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Dear Friends,

Jimmy Carter has been in the White House for one year, and government programs that support the South African Vorster regime are still in place.

Some things have changed. The Carter Administration officially supports majority rule in South Africa. The U.S. voted for a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa at the United Nations in response to the October crackdown against all organized opposition to apartheid. Now Administration spokespeople say that this small step is as far as they are willing to go.

But the economic crux of U.S. policy hasn't been touched.

We think it is time to mount a major public campaign to end U.S. government economic support for South Africa. And we think the place to start is with official Export-Import Bank financing of trade. In Congress, a bill has been introduced to end the use of Export-Import Bank facilities to finance exports to South Africa. H.R. 9746. introduced by Rep. Andrew Maguire (D-N.J.). provides that:

"In no event shall the (Export-Import) Bank guarantee, insure or extend credit or participate in any extension of credit to the Republic of South Africa."

Over sixty prominent Americans in leadership positions of national church, civil rights and peace groups have called for an end to Eximbank support for South Africa.

The Eximbank campaign can build on the momentum of organizing already going on across the country. In at least ten cities. coalitions are organizing to stop commercial bank loans to South Africa. It is just as important to oppose financing by the government-run Eximbank, where we, American taxpayers, bear the ultimate burden if South Africa defaults. Many national and local groups are also working to stop foreign aid to governments which commit gross violations of human rights against their own people.

Stopping the flow to racist South Africa of Export-Import Bank financing. which is considered by the Executive Branch as a form of foreign aid. should become a critical part of this human rights work. We need to mount a campaign against Eximbank's South Africa connection to demonstrate to the Congress that there is a popular demand in this country for not only talk, but action, to break U.S. links with apartheid, beginning with the Export-Import Bank. We also need to direct our attention toward the Executive Branch. President Carter could decide, even without the Congress acting, to stop Eximbank financing to South Africa tomorrow.

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Here is the legislative timetable:

House and Senate will be considering a new authorization bill for the Eximbank this spring.

The Banking Committees of the

The House Subcommittee will hold hearings soon on

the Export-Import Bank and South Africa, and on the general bill in mid-February.

Senate hearings will be in March.

We expect that the language of H.R. 9746 will be offered as an amendment to the authorization bill in Committee, and reach the floor for a final vote after May 15th.

This is how you can help:

I'll order bulk copies of the enclosed "Stop Export-Import Bank Financing Apartheid" leaflet.

and through local networks.

Distribute them at meetings, at churches and schools,

Orders of over 50 cost only 5¢ each.

Use the enclosed petition to build support in your community.

... Collect signatures of people you can contact against when a South Africa amendment to the Eximbank bill comes to a vote in Congress.

Send a

copy to President Carter and demand that he take unilateral action.

... Get endorsements from representatives of key local organizations.

This will be a good basis for a meeting with your Congressional representatives, for letter-to-the-editor, and for encouraging individuals associated with these groups to act. Send us a copy.

Most importantly, meet with your Representative and Senators to

tell them to vote to stop Eximbank financing of apartheid.

letter-writing and telephone campaigns in support of H.R. 9746.

Organize

During

the next two months give special attention to members of the Committees which will be considering this legislation (see list below).

Keep you informed about legislative developments so your work can be most timely and effective.

We will

We hope you will share our enthusiasm about this new campaign.

Please let us know what organizing you do in your community to end the Eximbank-South Africa connection.

And contact us if we can give you

any further materials, advice or support.

Sincerely)

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