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REPORT FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

The report this month is a little more encouraging than last month. July's increase was 17.1% over July of 1984. Such a good increase brought the year-to-date increase to 12.3%, which is just a little over budget. The expenses are still at about the same level as last year so our cash reserves are approximately what was expected.

The General Ledger section of the accounting office has just completed their financial statements for the year ending June 30. We are pleased to see that the "fund balances" have increased about 6% during the year. This fiscal report is not an audited report, as only the annual report is audited. It is used to measure our progress at mid-year, and to fulfill the requirements of certain loan contracts.

You may be interested to learn that Church members contribute about 80% of income for the work, co-workers about 15% and donors about 5%. These figures vary a little from time to time. There are approximately as many co-workers as there are members, and these two categories provide about 95% of the income to the Church.

These contributors make it financially possible for the Gospel to be preached to the world for a witness on television, radio and by the printed page. Millions hear and see this good news and benefit from it, while tens of thousands make it possible. This reminds me of Gideon's army of 300 as recorded in Judges chapter 7.

I believe most members are generous in their offerings as well as being faithful in tithing. Of course there are no doubt exceptions to this. What we need is more financial laborers for the harvest. If we pray earnestly, I am sure that God will influence many others from among those millions to join us in this effort, and abundantly supply the need.

--Leroy Neff, Treasurer

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

The 19th session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program began this past Wednesday, July 31. Among those attending this session are Messrs. Spaulding Kulasingam of Bombay, India; Neville Fraser of Auckland, New Zealand; and Charles Lowe of Bridgetown, Barbados. These men and their wives will be staying in Pasadena after the Refresher for a year of Ambassador College training.

In order to maintain accurate attendance records worldwide, it is necessary that we all use the same definitions for the terms "church," "local Bible study" and "outlying Bible study." I'd like to once again clarify these definitions to aid each pastor in properly reporting attendance figures.

CHURCH--A group formally approved by Ministerial Services in Pasadena or the respective regional office. It meets on the Sabbath

(in some cases Friday evenings) regularly at least once a month, using a Sabbath services format.

LOCAL BIBLE STUDY--A group that meets either regularly or irregularly, using a Bible study format. It is made up primarily of individuals who attend local Sabbath services regularly.

OUTLYING BIBLE STUDY--A group that meets regularly at least once a month. It uses a Bible study format and is made up primarily of individuals that are not able to attend Sabbath services regularly.

This clarification will probably require no change in attendance reporting for most ministers. However, changes have been made in some church areas that could give us problems in maintaining accurate and consistent records if the preceding definitions are not followed. So please be sure to keep church and outlying Bible study attendance figures separate, and be especially careful not to combine the attendance figures for true outlying Bible studies and local Bible studies. Of course, there are few, if any, "outlying" Bible studies in the continental United States.

Please remember to pray for our brethren in South Africa during these troublous times in their country. God has always shown His people great mercy, granting safety and protection for them and their families. Dr. McCarthy reported early this week that God's people are presently well and safe in South Africa. But we should continue to remember them in our prayers. As Paul exhorts us in Ephesians 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (RAV). Our hearts and minds should be with one another in times of peace, and certainly in times of need and emergency. When one suffers, we all suffer.

I'd like to also request your prayers on behalf of Mr. Jim Friddle, who recently learned that he is suffering from cancer. Please remember his need for God's healing, as well as the others we have mentioned in the PGR.

Finally, strive to remain healthy spiritually as we approach the deeply meaningful fall Holy Day season. Don't neglect prayer, personal Bible study and fasting. We are God's servants. God Himself called us into His service. But each of us must continually realize that we can do nothing without God. Let's seek Him personally with even greater zeal!

International News

From Mr. Robert Morton This June, Jesus Christ opened a door that has long been closed to us in Australia. Negotiations for lighted displays in the Adelaide airport were concluded by the Church's South Australian newsstand coordinator. About two years ago we tried, through our national advertising representatives, to secure displays in this airport, but were unsuccessful.

In June, our local newsstand representative contacted the local agency that handles the airport display spaces. On the very morning he contacted them, the agency had decided to let out two more lighted display spaces. Our local representative was able to immediately secure the two spaces, which happen to be in the highest traffic areas in the airport, and the South Aus-

tralian Department of Aviation has since approved the display we plan to use.

In addition to having an impact on all who pass these lighted displays, the Church will be able to distribute PLAIN TRUTH magazines from racks that will form part of the displays.

Negotiations are also underway for lighted displays in major airports and high traffic areas in other states.

The article on Sri Lanka in the July-August PLAIN TRUTH was received exceptionally well by the Sri Lankan government. As a result of this article, the Prime Minister's Department in Sri Lanka requested 1,000 copies of this issue for distribution to cabinet members and to visitors to the Village Reawakening Programme mentioned in the article.

The article also drew a most exceptional response in Australia. The High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in Canberra asked for 2,000 copies to be sent to him for distribution to his staff and the Sri Lankan community in this country. In addition, he asked that the High Commission in Canberra be placed on The PLAIN TRUTH mailing list to receive ten copies per issue. This one article has resulted in additional thousands being exposed to Christ's message in a most unexpected way.

Incoming mail broke all records this month. The letter count was 33,964--our highest count on record. Responses to Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letter totalled 14,355--15.9% of the mailing list. Of these, 77.5% requested both booklets offered--THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY and A WORLD HELD CAPTIVE. Responses from Asian readers are just beginning to roll in.

In June, 64,261 pieces of mail (excluding The PLAIN TRUTH) were placed in the post, bringing our year-to-date count for outgoing mail to 603,292. This represents an 18.0% increase over the first six months of 1984. Income for June increased by 6.3%, bringing our year-to-date increase to 9.8%.

During the past twelve months, circulation of our magazines in Australia and Asia has continued to climb. The following table shows percentage increases for The PLAIN TRUTH, GOOD NEWS and YOUTH 85:

	<u>Australia</u>		<u>Asia</u>	
PLAIN TRUTH	99,958	17.0%	66,727	57.6%
GOOD NEWS	16,234	56.1%	2,421	67.2%
YOUTH 85	5,163	54.2%	934	100.9%

From Mr. Bram de Bree At the beginning of June, Mr. Ralph Helge from our Legal Department in Pasadena visited our office in Nieuwegein. Later in the month, Mr. Don Patrick and Miss Peggy Warkentin from Publishing Services in Pasadena came to our office to supervise the installation of the Bedford computer typesetting system, and Miss Warkentin is now training our operator.

We are already able to produce galleys (first printouts) for De ECHTE WAARHEID (Dutch PLAIN TRUTH) and International GOOD NEWS articles. Once the system is fully operational, sending translated article material to and

from Pasadena by satellite will speed things up greatly. Not only will this save much time, it will enable us to be more compatible and up to date with the U.S. publications.

Plans for the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles are completed. Our quota for foreign visitors is totally filled up. A recent visit to the Feast site in Hooegeveen confirmed that we will be able to make use of large-screen video equipment to handle all videotaped material sent to us from Pasadena, such as Mr. Armstrong's opening and closing messages, "Behind the Work" and the Young Ambassadors program.

At the Feast we will also be able to make use of new infrared translation equipment. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the members of all four Dutch language churches, we are able to purchase 200 infrared (wireless) head-phone sets and the transmission equipment for translation purposes. Services at the Feast alternate between Dutch and English, with simultaneous translation.

The increase in income for June was 1.3%, and our incoming and outgoing mail decreased somewhat. A total of 5,600 pieces of mail were processed. Church membership increased 11% compared to June, 1984, while attendance increased 12.5%.

**** TO BE READ IN ALL CHURCHES ****

Braille Hymnals Available

We have on hand 100 copies of the Worldwide Church of God hymnal in braille. These are of much better quality than the previous ones, and even include the music to the hymns. The hymnals will be sent out to those needing them on a first come, first served basis. Any blind member in need of a hymnal or a replacement for an old one should submit a request through his church pastor.

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(Note to church pastors: Any requests for braille hymnals should be forwarded to Ministerial Services. Please be sure that all requests are legitimate since our supply is limited and the cost for each copy is substantial.)

--Joseph Tkach, Ministerial Services

MEDIA PURCHASING UPDATE

The latest Arbitron ratings on religious TV programming in the United States show that "The WORLD TOMORROW" is now #1 in the number of markets it reaches.

Mr. Armstrong's program is listed in 191 markets, surpassing for the first time televangelist Jimmy Swaggart with 190 markets. In penetration terms, "The WORLD TOMORROW" is now available to 98.81% of the U.S. population with television, which is practically everybody!

Since this survey was taken, we have increased our station count from 256 to 300 in the U.S., which will, I estimate, put us in #1 position in this category too the next time the survey is issued.

This is the pleasing culmination of four years of work, since we began in July 1981.

--David Hulme, Media Purchasing

YES UPDATE

The 1984-85 YES academic year is fast coming to a close. If you are in need of more YES certificates, please order them now through the standard ministerial supply system. You may also call or write the YOU Office.

Thank you once again for your loyal support and participation in the Youth Educational Services program.

--Kevin O. Dean, YOU/YES

UPDATE FROM MAIL PROCESSING

361 Million Publications Sent Worldwide in Five Years

Now that worldwide literature counts are available, we have been able to determine the total number of publications mailed worldwide during the past five years. We thought you'd find this information eye-opening as well as inspiring. The following list gives each major category and the number of copies sent from 1980 through 1984:

<u>Type of Publication</u>	<u>1980-1984 Worldwide</u>
PLAIN TRUTH	242,176,947
GOOD NEWS	9,418,434
YOUTH magazine	3,256,691
WORLDWIDE NEWS	6,163,229
Letters	65,083,289
Booklets, books, etc.	23,022,752
CC Lessons	6,123,556
Other	<u>6,316,685</u>
Total	361,561,583

This huge amount of literature would fill to capacity a train 6½ miles long with 624 boxcars as follows:

PLAIN TRUTH	526
GOOD NEWS	15
YOUTH magazine	4
WORLDWIDE NEWS	5
Letters	41
Booklets and books	22
CC Lessons	7
Other	<u>4</u>
Total	624

God Heals Many Who Express Faith in His Promise to Heal

Every week, dozens of people write to the Church seeking help and counsel for their illnesses and afflictions. As a result of their contact with "The WORLD TOMORROW" program and our literature, they recognize that God is working through Mr. Armstrong and the Church.

Requests come from members, co-workers and regular subscribers of nearly all ages wanting God's deliverance from their sicknesses and injuries. A large percentage is from elderly people suffering from long-term diseases. Increasingly the requests are coming from WATS callers, some of whom are contacting God's Church for the first time.

Personal Correspondence sends letters of encouragement and literature on faith and healing. Anointed cloths are sent to those who express faith in God's promise to heal. Last year 2,301 anointed cloths were sent out. So far this year, the count is 1,065.

Of the people God heals, a number write back to express their joy and gratitude. Following are a few of the letters we have received:

Thanks a lot for your letter of July 13, 1984 along with the anointed cloth, as well as THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT HEALING.... I'm glad to inform you that from the very day we received your letter my wife felt better. Now she is feeling better and better every day. God has performed a miracle for my wife. Thank God. We do believe that God, I repeat, only God, can heal the sick.

V.G. (Kuwait)

I wanted to tell you about the prayer cloth that I asked you for. I had suffered very much for two weeks. The day I got out to mail my letter to you, I was very weak and had to go around the corner to get to the mailbox. Anyhow, I made it out there and the very second that letter got out of my hands, all the pain that I had suffered from was gone.

Mrs. L.B. (Rainelle, WV)

I wrote you back in the year of 1950 or 1951, I don't remember which. I was sick for so long. I fell, broke my back and was paralyzed. I wrote you for prayer. You prayed for me and sent me a prayer cloth. The doctor gave me only a 50-50 chance to live. I have already lived about 34 years since I got hurt, although I do have muscle cramps quite a lot. I am sorry I have been so long in writing you. I lost your address, so I am writing you now and saying thanks to you and all of those good people for your prayers.

J.B. (Grapevine, TX)

I wrote you about six weeks ago that I needed healing of my right foot because my foot was so stiff and sore I could hardly walk on it. A couple of weeks after I wrote you, I received a reply from you containing a white healing cloth. I followed the instructions with the cloth and about ten days later, my foot was about 95 percent normal.

To say the least, I was astounded. I have read and heard about other people being healed, but this was my first personal experi-

ence with healing. This is one experience that I will always remember.

M.B. (W. Richland, WA)

In July [of 1983] I became paralyzed from the waist down. I called and asked for a prayer cloth. A friend brought it to the hospital when I was near death. We did exactly as instructed and the Lord saw fit to heal me! I am now using a walker and getting better every day. Thank God for the prayers that went along with that prayer cloth, and thank God we can hear the real Word of God.

D.B. (Dayton, OH)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

SPECIAL REPORT (CONCLUSION): SOUTH AFRICA--MOSCOW LAYS A SANCTIONS TRAP

On July 31, a joint Congressional conference committee reached agreement on a bill to impose limited economic sanctions against South Africa, including a ban on the import of Krugerrand gold coins. The bill, which must now be passed by the full Senate and House of Representatives before it can be sent to President Reagan (who opposes sanctions), also would ban nearly all U.S. bank loans to the South African government, as well as sales to it of computers and nuclear energy equipment. A ban on new United States investment is to be considered a year from now.

Supporters of the bill say the action was needed to "send a signal" to Pretoria to lift the present state of emergency and to move faster on political reforms. New York Congressman Stephen Solarz said that "what we're doing today, in effect is saying 'kaddish' [a Hebrew prayer for the dead] for the [Reagan administration] policy of constructive engagement" with South Africa. Opponents of the bill say it would only result in the loss of jobs by blacks--the very people everyone says should be helped. "If we do anything to cause South Africa to fall into the arms of the Soviet Union," warned Senator Jesse Helms, "we will live to regret it.... If South Africa goes, the whole continent goes." The Soviets, Helms added, are "delighted every time we shoot ourselves in the foot."

The U.S. and most other Western countries are reacting to events in Africa in an almost schizophrenic manner. Just look at the comparisons between policies toward Ethiopia and South Africa. For Ethiopia, rock stars hold concerts, "Live Aid" being the biggest. The callous Marxist government, meanwhile, demands exorbitant port fees from ships that dock with free food from the West; the money goes to Moscow to pay for weapons to fight Ethiopia's anti-Marxist rebels. Other ships draw water in the outer harbor for up to, in one case, three weeks, waiting for a berth. Vessels from the East Bloc transporting weapons have unloading priority. The government in Ethiopia proceeds with its program to forcibly relocate people from drought-gripped rebel-held areas, drawing them out with promises of food elsewhere. Yet no one demonstrates at Ethiopian embassies in the West!

The July 22 DAILY MAIL of Britain, in an article titled "A Plan To Starve Black Africans," written by Andrew Alexander, highlighted this appalling lack of common-sense thinking on the part of the "progressive" (U.S. term: "liberal") politicians in the Western world:

There is a supreme irony--to put it so lightly--in the spectacle of progressive [liberal] politicians exploiting the popular triumphs of Live Aid.... The progressives are now simultaneously backing two causes: rescuing Africans from hunger in Ethiopia and bringing hunger to them in South Africa.

For that, make no mistake, is what the sanctions against South Africa campaign means. It is not intended to be a series of mere pinpricks, it is intended to hurt, otherwise it would be pointless. And those who would be really hurt would not be the whites but the poorest blacks. It is humbug to pretend otherwise.

The campaign strategy, initially through disinvestment and later through trade sanctions, is to starve South Africa first of capital and then of export markets as well as imports. There would be massive lay-offs of labour as a result. And though the South African social security system is better than almost anywhere else in black Africa, hunger and real poverty would soon follow.

As the situation worsened, what would the sanctions enthusiasts do? Would Senator Kennedy...declare a victory because black South Africans were starving? Would Neil Kinnock [Britain's Labour Party leader], fresh from denouncing Mrs. Thatcher for causing unemployment and deprivation, preen himself on the rising tide of unemployment and poverty in South Africa?

Just how many South African blacks would be rendered jobless by such sanctions is hard to say. But just the American firms there, who would be required to withdraw under the sanctions programme, employ about 150,000. Including dependents that means that 750,000 would be affected by those firms' removal alone. We are clearly talking about large numbers, certainly well into seven figures, if sanctions bite. It would be interesting too, to see how Mr. Kinnock would explain the loss of 250,000 jobs in Britain which it is reckoned would follow a cessation of trade with South Africa.

Sanctions campaigners usually excuse their plan by saying that South African blacks want sanctions. It is true that a number of the fat cats in South Africa's black political movement do favour sanctions--they would not suffer and, anyway, they have their eyes on the big houses, limousines and the backhanders [perquisites] they reckon they would get if they could overturn white rule. *

The horrors of Ethiopia stem in part from the appalling President Mengistu using starvation as a weapon against the rebels. The West's liberals seem ready to echo that policy in southern Africa. It would be hard to sum it up better than the American journalist who asked Walter Mondale if it was his policy to starve the blacks until the whites surrendered.

At the United Nations, meanwhile, the Security Council passed by a vote of 13-0 (U.S. and U.K. abstaining) a French-sponsored resolution calling for a series of voluntary economic sanctions against South Africa. (The American and British indicated they would have voted against mandatory sanctions.

In fact, it is probably due to the conservative Reagan administration and Thatcher government that the U.N. has not been able to go further. That will change if and when the Democrats and the Labour Party come into power.)

State President Botha reacted sharply to the world community's call for sanctions. In a speech delivered at the university town of Potchefstroom, Botha said South Africa would not hesitate to repatriate hundreds of thousands of the 1.5 million workers, a third of them gold and coal miners, from neighboring countries should the U.N. Security Council ever adopt mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa. The sudden return of these workers would cripple the economies of such countries as Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zimbabwe and throw them into social and political turmoil.

Mr. Botha said South Africa would also end its economic and technical cooperation with neighboring countries and refuse to allow them to use its ports and rail lines for shipment of their imports and exports. Such moves would badly hurt three or four more black-ruled African countries, including Zambia and Zaire.

* Most people in the West have little comprehension of the complex economic interdependency of all the countries of southern Africa. Nearly all of them may be compared to spokes of a wheel--with South Africa a giant hub. Sanctions would hurt everyone in this African-style common market. Mr. Botha replied to the hypocritical U.N. call in a most caustic manner:

Those countries that are attempting to institute punitive measures against South Africa will probably, in accordance with their expressed concern about the welfare of the blacks, soon make funds available to create employment opportunities for the hundreds of thousands of workers who will have to return to their countries should the Security Council continue its present illegal action against South Africa.

The Kremlin and Western Liberals--How Their Interests Coincide

There are two principal foes arrayed against South Africa: the Soviet bloc and the Western world's liberal politicians. On this issue (and others, such as the emerging crisis in the Philippines) liberal activists have become, wittingly or unwittingly, allies of the Kremlin.

The aim of the Soviets in the region of southern Africa is well known; that of the Western liberals is not as well understood. A few years ago, the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev boasted that the key to Soviet world domination is the isolation of the mineral resources of the Middle East and southern Africa from the West. Confirming this in his book, *THE REAL WAR*, former President Richard M. Nixon explains:

The Soviet leaders have their eyes on the economic underpinnings of modern society. Their aim is to pull the plug on the Western industrial machine. The Western industrial nations' dependence on foreign sources of vital raw materials is one of our chief vulnerabilities....

The Soviets have not made the naive mistake of assuming that African leaders automatically care most about economic development for their people. From their own experience the Soviets

know that the first priority of many of these leaders is to maintain themselves in power, and they, not we, offer the most effective "foreign aid" for this purpose....

The Soviet Union seldom acts without a purpose, and its purposes are always strategic, never moral. Thus its persistent efforts to stir further the already troubled waters of southern Africa have to be viewed against the backdrop of the resources to the West.... The Soviets are not in Africa to "liberate." They are there to dominate, control and exploit.

So the primary Soviet goal in southern Africa is to bring a very vital piece of geography and geology under its control. The example of Ethiopia shows that lives are expendable to achieve the communists' political goals. So were millions of Ukrainians in the 1930s, even more millions in the communization of China.

Moscow, however, realizes it can't bring about South Africa's collapse through its own efforts. The armed forces of South Africa are too strong; those whom the Soviets support, such as the African National Congress (ANC), are too weak by comparison, as noted in the August 5 NEWSWEEK:

Would-be guerrillas in South Africa face enormous difficulties. Where the Viet Cong could operate from jungle cover, for example, South African militants are exposed on open plains and mountains. Within the townships, the streets are straight and easily patrolled by armored car or helicopter. The townships themselves are isolated, and government troops can control the long roads leading to them, cutting off electricity, telephone service and even supplies of food and water.

Most importantly, Moscow had to somehow derail the U.S. policy toward South Africa called "constructive engagement." Under the Reagan administration's encouragement, the South African government was willing to take risks on internal reform. Equally, it was encouraged to establish stronger ties toward its neighbors. Moscow was stunned when Pretoria was able to engineer a non-aggression pact with Marxist Mozambique. The Communist-backed ANC guerrilla camps were shut down in Mozambique and other areas adjoining South Africa. Soviet supported forces were on the run. Something had to be done.

Because of these political facts of life, the Soviets recognized more than ever that they needed the help of the West to bring South Africa down--in order to bring down the West! This Western help--again wittingly and unwittingly--comes from two quarters, white liberals, and a new and increasingly significant force allied with it, the black civil rights leadership in the United States (and also, increasingly, in Britain).

It must be understood that to the white liberals, South Africa is anathema. The fact that South Africa is still a prosperous, viable society while almost all of independent black Africa has collapsed into economic despair, political dictatorship and corruption is acutely embarrassing to the liberals. It offends their egalitarian concepts. The post-colonial break-up of Africa wasn't supposed to turn out the way it has. Concepts of liberal democracy haven't taken root. (For proof, should more be needed, look at the latest coup in Uganda. For three days hell broke loose, with soldiers

shooting indiscriminately, and looting, said witnesses, "everything in sight," even from the dwellings of the poorest people. Uganda is riven with tribal infighting.)

Allied with the white liberals are the leaders of the American black civil rights community. This group is angry that President Reagan has turned back the clock on some of their favorite programs at home. Partly in retaliation, they have turned their guns on constructive engagement. (One of the harshest advocates of disinvestment on the West Coast is Maxine Waters, a black California State Assemblywoman from Los Angeles. She recently stalked out of a meeting of the California Legislature when visiting Zulu Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, an opponent of disinvestment, bluntly said that American blacks and "left liberals" should stay out of the fray in his country, adding that American blacks do not have a right "to tell us what is good for us...no matter how good their motives are." Ms. Waters refers to the Zulu chief, the leader of one-fourth of South Africa's blacks, as "the traitor Buthelezi.")

The Soviets, capitalizing on the paralleling approaches of the Western liberals, were thus able to patch together, last summer--in Havana, Cuba--a coalition to intensify pressure on South Africa. Shortly afterward, the protests began in front of the South African embassy in Washington, D.C. This was not happenstance; it was all planned, explained Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor of THE WASHINGTON TIMES, in the July 29 issue of his newspaper:

Over the years, most recently in conversations with President Pieter W. Botha, I learned of the constructive changes and steady progress taking place in South Africa.... Mr. Botha spoke to me of the tremendous political risks he was taking to bring about constitutional and other internal reforms. He said, "We can see all of black Africa slowly dying, and we have no intention of abandoning our country to the same fate."...

Ironically, the wave of violence washing over South Africa's urban black townships...was generated in large part by the Nkomati accord, signed on March 16 last year between Mozambique and South Africa. The crucial provision of Nkomati required Samora Machel, the Marxist leader of Mozambique, to close down the bases and facilities enjoyed by the African National Congress (ANC)....

ANC's regrouping after the Nkomati reverse was speedy. Last summer the ANC leadership held lengthy consultations with leading American anti-South Africa activists at the United Nations, then immediately went to Havana to work out details on creating external diplomatic pressure against South Africa in the United States and Western Europe, in which U.N. agencies would play a supporting role. By last October, the plans were ready for implementation. The opening round in "making South Africa ungovernable" commenced with illegal strikes by black trade unions. Some of the leaders were arrested, and those arrests were the focus of protests in Europe and America in the first two weeks of November.

On Thanksgiving, the campaign of American protests and sit-ins against South Africa moved into high gear. The U.S. protest

coalition, known as the Free South Africa Movement (FSAM), is spearheaded by Randall Robinson's TransAfrica, a lobbying organization. They have made clear their commitment to the ANC and to other revolutionary movements and regimes sponsored by Moscow in Africa and the Caribbean. Since then, Mr. Robinson has given the national media a daily, carefully orchestrated "story."...

The polite dignitaries on the picket line, knowingly or unwittingly, are acting to transform South Africa into an Ethiopia, a Uganda, [or] an Angola.... That is the ultimate purpose of the economic warfare campaigns to end economic relations and isolate South Africa from the United States. TransAfrica's FSAM crusaders are not fazed by the fact that such economic measures would force America to depend on the Soviet Union as the sole alternative supplier of a variety of strategic minerals we now buy freely from South Africa....

Does it matter particularly whether South Africa is ruled in five years time by a government allied with the Soviet Union? The answer is yes, because ultimately our continued freedom depends on it. South Africa is essential to the strategic survival of the United States and Western Europe.... South Africa is the sole source in the non-Communist world of a multitude of rare minerals which are critical to the industrial and military strength of the West--among them chromium, platinum and vanadium. These and other rare metals form the exotic alloys that enable rockets and jet engines to withstand intense heat, and which strengthen submarine hulls against the enormous pressures of the deep oceans, and have many specialized functions in our high technology. There is one alternative source for those minerals--the Soviet Union.

Furthermore, geography has placed South Africa astride the shipping lanes traveled by the oil tankers carrying crude oil from the Persian Gulf across the Indian Ocean and around the Cape of Good Hope into the Atlantic. The government which rules South Africa can control the tanker traffic carrying the Gulf's petroleum to Western Europe, Latin America and the United States.

The leaders of the Soviet Union obviously are aware of this. In sum, the blunt fact remains that South Africa represents the jugular vein of the West, and that even if South Africa had no controversial and unpopular racial and ethnic regulations, that country would be a target of Soviet imperialism.... Without South Africa's minerals, America's high-technology defense industries would have to depend on the Soviets for those rare strategic minerals. If America did not buy minerals from South Africa, what price do you think the Soviets would set?

There is also a moral irony in this.... Soviet gold, as Alexander Solzhenitsyn told us, is the product of the Soviet forced labor camps which comprise the Gulag Archipelago. Forced labor accounts for nearly all of Soviet mining operations. How the Soviet cynics must jeer to see America and Europe urging abandonment of trade with South Africa when their only alternative must be to line up at the Soviet trade counter and, therefore, to encourage

the Soviets to expand their use of forced labor. [Yet, one U.S. Congressman said the U.S. must not import Krugerrands because South African gold, he alleged, is mined by "slave labor." Furthermore, the Congress now urges the U.S. government to mint gold coins to replace the market vacated by Krugerrands. Where will this gold come from, considering sluggish domestic production? The Soviet Union? Or maybe, via third parties, South Africa?]....

The strategic needs of our own people should be the overriding concern of Congress, but the anti-South Africa forces, including the Marxists, are arguing that the apartheid problem is not a political one capable of rational political solutions involving formulae for opening the South African political power structure by degrees to all the people. Rather, they say it is a moral issue. So they preach that "apartheid" is a sin, and that those "sinners" should stop sinning at once without respect to any other consideration such as transferring power in an orderly manner and maintaining social order.

Among his own Afrikaner people President Botha could be skating on thin political ice. His more conservative critics charge that his reforms are dangerous, that the Soviets perceive them as a sign of weakness, and that he was foolish to have grasped the American hand of "constructive engagement," which Congress is now trying to jerk away, leaving him exposed and isolated.

The two right-wing parties, the Conservatives and the HNP, will certainly gain strength in backlash. What if--just what if--there would ever be a white coup? The Soviets wouldn't mind this initially, since it would result in South Africa's almost total isolation from an outraged liberal West (only coups elsewhere in Africa are permissible).

Meanwhile, the World Council of Churches has announced that it will call for worldwide prayers for the overthrow of the South African government. The vice-moderator of the WCC's "Program to Combat Racism," Paul Boateng, charged that "the South African government is a gangster regime which preys on its own people and on its neighbors." (The WCC, critics charge, has been considerably infiltrated by communists.)

Correction On page 9 paragraph 3 of last week's report I mentioned that four members of the ANC were murdered in one incident of township fighting, presumably by members of AZAPO. Those slain were members of the UDF, not ANC. AZAPO, arch-rival of both groups, may still have been responsible.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau