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TO: Members, Middle Atlantic Region Anti-Apartheid Network (224

FROM: Edythe Jones-Rogers, A.F.S.C. Southern Africa Project 5?

RE: Maintaining Sanctions, H.R. 1111 (9y

DATE: April 17, 1991 (29/

This memorandum requests your assistance in activating the Middle Atlantic Region's anti-apartheid network. We need to activate our networks, and ask them to make immediate contact with their representatives to the United States Congress. President Bush is trying to lift sanctions against the apartheid South African government. The European Community, (EC), voted April 15, 1991 to lift sanctions on imports of iron, steel and gold coins from South Africa. Without some signal from the American public to the contrary, President Bush will use the EC's lifting of sanctions as grounds to propose lifting Congressionally-imposed sanctions against South Africa.

The American Committee On Africa, (ACOA), met with House Speaker Thomas Foley in March. (See enclosed). The ACOA requests that we send delegations of prominent persons to visit district offices of members of Congress, to "deliver the message that sanctions against South Africa must be maintained." We should also organize members of our network and all interested persons to call, write, or visit their representatives and say, "Sanctions against South Africa must stay in place until there is democracy - one-person, one vote." Senators and Representatives should be contacted.

Please contact our office to let us know which prominent persons you will/have spoken with. It will also help if we receive a copy of written correspondence. We ask this so that we will be utilizing all resources, and cover-every Congressional office in the Middle Atlantic Region.

I cannot stress strongly enough "that time is of the essence in this matter. We know that you support bringing democracy to South Africa and that you will be a helpful guide and co-traveler in this effort to maintain sanctions against the apartheid regime. We will contact you again soon about actions we might want to take, to impact the "no-coverage-if-not-negative" coverage of South Africa in the daily newspapers, and other media.

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Dear Friends,

We had a tremendously successful meeting on Capitol Hill with House Speaker Thomas Foley and the Leadership of Congress last month. Enclosed is an advance page out of the ACOA newsletter containing a report on this meeting.

One of the things that came out of our Washington visit was that Congressman William Gray, the Majority Whip whose job is to keep in close contact with fellow elected officials, suggested that we send delegations of prominent people to the district offices of the members of Congress to deliver the message that sanctions against South Africa must be maintained. -

"I am told by members of both the House and Senate that no one has either visited their district offices, or even written letters raising the issue of continued economic sanctions or the Civil Rights Act of 1991, " said Congressman Gray.

The American Committee on Africa is exploring the possibility of arranging state and city-wide delegations to visit the Congressional representatives in their home districts. But before we do that, we would like to hear from you about the feasibility of this project. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can do this quickly and effectively, please let me know.

Yours in the struggle,

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"APARTHEID CAN BE ABOLISHED PEACEFULLY"

The United States and United Nations imposed sanctions against the South African government - until apartheid is abolished, remain the only peaceful means to end apartheid. The sanctions have forced the apartheid government to agree to negotiate with Africans. Africans, who are 83% of the population of South Africa, have been locked out of citizenship and government for more than 80 years. Sanctions have also forced the regime of ' President deKlerk to unban all political parties. Sanctions do work L!

President George Herbert Walker Bush wants to end sanctions now. For the past ten months he has been moving aggressively to - Vhelp the apartheid regime meet two of the three remaining conditions imposed under the Comprehensive Anti-apartheid Act of 1987. Under the Act the deKlerk regime must meet four of five conditions before President Bush can take steps to end the sanctions. The five conditions are: (1) Free Nelson Mandela and all other political prisoners; (2) Lift the countrywide state of emergency; (3) Repeal the Group Areas and Population. Registration_ Acts; (4) Unban all political parties; and, (5) A public commitment to negotiate with representatives of the majority. , _ . Conditions 4 and 5 have been met. Nelson Mandela has been freed. Hundreds more political prisoners remain incarcerated. DeKlerk has proposed Condition 3 to the South African parliament. _That body has not met to debate it.Only two conditions have been met. George Bush says this "represents significant progress." These conditions do not compel the South African government to negotiate or. act in good faith to end apartheid. Thus, Congressman Ronald Dellums, (D., Calif.), has introduced H. R. 1111, the Anti-Apartheid Act Amendments Bill of 1991. If passed, this bill will keep sanctions in place until there is one person one vote , leading to a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa. We urge your support for this peaceful end to apartheid. KEEP THE PRESSURE ON ! Apartheid cannot be reformed. Apartheid must be -abolished !

Edythe Jones-Rogers, Director

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LUXEMBOURG (AP) - The European Community agreed yesterday to end sanctions on imports of iron, steel and gold coins from South Africa, the last remaining bans imposed by the trading bloc on Pretoria's white-ruled government. . -
. But the EC will continue to observe the United Nations' bans on sports events with South Africa as well as embargoes on arms and crude oil transactions with the country. The foreign ministers of the 12 Western European nations said President F. W. de Klerk should be rewarded for his efforts to end the country's policy of racial segregation. "it must be right for the community to recognize what has happened", said there. British Foreign Office Minister Tristan Garel-Jones said after the 14 ministers unanimously approved the action.

In Cape Town, South Africa, Mr. de Klerk called the community's action "positive and most encouraging." "I appreciate the European governments standing by their principles and commitments regarding this issue," he said in a statement. "it is another important step for South Africa and all its people toward improved economic conditions and normal international relations." But the decision was immediately criticized by the African National Congress, the main South African opposition group. -

"The kinds of things that were protested about prior to the implementation of sanctions are still here," ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said on a news program in Johannesburg.

But in that one has heard are noises that they (apartheid measures) may be removed, and for many people it doesn't appear that, with the current violence, they'll even live to see those things," he said.

The ANC's secretary-general, Alfred Nzo, appealed Friday to the community to keep its sanctions in place, arguing that it was too soon to get rid of them.

But Mr. Garel-Jones, whose government has been pressing for an easing of the restrictions, argued that Mr. de Klerk's government "has made very significant moves toward a fully integrated, non-racially biased society in South Africa."

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek said. "We felt that (the government) has lived up to its promises."

, - for this does not mean that apartheid is a thing of the past," he said. g

'The situation in South Africa remains tense." -
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As the pressure to lift sanctions against South Africa intensified in Washington, the leadership of the US House of Representatives came out strongly in favor of maintaining sanctions in a meeting with a delegation organized by The Africa Fund. In early March the high level delegation that included filmmaker Spike Lee, actress Alfre Woodard and civil rights leader Joseph Lowery appealed to the Congress to Keep The Pressure on Apartheid / in the 35 minute meeting with Speaker ' _ Thomas Foley and the House leadership, the delegation pressed home the key campaign point that "Nelson Mandela is Free But He Can't Vote."

"When I returned to South Africa for the first time in 24 years last October," Jennifer Davistold the leadership, "what really struck me is how little has changed in the lives of ordinary people."

Africa Fund board member Bill

Howard set the agenda by saying: "To Proofs #3 Page 7

House Speaker Thomas Foley during the meeting w .

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members of the Africa Fund delegation; lift even a single sanction before democracy is established sends the wrong signal about American morality and resolve." And in a reference to reports that the Bush Administration might 3,? . _ tempt to restore South African Airways landing rights in the United States by May 1 Howard said: f' We cannot put , landing rights ahead of human rights." Actress Alfre Woodard told the Speaker that the 250 members of Artists for A Free South Africa supported the ANC's call for a democratic non- -racial before the i' -

South Africa- One day

meeting, Woodard said, Nelson Mandela had sent her a letter endorsing the delegation's visit to Congress and appealing for sanctions to be maintained.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference leader Joseph Lowery then tied the sanctions issue into lessons he had learned early in the civil rights struggle.

"Very often when we demonstrated and

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boycotted we would begin to make a little progress," he said. "Just as a little progress was made the businesses would come to us and say 'won't you call off the demonstrations so we can make ' more prOgFESS.

"In the early days we were often naive and would call off the boycott. But it didn't take us long to learn that was a terrible mistake. As mm as we called off the demonstrations, the

progress would stop. Sanctions are our demonstrations." 1

Responding to these points, Speaker Foley said "There will be no likelihood in my judgment that Congress will initiate a lifting of sanctions 5h?" the ending of apartheid has been accomplished."

He then noted that he had asked Representatives Steny Hoyer, David Bonior and Bill Gray to attend the meeting so that the delegation would understand v that the entire House leadership viewed this as an extremely important matter But the Speaker warned that President , - Bush may seek to relax some sanctions 4- in the near future. , a -

Religious Action Network Chairperson Wyatt Tee Walker presented

Speaker Foley with an enlarged version of the sanctions ballot that had been , V signed by the entire delegation. RAN ' churches in New York City, Buffalo, San Francisco, Detroit and Chicago had been particularly active in collecting ballots, said Walker, who noted that the delegation was bringing ballots from 48 states.

The appearance of Spike Lee in particular seemed to create a sensation on Capitol Hill and when the delegation (continued on page 2)

RAN 's Aleah Bacquie accepting ballots from the Washington Chapter of the NAACP.

The Africa Fund co-hosted a closed-door luncheon meeting with the Congressional Black Caucus that drew thirteen members to an intense discussion.

SANCTIONS STORM CONGRESS (Continued from p. 1) arrived at the Speaker's office nearly three dozen aides and pages were jammed in the hallways seeking autographs with the famous filmmaker. Taking it all in stride, Lee urged everyone he saw to "Keep The Pressure On Apartheid" and handed out Africa Fund buttons which; he urged security guards, pages and House aides to wear everyday as a reminder of the importance of sanctions.

Luncheon with the Black Caucus

Just before the meeting with Foley, the delegation received a spirited send off at a luncheon with members of the

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Congressional Black Caucus. "We wanted to come first and meet with the people we see as our critical allies on this issue," said RAN Chairperson Wyatt Tee Walker in opening the luncheon. Black Caucus Chairperson Edolphus Towns from Brooklyn began the meeting with a strong reiteration of the Caucus position in support for continuing sanctions. Majority Whip and Pennsylvania Rep. Bill Gray stressed the importance of educational work at the local level and said "the next 30 to 60 days are going to be critical in terms of sanctions."

Other members of the Caucus who attended the luncheon briefing included Rep. Mervyn Dymally, the new chair of ' Spike Lee, Rep. Mervyn Dymally and the Africa Fund's Jennifer Davis at luncheon.

At left, Africa Fund Board member Bill Howard at press conference after meeting with Speaker Foley.

"Sanctions are the least that we can do," said Filmmaker Spike Lee, pictured here with actress Alfre Woodard at a press conference following the meeting with the House leadership.

Activists in 48 states collected ballots, including a UAW local in Chicago, Illinois, the UAW's Civil Rights Division in Detroit, ' activists in Maine, a local AFSC chapter in Atlanta, the Free South Africa Movement in Cleveland, ' the Church Council in Seattle, and the Peace Center in Dallas. the Africa Subcommittee, Rep. William Clay, Rep. Mike Espy, Rep. Harold Ford, Rep. Charles Hayes, Rep. Major Owens, Rep. Donald Payne, Rep. Charles Rangel, Rep. William Jefferson, Rep. Maxine Waters and Rep. Cary Franks.

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