

U. S. Corporations Continue To Be Key To Nonviolent Change In South Africa

PHILADELPHIA, PA — American corporations and other business firms

throughout the world can and should be a major force in eliminating the

apartheid system in South Africa on a nonviolent basis, according to

Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, author of the "Sullivan Principles" for

equal-opportunity employment.

In a progress report on how adoption of the principles by U.S. firms is breaking down the barriers of apartheid in the African nation, the chairman of the International Council for Equality of Opportunity Principles, Inc., declared that "what started as a ripple is becoming a wave."

He noted that 136 U.S. companies now endorse the plan, representing more than 75 per cent of the employees of U.S. firms in South Africa, and that ten leading South African corporations employing a half-million workers in mines and other labor-intensive areas have agreed to implement the principles.

"This business endeavor, which began only a short while ago, in March, 1977, already is improving the quality of life for thousands, and soon it will affect millions. It is changing laws and customs and practices all over the Republic of South Africa," he said.

Reverend Sullivan, who is pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia and founder-chairman of OICs of America, Inc., a nationwide network of job-training centers for the disadvantaged, said that in pushing for full adherence to the principles by all U.S. firms in South Africa, he also will enlist the participation of companies from other nations which have investments in South Africa.

"Can you imagine the impact if 1,000 companies from around the world having operations in South Africa would aggressively implement the principles and join in urging the South African

Government to end the apartheid system? The effect would be revolutionary—without bloodshed—and this is what I hope can and will occur as we look ahead."

Reverend Sullivan warned that "if the solution in South Africa is a violent one, untold numbers of people will be killed, perhaps millions, and most of them will be black. We must use humanitarian and economic means to help end apartheid without a terrible destruction of life and great human suffering."

He noted that many black leaders in South Africa support the "Sullivan Principles" approach, and that 13 codes patterned after the principles have been developed by Canadian, English and European corporations doing business in South Africa.

"In addition to the changes that are becoming more and more visible," he said, "the principles have established a new worldwide sensitivity to the humanitarian role of companies in South Africa and are beginning to be felt in other developing nations. The principles also have created a workable process around which those who strive for nonviolent change in South Africa can rally."

"As of now it is not clearly visible, but in my view the system of apartheid is crumbling at the edges. If we continue to work with the principles, along with other forces such as church groups, schools, international trade unions, governments, the United Nations, and particularly non-whites and whites inside South Africa who

have the same interests, the day will come when apartheid will crumble together.

"And that day will come sooner than many people think possible," he concluded.

Want to reduce your food bill this year? Then join the crowd and become a member of Operation Breakthrough's Community Garden Program.

Operation Breakthrough's Community Garden Program has leased eight acres of good garden land located on Mangum Road in the Bragtown community off Old Oxford Road. The land is plowed and ready for planting when the weather permits. The garden will be subdivided into 1200-square-foot plots and rented for twenty dollars per plot with priority given to the low-income and target area population of Durham.

Plots will also be rented to the general public on a first-come service basis.

Some low-income residents may be eligible to rent their plots for less if they meet Community Services Administration guidelines or qualified for Operation Breakthrough's energy programs.

Registration were held at the garden site on Mangum Road on Monday May 5 and Wednesday, May 7. Also registration will be held on Friday May 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. Persons who are unable to register during this times may send a check or money order payable to Operation Breakthrough Garden and a plot will be reserved.

For further information, please call Operation Breakthrough at 682-3209 or 682-9444, giving your name, address and a telephone number where you can be reached.

Livingstone Finals Set For May 20

SALISBURY—The Livingstone College Centennial Baccalaureate Service and Commencement Exercises will be held at 10 a.m., May 20 and 3 p.m., May 20, respectively in the Varick Auditorium on the College campus.

Baccalaureate speaker will be Reverend Paul Smith, pastor of Hillside Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Georgia, and vice president of Morhouse College of Atlanta Georgia. Commencement speaker will be Mrs. C. Delores Tucker, president of the National Federation of Democratic Women.

The following persons are scheduled to receive honorary degrees at the 1980 Commencement Convocation:

- Doctor of Divinity**
Reverend John D. McArthur, Minister, Metropolitan Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C. 20002
- Reverend William J. Powell, Minister, Oak Street A.M.E. Zion Church, Montgomery, Alabama 36108
- Reverend George C. Woodruff, Presiding Elder, Indianapolis District Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Indianapolis, Indiana



WELCOME TO DURHAM — Officials of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People welcome United States Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY) to Durham last week where she spoke to a packed house mass rally at Union Baptist Church Sunday night. Left to right are J.J. Henderson, Willie Lovett, Rep. Chisholm and Dr. E. Lavonia Allison. Photo by Henry Garner



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Eckstine And Warwick To Co-Chair Black Music Month

PHILADELPHIA, PA.— The 1980 June Black Music Month Celebration is off to an excellent start with the announcement of Dionne Warwick and Billy Eckstine as Co-Chairmen for the Black Music Month Committee. The Black Music Month Celebration will be an international commemoration of Black Music's history, artistry and many sounds.

"It is my pleasure to be Co-Chairman of the 1980 Black Music Month Celebration with Dionne Warwick, a young lady that I like very much, both as a lady and a great young talent."

The BMA is one of the closest endeavors to my heart, because I think it is a long overdue organization for a cause that has been plagiarized since the beginning. It is time that we make the world aware that what they have been singing, playing and dancing to in their happy moments has been created mostly by Black Music," expressed Eckstine.

Commented Warwick, "I am honored and flattered that I have been asked to serve as Co-Chairmen of the Black Music Month Committee with Billy Eckstine, Black Music is not only our heritage, but one of America's greatest natural resources. I feel that it is of major importance that a general awareness of Black Music be brought to the American public. I am proud that I can participate in bringing this natural resource to the public."

To increase the public's awareness and general observance of Black Music special programs have been designed, including the BMA's Second Annual Conference, to be held June 26-30 in Washington, D.C.; exhibits and special events in schools, universities, libraries and museums; total media involvement and the entertainment industry's participation.

Eckstine and Warwick are members of BMA's Corporate Government.

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