Selma Shejavali is the most recent recipient of the Wartburg's Living Lohe Award. It was presented to her at the ALCW National Convention in Detroit this summer. Presenting the award are (left) Dr. Roger Fjeld, Wartburg's president and (right) Carol Rask, a member of the Regents.

RESOLUTION URGES CONVENTION TO FINISH DIVESTMENT QUICKLY

A Michigan District memorial to the ALC's October convention is of special interest to all advocates for justice in Namibia.

This resolution calls for the ALC to finish divestment of stocks in companies doing business in South Africa before the new Lutheran Church is formed in 1988.

The ALC Church Council sent the resolution on to the convention but suggested that the convention consider the current policy of the Board of Trustees "to be an adequate" response to the previous action.

The Michigan District resolution is found in Reports and Actions, Part II, pp. 732-733.

Urge any delegates from your area to support this important measure. The ALC voted both in 1980 and in 1982 to divest. Unfortunately the spirit of the original resolution had enough room in it for the ALC Board of Trustees to move with a much more conservative policy of "no new investments" and use of the "prudent man" rule as an excuse to postpone divestment.

ZEPHIRAH KAMEETA SLATED FOR VISIT TO BOTH WARTBURG AND DENVER HOUSE

Wartburg students at Dubuque and Denver will have a special treat when Dr. Zephaniah Kameeta visits both campuses this fall, October 1-5. Kameeta is the vice-president of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Namibia and a teacher and theologian. Kameeta was awarded an honorary doctorate from Wartburg Seminary in 1983.

Kameeta recently addressed the LWF Assembly in Budapest, bringing the plight of the Namibian people again before the world.

He has been a respected opponent of apartheid and has brought the challenge to the west through "Cry For Freedom" a movie in which he is interviewed, along with other leaders both in Namibia and the west.

During his stay at Wartburg, Kameeta will present a public lecture, Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Fritschel Auditorium. The next evening, October 5, there will be a chance for informal conversation in Afton Lounge beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Zephaniah Kameeta chatted with Dr. Martin Marty at the Worship and Witness Festival last year where Kameeta received an honorary doctorate from Wartburg. Also pictured (l-r) Tala and Taga Shivute and Tangani Mujoro.

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Kameeta will visit Denver October 1-3.

Earlier in the month he lectured at Holden Village to pastors of the LCA's Pacific Northwest synod. For more information on Kameeta's visit contact either Wartburg or the Denver House of Studies.

CHURCHES DEFEND KAMEETA STATEMENTS DURING LUTHERAN WORLD ASSEMBLY

Several groups of congregations in Germany have come to the defense of the Dr. Zephaniah Kameeta concerning statements he made during the LWF Assembly concerning U.S. plans to dump nuclear waste in Namibia.

Kameeta's statement caused quick U.S. response. Through its embassy in Budapest, the U.S. denounced Kameeta's charge as "irresponsible."

But Kameeta's defenders point out in their response to the U.S. embassy that Kameeta was simply reporting news stories which were common knowledge in Namibia and South Africa: that P.M. Botha had talked about the possibility of using Namibia for nuclear waste; that several countries were exploring this possibility; that the South African minister of finance said that the offer of R1,000,000 would be considered.

In arguing for the accuracy and appropriateness of Kameeta's comments, these German Christians contend that what the U.S. has effectively done is make life even more dangerous the Rev. Kameeta, a man who lives with harassment and in great danger because of his views on the future of Namibia and the biblical imperatives for justice and freedom for all of God's people.

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN...

Dear Friend's,

When she was in this country last summer, Selma Shejavali often spoke about children—her own, her Godchildren, the youth of the United States, the kids of Namibia. She talked about children both in terms of suffering and in the context of hope.

Selma brought pictures of her four beautiful daughters, ranging in age from two to fourteen. These children are never left alone because of the dangers that surround them. Living as a black family in an all-white neighborhood, the Shejavalis are harassed by police, and hated by certain neighbors.

Selma talked about the children of Katutura, growing up without adequate food or clothes, surrounded by disease, poverty and the violence that breeds when people are forced to live sub-human lives. She told of black children searching the garbage dumps of Windhoek, looking for food. Sometimes they are injured by baboons, as children and animals fight for the scraps of food in the dump.

She spoke with pride and hope about some of the young people, children who are determined that change will come, kids who (like the youth of Soweto) are willing to risk their lives to help bring about those changes.

She talked about one young white man who risks the ridicule of his peers to help with the educational programs of the church, and who, quite literally, stands with his black friends when they are confronted by the police.

And Selma looks to the youth of our country for support. "Teach your children about us. Tell them the story of Namibia. Then our children and yours will grow up understanding each other. This is a hope for the future."

This week our newspapers tell of school boycotts and rioting in South Africa - kids protesting inferior education, adults angry about rent increases. The government reaction is to kill the protesters. Most of the victims are nameless; they join the thousands of anonymous martyrs whose courage will one day win freedom for their people.

Some names we do know: Lucky Majola, age 19; Patrick Phala, age 16; Sakeli Mbonani, 14; Joyce Nzama, 9; and Thabo Sibeko, age 6. At their funeral, Bishop Desmond Tutu reminded the mourners that "the tree of liberation shall be watered by the blood of martyrs as black people struggle for freedom, as they seek to be recognized as children of God."

Our young people need to hear about the courage of their counterparts in Namibia and South Africa. They need to hear about the faith of these Christian young people, about the Lutheran youth gatherings where hymns are written to reflect the sorrows and the struggles of their lives, and where the kids pray for strength to resist the evil of apartheid, to be willing to die for the sake of others.

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NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL NAMIBIA ADVOCATES

As the congressional and presidential campaigns move toward voting day those of us who advocate freedom and self-determination for the enslaved majority populations of Namibia and South Africa will welcome the help of two new resources.

The first is a snappy piece called *Exercising our Democratic Rights* which suggests six crucial areas in which we should ask the candidates carefully pointed policy questions: 1) Namibian Independence 2) U.S. Strategic Interests 3) Black Voting Rights 4) Relations with Angola 5) Economic Sanctions 6) Nuclear relations.

In each case, a brief summary of the background and of current U.S. policy leads up to the suggested questions. These questions are generally tough, fair, and to the point.

Study this brochure carefully, beginning with the questions. Read the whole thing several times and you will be ready to write the candidates or confront them at open meetings. The questions should also be asked in open letters to the editor of your local or regional newspapers.

The second brochure titled *Cry South Africa* summarizes what Namibian expert, Dr. Edward May of Lutheran World Ministries has been saying in answer to the question "Why should U.S. Lutherans be involved in advocacy for the peoples of South Africa and Namibia?" This piece deserves careful study.

These two resources are available from:

Lutheran World Ministries
360 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10010

FILMS ON NAMIBIA NOW AVAILABLE FROM 15 LOCAL RESOURCE CENTERS

Two films are now available from many ALC resource centers in many parts of the country. "A Cry for Freedom" and "A Message from Bishop Dumeni" from 15 sites, in addition to Namibia Concerns/Wartburg Seminary.

Mrs. Ruth Larson
IL Dist. Res. Center
1908 Weeg Way
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Debi Habbena
S.W. Becker Ave.
Box 773
Willmar, MN 56201

Fran Dieter
Viroqua Resource Cent.
P.O. Box 327
Viroqua, WI 54665

Janice Robinson
Luth. Min. in Christ
10061 W. Sample Rd.
Coral Spngs. FL 33065

Blaine Thrasher
RIS - The ALC
422 S. 5th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Muriel Johannessen
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Box 36
St. Olaf, IA 52072

Janet Harris
North Pac. District
766 - B John Street
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S. Pac. Distrtict
4250 West Sixth St.
Los A, CA 90020-4699

Karen Hering
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2705 Packers Ave.
Madison, WI 53704

Bob Wandersee
Koinonia
Highland Lake, NY 12743

Duffy Taylor
Augsburg College
731 21st Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55454

YOUTH MATERIALS ON NAMIBIA AVAILABLE FROM ALC RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER (RIS)

An excellent youth-night program, part of the 1983-4 Luther League Theme Manual, Sing A Song Of Hope, is available free from the ALC's Luther League office.

Written by Susan Burchfield and John Beck, the carefully planned evening incorporates opportunities for learning, reflection and worship.

Philip Wangburg, (above) a member of this year's Namibia Concerns Committee is currently participating in a special tour of South Africa and Namibia. The tour was arranged by the ALC's Division of World Mission and Inter-Church Cooperation. The parents of Jeff Blank, another member of the committee, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Blank, from Ixonia, Wisconsin, are also part of the tour.
Namibia Present At ALCW Convention

NAMIBIA PRESENT IN MANY WAYS
AT DETROIT ALCW CONVENTION

By Ruth Jorenby

"An Awakening World" was the theme of the American Lutheran Church Women's 8th Triennial National Convention held at Detroit, Mich. July 7-10.

In the display areas, the global villages brought us to many areas of the world. The village of Namibia held beautiful artifacts and pictures. It also stood alone in a cold and sad picture of a refugee shelter, a battered truck box sided with corrugated pieces of tin.

The sign "Displaced Christians Live Here". Jim Knutson (ALC Secretary for Africa) exclaimed, "Yes! This is the way it is!"

There were two long tables filled with free materials for all the visitors. There were "Free Namibia" T-shirts and buttons for donations.

There was the news of Dean Farisani's endangered return to his "homeland" Venda after being in Washington testifying about the conditions there. And there was a petition about Farisani signed by hundreds and sent to Washington!

We had special missionary guests and Mark Thomesen and Jim Knutson handed out materials stamped "Namibia passports" and visited with us! Pastor Emma Mujoro, Mina Isaak and Selma Shejavali were there. They sang on the global stage and Selma demonstrated foods. Forty ladies from So. Wisconsin district took their timed stands to be at the village to make all feel welcome and informed!

Another highlight was the Festival of Nations! The long journey and many months preparation brought visitors from all corners of the world. We gathered as one. There was the beautiful parade of each guest as she walked under the flag of her country to the stage.

But for Selma Shejavali there was no flag because her Namibia is not free and her people live in bondage and oppression. But, Selma walked under the Christian flag! The applause and the tears expressed our joy for her in the witness she gave of her Christian hope.

The banquet was a special event! Bishop Preus spoke of his personal knowledge of Namibia and the suffering of the people there, and in the midst of their hurts and pain, God was there.

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It was an evening focused upon Namibia! He told us, "You go out and be peacemakers! God has made us to be that! Let us work together, hand in hand."

Selma was honored with the Wartburg Theological Seminary Loehe Award. It was presented by President Fjeld of Wartburg. He told of Selma's great courage, defying danger as she went with concern and love for her Lord and her people through areas where land mines were laid.

Dr. Preus also spoke of this about Selma and her husband Abisai and their children. The award was a touching expression of love for Selma! "Selma Shejavali, whose own unique contribution to the life of the church genuinely reflects those qualities of dedication, quest for excellence, evangelical warmth, and servant devotions."

The Convention closed with the communion service with Pastor Emma Mujoro presiding. This was also the commissioning service for us all to be the living Bread for the World, as Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life."

God blessed us with His presence. God spoke to us through Selma as she walked under the Christian flag. "Be Christians! Be Christ's disciples! Answer the call to help my people become free!"

Namibia is linked with the Southern Wisconsin District in the Woman to Woman program. The women of the district did a marvelous job displaying the varieties of Namibian culture and also expressing the plight of the people.

STEVE BISENIUS REAPPEARS AS ALLY OF SOUTH AFRICAN

By Peter Kjeseth

Strange how the dramas of history unfold. On Sunday night, July 9th, 1978 the Wartburg Seminary Global Concerns Committee (predecessor to the present Namibia concerns) called a special meeting to urge an Iowa state senator to cancel his planned trade mission junket to South Africa.

We showed the senator the film, "The Last Grave at Dimbaza." Though he and his family were leaving the next day to return to Namibia, Abisai Shejavali took time to come to the meeting to tell the senator about the real conditions in Namibia and South Africa.

Rev. Mark Thomsen, the pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Dubuque, attended the meeting and later wrote a letter to the Dubuque "Telegraph Herald" urging the senator to learn something from his trip if he absolutely had to go.

Today Dr. Abisai Shejavali is executive secretary of the Council of Churches in Namibia, Mark Thomsen is executive secretary of the Division of World Mission and Inter-Church Cooperation of the American Lutheran Church and Steven Bisenius, the former Iowa senator, is now executive director of the American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa.

On that Sunday night in the summer of 1978 Steven Bisenius arrogantly refused to believe what Abisai Shejavali told him about conditions in Namibia.

This summer in the August 5, 1984, edition of South Africa's Sunday Times under Steven Bisenius' name an article appears which urges American business to fight the growing divestment movement in the United States. "So don't just lie there and take it" is the title of the Bisenius article.

It appears that Mr. Bisenius has made a lucrative career out of his friendship with the government which continues to enslave and oppress its majority black population.

The struggle goes on...
Wartburg's new Namibian students, (l-r) Rev. Julius Mtuleni and Rev. Jonathan Hevita, chat with Philip Wangberg before his departure for Namibia and South Africa. Julius serves in the Evangelical Lutheran Ovambokavango Church which serves the northern part of Namibia. Jonathan serves in the Evangelical Lutheran Church which is primarily in the south of Namibia. Welcome to both of you!

BOMB FOUND AT NAMIBIA HOSPITAL, SOUTH AFRICANS SUSPECTED

Budapest, Aug. 2 (Lutheran World Information) South African soldiers have been accused of placing a landmine outside a hospital deep in the heartland of the Evangelical Lutheran Ovambokavango Church (Namibia).

According to information received here, the incident took place July 25 at Onandjokwe Hospital in Onipa, headquarters of the Ovambokavango Church.

"Had the mine exploded," said John Evenson, director of the Namibia Communications Center, London, "innocent people probably would have been killed, and the Namibian liberation movement again would have been blamed."

He noted that the incident occurred during the LWF Assembly and offered the speculation that it could have been designed to influence consideration here.

According to reports, six soldiers of the South African defense force arrived at about noon July 25, asking to inspect the hospital. Four soldiers accompanied a Finnish doctor, Ritva Kalliokoski, and a nurse, Anna-Liisa Hirvela, on a tour.

An eyewitness saw the two soldiers remaining behind place a landmine in a small hole outside the hospital's maternity building. Church authorities were notified, and they phoned the police who removed the mine. The incident is reported to be under investigation.

The hospital is about 200 meters from the Lutheran publishing facility where twice in recent years the printing press has been blown up.

DR. PREUS SAYS...

In speaking about the current inter-Lutheran emphasis in behalf of the people of Namibia in Southern Africa, Bishop Preus said, "No other group in this country is giving attention to Namibia, if we don't work for Namibia, it won't be done."

—Quote by Bishop David Preus at Central American Task Force Meeting
SUPPORT URGED FOR DEAN FARISANI
UPON HIS RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA

By Bill Johnston

Dean Farisani returned to South Africa on August 8, after attending an assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Budapest.

The stock, 36-year-old cleric has long been marked as an outspoken and dangerous opponent by South Africa's security police. They have detained him three times in the past seven years, twice under torture.

In June of this year he came to the United States and testified before a Congressional committee, relating his torture, and speaking in Washington and other cities. He was explicit about the control Pretoria's security police have over the police in the Venda bantustan.

The church leader's statements created a firestorm in South Africa. The Venda police visited Mrs. Farisani daily just before her husband came home in early July.

Now Dean Farisani has returned to South Africa where there is even greater hatred for this priest. The danger for him and for his family will grow as time passes and public attention lags.

Act to protect Dean Farisani by writing regularly to:
S. of State George Shultz
Amb. Brand Fourie
Department of State
South African Embassy
Washington, DC 20520
3051 Mass. Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008

SEND YOUR MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO:

The Very Rev. Tshenuwani Simon Farisani
P.O. Box 314
Sibasa, Venda,
South Africa

Ralston Deffenbaugh (Lutheran World Federation, LWF, staff) and Solveig Kjeseth (who recently moved to Denver, Colorado, where husband, Peter, is now the new director of Wartburg's Denver House of Studies) discuss Namibia and the recent LWF Assembly. Deffenbaugh had reported on the Assembly at St. Paul's Lutheran in Denver. Kjeseth and Deffenbaugh compared notes on the planning for Dr. Kameeta's visit to Denver. Deffenbaugh, formerly a Denver lawyer, was in Denver on home-leave from his LWF post in Geneva. He has been in LWF's legal monitoring and intervention in behalf of Namibian and South African Church leaders who experience harassment and persecution.

JEFF BLANK SPENDS
SUMMER IN NEW YORK

By Jeff Blank

This summer I spent two months in New York as an intern working with Bill Johnston of the Episcopal Churchpeople for South Africa, American Committee on Africa (ACOA), and Lutheran World Ministries (LWM).

During this time, I got to know the highly dedicated people involved in these organizations. I want to thank these people for their time and energy spent in my education, and especially Bill Johnston for insight and colorful editorials.

Thanks to ACOA I was able to see the divestment issue at work. I spent a day with Dumisani Kumalo, their project director, at the State of New Jersey's public hearing for Investment of State Pension Funds. Kumalo testified on behalf of divestment of their money from companies doing business in and with South Africa. His impact on the committee was powerful.

The high point on my stay was meeting Dean Simon Farisani. Thanks to Dr. Ed May of LWM, I spent an afternoon and evening with him. This man is in great trouble in his homeland of South Africa. When ever he sees wrong, he tries to correct it. For this his life is in danger. Farisani speaks against apartheid and for that he was tortured. He speaks against torture and for that he and his family are harassed. He has tried to worship with white people, and for that he was called a "Niger Heathen."

Give us such strength in the faith to live out our Christian convictions.
NEWS OF NEW DEATH GREET MUJORO FAMILY ARRIVAL IN NAMIBIA

Kapi and Emma Mujoro arrived home and have moved to Otjimbingwe where they have already begun teaching at Paulinum Seminary. They were met at the airport by a large group of relatives.

"We felt great and happy to see and meet most of our families alive."

"However we learned about the deliberate shooting of Emma's cousin, who was shot to death by the South African 'security forces' in northern Namibia only a month ago."

Consequently, while we had a joy to be reunited with our families, we faced the naked reality of life in this country...We express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the love and concern which you showed and shared with us during our stay in the U.S. We will remember your kindness very much."

CHURCH OF NORWAY SEeks BAN ON NORWEGIAN OIL EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA

The Church of Norway recently presented a proposal that Norwegian law would forbid any sale or transport of Norwegian oil to South Africa.

Members of the Church Council on Foreign Relations expressed impatience that Norway continues to allow its oil, sold through intermediaries, to strengthen the economy of racist South Africa.

UNCONTROLLED NEWSPAPER BANNED IN WINDHOEK FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

The Windhoek Observer, the only uncontrolled newspaper in Namibia, has recently survived a "ban" by South Africa.

If their appeal had not been successful this would have meant that there would no longer have been any semblance of freedom of the press in Namibia. The editor, Hannes Smith, and political correspondent, Gwen Lister, have been frequent targets of harassment.

Some of you may remember that Ms. Lister was charged with possession of "subversive materials", one of which was the resolution passed by the Southern Wisconsin ALCW expressing their Christian concern.

THANKS TO BESSIE OLSON

Bessie Olson (of Bethany Lutheran Church in Mauston, Wisconsin,) has used her regular social concerns column in the parish paper to pass on our request (see May newsletter) for identifying at least 500 individuals, ALCW circles or congregations who will promise $100 a year for the growth and maintenance of the National Namibia Concerns advocacy network.

That was a good way to promote the idea. We already have a number of these $100 pledges. Thanks to Bessie Olson - and many others

YOUTH USE TEE-SHIRTS IN PARISH FUND-RAISER FOR NAMIBIA WORK

The youth of the Lutheran parish in Velva, North Dakota, have ordered "Free Namibia" tee-shirts to wear while washing cars as a money raising project for Namibia.

Pastor Cathy Berger has been helping these young people relate to the problems of Namibian kids, growing up a world apart, yet members of the same family in Christ.

HOLDEN VILLAGE BECOMES INVOLVED IN NAMIBIA WORK

This past year guests at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State, spent long hours studying about Namibia.

Through their worship services, lecture series, tapes and readings, they examined the issues, and discussed possible responses. While committing themselves to prayerful support and solidarity with Namibian Christians, the Holden Villagers also collected an impressive amount of financial aid for projects of the churches in Namibia.

Approximately $20,000 has been forwarded to buy theological textbooks for the seminary, to provide sewing machines, and to help with a water irrigation project of the Council of Churches in Namibia.

Mr. Attie Beukes of the Council of Churches has written to Holden, expressing the "tremendous joy and appreciation" with which these gifts were received.

TRINITY SEMINARY HOSTS RECENT INFORMATION MEETING

Trinity Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, recently hosted Maurice Wick, of Wartburg Namibia Concerns, who presented information on the situation in Namibia. Wick was introduced to the Trinity community at the end of chapel and about 40 people attended his information session.

MAMIBIAN FREEDOM TEE-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

New "educational" resources available from Namibia Concerns are T-Shirts which call attention to our cause. Designed by Wartburg student, Steve Meyer, the front of the shirt quotes Luke 4:18: "To set at liberty those who are oppressed...."

On the back is a map of Africa with a cross superimposed on it, and the words: FREE NAMIBIA! The shirts come in adult sizes S, M, L, and XL.

Made of 50% cotton and 50% polyester, the shirts are available in green, light blue, yellow, and gold. The suggested donation is five or six dollars, plus a small amount for postage.
What's Happening...

SOUTH PACIFIC SPONSORS
NAMIBIA AWARENESS EVENT
On September 9th, Community Lutheran Church in Los Angeles joined with the Namibia Concerns Committee of the South Pacific District to sponsor a Namibia Awareness event.

Victor Tonchi, a Namibian student, explained the student rioting in South Africa as a justifiable reaction to the inferior and repressive educational system which is forced on the black population.

Helen Solberg gave a brief history of Namibia, while Carl Jakobsson analyzed the political situation.

Mary Henry, speaking on the topic: "A Church Woman Looks at Southern Africa", told of her experience as a black American visiting that country. In her passport, Mary was classified as an "honorary White" so that she wouldn't be subjected to the harassment that South Africa reserves for its own black citizens. Closing worship was led by pastors Kenneth Wheeler and Sue Wolfe.

NAMIBIA CONCERNS MEMBER HELPS WITH MIDWEST TOUR
Jennifer Jarvis-Schroeder, of Wartburg's Namibia Concerns, joined 15 other people September 9-16 in a three-state Southern Africa Advocacy Tour. Jennifer traveled to eastern South Dakota, while other teams went to Minnesota and northern Wisconsin. The Tour was co-sponsored by Lutheran World Ministries and American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) to help educate people on South Africa and Namibia and raise the situation of the people there as an election issue.

NAMIBIA CONCERNS MEMBERS PRESENT AT LWF ASSEMBLY
Three members of the Namibia Concerns Committee, Sheryl Biegert, Gloria Espeseth and Kathy Gerking, all attended the Lutheran World Federation Assembly this summer in Budapest.

They report that while the Assembly was exciting, their high point was the opportunity to talk with Zephaniah Kameeta and Manas Buthelezi about the church in South Africa and Namibia.

NAMIBIA CONCERNS WELCOMES ITS NEW COMPUTER, "SELMA"

The Namibia work which began so small and innocently at Wartburg several years ago has finally reached a point where volunteers alone are no longer able to manage the lists, addresses and other details for the thousands of people concerned about Namibia.

Namibia Concerns new computer, "Selma" will soon be keeping track of the Namibia Concerns network, as well as providing everyone better communication.

"Selma" is named in honor of Selma Shejavali, whose presence and witness continues to inspire all our efforts.

Anyone wishing to speed the arrival of Selma, please send contributions marked "Selma".

S. AFRICAN SUIT AGAINST AFRICA FUND CALLED HARASSMENT BY FEDERAL JUDGE
A suit brought against the Africa Fund by the U.S. Namibia (Southwest Africa) Trade and Cultural Council-registered agents for the South African government- has been dismissed by U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy and the Council has been ordered to pay all legal fees for the defendant.

In a statement Judge Duffy cited four reasons for dismissing the suit and approved a motion which asserted that the Council's action was "frivolous, a sham and intended only as harassment."

For 31 years the Africa Fund has worked to mobilize Americans to support the struggle for African freedom and has shipped medicine and clothing for the estimated 100,000 Namibian refugees who have fled South African oppression.

WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA HIGHLIGHTS NAMIBIA TOUR
The Western North Dakota District's Committee on Church and Society is planning an emphasis on Namibian concerns Sept. 30 - Oct. 7.

A team of two or three Southern Africans and American Lutherans will visit the district during the week.

The contact person is:
Dick Hendrickson
Box 726
Garrison, ND 58540
(701) 463-2064.

The team will visit Minot, Williston, Dickinson and Bismarck.

SCHOLARSHIPS SOUGHT FOR WARTBURG'S NAMIBIAN KIDS
"It is better for our children to stay out of school than to be 'educated for slavery' in the black schools run by South Africa", said Emma Mujoro.

For the families of Wartburg's Namibian students, the problem of their children's education is a serious one. Black public schools use inferior curricula and teaching is done in an atmosphere of intimidation.

In fact, in the upper grades the "teachers" sometimes are armed soldiers, part of a system designed to perpetuate white domination.

Private, church-run schools are expensive. The Namibia Concerns Committee has helped to provide funds for the continuing education of the children who have gone home to Namibia. We recognize that this is just "a drop in the bucket", but since these children once played about the campus of Wartburg, we feel a special responsibility for them.

If you can help with this, please designate your gift as being for the education of Wartburg's Namibian kids!
NAMIBIA CONCERNS GETS NEW LOOK WITH DENVER AS ADDITIONAL BASE

Beginning this September, Namibia Concerns at Wartburg Seminary has a new look. In May, Namibia Concerns incorporated as a national body - a realization of what had already been in process for this committee for some time.

The incorporated committee, now to be known as National Namibia Concerns (NNC), will be located in Denver, says Solveig Kjeseth, one of the founders of the work in Dubuque.

"When our family faced the possibility of moving to Denver where Peter directs Wartburg's house of studies the committee struggled about what would be the best division of labor to strengthen our advocacy work," she said.

"We decided to continue a strong Wartburg committee while also organizing on the national level from Denver. It seems to be the best use of our resources."

Controlled by a board of directors chosen from Namibian advocates throughout the U.S., NNC will seek to work nationwide through the Lutheran Church and across ecumenical lines to heighten awareness about the Namibian situation.

MEANWHILE BACK AT WARTBURG...

Although NNC has moved to Denver, Namibia Concerns at Wartburg Seminary (NCWS) continues as strong as ever. NCWS, a Global Concerns subcommittee under the aegis of Wartburg Seminary, continues its work to educate the seminary and the surrounding region.

During the transition many of the functions of NNC continue at Wartburg. Denver and Dubuque remain in frequent contact as this year's Wartburg committee gets into swing.

Namibia Concerns at Wartburg Seminary is excited about these new structural changes, says Julie Dennison, one of this year's committee leaders. "By defining specific tasks for both the local and national work, we hope that a broad base of volunteers can become involved."

What does this mean for you? Wartburg's Namibia Concerns will continue to be a resource center for regional education and advocacy, providing speakers, films and consultation on all aspects of Namibian advocacy. The Wartburg Namibia Concerns phone is (319) 589-0326. Call or write as you always have.

The New Part. The Committee has also incorporated as an organization with a national scope, hoping to serve the whole nation as a resource and training center. Solveig Kjeseth heads up this work from Denver.

Contact Solveig at (303) 832-3229. The address is: National Namibia Concerns
c/o Solveig Kjeseth
860 Emerson Street
Denver, CO 80218

P.S. Solveig reports that the work in Denver is off to a good start with fourteen speaking engagements already set for the next few weeks as well as the visit of Dr. Kameeta.

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN...
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We need to remember the children of Namibia. We need to pray for the parents of Patrick, and Lucky, and Joyce, and Sakeli and little Thabo, that these parents may be comforted.

But for you and I, our comfort comes as we remember the graciousness of the Gospel we proclaim, and with new vigor approach the many tasks which lie before those of us who have chosen to be advocates.

Solveig Kjeseth
for the Namibia Concerns Committee,