

Most campus anti-apartheid groups concentrated on consolidating their base and educational activities in preparation for active mobilization around the Two Weeks of Action next semester. Dumisani Kumalo of ACOA continued to play an important role and visited many campuses in the Northeast, Midwest and West. Here is a brief summary of some of the activity that has occurred this fall:

University of Pennsylvania: This past semester activists achieved two major victories. First the Undergraduate Assembly voted in favor of divestment by 22-0 with 8 abstentions. The vote followed a debate in the Assembly in which Dumisani Kumalo participated. Victory then came in the University Advisory Council which includes faculty, staff, administration and students. Two years ago this same body had voted down divestment 25-8. This time the vote was 28-9 for divestment with the faculty vote switch being key. According to activists this vote reflected the delegitimization of the Sullivan Code. The Administration in this year’s debate used the Rockefeller Report which calls for "no further expansion of U.S. investments" (but not withdrawal) to argue against divestment. Activists countered this by pointing out that a position of "no further expansion" implicitly admits that U.S. corporations should not be there. Building on this Fall’s momentum a protest rally is planned for Jan 22 when Trustees consider divestment.

University of Southern California: After several years of lobbying the Student Senate passed a resolution demanding that the university trustees: "immediately begin full divestment of all direct and indirect university investments in the Republic of South Africa". The resolution passed with only one dissenting vote and was the result of coordination and mobilization of many campus groups.
University of Tennessee (Knoxville): In early 1980 18 Black students at UTENN were arrested following a building takeover protesting attempts to depoliticize the Black Cultural Center—the center of anti-apartheid and anti-racist organizing on campus. This past September activists achieved a significant victory when, after considerable pressure, the Administration dropped all charges against the students. There has been steady educational work at UTENN stressing the links between racism at home and abroad, and in addition to a radio show activists have been screening films in dorms and off-campus—including at a local prison. From January 11-15 there will be a week of activities commemorating Martin Luther King. A delegation will then attend the Southern Regional Conference being held in Berea, KY.

Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo): WMU has continued to be an active center of political activity. Organizers have had presence and protest at monthly Trustee Board meetings while also engaging in educational work. Outside speakers have included Congressman Wolpe (head of the House Subcommittee on Africa) who spoke out strongly for divestment, Bill Sutherland of the AFSC and Tim Smith of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. The anti-apartheid group has also been working in coalition with CISPES and environmentalists on El Salvador and anti-nuclear events. South Africa has recognized the threat posed by organizing in Kalamazoo and South Africa Foundation representative spoke to the local Chamber of Commerce. In addition, a visiting South African "scholar" was at WMU this fall to "study affirmative action" and took time to attack Congressman Wolpe’s stand for divestment.

Michigan State University: Despite achievement of divestment—$7.2 million in 1979—students have remained active. One focus besides campus education on South Africa and Namibia has been lobbying for a bill in the state legislature to prohibit all state schools from investing in corporations linked to South Africa. Students at the University of Michigan have joined in the lobbying efforts as well. In November 200 people rallied in the blistering cold to support the bill. In Michigan there is an active effort to coordinate student activities throughout the state. For example, students from Michigan State University are helping fellow students to organize anti-apartheid groups at Oakland and Grand Valley State Colleges.

Kansas University: In September hosted talks by David Ndaba of the ANC and Ellen Musiellela of SWAPO. In November held successful Divestment Day. Began with rally and march at noon and ended with a forum involving two state legislators who are supporting a bill to divest Kansas state pension funds from corporations involved in South Africa. $150 million is involved.

Mount Holyoke College (S. Hadley, MA): In November staged sit-in for divestment outside building where trustees were meeting. Sit-in lasted entire afternoon during which "Action South Africa" organized small-group meetings and letter writing in support of the Clark Amendment (which has been retained). Also hosted play on South Africa by Salaelo Maredi, "For Better or For Worse".

Oregon State University: Campus protest has centered around the Wrestling coach Dale Thomas who has sponsored several team tours to South Africa. Activists have demanded his removal and he has also come under pressure from the Amateur Athletic Union which prohibits sporting contacts with South Africa. This semester Dumisani Kumalo has also spoken on campus and a powerful drama about South Africa, "The Island", was staged as well.

Dumisani Kumalo Speaking Tour: In addition to the places already mentioned Mr. Kumalo spoke at the following 20 campuses: Bangor Theological Seminary, Carleton College, Ripon College, Pacific University, LIU, Univ of Maine, Wesleyan, Bowdoin, UCLA, USC, Univ of Oregon (Eugene & Corvallis), John Reed Col., Portland Univ, Seattle Univ, Calvin Coll, Grand Rapids Community College (Mich), University of Minnesota, Smith College, Occidental Coll.
Southern Student Activist Network

This is a network of grass-roots student groups on over 30 campuses in the South. Projects include Southern Africa as well as Anti-Klan work and El Salvador solidarity organizing. One major event was jointly organized by students at Duke, University of North Carolina and North Carolina State. This was a forum attended by 250 students and community residents which featured Theo Ben Gurirab (UN Rep of SWAPO), Randall Robinson (head of TransAfrica), Gay McDougall (Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights) as well as representatives of the Black United Front and the National Black Independent Party. The Network is helping mobilize for the Jan 23 conference at Berea College.

Dartmouth College (Hanover NH)

Upper Valley Committee for a Free Southern Africa hosted a successful talk by John Stockwell—former CIA agent and author of "In Search of Enemies" dealing with U.S. intervention in Angola. Committee also helped work on three convocations against Nuclear War in Europe which drew over 500 people each time.

Educational/Organizing Tour of the South

From October 17 to November 6 an important anti-apartheid delegation did a major tour of the southern United States. The group included Rebeca Malou (of SWAPO), Lindwe Mabuza (ANC), Jerry Herman (APSC Southern African coordinator), Jean Sindab (exec director Washington Office on Africa) Wilfred Grey (International Defense and Aid Rep to the UN) and Carol Collins (director Campaign to Opposed Bank Loans to South Africa).

They held numerous community meetings and visited the following schools:

- Univ of Virginia (where 5900 students have signed a petition for divestment)
- Atlanta University (held forum with 250 students), Univ of North Carolina, Jackson State, Tougalou College, S. Alabama State, Miles, Bishop State or Col
- All in Alabama
- Univ of New Orleans, State Univ of New Orleans, Xavier College, Dubard Univ
- All in New Orleans
- University of Florida and Florida A&M

Victory on Clark Amendment:

Following intensive lobbying the House of Representatives did not repeal the Clark Amendment. The Clark Amendment had earlier been repealed in the Senate and it was expected that the vote on repeal would be very close in the House. However, unexpectedly those who favored repeal did not bring the matter up during debate on the Foreign Aid Bill. It appears that there was pressure to quickly pass the Foreign Aid Bill, and the expected strong resistance to repeal of the Clark Amendment would have held the Bill up.

Since the Senate has repealed the Amendment while the House has not the matter must be taken up in a joint committee. Reagan has reportedly put pressure on Senators in the committee to get repeal, but the House members have indicated they will not compromise. At this juncture then it appears that repeal will not take place nor that the Amendment will be significantly watered-down.

NOTE ON FUTURE NEWSLETTERS:

It would greatly facilitate production of this newsletter if people could send in regular clippings on their activities. For those of you who have not already done so please send in $5 to cover the newsletter production and mailing costs. Keep up the Struggle! In Solidarity,

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