

SEA Takes more Direct Action

by Ethan Cohen and Friend

A new chapter in the history of Students to End Apartheid has been opened this semester. For over a decade SEA has been opposing the racist regime in South Africa by pressuring the college to divest itself from companies that have holdings in South Africa. The SEA is now adding a new direction in the form of the Direct Action Group (SEA-DAG). SEA-DAG is committed to directly assisting the resistance movements in South Africa. This task is most easily accomplished by educating Americans on the grievances and programs of the resistance movement and by supplying monetary support.

After much consideration, SEA-DAG decided to concentrate its efforts on support of the Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO). AZAPO is

much smaller than the African National Congress or the United Democratic Front and subsequently has a smaller resource pool. Grinnell's contribution to this organization will therefore be more significant.

AZAPO is also appealing because it is a grassroots and community oriented organization. It is a non-violent all-black organization with much of its efforts directed at improving health and educational facilities in local areas. A recent political drive (which needed outside funding) was aimed at educating blacks on the implications of the new constitution. More recently AZAPO was in the U.S. news as its supporters boycotted the tour of Senator Edward Kennedy. AZAPO feels that his presence merely lent credibility to the Nationalist regime.

Various fund-raising events have already taken place and will continue throughout the semester. On Tuesday April 16 there will be a coffee house to support SEA-DAG and sometime during the month, the film "Heartland Reggae" will be shown and donations to the cause will be solicited. Also, on April 17 at 5:15 in Gardner Lounge the group will be hosting a pasta dinner with proceeds to go to AZAPO. Tickets for the dinner cost \$4.00 (no more than it costs at quad, and the money goes to a much worthier cause) and will be on sale at the post office and at the door.

Anyone who would like to help SEA-DAG in any way, are urged to contact Cindy Olsher, or Ethan Cohen (box 3-41), or to attend SEA meetings which are held every Tuesday evening in the Coffee House at 8:30.

A week with Apartheid

by Darrell Hall

Should the U.S. divest its interests in South Africa in order to affect socio-political change in that country? What exactly is the political structure of the Republic of South Africa? How does an exiled, black, South African student view the situation in his native country? All these questions and more will be addressed this coming week as the Students to End Apartheid hold a South African Consciousness Week.

On Monday at 4:15 in South Lounge, Moyisi Majeke, a law student at the University of Iowa, will speak. Mr. Majeke is the president of the African Association at the U of I and is a native of South Africa, or Azania as he prefers to call it. Majeke, a member of the Azanian People's Organization, is in exile from his native country due to his outspoken criticism of apartheid.

At 7:00 p.m. on that same day, two films will be shown in S171. "The Last Grave at Dimbaza" provides an introduction to the social conditions in South Africa, and "Generations of Resistance" chronicles the history of opposition to racism and apartheid in that country.

In South Lounge at 4:15 on Tuesday, Political Science Professor Robert Grey will speak on the structure of the government in South Africa. South Africa's government officially recognizes three classes of citizens: whites, coloreds or Asians, and blacks. Each of these three groups has a different set of rights under the apartheid system.

Tuesday evening will provide a more

relaxing atmosphere as the SACW holds a coffeehouse from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Jake Heringman will be on hand to entertain people with his original compositions played on acoustic guitar. The proceeds from this coffeehouse will go to the Azanian People's Organization, a group directly resisting apartheid in South Africa.

The SACW concludes Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in South Lounge as two students, Leslie Ragan and Ian McLean, will debate the desirability of divestment. This event promises to present the opposing views on this issue on a lively and informative manner. Few people deny the shortcomings of the South African political system, but many disagree as to whether divestment is the optimal way for the U.S. to

affect change in that system. Perhaps this debate can help you decide your opinion on this issue.

The SACW was designed to educate the campus community as to political and social conditions in South Africa. Hopefully the events will prove informative and thought-provoking. SEA contacted the South African Consulate in Chicago in the hopes that they would send a representative to present their government's position. Unfortunately, no one will be able to come until early May. The organizers of the SACW urge everyone who is interested in the situation in South Africa to attend this presentation when he comes. This may help you to develop a more objective and well-rounded opinion of the situation.

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