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The Anti-Apartheid Movement and the National Union of Students are holding this summer's Southern Africa Student Campaign Conference on 26th & 27th June at the City University Students Union, Northampton Square, London EC1.

The Conference provides an opportunity for students in Britain who are concerned about the situation in South Africa and Namibia to inform themselves of developments in Southern Africa, to listen to and meet representatives of the liberation movements, and to study the ways in which Britain continues to support and collaborate with apartheid. The Conference is planned so that both those who have experience of anti-apartheid campaigns, and those who are new to the issues, will be able to equip themselves with the information to organise activity in their colleges. The Conference will discuss, both through a simulation exercise and in workshops, ways of taking up the campaign against apartheid, and will plan a programme of action for the Student Campaign in 1982-3.

Those involved in the campaign will be able to meet one another, exchange ideas and experiences, and discuss any difficulties or problems that have arisen in campaigning work. Delegates will be able to find out what resources are available from AAM and other organisations, and make proposals for production of new campaign materials.

June 26th is South Africa Freedom Day, which marks the adoption of the Freedom Charter by the Congress of the People on June 26th 1956. Delegates will be invited to attend the Freedom Day Rally organised by the AAM and there will be a bop in the evening with the South African band Jabula.

The Conference is open to delegates from Anti-Apartheid Groups, Student Unions, other student organisations and individual students. There is no limit on the number of delegates from each college — it is useful to send more than one delegate so that your organisation can be represented in each of the workshops and split sessions.

The Registration Fee of £5 does <u>not</u> include meals or accomodation, but does include the series of papers and documents for the Conference. Anyone who wants crash-pad accomodation should let the organiser know by June 19th if possible, and anyone in London able to offer accomodation is asked to phone Cate Clarke at AAM (01 580 5311).

Registration fee: £5 per delegate
I enclose cheque/PO for £..... payable to AAM.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA STUDENT CAMPAIGN CONFERENCE 1982

JUNE 26th & 27th, CITY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION, LONDON

AGENDA

Saturday 26th June

10.00 - 10.30 : Registration

10.30 - 10.45: Introduction to the conference: NUS Executive

10.45 - 12.00 : "South Africa is today...involved in total war." (General Malan, Chief of the South African Defence Force & Minister of Defence.)

An examination of South Africa's "total strategy" and the response of the liberation movements:

- a) South Africa's war against Africa and the people of Namibia and South Africa: Abdul Minty, Honorary Secretary, AAM.
- b) South Africa the people's resistance: Ruth Mompati, Chief Representative of the African National Congress in the U.K.
- c) The struggle of the Namibian people: Shapua Kaukungua, Chief Representative of SWAPO in western Europe.

This session will be chaired by Bob Hughes MP, Chairperson of AAM.

- 12.00 1.00 : Commissions: the conference will divide into three groups to examine in detail:
 - 1) <u>Namibia</u> in particular the U.N.Plan and the current stage of negotiations.
 - 2) South Africa the development of the apartheid system and the recent "reforms" of apartheid.
 - 3) The Front Line States an assessment of South Africa's policy of aggression and destabilisation.
- 1.00 2.00 : Break for Lunch
- 2.00 3.00 : Films:

"The Discarded People" - a graphic depiction of the effects of apartheid on those dumped in 'resettlement' camps.

"Towards a People's Republic" - an illegally filmed documentary on the anti-Republic Day activities in South Africa in 1981.

3.00 - 4.00 : Split session:

The student movement in South Africa and Namibia: Sammy Adelman, banned South African student leader in exile & representative of SWAPO Students Committee (UK).

Repression in South Africa and Namibia: Sean Hosey, former South African political prisoners, and former Namibian detainee.

- 4.00 4.15 : Tea break
- 4.15 5.00 : Workshops:
 - 1. Women under apartheid: African women face a double oppression; their role in the liberation struggle has a long history, often neglected by solidarity campaigns.
 - 2. Trade Unions in South Africa and Namibia: the recent growth of organisation among black workers presents a real threat to the apartheid regime, and is being met with a corresponding increase in repression of trade union activists.
 - 3. The armed struggle: "a time comes...when only two choices remain: to submit or fight": the decision to take up arms.
- 5.00 5.45 : Repeat of above workshops.
- 5.45 6.30 : Discussion of issues raised in the course of the day: there will be a panel of representatives from AAM, ANC, SWAPO, MAGIC, SWAM, COSAWR & NUS.

Sunday 27th June

9.30 - 10.30 : "...a country that has stood beside us in every war we've fought; a country that strategically is essential to the free world." (Ronald Reagan on South Africa, March '81) British and western policy on Southern Africa: Mike Terry, Executive Secretary, AAM 10.30 - 10.45 : Tea Break 10.45 - 12.00 : Campaign workshops: 1) Setting up and organising Anti-Apartheid Groups. 2) Breaking the links - disinvestment & economic boycott campaigns. 3) Recruitment and academic boycott campaigns. 4) Material aid programmes. 5) Political prisoner campaigns. 12.00 - 1.15 : Repeat above workshops 1.15 - 2.15: Break for Lunch : Educate, agitate, organise! How do we involve students and 2.15 - 3.45build the campaign? Simulation exercise and discussion on campaigning methods. 3.45 - 4.00: Tea Break 4.00 - 5.00: Discussion and adoption of Campaign Programme 1982-3. 5.00

The Conference takes place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June 1982 at the City University Students Union, Northampton Square, London EC1. The nearest tube station is Angel on the Northern Line.

Accomodation is not included in the registration fee, but if you need crash-pad accomodation please note this on your registration form (stating which nights, and how many for) or phone AAM.

Anti-Apartheid Groups in particular are asked to bring examples of leaflets, posters etc that they have produced over the last year to display at the Conference.

If you have any queries please contact Cate Clarke at the address below.

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