Thousands of students on over 70 campuses took part in a National Anti-Apartheid Protest Day calling for divestment of all university stockholdings linked to South Africa through U.S. corporations and banks. The action was initiated by a coalition of student groups throughout the country and coordinated with the assistance of the American Committee on Africa which had organized an April 4 National Protest Day.

At Cornell University 1200 people rallied for divestment and 330 people were arrested in an evening sit-in at the main administration building where over 600 protestors have now been arrested. After the arrests protestors blocked police buses from transporting those arrested forcing the police to process people within the main administration building.

UCLA was the site of a sit-in of several hundred protestors that was coordinated with a rally of 2000 people. At Berkeley a noon-time rally drew 6000 protestors to the ongoing blockade of Sproul Hall, and in UC/Santa Barbara 1400 students surrounded the administration building and tied a blue ribbon around the building to show their opposition to investments linked to South Africa.

At Stanford University a noon rally drew 1000 people and was followed by a sit-out on the steps of the Administration Building that involved 250 people through the night.

48 students occupied the Harvard Corporation headquarters for 6 hours on April 24 and at Tufts University an occupation of the main administration continues with 200 students. In Albany 26 students associated with state university campuses and the state-wide student association were arrested at the business office of the New York State University system following a protest against the regents refusal to divest all holdings in U.S. corporations and banks involved in South Africa.

Several hundred students from the University of Wisconsin at Madison marched and occupied the State Capitol building overnight demanding that the state legislature pass divestment legislation. At Oberlin College a rally of 350 students led to a sit-in for an hour at the main administration building and in Louisville students occupied the campus information center in a 24-hour protest for divestment.

In Nashville students at Vanderbilt University achieved a major victory when their threatened civil disobedience action at a shareholder meeting sparked the Service Merchandisers Company to announce a halt to all sales of the Krugerrand, South Africa's gold coin.

At Columbia University 350 graduate students marched from the blockade of Hamilton Hall to Low Library, where President Sovern's office is located, and protestors announced plans to escalate the three-week old protest with actions at an upcoming May 6 trustee meeting and May 15 commencement exercises.

In addition, to these actions protests took place at Dartmouth College, Brown University, University of Kentucky, St. Mary's College in Maryland, Georgia State University, Boston University, San Francisco State College, UC/Santa Cruz, University of New Mexico, Smith College (where 75 students sat out on the steps of the Administration building while 12 were inside the Treasurers office), Georgetown, Reed College, University of Oregon at Eugene and Princeton and Rutgers where a blockade of the student center is in its second week. Underscoring the national focus of activity numerous student representatives were arrested at the South African Embassy in Washington DC on April 24.