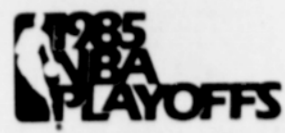




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Attorney Kathleen Herron of the National Lawyers Guild and Portland Lawyers Against Apartheid speaks during a rally at PSU about the "little books" Black South Africans have to carry. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

"Freedom yes, apartheid no"

by Nathaniel Scott

Last week, Portland's anti-apartheid movement picked up steam in three separate demonstrations.

Tuesday, May 21, students at Portland State University, PSU's Students Against Apartheid, held their weekly rally in the South Park Block on campus. Some 60 to 80 people participated.

Friday, May 24, approximately 75 people demonstrated at One Main Place in downtown Portland. The demonstration was to show support for the dock workers in San Francisco, Calif., who are refusing to unload South African cargo and to protest South Africa's racist regime.

Saturday, May 25, members of PSU's Students Against Apartheid and POSAF (Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom) marched in the African Liberation Day March. They carried signs and changed the now familiar cry: "Freedom yes, Apartheid no: Africa will be free."

At the Tuesday rally, attorney Kathleen Herron of the National Lawyers Guild and the organizers of Portland's Lawyers Against Apartheid, spoke.

She said, "In this country there are rights up to a certain point, but there are no democratic rights in South Africa."

Herron said South African Blacks have to carry "little books" to identify who they are; that they cannot speak to more than one person at a time; and that they live in restricted areas.

The United States government can make a decision that will effectively curtail the racist policies in South Africa, but Herron feels that with President Reagan's administration "we have picked a loser."

"We are importing steel from South Africa because it's cheaper (and the reason) why it is cheaper is because 88 percent of the work force in South Africa is working for slave wages," she said. "We sent computers to South Africa (and the United States sells South Africa crowd control items.)"

Moreover, Herron said, "There has been some nuclear testing between Israel and South Africa" and she is concerned about the possibility of "aid to Israel" being tied to covert action elsewhere in the world.

Herron's advice to the crowd was

to write letters to their legislators, state and federal, and express their dissatisfaction with America's policies toward South Africa.

Bill Resnick a Portland resident who attended the rally, told the crowd, "The system (in South Africa) is highly systematized and organized."

While South Africa's organization is more sophisticated, having the backing of the American government — through "constructive engagement" — students are slowly, but surely, being heard, a PSU student said.

According to a representative of PSU's Students Against Apartheid, PSU and Lewis and Clark College anti-apartheid groups have called a

demonstration for Friday, May 31.

The two schools invited the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College and Clackamas Community College to join them in a noon demonstration at the State Office Building, 1407 SW 4th Ave., Friday, May 31. Immediately following the demonstration, a rally will be held at Terry Schunk Plaza.

Guest speakers at the rally will be attorney Kathleen Herron, Chaplain Jim Stuart from Lewis and Clark College and Kamau Anderson from POSAF (Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom).



Kamau Anderson leads protesters during a noontime demonstration outside the office of the Pacific Maritime Association. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

African Liberation Day March held

by Nathaniel Scott

The banner said: "African Liberation Day! May 25," and behind it children from the Talking Drum Dancers, the Black Education School and three members from the Jazzmin Marching Band led some 60 people in last Saturday's African Liberation Day March.

Waving signs and chanting slogans such as "Africa for Africans" and "South Africa will be free," men, women and children marched from the King Neighborhood Facility to Alberta Park where a rally was held.

"This is an international struggle" was the theme, but the message was: if not the meek, surely children will inherit the earth.

Children less than 10 years old paid tribute to Africa with dance and song. They dedicated "Osweto song" to the children who lost their lives in Osweto, South Africa, in 1976 and the crowd stood hushed as "Before I'll be a slave I'll be buried in my grave (and) I will fight for South Africa to be free" rang loud and clear. Then the children danced the traditional African way, paying trib-

ute to the motherland in full-bodied rhythm.

However, African Liberation Day was more than song and dance; it was "a message: a reminder that people of color are suffering world-wide."

Joyce Harris, representing the Black Education Center, said, there is an alarming similarity between what happens to Blacks in South Africa and what happens to Blacks in America.

She drew a parallel by telling how three Black youths in their early 20s died while in the custody of South

African police, and how Lloyd D. Stevenson died at the hands of a Portland police officer.

"The police in this country don't function any different than the police in South Africa when it comes to people of color," she said. "What happened to (Lloyd D. Stevenson) 'Tony' could have happened to any of you brothers here today."

African Liberation Day, as one speaker put it, is concerned with what is happening to people of color world wide; not just in South Africa and America, but in Nicaragua and other places, too.

Abdi Hassan is an African student at Portland State University (PSU). He is the president of the Association of African Students at PSU, and he is one of the principle forces behind PSU's Student Against Apartheid movement.

He told the crowd last Saturday that "the South African movement" is growing stronger and stronger and that the liberation of South Africa will not be long in coming. But Hassan's most emphatic words were these: "We (the African people) hope the link between the Black people (in America) and the Africans will continue so we won't be swept away."

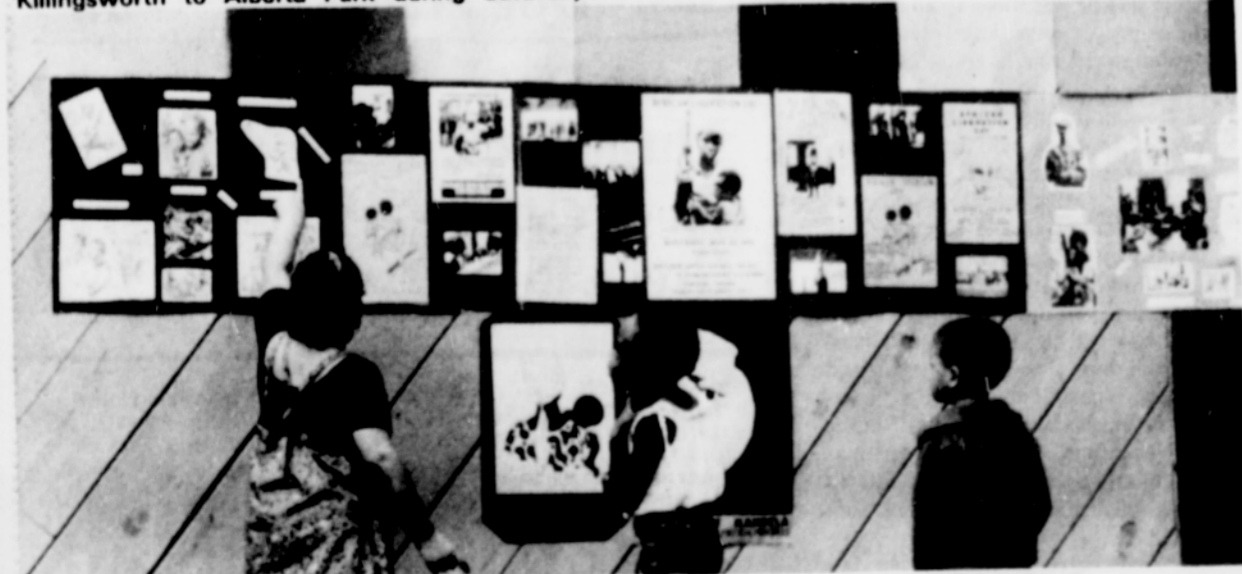
Hassan's sentiments were echoed by many, including Avel Gordley's speech; Westley Morris' poetry; Rita Bankhead's song, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and, Richard Brown's promise to take photographs of Portland's Black community to Nicaragua next month, and when he returns, to bring Portland photographs of Black people in Nicaragua.

ACT-SO Olympics set

NAACP invites you to attend it's annual ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics) on Sunday, June 2, 1985, at I.F.C.C., 5340 N. Interstate, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Donation, \$2.00 per person.



Men, women and children march down N.E. African Liberation Day parade. Killingsworth to Alberta Park during Saturday's (Photo: Richard J. Brown)



From left: Ebony Williams, Aisha Daniels and Kenan Powell-Gilby look at posters and pictures depicting the struggles of Black people. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Protest PMA policy

The Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), an association of foreign and U.S. steamship companies, stevedoring companies and terminal operators, is organized to represent its members in collective bargaining, primarily with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWC). The Bay Area Free South Africa Movement, during the latter part of 1984, called upon PMA to expel any steamship company carrying cargo from South Africa.

Additionally, in November 1984 San Francisco longshoremen refused to unload South African cargo from the Dutch ship Nedlloyd Kimberly, which, among other items, was carrying South African steel. Ironically, while the U.S. accepts steel from South Africa, thousands of U.S. steelworkers stand in unemployment lines.

To date, the PMA has maintained its position is one where "we cannot and will not break our contract with our member companies." As it now stands and thanks to the PMA and U.S. laws, the shipment of South African cargo to the U.S. is alive and thriving. Once again, the only thing which matters, between the U.S. and South African governments, is acquiring wealth and cheap labor. We do know, however, economic sanctions and embargos are not unprecedented and have been exercised against Poland and just recently against Nicaragua. It is also encouraging to note that two Congressional House Foreign Affairs subcommittees approved measures to sanction South Africa economically. The sanctions call for no new U.S. investments in South Africa; banning the sale of computers, spare parts, and their servicing; discontinuing bank loans to the gov-

ernment; and stopping the importing of the South African kruggerand.

Regardless of its stubborn attitudes and reasoning, the focus on the PMA will be maintained on the West Coast, and it is important that Portland works in harmony with anti-apartheid protesters in San Francisco, Oakland, and Seattle. We, along with other West Coast cities, should continue to call for:

A. Expulsion from PMA of Nedlloyd Kimberly and Zim steamship companies, major carriers of South African cargo on the West Coast;

B. Support the ILWC in their refusal to unload South African cargo;

C. The Board of Port Commissioners - Port of Portland to pursue options within existing laws and consider policy concerning divestment by focusing on what it called the "market participant role";

D. PMA's representative W. E. "Bill" Coday to seek creative solutions with Bay Area anti-apartheid activists for a stop to the shipping of South African goods along Pacific Coast waterways; and,

E. Severing all economic ties with South Africa.

Vacation maps available free

Planning your vacation... or maybe a weekend outing? Get National Forest maps and recreation information at 319 Southwest Pine in downtown Portland. Stop by the Forest Service Pine Street office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and get that information for your trip.