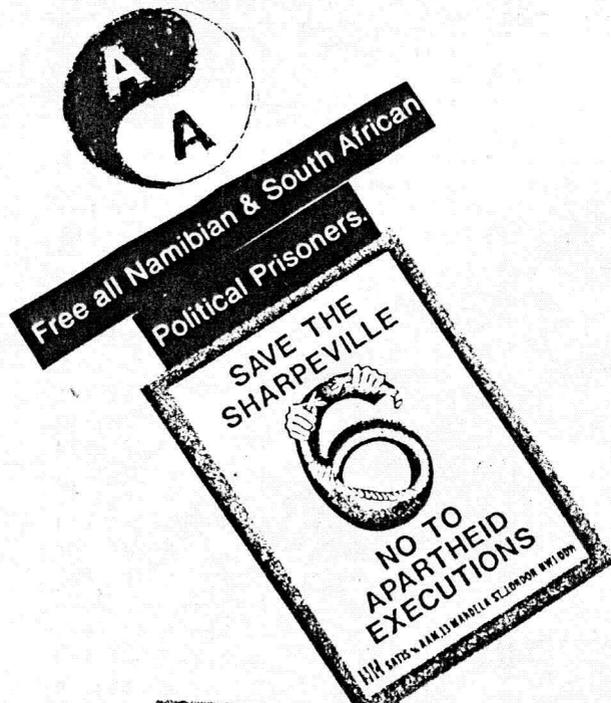


TAKE ACTION NOW

'What we want is one democratic, non-racial, free and compulsory system of education ... We salute our students who have continued to march forward in unity and in an uninterrupted and organised offensive ...

Above everything else, what we shall need in order to realise the programme of action we set ourselves, is the maximum unity of the students, teachers and parents and of the entire democratic movement ... United in action, we have the ability to win our struggle ...'

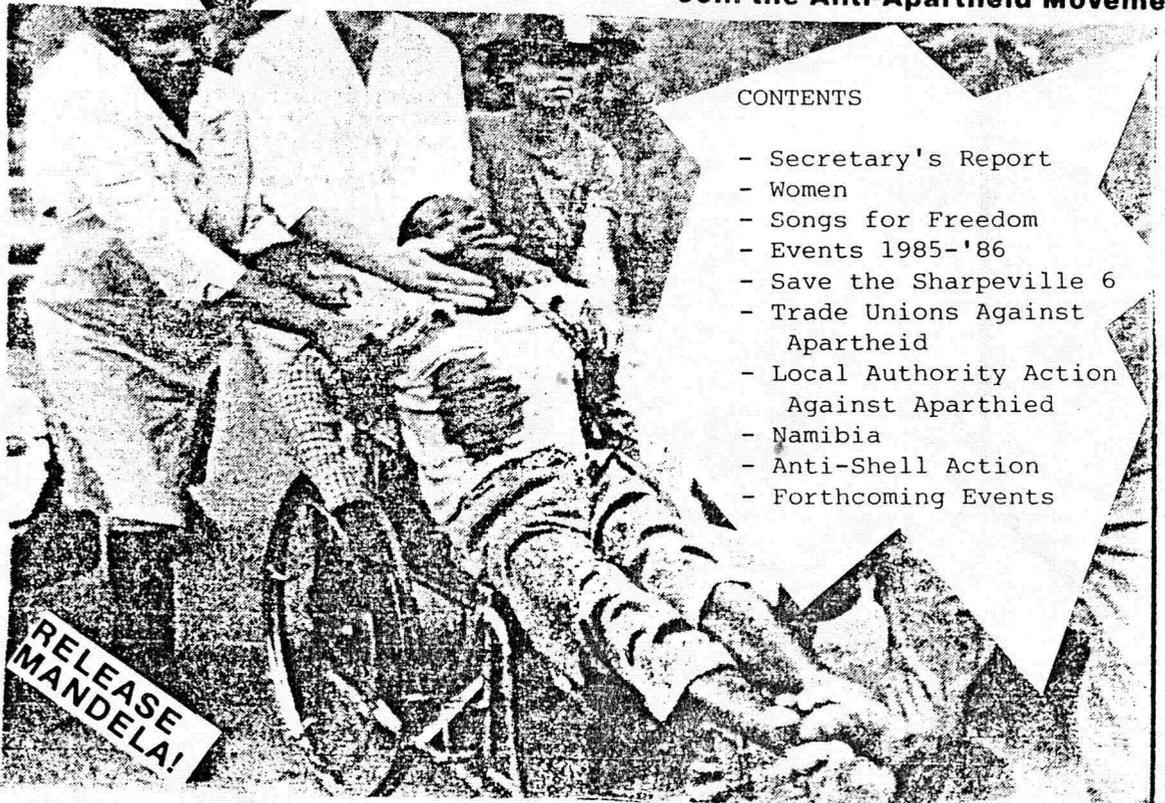
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ABERDEEN CITY ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT

Annual Report 1985-86

Join the Anti-Apartheid Movement!



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Local anti-apartheid activities over the last year are too numerous to report in any detail here, however, I will attempt to highlight some of the more important events. One of the first activities was a public meeting with Zola Zembe (SACTU) who highlighted the role of trade unionists in South Africa. This was at the time when S. African miners were preparing for a major strike, only to be faced with the brutal force of the S. African police.

"Amandla" was a name that became familiar during the Aberdeen Alternative Festival in October 1985. "Amandla", the cultural ensemble of the ANC gave an unforgettable performance in the Beach Ballroom, to an audience of several hundreds. "Amandla" conveyed their thanks for the hospitality of AA members who kindly put them up for one of the nights. (Housing and feeding 30 people is no easy task).

In October, Norco announced the phasing out of S.A. products in their stores, which was a tremendous boost to the local boycott campaign. One of the tasks ahead is obviously to convince Fine Fare and Presto to join the boycott.

In November, Trade Unions Against Apartheid (TUAA) was formed. A key impetus to local trade union anti-apartheid activity began with the National Union of Seamen (NUS) blocking S.A. goods being transported by P&O Ferries (Aberdeen-Shetland). At the same time, two branches of Nalگو invited an ANC speaker, M.D. Naidoo to their AGM's. M.D. Naidoo's moving accounts of developments in South Africa was to encourage unprecedented support from Nalگو members in the Aberdeen area.

1986, commenced with a public meeting addressed by Denis Goldberg. This meeting was jointly organised with the University AA Group. Denis Goldberg, released from a life prison sentence after serving 22 years, made an impression not only on local AA members but also on the Lord Provost, Henry Rae.

The March Month of Action was launched with a 50 mile sponsored cycle by keen AA cyclists who raised £400 for (much needed) local funds. For the first time, International Women's Day (March 8th) was celebrated in Aberdeen, with speakers from SACTU, SWAPO, Greenham Common and Scottish Medical Aid to Nicaragua. An occasion which brought together over 100 people to discuss and listen to the role women play throughout the world in the fight for economic, social and political equality.

The people of South Africa declared the anniversary of Sharpeville (March 21st) as International Day for the elimination of racial discrimination. Not suprisingly, the racist police force brutally dispersed mourners with their bullets and tear-gas.

During the STUC week in Aberdeen, South Africa was given a high profile. Zola Zembe of SACTU addressed a well attended fringe meeting where he spoke of the close alliance between COSATU, SACTU and the ANC in the struggle against apartheid.

Considerable time and effort was put in by members of the Group in documenting the campaign to award the freedom of the city to Nelson and Winnie Mandela. This has been published by the District Council in conjunction with the local library and is now on sale.

At the end of May, the folk song cassette tape "Freedom is Coming" was finally available. A group of folk singers from around Aberdeen dedicated their talent and time to produce this tape which has reached all corners of Britain and the world. To date, 500 copies have been sold, and £800 has been given to the office appeal launched by the Scottish Committee of AAM.

In June, in conjunction with the District Council, we staged 10 days of intense anti-apartheid activity. This began with the sponsored walk which raised £400 for SOMAFCO. A local AA declaration was adopted by the district council which coincided with the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprising. Among the highlights was a meeting organised with the local churches which was addressed by Bishop Trevor Huddleston. The culmination of the 10 days of action was a packed meeting addressed by Solly Smith of the ANC on 26th June, (South African Freedom Day). On our behalf, Councillor Charlie Clevitt handed a cheque of £800 to the ANC.

About a dozen AA activists from Aberdeen joined over 200,000 people in London in what was to be the largest AA demo this country has seen. This was obviously a response to the intransigence of Margaret Thatcher's pro-apartheid policy, and a timely show of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in South Africa.

Despite the enormous energy expended to make 'June' a success, AA members were still willing to picket Shell's Aberdeen HQ in early July to protest at its continued 'collaboration' with South Africa.

On August 9th, the Women's Group marked S. African Women's Day with a material aid collection in the town centre. The boycott of the Commonwealth Games by over half the participating nations was a further boost to AA solidarity with the people of South Africa. This was soon followed by an overwhelming rejection of Margaret Thatcher's stance against sanctions by Third World Commonwealth leaders.

As I come to the end of my term as Secretary, the activities of the Group have now reached a new dimension. Local AA members both old and new have played an integral part in making events possible. Some who played an active part in the Group have now left Aberdeen. We hope their enthusiasm and dedication will spur on the new members of the Group to continue in the fight against apartheid.

We take this opportunity to thank the Aberdeen District Council, Aberdeen Trades Council, University AA, branches of the Labour Party, Churches, Peace Centre and the Third World Centre for their consistent financial and moral support. We look forward to greater participation of regional councillors and greater sacrifices from the people of Aberdeen in the coming year as the struggle for a free, non-racial South Africa unfolds.

Rekha.

WOMEN

Aberdeen City Anti-Apartheid Group
Women's Group Activities 1985/86

The two main events organised by the Women's Group this year were the International Women's Day Celebration and the Material Aid Collection to mark South African Women's Day.

International Women's Day is a day to highlight and celebrate the role played by Women throughout the world in the fight for economic, social and political equality for all, and as a day of solidarity for peace.

We had four main speakers who introduced themselves in the morning and ran workshops in the afternoon. Otti Amaambo spoke about the involvement of Women in the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO), Carol Trelawny, representing the African National Congress (ANC) and the South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU) spoke about the role of Women in the trades unions. Louise Irvine, a doctor working with the Scottish Medical Aid to Nicaragua Campaign, who has recently returned from Nicaragua, talked about the successes of the revolution in the country for women, particularly relating to health care. Finally Erica van Bottenstem, from Greenham Common discussed Women in the Peace Movement and Non-Violence. There was also an extra workshop on Women and Development, which looked particularly at the Women's India Trust, run by Marion East and Liz Russell.

We had a break for lunch where people were revived with delicious food prepared by Aberdeen University Anti-Apartheid Group.

There was also the opportunity for people to be involved in a practical campaigning way during the lunch when we picketed a city centre clothes store, County Casuals.

The aim of the picket, which met with a good response from the public, was to draw local shoppers attention to the South African made clothes in these shops, as clothes in these shops tend to be one of the lesser known products of Apartheid.



The day went well, particularly the workshops, with about 100 people being involved in activities; be it listening to the speakers, joining a workshop or just dropping in to look at the displays, bookstalls and videos.

The day was funded by Aberdeen District Council Women's Committee - support which was much needed and appreciated.

South African Women's Day, August 9th this year marked the 30th anniversary of the historic march by the women of South Africa on the Union Building in Pretoria. They were protesting against passes being issued to women and as they marched they sang...

'now you have touched the women, you have struck a rock, you have dislodged a boulder, you will be crushed'.

To mark this day we organised a material aid collection in the city centre. We got publicity in the local press before the event and leafletted throughout the day. The response was good with people coming to give contributions after reading about what was happening in the local papers. All the material aid collected is to be sent to the Charlotte Maxeke Child Care Centre in Angola, established for the babies of ANC women. Part of the collection also went to the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania which cares for and educates hundreds of young people forced to flee from Police brutality in South Africa.

Other things that the Women's Group have been involved in are talks/discussions with other women's groups in the area. These were talks to the Stonehaven WEA class, Summer Street young women's group and a meeting held in the Music Hall during the Local Authority 10 Days of Action in June.

ABERDEEN ANTI-APARTHEID

NEWSLETTER

august '86

CITY OF ABERDEEN DISTRICT COUNCIL
DECLARATION ON SOUTH AFRICA

A Declaration adopted by the City of Aberdeen District Council as an expression of its opposition to apartheid and its commitment to the cause of freedom in Southern Africa, to pay tribute to Nelson Mandela and all other prisoners of apartheid, and in solidarity with the struggles and sacrifices of the African National Congress of South Africa and the South West African People's Organisation of Namibia and the peoples of their countries.

The Council declares its abhorrence of the apartheid policy of South Africa, which has been declared by the United Nations and the Commonwealth to be a 'crime against humanity', and condemns its illegal occupation of Namibia. The Council believes that the apartheid system of South Africa is an affront to human dignity and a threat to world peace and racial harmony.

In accordance with these views the Council will, within the limits of its legal powers, continue its policy of having no links with the apartheid regime of South Africa, utilising all social, political, economic and legal measures that are ..

Aberdeen City
Anti-Apartheid



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Come to
Anti-Apartheid
Reggae Disco
November 22nd 12.30pm
Hollywood Suite 4th
8 MacLennan

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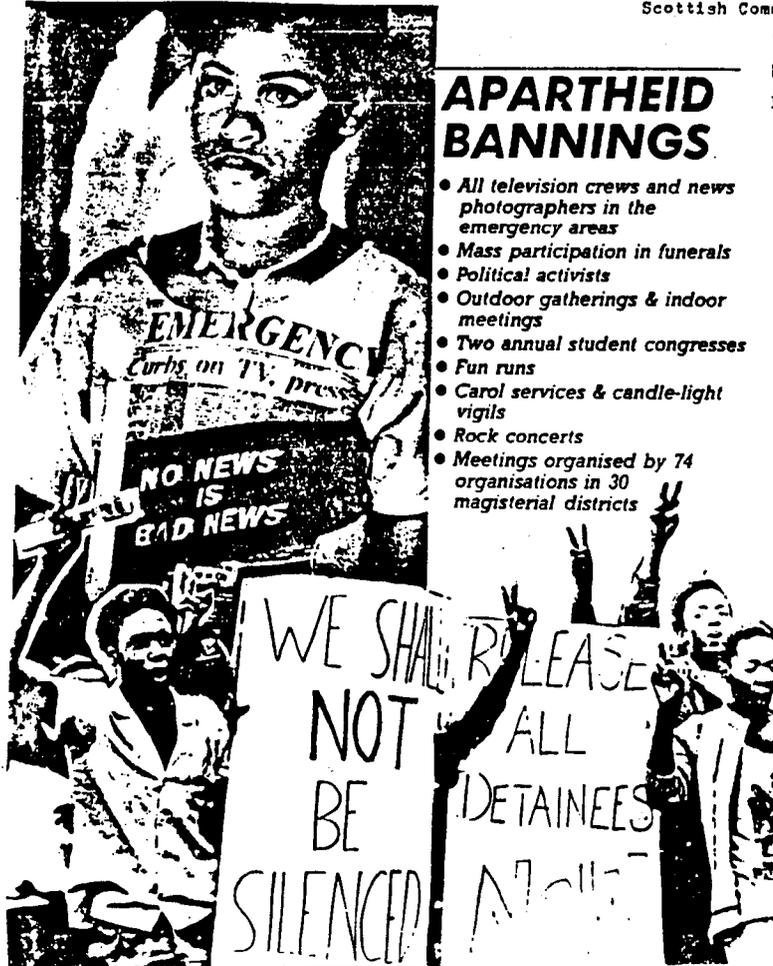
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APARTHEID BANNINGS

- All television crews and news photographers in the emergency areas
- Mass participation in funerals
- Political activists
- Outdoor gatherings & indoor meetings
- Two annual student congresses
- Fun runs
- Carol services & candle-light vigils
- Rock concerts
- Meetings organised by 74 organisations in 30 magisterial districts



NEWSLETTERS 85/86

songs for freedom

A BLEND of very different styles, approaching a common theme from a variety of angles: that is what you'll find on the folk song cassette tape, "Freedom is Coming".

Aberdeen University Anti-Apartheid initiated the project, in January. Aberdeen City A-A, and North of Scotland Area NUS, chipped in with financial support, and A-A groups all over Scotland have responded eagerly to the idea.

Turning the idea into reality has been no small achievement. The moment of truth came a week before Easter, when 11 musicians migrated for two days to recording studios in Dunke?

The end-result is well worth the hours of effort that went into it. The standard of performance of recording and cohesion, presentation all suggest that one weekend's studio time

The arrangement of the tracks provides a constant tempo and contrasts in volume which demand and hold attention. 6 acts are featured: Janice Clark & Niall Macdonald; Heelster Gowdie; Macdonald; Frank Reid; & Izzy S

Musically, the different styles give an exciting rather than a discordant effect, and the same is true of the lyrical content. A majority of tracks deal with events in South Africa, within the theme of broader struggles for freedom and human fulfilment.

Inspiration is found in freedom songs from Scotland and Ireland, in the age-old struggle of women for bread and "for roses too", in the efforts of ordinary people everywhere to achieve their full potential.

Much of the South African-inspired material is written by those who perform it: an original, powerful contribution to the struggle. Other songs come from old friends, like Seeger & McColl, and from contemporary songwriters, like Jerry Dammers of Specials AKA.

The tale they tell ranges to and across the last quarter century of oppression, from Sharpeville in the 1960s to the less suspension of law weeks ago. The who resist recurs in the martyrdoms of se, and the defiant Nelson Mandela.

recurrent theme is the outrage at Britain's complicity in our "golden share" in the of South Africa's people - hypocrisy of those who v for apartheid's

and musically, there "Freedom is Coming" support. If those

who sing in Sun City, have bartered their consciences for gain, those who sing on this tape have given their best in an act of atonement on behalf of us all.

Please return the order form below, and let's have the first 500 copies sold before they reach the streets! Every tape sold today means another six made tomorrow, and an ever larger audience for the music and song of solidarity.

Lewis Macdonald.

STOP PRESS! 500 TAPES sold

Freedom is Coming; Order Form

Please send me ... copies of "Freedom is Coming". I enclose cheque/postal order for £4 per tape, including postage & packaging.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Cheques, etc, payable to A.U.A.A. Cultural Committee.

Return to: Alasdair Johnston, 671 George Street, Aberdeen.

Profits go to Scottish Anti-Apartheid's Office Appeal, and A-A funds.



Events - 1985

October

- Zola Zembe meeting SACTU.
- Amandla - Cultural Ensemble of the ANC.
- One World Week.

Speaking at the trades council in the Adelphi, Mr Zola Zembe said: "Such a gesture by this city is appreciated by the black people in my country, and it must also encourage the people of Aberdeen to discuss the problems of South Africa."

NORCO are to phase out South African produce from all their stores following a decision taken at a board meeting.

November

- 4800 people in Aberdeen signed the national petition against Apartheid which was handed over to the parliament.
- National Demo in London.
- Signs of Apartheid Exhibition in the Art Gallery.
- TUAA was formed (Trade Unions Against Apartheid).
- Women's STUC conference in Perth - Bookstall.
- ANC speaker addressed two NALGO AGMs.
- Scottish Committee Activist Conference.

December

- National AAM AGM.

Events - 1986

February

- Scottish Committee - Activists Conference.
- Public meeting with Dennis Goldberg.

March - Month of Action.

- Sponsored Cycle.
- International Women's Day Celebrations.
- Scottish Committee Demo at British Youth Council Meeting in Edinburgh.

Reviews

THE MOST inspiring show of this year's festival exploded into action last night.

The African National Congress Cultural Group Amandla, told the story of struggle in an exciting mix of dance, drama, song, rock, folk and jazz.

They even beat the Beach Ballroom to captivate a large audience. And if you can fight - and win - on the Beach's stage, you will indeed over-come. D.F.

OCTOBER 4th - 13th 1985

Diary by FRANK MORGAN

Images of apartheid to go on show at art gallery

By GORDON MACKAY
LORD Provost Henry Rae is to open a special exhibition entitled "Signs of Apartheid" at Aberdeen Art Gallery next Friday.

Freed political prisoner in N.E.

LORD PROVOST Henry Rae meets Mr Denis Goldberg.

Mr Denis Goldberg was released from a life sentence in a South African prison last year after serving 22 years.

Speakers from the South West Africa People's Organisation and the African National Congress - both groups are banned in South Africa - talked about the lot of black women in South Africa and Namibia.

Event highlights social struggle of women

Events - 1986 cont'd

April

- STUC conference - Zola Zembe (SACTU) was invited.

May

- Aberdeen District Council published booklet - Freedom of the City of Aberdeen Nelson and Winnie Mandela.
- 'Freedom is Coming' tape produced by a group of folk singers from Aberdeen Area.
- Disco with ASCAM (Aberdeen Solidarity with Latin American Movement).

June

- Soweto Walk.
- Supermarket Collection.
- Local Authority Action Against Apartheid.
- March and Festival for Freedom in Namibia.

July

- Shell Picket.

ANTI-apartheid supporters picketed Shell's Aberdeen headquarters today in protest at the oil giant's "collaboration" with South Africa.

August

- Leafletting of Supermarkets.
- South African Women's Day - Material Aid Collection.

September

- Collection of signatures for the Sharpeville 6 declaration.

Apartheid protest

A SPECIAL STUC anti-apartheid meeting, sponsored by Aberdeen Trades Council, takes place at the Metro Hotel, Market Street, Aberdeen, at 5 p.m. tonight.

Addresses will be made by Zola Zembe, Western European coordinator of the South African Congress of Trades Unions, Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Campbell Christie, new general secretary of the STUC.

Council prints the Mandela story

A NEW booklet detailing the fight to Make Nelson and Winnie Mandela Freeman of Aberdeen has been published by Aberdeen District Council. The booklet - which goes on sale today - records the campaign in the city to have the Mandelas, who are fighting against apartheid in South Africa, honoured.

THE Local Authority Action against Apartheid group are in the midst of a 10-day spell of activity to mark the 10th anniversary of the Soweto Massacre and South Africa Freedom Day.

Apartheid protest at oil base

Women's Day collections

A collection of basic essentials is being made in Aberdeen's city centre on Saturday, August 9 to mark South African Women's Day.

Anti-apartheid cash for school

ANTI-APARTHEID campaigners in Aberdeen have raised more than £800 for a school in Tanzania.



Truth about the ANC

Scottish Committee

Sufficient funds have been raised to now employ a full-time Scottish AA Organiser with an office in Glasgow for a year. Interviews are taking place on 27th Sep 1986. In order to make this post permanent, money is still needed. Please send donations to:

John Nelson
AAM Scottish Committee
3 Rosevale Crescent
Hamilton
Lanarks ML3 8NX

MEETINGS

The local Group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in the Peace Centre, 334 George Street, Aberdeen at 7.30pm.



Aberdeen Association of Peace Groups was formed in December 1984. It is a non-aligned organisation which aims to further the cause of peace through increasing public awareness of the dangers and consequences of war and promoting viable alternatives to the arms race.

The Centre is staffed by volunteer members and by the Association's Peace Worker.

Opening times:

Thursday 10.00am - 5.00pm.
Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm.
Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm.

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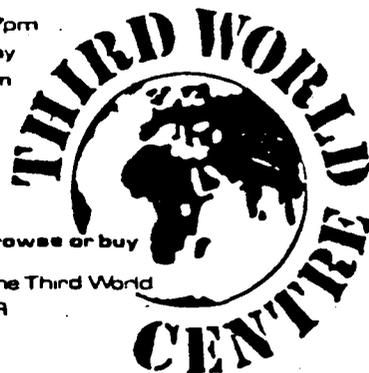
The Peace Centre will be staffed by AA members between 10.00am and 12 noon every Saturday. Helpers are urgently required. Ring Cynthia at 648883 and offer your help.

OPEN Thursday 10-7pm
Friday & Saturday
10-4pm

IN St Mary's Chapel
Kirk of St Nicholas
Correction Wynd

Visit the Centre to browse or buy

- GIFTS -crafted in the Third World
- RECYCLED PAPER
- WHOLEFOODS
- TEAS & COFFEE
- POSTERS & BOOKS



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ABERDEEN CITY ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT
c/o THE PEACE CENTRE
334 GEORGE STREET
ABERDEEN

OR

NATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT
13 MANDELA STREET
LONDON NW1 ODW
TEL. 01-387 7966

Our thanks to Harry Bygate,
Branch Secretary, NUS, Aberdeen
for assistance.

On the 6th and 13th of September, Aberdeen Anti-Apartheid used petitions outside Marks and Spencers to alert the people of Aberdeen about the Sharpsville 6.

On December 13th 1985, 6 young South African people, one woman and five men were sentenced to death for their alleged involvement in the death of the deputy mayor of Sharpsville, one of the so-called 'community councillors' who are widely regarded as collaborators with the Apartheid system. In it's attempts to suppress the rising resistance to Apartheid the regime has put scores of people on trial for involvement with the deaths of councillors, policemen and other collaborators with the regime. The Sharpsville Six were charged with murder, subversion and public violence. These trials are designed to intimidate and cow the black population and to protect collaborators.

Political trials are a key part of the repressive machinery in S.A. The judges sit without juries, witnesses as well as accused are detained in solitary confinement for extensive periods and confessions, often obtained from by torture, form the main part of State's evidence.

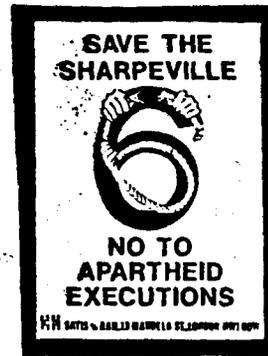
During this trial a great deal of evidence emerged that the accused had been tortured, evidence which the judge ignored in his passing of sentence; their conviction was based on the testimony of two unnamed witnesses, one of whom had earlier made a statement that the police told him to incriminate the accused. The other admitted that he had been assaulted by several policemen at the time of his arrest.

In September 1984, the anger and frustration of the people of South Africa erupted. The newest reforms of Apartheid, the establishment of a segregated parliament which excludes blacks, formed the focus for opposition. Mass demonstrations took place in the townships, during one such demonstration the deputy mayor of Sharpsville was shot. Several demonstrators were also shot by black collaborators - never brought to 'justice'. The Sharpsville 6 were brought to trial for the alleged murder, but these trials sought to intimidate those resisting Apartheid. The death sentences passed on the 6 in December 1985 is the act of a desperate regime; President Botha is doing everything possible to maintain the rule of the white minority in the face of the growing resistance of the people to Apartheid.

It is essential that we take effective action to step up the campaign for NO APARTHEID EXECUTIONS.

WHAT TO DO:- 1. SIGN THE PETITION, 2. WRITE TO PW BOTHA, URGING THAT THE DEATH PENALTY BE COMMUTED. 3. WRITE TO GEOFFREY HOWE URGING HIM TO INTERVENE. 4. WRITE TO YOUR MP TO TAKE UP THEIR CASE.

S. Fraser



Trade Unions Against Apartheid

TUAA started with a bang when the National Union of Seamen embargoed all South African goods due to be transported on P&O Northern Isles Ferries. There was substantial coverage of this in the media, and Bill Knight, the then Secretary of TUAA appeared on TV. The embargo is still in effect, thanks to the seamen, and especially their District Secretary, Harry Bygate; now our Secretary.

At the STUC in April we held a joint fringe meeting with the Scottish Committee AAM, the meeting attracted some eminent speakers; Ron Todd (T&GWU), Campbell Christie (STUC), Brian Filling (AAM), Jim Slater (NUS) and Zola Zembe (SACTU), no doubt many good and useful contacts were made at this meeting.

During the Local Authority 10 Days of Action in June, which happened to coincide with the T&GWU's National Rules Revision Conference, we convened two meetings. The evening was particularly enthusiastic and well attended. Thanks go to Ron Todd and Bill Morris of the T&G and to Solly Smith and Essop Pahad of the ANC.

Over the year as a whole our most consistent support has come from the NUS and the T&GWU, but we must also thank NALGO and the UCW for their support. Most of our activity has been centred on specific events, we need to widen the scope of our trade union contacts and work more closely with the Anti-Apartheid Movement. It will be substantially through the more general AAM campaigns that we will prepare trades unionists for the advance to industrial action against apartheid.

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Douglas Robertson



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Person's Report, (now available from the Third World Centre).

A public meeting on Saturday 21st where MP's, including Bob Hughes (Chairman of Anti-Apartheid Movement) and Alex Buchanan Smith, initiated another lively debate. Unfortunately, the Conservative Party could not, yet again, find anyone to attend to represent them. The evils of apartheid and the need for sanctions were strongly highlighted in this meeting.

A sermon was given by the Rt. Revd. Trevor Huddleston C.R. on Sunday 22nd at Kings College Chapel, College Bounds, Old Aberdeen. At 7.30pm the same day, at the Arts Centre, a production of 'Ruth First in 117 Days' was given by the Charter Theatre Company. Tamar Brown, in a one woman play, gave a convincing performance of what it must be like to be detained in a South African prison. After the interval we were honoured to hear local folk musicians playing songs from their recording of 'Freedom is Coming', (available from the Peace Centre). Heelster Gowdie was first on and soon got the audience tapping their feet. This was followed by Martin Chalmers giving a stirring rendition of songs written by himself. Heelster Gowdie returned after the second interval and ended with the audience demanding an encore. Several local restaurants supported this Cultural Benefit for the children of Soweto, (the list of restaurants will be in the next Anti-Apartheid newsletter).

On Monday 23rd, Francis Johnston of Oxfam told a public meeting the work Oxfam is doing to finance community programmes in Namibia followed by Lohmeir Agula of SWAPO explaining how the apartheid system also operates in Namibia controlled by the South African army, which is contrary to a United Nations ruling. A major reason for this illegal occupation is Namibia's wealth in raw materials such as uranium.

A good turnout came to see a video about Amandla, the Cultural Ensemble of the African National Congress on Tuesday 24th.

Another video, entitled 'Women Under Apartheid', on Wednesday 25th had a fair turnout to see how the women of South Africa initiated the ban on pass laws. The showing of the video was followed by an interesting discussion and a collection of material aid.

Thursday 26th, the last day of the ten days of action, saw a packed public meeting with Solly Smith, (a speaker from the African National Congress). He told how the ANC is involved in the struggle for liberation in South Africa. He drew attention to the 'Freedom Charter' which is printed in full in the pamphlet published by the City of Aberdeen District Council entitled 'Nelson & Winnie Mandela - Freeman of The City of Aberdeen'. At the end of this meeting Councillor Charlie Clevitt presented Solly Smith with a cheque for £800, raised during the week of action. The money was forwarded to the ANC organised school in Tanzania which helps provide an education for the children of South African exiles. In response to this donation, Solly Smith praised the generosity of the people of Scotland, saying, 'Not only have they given their money, but they have given themselves to help destroy the evil of apartheid'. He concluded by stressing that we all have a role to play in isolating the apartheid regime by refusing to buy South African goods.

In conclusion, the ten days of action provided an excellent platform for debate and understanding on the situation in Southern Africa.

NAMIBIA

Namibia 1986

20 years of illegal and brutal South African occupation / 20 years of armed struggle by the Namibian people led by SWAPO.

- 100,000 South African soldiers are illegally based in Namibia to maintain the occupation.
- * Rape and random killings of Namibian people are widespread.
- 60,000 Namibians have fled the terror to Angola to live in refugee camps.

- The United States, Britain, and France have repeatedly protected the South African government using their veto on U.N. Security Council Resolutions which would have imposed mandatory sanctions on Pretoria.

SWAPO, together with neighbouring countries have borne the brunt of a struggle which should have had total international support.

SWAPO is in urgent need of medical and educational supplies, especially for its people doomed to grow up in refugee camps facing a struggle for physical survival.

The Namibian Support Committee is appealing for material and financial aid for SWAPO. Basic medical kits cost £120. Literacy packs providing for 50 people cost more.

Please ask any groups of which you're a member and your trade union to make donations. Basics such as soap, scissors, pens, toothpaste, and underwear are also required. Drop any of these into the Peace Centre - we'll make sure it gets there.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION ON NAMIBIA - 27th Oct to 2nd Nov

ANTI-SHELL ACTION

A small but effective early morning picket was held in July, outside Shell's Aberdeen headquarters, to draw attention to Shell's involvement in South Africa. Response from Shell workers to the picket varied from innocent disbelief to enthusiastic nods and waves. Shell supplies oil to South Africa, has investments in Namibia and is therefore a big contributor to the Apartheid regime; money invested by the multi-national companies helps to provide arms for white South Africans. Shell professes opposition to apartheid - in spite of this the company expresses no intention to stop supplying oil to fuel racist South Africa.

Pat Slater
Bob Ballantyne



SHELL DAY OF ACTION - 22nd November - DEMO at MOSS MOREN

**NO FUEL FOR
APARTHEID!**

**CULTURAL BENEFIT for the
CHILDREN OF SOWETO
(SOMAFCO)**



COME AND SEE TAMAR BROWN



117 DAYS

117 DAYS IS AN ACCOUNT OF THE CONFINEMENT AND INTERROGATION OF
RUTH FRIST, UNDER THE SOUTH AFRICAN 90-DAY DETENTION LAW IN 1963,
AND THIS NEW PLAY BY NIKKI FOLDS IS ADAPTED FROM RUTH FRIST'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

PLUS

ABERDEEN FOLK MUSICIANS

SINGING SONGS FROM THEIR TAPE
"FREEDOM IS COMING"

Restaurants which supported the Cultural Benefit which was held
in June of this year at the Arts Centre:

Mumtaz Restaurant, 11 Holburn Street

Shish Mahal, Union Street

Light of Bengal, Rose Street

Rose of India, Rose Street

Khayyam Kebab, Rose Street

Dolphin Fish Restaurant, Chapel Street

Raj Duff International Restaurant, 11 Dee Street

Sheezan Tandoori, Bridge Street

Akash Restaurant, 36 Bridge Street

Owlies, 12 1/2 Correction Wynd

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especially some of the workers who personally contributed.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October

Saturday 11th Oct Scottish Demo in Glasgow - Tickets £3 waged/£2 unwaged.
Leaves at 7.15 prompt at the Marschial College, Broad Street.
Contact 636307 or members for details.

11th

(International Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners).

Monday 13th Oct Meeting for members in the Peace Centre, 334 George Street at 7.30pm

13th

Monday 20th-26th Oct One World Week
International Family Evening at St. Mary's Church.
Christian Aid & SCIAF showing video 'In The Shadow of War'
For more details and times get a programme from the Thirld World Centre, Kirk of St. Nicholas, Correction Wynd.

20th - 26th

Thursday 23rd Oct Vigil for detainees in South Africa. 4pm-7pm outside the Langstane Kirk. Light a candle and sign the petition.

23rd

Saturday 25th Oct One World Week Fair at the Langstane Kirk, volunteers needed to staff the store.

25th

Monday 27th Oct Meeting for members in the Peace Centre, 334 George Street at 7.30pm.

27th

27th Oct-2nd Nov International Week of Acton on Namibia. Various events being organised.

27th - 2nd

November

10th Nov Meeting for members in the Peace Centre, 334 George Street at 7.30pm

10th

24th Nov Meeting for members in the Peace Centre, 334 George Street at 7.30pm

24th

29th Nov Anniversary of the Freedom of the City awarded to the Mandelas - events being organised with the District Council.

29th

For further details, pop into the Peace Centre on Saturday mornings 10am-12noon as AA members will be there or ring 636307.