

WOMEN UNDER APARTHEID

A One Day Conference at the Polytechnic of Central London
24 April 1976

A G E N D A

Chairperson: Councillor Janey Buchan

- 11.00 OPENING OF CONFERENCE BY CHAIRPERSON
- 11.10 WOMEN UNDER APARTHEID -- A factual view of how women live under the system of apartheid by JOYCE SIKAKANI, a black woman journalist formerly of the Rand Daily Mail (the first black woman to be employed by a white national newspaper). She was detained in 1969 under the Terrorism Act and subsequently charged with Winnie Mandela and 20 others under the Suppression of Communism Act. She was redetained when the charges were dropped and finally released in 1970 when she was banned for 5 years. She illegally left South Africa for Zambia in 1973.
- 11.40 QUESTIONS
- 11.50 WOMEN FIGHT BACK -- a personal account of how women have continued their struggle against apartheid by DULCIE SEPTEMBER, a black teacher formerly from Cape Town where she was active in her teachers organization and in general anti-apartheid activity. In 1963 she was sentenced to 5½ years under the Sabotage Act for allegedly 'planning to cause a bloody overthrow of the state'. On her release in 1969 she was placed under 12 hour house arrest for 5 years. She left South Africa in December 1973 under an exit visa.
- 12.20 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION
- 12.40 POETRY AND READINGS about the condition of women under apartheid from a South African Cultural Group.
- 1.00 LUNCH
- 2.15 THE CAMPAIGN IN BRITAIN
Opening remarks by chairperson Janey Buchan.
- 2.25 A general Forum, led by contributions from the panel:
MARGARET JACKSON MP, Under Secretary of State for Education.
PAULINE WEBB, Secretary Methodist Church (Overseas Division).
JUDITH HUNT, National Women's Officer, AUEW-TASS.
PENNY COOPER, National Union of Students Executive.
ETHEL DE KEYSER, Anti-Apartheid Movement.
- 4.40 Summing up of discussion by chairperson
- 4.45 WOMEN'S SITUATION WITHIN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF APARTHEID
ABDUL MINTY, Hon. Sec. Anti-Apartheid Movement.
- 5.00 SUMMARY AND CLOSE OF CONFERENCE