



# **CITIZENS AGAINST RACISM & APARTHEID**

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## **C.A.R.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1990**

**7:30 PM**

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, U OF A, HUB MALL**

These are exciting times in the stage of the struggle for liberation in South Africa. With the release of Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the African National Congress, the United Democratic Front, and other organizations, there is an air of anticipation inside South Africa and internationally that the day of freedom may come sooner rather than later.

However, our optimism needs to be balanced by a realization that apartheid still exists in South Africa and that no fundamental changes have yet been made. In other words, the struggle continues...

Over the past six years, C.A.R.A. has achieved a reputation of providing unconditional assistance in practical terms to the liberation movement and we are recognized as a traditional ally of the ANC. It is crucial to the liberation struggle that Citizens Against Racism and Apartheid (C.A.R.A.) continue to provide a high level of support and solidarity.

We need the help of every single one of our 80 members to not only carry on the level of activities we have achieved in the past, but to meet new challenges as the struggles in South Africa sharpen. While there is light now at the end of the tunnel, so to speak, much is left to be done before apartheid will be defeated and democracy achieved.

You are urged to attend the Annual General Meeting, help elect a new Executive, and renew your commitment to active participation in this exciting stage of the struggle.

Please come and bring a friend. Enclosed is your membership renewal form in case your annual membership has lapsed.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to be considered for the Executive or if you have suggestions concerning C.A.R.A.'s activities, please contact either Maureen (486-9009/452-0140) or Judy (433-8592).

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, April 10th!

### WHAT HAS C.A.R.A. BEEN UP TO LATELY?

- Oct 16-Nov 16 C.A.R.A. was involved, along with the Edmonton Learner Centre and the Alberta Federation of Labour, in a tour featuring Peter Mahlangu, Chief ANC Rep in Canada and Bafo Nyanga, SACTU Rep to Canada. The tour included visits to seven schools (4,000 students), the AFL Fall School in Jasper and meetings with various Alberta Labour Councils and trade unionists.
- Nov 10-12 C.A.R.A. sent two delegates to the Western Networking Conference in Winnipeg
- Jan 15-23 C.A.R.A. members attended joint meetings to plan opposition to the visit to the U of A by Garrit Pretorius, First Secretary of the South African Embassy.
- Feb 3 & 4, Mar 17 Maureen attended meetings in Winnipeg and Toronto respectively to plan the National Conference taking place in Ottawa May 4-6.
- Mar 2-4 C.A.R.A. had a booktable at the Third World Film Festival and sponsored a workshop on "South Africa Update".
- Mar 9 & 23 Maureen did workshops on South Africa for the YMCA and the International Week to Eliminate Discrimination at the U of A.
- Mar 7-11 Visit by Chief ANC Rep to Canada, Peter Mahlangu included an assembly at Ross Sheppard Composite High School for 1200 students, a forum at the U of A co-sponsored by the Graduate Students' Association, his introduction to the Legislative Assembly, a talk at the Edmonton and District Labour Council, and a social. **We successfully raised \$1500 for the ANC.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Several of our students are currently working with AYAPSA (Alberta Youth Animation Project on Southern Africa) to plan a youth tour involving two South African youth to Edmonton April 6-8. Contact Kristy (425-9531), Maureen or Judy for details.

Amie Williamson, one of our student members, is one of 8 Alberta youth selected to participate in a tour to the Southern Africa region sponsored by AYAPSA.

- Apr 10 Annual General Meeting, International Centre, 7:30 pm
- Apr 18 Planning Meeting for activities for Soweto Day, June 16. Inter-Church Coalition, CARA, and African Association. Call Maureen or Judy for details.
- May 4-6 National Anti-Apartheid Conference in Ottawa
- May 7 Tentative CARA Meeting
- May 11-12 Sylvan Lake Anti-Apartheid Networking
- June 12 Tentative CARA Meeting (last meeting until September)
- June 16 Soweto Day Celebrations
- June 19-22 Alberta Federation of Labour Convention, Chateau Lacombe. If you can spare some time to staff the booktable, please contact Maureen at (w) 486-9009 or (h) 452-0140 or Judy at 433-8592.