



South Africa divestment vigil. (Photo: Kristine Altucher)

Vic vetos apartheid bill

by Nathaniel Scott

An eleventh hour telegram and a 16-hour vigil in front of Portland's State Office Building failed to alter Governor Vic Atiyeh's determination to veto HB 2001; the divestment bill introduced by District 16 Representative Margaret Carter.

Portland State University's (PSU) Students Against Apartheid and members from Lewis and Clark and Reed College anti-apartheid groups held the vigil at the state office building.

The Vigil began at 5 p.m. Sunday and ended with a demonstration and a rally at 9 a.m. Monday morning.

Professor and Chaplain Jim Stuart from Lewis and Clark College briefly appeared at the vigil, and PSU's Black Studies professor Dr. Candice Goucher participated in the entire event.

In addition to the vigil, the group sent Atiyeh a telegram. The telegram read: "25 bedrolls were unfolded at Portland's State Office Building at 5 p.m. Sunday in support of HB 2001. We urge your signature."

Moreover, the telegram was followed up with a telephone call to the governor's office Monday morning.

Tuesday, July 16, the *Oregonian* indirectly quoted Atiyeh as saying, "... it will be perceived by some that I have abandoned my deep, longstanding commitment to the Blacks of Oregon and the United States..."

In response to the statement, Rep. Carter said, "I think the words the governor made about letting the Black community down is a meaningless statement. He didn't just let the Black people down; it was the state of Oregon."

Rep. Carter pledged to continue to fight for divestment even if it means reintroducing the piece of legislation in 1987.

Several anti-apartheid groups in Portland, specifically PSU's Students Against Apartheid, view the governor's move as one that will enhance his position in the business community.

Atiyeh has not announced whether or not he will seek national office or return to private business when his term expires.

By vetoing the bill, the governor assures that a portion of Oregon's public employees funds and some of the state's eight colleges and universities tuition fees will continue to be invested in companies doing business with the world's only apartheid system of government.

Following Monday's demonstration and rally, the student anti-apartheid groups decided to continue their anti-apartheid movement by demonstrating at specific targeted sites.

No sites or dates were given but it was noted that the demonstrations would begin within 30 days.



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Bishop Tutu saves man

Reprint from USA Today

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Nobel Laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu battled through a mob of angry Blacks Wednesday, July 10, to rescue a man they were about to set afire for being in league with whites.

"Kill him, burn him," shouted some in the crowd as Tutu, a Black Anglican bishop, and Bishop Simeon Knoane shouted at the crowded to stop.

A group of 50 or 60 Blacks then moved back as the 5-foot-3 Tutu ordered the man — who the crowd suspected was a police informer — into a car, which was then driven off.

The incident in Duduza, a town 10 miles east of Johannesburg, marred a mass funeral for victims of racial violence.

"We rushed in, and they had already burned his car, they had doused him with petrol, and they were intending to put one of the tire around his neck and then to place him on the burning car," said Tutu, 53.

He added: "The (apartheid) system is hated with a passionate hate, and anyone who is perceived as collaborating... is seen as an enemy."



BISHOP DESMOND TUTU

"There's no doubt in my mind that if Tutu wasn't there, the man would have been set on fire and killed in a matter of seconds," said a reporter on the scene.



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