

# BIRMINGHAM ANTI-APARTHEID NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1992

## AFTER BOIPATONG

The tragic massacres of 18 and 20 June have exposed to the world the continuing reality of apartheid South Africa. The ANC has withdrawn from the talks and has called for the following :-

- International monitoring of the violence.
- Release of all the political prisoners forthwith.
- An International Commission of Enquiry into the Boipatong Massacre and all acts of violence.
- The immediate establishment of an Interim Government of National Unity.
- A democratically elected and sovereign Constituent Assembly to draft and adopt a new Constitution.

The international anti-apartheid movement immediately responded to the ANC calls for solidarity by organising protests and putting pressure on Governments. Here in Birmingham we have had a number of protests in the town centre so far at which we have been collecting signatures on a local petition.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO ?**

- Write a letter to your MP and to the Rt. Hon Douglas Hurd MP, Foreign Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Downing Street, London SW1. Demand that the British Government abandon its support for De Klerk, oppose any white veto over Constitutional change; and to support an immediate Interim Government and Constituent Assembly, international monitoring of the violence and re-imposition of economic sanctions.
- Keep up the BOYCOTT of all South African Goods and Carriers.
- Demand the release of ALL the POLITICAL PRISONERS.
- Write or ring the Birmingham office for copies of the petition.
- Give a donation if you can afford to. All of this work is expenditure we couldn't budget for.
- Join the protests in Birmingham. Please ring the office for details.

## **FUTURE ACTION DATES**

### **AUGUST 3 SOUTH AFRICAN GENERAL STRIKE**

On August 3 the Confederation of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) has called a 5 day general strike to pressurise the government of President De Klerk to end the violence in the townships and to hand over power to an Interim Government. COSATU, the largest South African trade union federation, has given the apartheid state 6 months to move to a meaningful transfer of power to the black majority population or face massive disruption to the economy.

In solidarity with the August General Strike Birmingham Anti-Apartheid are organising two leaflettings :-

- Monday August 3 4.30pm -6.00pm Clock Tower, High St/Union St
- Friday August 7 4.30pm -6.00pm Clock Tower, High St/Union St

## **ANTI-APARTHEID NATIONAL DEMO**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12 WELWYN GARDEN CITY**

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has called a National Demonstration in Welwyn Garden City on Saturday September 12 to pressurise the meeting of the European Community (EC) Foreign Ministers being held in the area that weekend. The aim of the demo is to call for the EC to pressurise South Africa to end the violence and to move quickly towards real democracy; ie one person one vote on a non racial, non sexist voting roll.

Birmingham AAM will be running coaches to the demo. The march will be assembling at 1.30pm in Welwyn Garden City. The time of coach departure and cost are still to be determined. Please order leaflets and posters NOW. Also donations towards the cost will be very welcome.

**Branch Meeting** on Thursday 20 August at 7.30pm at the Trade Union Resource Centre, 7 Frederick Street, Hockley.

**Wednesday August 26 leafletting** 4.30pm until 6.00pm at the Clock Tower, High St/Union St.

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