March 18, 1992

Dear Friends,

The STOP the Violence Campaign is spreading very fast. As you will see in the enclosed summary, we have heard from groups in 18 states that are planning action during the week of action, March 28 – April 4, 1992.

What is happening in your state, city, county, church, or union? Write or call me so that we can include you in the next update.

Here are some of the innovative tactics you may find useful in your area:

*** The City Council of Hartford, Connecticut, passed a resolution (see enclosed copy) on the campaign which is the best I have seen in all the years of my legislative work against apartheid.

*** Recently, the Africa Fund receive a 15-minute video which documents the violence ripping my country. Copies are available at only $20.00 a copy. As I've said, this video contains the latest and most graphic images out of South Africa. We also heard from the ANC's Deputy President, Walter Sisulu (see enclosed copy) and from Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, General Secretary of the Institute for Contextual Theology commending us for this campaign.

*** We have a poster which is good for displaying in public places. We can send you ready-to-mail question and answer handouts as well.

We will support you with background materials and answer whatever questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to write or call if we can help.

Yours in peace,

Dumisani S. Kumalo
Projects Director.

*Letters should go to: Ambassador Harry Schwarz, Embassy of South Africa, 3051 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Washington D.C. 20008

President George Bush, The White House, Washington D.C. 20500

The Africa Fund, 198 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10038 (212) 962-1210
APARTHEID'S VIOLENCE
A campaign initiated by The Africa Fund.

John Carlin unravels a strategy which is deliberately designed
to turn blacks violently against blacks

SA killing machine is
still ticking over

ANYONE WHO has watched television news with any consti-
tuency over the past two years and
been an armchair witness to the
horrific scenes of blacks slaught-
ering blacks in South Africa's town-
ships could be forgiven for read-
ing with despair at the barbarism
of it all, and concluding that it
might be best, after all, if the
whites carried on running the
country.

Undoubtedly an evil spirit does
lurk in the hearts of many of those
involved in the killings. However,
there is also a pattern, a political
rationalism behind political violence
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The successes of the likes of
Gen Buchner and Lt-Col de Kock,
ANC leaders admit, obliged the
ANC to the mid-1980s to focus its
attention more on internal "mass
action" than on guerrilla war. It
was then that the South African
Defence Force (SADF) hit on its
most brilliant stratagem: to use
the Zulu Inkatha movement as it
had used UNITA and Renamo to
do its dirty work.

The military intelligence link
has been spilled out by a former
SADF major, Nico Bamson, and
a former Inkatha Central Commit-
tee member, Nkomhele Khumalo,
who said he left the organisa-
tion last year because he no longer
wished to function as an SADF
agent. The security police, who
work closely with the military,
were exposed as Inkatha funders
through the Inkathagate scandal
last July. Inkathagate did not how-
ever explicitly point to the police
connection in the Zulu-on-Zulu
war in which Inkatha has been en-
gaged in Natal province against
ANC supporters since 1986. More
than 4,000 have died, most be-
tween 1987 and 1989, when Gen
Buchner ran the security police in
the Natal capital, Pietermaritz-
burg.

According to a report recently
compiled by human rights lawyers,
the Kwa-Zulu police - often des-
cribed as Inkatha's military wing
- have been implicated in the
killings of 104 non-Inkatha people,
most of them in the past two years.

Pointing again to the close col-
laboration of the South African
police and military, Mr Khumo-
alo told the Johannesburg Weekly
Mail in January that military intel-
ligence front-companies had
trained Inkatha youths. training
that extended to the deployment
of hit-squads. The figure Mr Khu-
malof identified as the most dan-
gerous hit-man was Daluxolo Luthuli, a captured ANC guerrilla
who passed through the hands of
Gen Buchner.

Security policemen whom we
talked to for the programme, but
who refused to appear on camera
for fear of their lives, have con-
formed to us in several conversa-
tions in recent weeks that today,
two and half years into Mr de Klel,
"the New South Africa re-
forms", dirty-tricks collusion with
Inkatha, the ANC as the target,
continues unabated. One officer
told us he knew that the political
violence obeyed the dictates of "a
central cog" in Pretoria. We
learned three weeks ago that the
security police had launched an
internal inquiry to try to weed out
the officers who had leaked in-
formation to our programme.

LONDON - The Interna-
tional Press Institute yesterday pro-
etted to Mr de Klerk against po-
lice "harassment" of John Carlin
and two BBC journalists.
SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR WEEK OF ACTION MARCH 28 - APRIL 4, 1992

"There is ample evidence pointing at the involvement of apartheid's security forces in this wanton carnage against the people," Walter Sisulu, ANC's Deputy President in a recent letter to The Africa Fund.

The STOP Apartheid's Violence Campaign has caught on throughout the country. So far, 18 states have informed the Africa Fund about their planned activities. One of the most effective organizing tools for this campaign is the 15-minute STOP THE VIOLENCE video produced recently by South African filmmakers. This film contains the most gripping visual images to come out of South Africa in many years. It is available from the Africa Fund for a cost of only $20.00.

Among the events planned are the following:

*** In Tennessee, the Mid-South Center for Peace and Justice will hold a candlelight vigil at the newly-opened Martin Luther King Memorial monument located at the former Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was slain 24 years ago.

*** In Connecticut, the City of Hartford passed a resolution supporting the campaign and recommending that copies be sent to President Bush, South African Ambassador to the U.S. Harry Schwarz, and the state's Congressional representatives. The Council also ordered that information on the campaign be displayed at the library. Local groups are asked to hold candlelight vigils and write letters to Ambassador Schwarz and President Bush protesting the violence.

*** In Illinois, Chicago's SYNAPSES, Clergy and Laity Concerned and other organizations will hold candlelight vigils outside the South African Consulate on March 23 and 31.

*** In Kansas, The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee composed of local political organizations and churches will commemorate the official dedication of the state monument (I-470), the Dr. Martin Luther King Highway, and launch the STOP Apartheid Violence Campaign with a candlelight vigil at the Statehouse South Steps on April 4.

*** In Louisiana, the state-wide committee against apartheid will begin its activities with a program remembering 69 women, men, and children who were massacred at Sharpeville on March 21, 1960.
As you are aware, more than 11,000 people have died in apartheid violence in the past few years. More than half have been killed since Nelson Mandela was released from jail two years ago. The increase in violence takes place while F.W. de Klerk, Mr. Mandela and leaders of 17 other organizations are negotiating in a Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA). As de Klerk is being forced to bend to internal resistance and international anti-apartheid pressures, he has turned to a two-pronged strategy. He talks of change while seeking to undermine and weaken his opponents so that the final agreement will be written on his own terms.

This is why we must act now to stop the ever escalating violence.

Here is an alphabetical list of the actions planned around the country.

ALABAMA: In Montgomery, Gwendolyn Patton and the Rainbow Education Project have already written letters to President Bush and Ambassador Schwarz. On March 29, a candlelight vigil will be held during service at Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church.

CALIFORNIA: In San Francisco, the Service Employees Union has conducted teach-ins on apartheid violence and distributed materials to its members. They plan more action.

COLORADO: The Colorado Coalition Against Apartheid mailed the information to more than 1,500 of its members. The mayor will declare March 28 - April 4, STOP Apartheid's Violence week, and there will be a candlelight vigil on the State Capitol steps on March 23. Meanwhile, campaign information is distributed every night at the theater where "Born in the RSA" is being performed by a local group.

CONNECTICUT: In Hartford, the City Council passed a resolution supporting the campaign (see above). Also the Greater Bridgeport Interfaith Coalition is planning joint activities with the mayor of this city.

DELAWARE: The Delaware Committee Against Apartheid has mailed to 600 members asking them to send letters to President Bush and Ambassador Schwarz to protest the violence. Also, the committee will use the video to conduct a teach-in on March 26.

GEORGIA: The American Friends Service Committee, the Georgia Coalition Against Apartheid, and Sister Community Organization will launch their actions with a commemoration of the Sharpeville massacre on March 21.

INDIANA: On February 15, in Indianapolis, the Indiana Peacemaking Conference held a state-wide strategy workshop on apartheid's violence and materials were distributed to the participants. In Bloomington, there will be a candlelight vigil in front of the local state building.

ILLINOIS: In Chicago, SYNAPSES, CALC, and the Alexandra Sister Community group plan candlelight vigils outside the South African Consulate on March 23 and 31. In Champaign, the students at the University of Illinois will conduct a dorm-to-dorm teach-in using
the video during the week of action.

KANSAS: The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee composed of local political organizations and churches will commemorate the official dedication of the state monument (I-470), the Dr. Martin Luther King Highway, and launch the STOP Apartheid Violence Campaign with a candlelight vigil at the Statehouse South Steps on April 4.

MASSACHUSETTS: Mobilization for Survival and other local groups are planning an all-day event on March 30 in Boston.

MICHIGAN: In Kalamazoo, SASO is planning a teach-in and letter writing campaign throughout the week of action at Western Michigan University. A number of local Model UN classes around the state also plan to write letters protesting the violence to President Bush and Ambassador Schwarz.

NEW JERSEY: At Drew University, students plan a teach-in during the week of action.

NEW YORK: In Rochester, students are planning an all day teach-in and a vigil on April 3 at the University of Rochester. In Albany, the Capital City Coalition Against Apartheid is conducting teach-ins and a letter writing campaign during the same week. In New York City, churches affiliated with the Religious Action Network are collecting keys which they will deliver to the South African Consulate on April 3. On the same day, Immobilize Apartheid Campaign will hold a lunch-time vigil outside the Consulate.

OHIO: In Cleveland, a teach-in will be held at the First Baptist Church on March 29. The North-East Ohio Coalition is planning other events as well.

PENNSYLVANIA: In Pittsburgh, the NAACP, the Ecumenical Urban Ministries and local unions will hold a candlelight vigil at Bellefield Church Tower on March 28. The NAACP has also mailed out the information to more than 550 churches and organizations in the area asking them to join the campaign.

TENNESSEE: The Mid-South Center for Peace and Justice will hold a candlelight vigil at the newly-opened Martin Luther King Memorial monument located at the former Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was slain 24 years ago. Lindiwe Mabuza, Chief Representative for the ANC in the U.S. will be the keynote speaker.

VIRGINIA: Cordelia Kirksharp will conduct a teach-in at Newport College, Newport News, using the Stop the Violence Video. Norfolk State College will commemorate Sharpeville Day on March 27. Mennonite College, Harrisburg, Virginia, will conduct an all-day letter-writing campaign.

WASHINGTON: The Seattle Council of Churches will launch the campaign with a candlelight vigil at the Martin Luther King memorial monument on April 4. Churches and other groups from around the city will participate.

(information compiled by D.S. Kumalo and Carlyn Giddings)
Ms. Jennifer Davis  
Executive Director  
The Africa Fund  
198 Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 10038  
United States of America

24 January, 1992

Dear Jennifer

Thank you very much for the material you sent us on the "Stop Apartheid's Violence" campaign.

Once again the Africa Fund has taken the lead in sensitising the American public on topical South African issues. Your judgement on the necessity to launch the campaign is to be commended indeed. Despite the signing of the National Peace Accord on September 14 last year and the ongoing negotiations at CODESA violence has continued unabated. It is becoming increasingly clear that there is a hidden hand fanning the flames of violence. There is ample evidence pointing at the involvement of apartheid's security forces in this wanton carnage against the people and the democratic organisations that represent them. However, the De Klerk government is yet to take decisive action against the perpetrators of this violence.

As we have stated on countless occasions in the past it is the responsibility of the government to see to the maintenance of law and order. No civilised government would tolerate this state of affairs unless it had a stake in the violence. We therefore have to lay the blame squarely on the shoulders of the De Klerk and his government.

Our duty as freedom fighters and activists, wherever we may be, is to expose this sinister plot to decimate the Liberation Movement and thus preserve apartheid. Your campaign could therefore not have come at a more opportune time. We hope that this campaign will go a long way towards making the American public and opinion makers alike aware of De Klerk's double agenda and the need to exert whatever pressure is necessary to ensure that the negotiations are not torpedoed.

With best wishes and kind regards.

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WALTER SISULU  
DEPUTY PRESIDENT
This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 9, 1992, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, More than 11,000 people have died as a result of apartheid violence since 1984, over half of them since Nelson Mandela was released from prison in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Human rights organizations report that most of the violence is caused by organizations that appear to be independent but that receive government funding and training, such as the Inkatha Party, which receives $700 million a year from the South African government and for whom the South African Defense Force built a military training camp; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations on the future of South Africa that began in December are undermined by continuing state-sponsored attacks on leaders of the African National Congress (ANC), trade unions, and religious institutions; and

WHEREAS, Despite optimism surrounding the new negotiation process, the parties remain far apart, with the ANC favoring an interim government composed of all races for an 18 month transition period to democratic rule, and the de Klerk government insisting that any changes be put to a national referendum and receive the support of a majority of white voters; and

WHEREAS, The Bush Administration condemns violence, yet continues to support the de Klerk regime and therefore the Inkatha Party; and

WHEREAS, The Africa Fund is launching a national campaign to stop apartheid violence and has asked for support from all quarters; now, therefore, be it.
RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council supports the Stop Apartheid Violence Campaign of the Africa Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, That:

1) Copies of this resolution be sent to President George Bush, The White House, Washington, D. C. (202-456-1414); Harry Schwarz, South African Embassy, 3051 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20008 (202-232-4400), and our Congressional Representatives; and

2) Copies of this resolution be sent to the Hartford Public Library to be posted in all branches and distributed in other ways so that residents can learn of the Campaign and take part in whatever way they can; and

3) The Hartford Court of Common Council requests organizations throughout the City and region to observe the Stop Apartheid’s Violence Week of Action, March 28 to April 4, by holding candlelight vigils in public places, writing letters, making phone calls and supporting the Campaign in other ways, including contacting the Africa Fund, 198 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10038 (212-962-1210).

Attest:

Delores Lamar,
Deputy City Clerk.

Copies to: City Manager, Mayor, All Councilmen, President Bush, Harry Schwarz-South African Embassy, Congressional Representatives, Director-Hartford Public Library.