

# SOUTH AFRICA

"By most measures of human and governmental conduct, South Africa has been for years a repressive state, its system of apartheid, or separation of the races, keeping the nation's non-white majority of 21.7 million not only separate but distinctly unequal to its 4.3 million whites." The New York Times, October 23, 1977

## PROTEST THE RECENT CRACKDOWN

Two weeks ago South Africa added yet another repressive measure to its long list with its suppression of basic democratic rights through the bannings of many black individuals, black organizations, and the major black newspaper, as well as many whites who support demands for change in the system of apartheid. For an organization, banning means being put out of business; for an individual it means house arrest along with the loss of the rights of free speech and assembly. The actual number of persons banned is as yet unknown; the Government released a partial list which includes 29 people and 19 organizations. At least 200 people were arrested, which is worse than banning, for under South African security laws a person can be detained for a indefinite period without a trial. The World, the principle black newspaper and the country's second largest daily, was also banned; this is the first time in South African history that a daily newspaper has been shut down. The World's editor, Percy Qoboza, was arrested, and Donald Woods, a prominent white newspaper editor (The Daily Dispatch) was banned for 5 years.

## END U-M INVESTMENTS IN APARTHEID

What does this have to do with us? The University of Michigan has approximately \$40 million worth of indirect investment in South Africa, as well as lucrative research contracts, professorial exchanges, and other ties. These investments are instrumental in holding up the Vorster regime and the racist system of apartheid which it embraces. Without American support and financial backing in the form of investments such as these, the apartheid system could never stand up under the weight of its injustices and oppression. Our University is an active participant in this support process; whether the investments are direct or indirect makes little difference, for in either case the money still gets there. If you are a student your tuition payments are involved, and if you are a Michigan resident your tax dollars are in it as well. OUR money is going to support one of the most racist and repressive regimes on this planet. This clearly makes the problem of U-M investments OUR responsibility, and not merely the jurisdiction of administration policy-makers and financial "experts". We must demand an immediate end to all U-M ties with South Africa, in particular our financial ties.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO ?

Bring up the issue in classes, write articles or letters to local newspapers, organize forums in your departments. Boycott and protest campus recruitments by corporations with holdings in South Africa. IBM will be here Nov. 1 & 3 - turn out to protest their recruiting. In short, take advantage of your own situation and resources to expose the real facts of the situation in South Africa. And above all: DEMAND THAT U-M BREAK ALL TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA IMMEDIATELY !

TONIGHT: Come to Alice Lloyd dorm and hear Mary Wade, recently returned from a tour of the front-line states in southern Africa. Monday, October 30, 7:30 pm.

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