South Africa is the only country in the world where oppression, denial of civil and human rights, and discrimination in every walk of life -- based on color -- is legally enshrined in the Constitution and the law;

The South African policy of apartheid has been attacked by nearly every nation in the world, and in almost every session of the United Nations since 1966, with no response from the South African Government except defiance, and a steady increase in repressive, authoritarian measures;

Under apartheid approximately 5,000 political prisoners now sit in South African jail cells;

Under apartheid white miners earn approximately 15 times as much as Africans, and in secondary industry about 5 times as much;

Under apartheid fifty percent of all African children are tubercular at the age of 10, due to malnutrition, and the general infant mortality rate is one of the highest in the world: 200 to 400 per 1,000 for Africans, 27 per 1,000 for whites;

Under apartheid the government subsidy for an African child's education amounts to $19.67 a year, for a white child's $196.70;

Under apartheid those non-whites residing (because employed) in urban areas are not permitted to share in the cultural advantages available to whites -- may not visit art galleries, use the main public library, attend lectures, plays, or musical programs, or even the movies except in their own segregated areas, where the cultural fare is almost non-existent;

Let it be known that we

the following, do pledge ourselves to do all within our power --

**ARTISTS AND SCULPTORS** . . . not to allow our work to be displayed in any South African exhibition;

**NOVELISTS, POETS, AND ESSAYISTS** . . . . . . . . . . . . not to permit our books to be published in South Africa;
PLAYWRIGHTS •••••••• not to permit performances of our plays in South Africa;

PERFORMING ARTISTS •••• not to perform on the stage in South Africa, or to participate in making films in that country;

COMPOSERS, CONDUCTORS, AND MUSICIANS ••••••••• not to conduct or perform music in South Africa, or to allow performances of our works there;

FILM PRODUCERS •••• to prevent the showing of our films in the Republic of South Africa.

we make the above pledge

in solemn resolve to refuse any encouragement of, or indeed any personal or professional association with, the present Republic of South Africa: this until the day when all its people -- black and white -- shall equally enjoy the educational and cultural advantages of this rich and lovely land. (List complete to October 18, 1965.)

TO THIS SOLEMN PLEDGE WE HEREBY SET OUR HANDS:

Conrad Aiken (Author)  Julie Harris (Actress)
Joan C. Baez (Singer)  Van Hefflin (Actor)
Bill and Cora Baird ( Marionettes) Granville Hicks (Writer)
Tallulah Bankhead (Actress)  Jerome Hines (Opera Bass)
Harry Belafonte (Singer) Carmen de L. Holder (Dancer)
Saul Bellow (Writer) Lena Horne (Singer)
Leonard Bernstein (Conductor-Composer)  Langston Hughes (Author)
Leon Bibb (Singer-Actor)  Eartha Kitt (Artist)
E. Power Biggs (Musician)  Miriam Makeba (Singer)
Victor Borge (Entertainer)  Marya Mannes (Writer)
Oscar Brand (Singer-Writer)  Johnny Mathis (Recording Artist)
Dave Brubeck (Jazz Musician)  Karl A. Menninger (Psychiatrist)
Carol Burnett (Actress)  Burgess Meredith (Actor-Director)
Paul Cadmus (Artist)  Arthur Miller (Playwright)
Godfrey Cambridge (Actor-Comic)  Warren Miller (Novelist)
Carl Carmer (Author)  Ashley Montagu (Anthropologist)
Diahann Carroll (Singer-Actress)  Henry Morgan (Actor-Author)
Paddy Chayefsky (Writer)  Patricia Munsel (Singer)
Jerome Chodorov (Playwright)  Edmond O'Brien (Actor)
John Clancy (Post)  Frederick O'Neal (Actor-Lecturer)
Marc Connelly (Playwright)  Odetta (Concert Artist)
Dorothy Dandridge (deceased) (Actress)  Sidney Poitier (Actor)
Cassie Davis (Actor)  John Raitt (Actor-Singer)
Sammy Davis, Jr. (Singer-Actor)  Jerome Robbins (Director-Choreographer)
Ruby Dee (Actress)  Paul Robeson (Singer-Actor)
Leon Fleisher (Pianist)  Peter Seeger (Musician)
Henry Fonda (Actor)  George Shirley (Opera Tenor)
John Forsythe (Actor)  Nina Simone (Singer-Pianist)
James J. Garner (Actor)  Ed Sullivan (TV Personality)
William Gibson (Playwright)  Eli Wallach (Actor)
E. Y. Harburg (Lyricist)  Poppy Cannon White (Writer)

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