

EDITORIAL/OPINION

Apartheid Costing Americans Their Jobs

There are two main reasons why Americans should be concerned about the system of Apartheid in South Africa.

First, the system is repugnant and immoral to millions of Blacks, mixed races, and Indians. Apartheid comes in two sizes: grand and petty. Grand Apartheid provides a framework for the separate development of Whites and non-Whites from birth to death. Petty Apartheid consists of the rules - over 2,000 laws and regulations - that create or sanction racial discrimination in restrooms, theatres, buses, etc.

Secondly, the racist system of Apartheid is costing Americans thousands of jobs in the U.S. Everyday we hear of plants closing and layoffs of American workers. Part of the reason for this phenomena is the number of U.S. businesses operating in racist South Africa.

There are more than 300 U.S. companies operating in South Africa. U.S. corporate investment in South Africa has increased nearly 10 times during the past two and a half decades. At the same time, these companies

have failed to develop and update operation in the U.S.

American companies doing business with the Pretoria government are there for one reason - to exploit the system of Apartheid. Apartheid provides a cheap pool of labor.

Just last week, the Reagan administration signed an agreement with South Africa to increase textile imports from that country. The agreement would allow a 4 percent increase in textile imports into the U.S. This will result in more American textile workers losing their jobs.

Furthermore, while U.S. steel workers are facing severe economic problems, U.S. bank loans have helped South Africa's steel imports to this country grow 50 times greater since 1975.

By supporting Apartheid, America's communities will continue to decline. The loss of U.S. jobs in the private sector will mean a smaller funding base for public service. This hurts public workers and all Americans.

accountable to their neighbors and community by developing training, counseling, positive role models and skill building programs, as well as monitoring their activities. We say this is a project for the entire community to address, or shall we allow the rich man living in West Linn who often times is the source behind illegal drugs, buy high low-cost dwellings and transform them into their own personal prisons. We say if we could receive any percentage of the proposed \$300 million or \$96 million, we could impact crime to a standstill. We could provide pay checks for the needy in the community, creating a positive work force that could also involve welfare recipients' yearly subsistence, instead of depriving a family of the father image for the children, for six months as implemented.

People, we must come together, address our problems together and develop a means to implement these houses together for the satisfaction of the entire community. The community needs the jobs, the

esteem that comes from working, and the trust that develops when everyone is working for the same goals. Think about it, the pros and cons. Inside Outside People exists through community support and, as stated, now has two diverse homes in the same community to set an example of a concerned community that deals with its problems. We are aligned with people who have the same concerns, community churches, politicians and congregations: We are a people's program, a universal program, and our sole director is God. Please help us to implement crime diversion and goodwill. The prisoner, whether adult or juvenile, shall return to the community anyway. Shall we stand idly by, or be part of a new concept in community involvement, in corrections, that surely is of worth to all concerned. If you have any further questions, please contact us.

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POSAAF ON SOUTH AFRICA

Call For Action

The situation in South Africa is more critical than ever.

— The pot has started to boil over. —

Unless the South African government is removed soon, it will try to continue its murderous grip on the population and violent aggression against its neighbors, the cycle of violence will then become truly appalling. Comprehensive sanctions by the United States would remove a major part of the support it now enjoys.

POSAAF is an umbrella organization of several anti-apartheid elements in the Portland area. Some of our activities: We organized protests that forced the resignation of Calvin Van Pelt, South Africa's Honorary Consul in Portland; temporarily prevented the unloading of South African cargo in front of prominent sellers of the Kruggerand (a South African gold coin).

This letter is a call for you to participate

in the noon demonstration on Friday, August 8 at the Pioneer Courthouse/Post Office. The Washington "lawmakers" will soon be debating the "merits" of imposing sanctions on South Africa and the Oregon Senators have offices downtown—they need to be reminded of our feelings on this issue. Please bring your own signs, noisemakers (drums, pots and pans would be good) and slogans to be chanted. (BE SURE TO FOCUS ON IMMEDIATE SANCTIONS WITH NO COMPROMISES.)

POSAAF organizational meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the King Center, 4906 N.E. 6th. Please plan to attend, inform us of your ideas and plans, and help us organize effectively.

We urgently need your participation—be sure to inform all members of groups to which you belong.

Why Not a Helsinki Accord for Black South Africans?

Anatoly Shcharansky is free. The Western World celebrates, especially Americans and Jews in Israel and around the world. Internal protest and resistance in the Soviet Union as well as President Reagan's personal appeal to Gorbachev at Geneva some months ago helped turn the key of Shcharansky's jail cell to let him out. But more importantly, Soviet Jews have the full weight of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment of 1974 behind Soviet Jewry that grants trade concessions for the release of Soviet Jews (what about other dissidents of non-Jewish extraction?) and the Helsinki Accords of 1975 that insists on human rights, including the right to immigration from the Soviet bloc.

These are powerful instruments at the disposal of Soviet Jews. The United States is the prime sponsor and mover of these powerful tools. One might well ask: Why have not such tools been put in place by the United States to aid black South Africans in their four freedoms; the freedom of movement, and to choose a government of the people, by the people and for the people?

The answer to this question is both simple and complex. American and Israeli Jews are very powerful and have tremendous influence in American life and politics. Jews are part and parcel of Western civilization. Black South Africans and American blacks are not very powerful and have very little influence in American life and politics. They are not a Western civilization people despite the fact they have absorbed a large measure of Western civilization and culture. Blacks in South Africa and America historically are a conquered and captive people. They have not mastered Western culture and its techniques like the Jews as a group have. Blacks are still a poor minority and not a merchant or business civilization cultured minority. And the West distinctly does not value the personality and human rights of African descent peoples. These factors blend and have resulted in a limited commitment, if any, to the human rights of black South Africans by the American government.

This is a tragedy on a grand scale because the American policy toward the Soviets and Jews is based upon the black American civil rights movement and program. It has been exported to the Soviet Union and enshrined in the Jackson-Vanik Amendment and the Helsinki Accords. But one must ask: Was this primarily a result of power politics or a real sense of social justice which this nation claims to be committed to in the East-West struggle?

There are some very distinct advantages the United States can gain by supporting a human rights program in South Africa for blacks. First, Nelson Mandela and Winnie Mandela are just as worthy human beings as Anatoly Shcharansky and his wife. Secondly, they are not fighting to immigrate from South Africa but to transform it into an oasis of freedom and democracy, and they have the confidence and the will to sacrifice for this vision and goal. They are taking a noble and risky stand for human rights and democracy which the Helsinki Accords and the Jackson-Vanik Amendment claim to be for. Then why not for black South Africans?

Is preserving white supremacy, a group of whites with high technical skills but low or non-existent morals or democratic inclinations, more important than a low skilled people with high democratic inclinations? Does a racist Nazi people and state with high power offer more security to American interests than the black South Africans who possess little if any power? Power is more important than human rights and social justice in the present American foreign policy in regards to black South Africans, and sooner or later we will pay a dear price for this position. It's clear that in the twentieth century a determined people can not be long suppressed by armed and oppressive minorities. No longer can a distinct advantage in skills and arms rescue oppressors from a people's aspirations for freedom and human dignity. This is true also for black people despite the fact they don't possess the high culture and skills of European Jews, they are determined to be free of racist dictatorship.

The black South Africans have taken a noble stand for freedom, human dignity and democracy. The United States stands for these principles in theory. Why not implement a practical and forceful policy in South Africa for blacks comparable to one in the Soviet Bloc for Jews? If we can free Soviet Jews, why not black South Africans? If we can free Anatoly Shcharansky and his wife to go to Israel and come to the United States to campaign for freedom, why not help free Nelson and Winnie Mandela to campaign for freedom for themselves and their people in South Africa and in America? If freedom fighters in South Africa and Nelson and Winnie Mandela's human rights, personal dignity and human worth are equal to Anatoly and Avital Shcharansky's, then why not?

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Healthwatch

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COCAINE IN AMERICA

Part III

I began this series discussing the present use of cocaine in America, the new forms of street cocaine called "Rock" or "Crack", and in Part II some of the less commonly discussed reasons that athletes fall into the trap of drug abuse. Today's article will deal with some of the programs and services available for the dependent user in Portland.

There are a number of programs for drug abusers in the Portland area. Cocaine Anonymous provides free evening group counseling sessions 7 nights a week in conjunction with a number of private facilities. Many of these well-publicized private treatment programs, such as St. Vincent Hospital, Bess Kaiser, and Laurelhurst Treatment Center, involve fee schedules that range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. With one half of cocaine abusers being inner-city minorities, it is clear that these programs are financially prohibitive to most addicts. The Project for Community Recovery (281-2804 — A combined effort of the Center for Community Mental Health and the De Paul Center, Inc.) provides alcohol and drug abuse services on a sliding fee scale. Their literature states that "Persons will not be denied needed services because of inability to pay."

Even with the Project for Community Health, there are great numbers of people who are not receiving the care they need. As a result of the limited services available to Portland's indigent, poor, and under-insured residents in all health areas, there has arisen an inner-city resource center called the Northeast Health Resource Center. This center is headed by Aleem Shabazz, a PSU graduate in Health and Education, as well as in Black Studies. The Center, at 828 N. Killingsworth, serves as a referral service to help those in need

to contact the appropriate agencies for their individual concerns. While the Center acts as a referral base for a wide range of concerns, Mr. Shabazz has a particular interest in the prevention and treatment of cocaine abuse in the North-Northeast communities.

Aleem Shabazz has recently been lecturing around the North/Northeast community on the subject of cocaine abuse. His lectures include the NBA video "The Cocaine Drain in the N.B.A." Most recently he lectured at the King Neighborhood Facility, under the sponsorship of the Department of Urban Ministries and Sharon SDA Christian Church. He hopes to lecture within local schools this fall, as he feels education and prevention are the key to our growing drug problems. His program is available for a sliding fee to interested civic and community groups. Call 285-9621 for more information.

The answers and solutions to cocaine abuse are not clear cut. In fact, there are a tremendous number of factors involved in our current drug problem. It is my belief that the beginning solution is not negative reinforcement, such as more jail space, stiffer sentences and wide-spread drug screening, but a realization of addiction as a disease with clear psycho-social components. Minority employment, adequate education, social health access and community support are critical to a curative solution. Lectures such as Mr. Shabazz's program are a beginning step, but we need to rise to the challenge and provide compassionate support to our citizens in need.

Cocaine abuse in the poor only highlights the inadequacy of our "safety-net" for the underprivileged. Similarly, when we create an adequate "net" for our citizenry, the problems of drug abuse should wane.

Letters to the Editor

To The Community Message of the Utmost Concern

People, with recent release of persons involved in low-priority crimes (burglary, theft, forgery, first-time offenders, driving while suspended, etc.) from the Justice Center, as well as the upcoming "kick-out" of our youths sent to McLaren. It is not a secret that the youths mostly affected will be the minority youths who might benefit from programs offered at McLaren and are from the N.E. Community. These youths and men accused of violations will be back in our community, just as they left, with no viable support system and no consistent concern that would help enhance their net worth to become productive, responsible and accountable for their actions. Inside Outside People, located at 5003 N.E. 13th, is a self-help program that has a half way house. Inside Outside People is also a diversion program and accepts referrals from intense street supervision. Inside Outside People recently were donated a fairly new house located at 13th and Prescott to utilize as either a half way house for men or a youth home for

children who need this valuable service.

Inside Outside People is a program that does not provide services for violent offenders or sexual offenders. The people who are referred to the program are screened at the Justice Center by the courts and then by our own specialized intake and assessment process for acceptance into the program. Inside Outside People is composed of ex-offenders who recognize the situation in our adult and youth corrections facilities. It is a fact that \$300 million to \$96 million for prisons was defeated in the failure of Ballot Measure No. 5, and recent publicity regarding our jail crisis asks for alternatives which are community-oriented. Needless to say, we often hear "We don't want criminals or youths in our neighborhoods." We say, "People, they are already there." Unless we deal with the alternatives, how shall we identify them or their activities? In establishing our alternative homes, we shall be able to identify them and help them to constructively become responsible and

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