Press Conference on South Africa Benefit

New York, N.Y. February 28, 1978---Actor Ossie Davis will host a press conference to announce the formation of a broadly-based effort to benefit refugees from racist South Africa. The press conference will be held on Thursday, March 2, 1978 at 1:00 p.m. at the Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza (entrance on 44th Street at First Avenue).

Mr. Davis, who chairs the newly-formed South Africa Freedom Committee (SAFCO), will announce the list of prominent performers, from both Africa and the US who will participate in the first benefit concert for SAFCO, to be held the evening of March 23, 1978 at Carnegie Hall. Further plans by SAFCO will also be announced.

The first performance is planned to coincide with the launching of the International Year Against Apartheid by the United Nations, commencing on the anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre, March 21. Proceeds from the concert will benefit a school to be built in Mozambique for students who have fled South Africa. Participating in the conference with Mr. Davis will be Johnnie Makatini, member of the executive committee of the African National Congress of South Africa; Denton Watson, public relations director of the NAACP; Robert Van Lierop, co-producer of the WABC-TV program "Like It Is;" and Paul Irish, associate director of the American Committee on Africa; Rev. Sipho Mzimela, of South Africa, vice chair of SAFCO, and Angie Dickerson, secretary of SAFCO.

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