

St.Pauls Apartheid Free Zone

Campaign NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL REPORT

At the last AGM of the St Pauls Community Association it was unanimously resolved to form an action group to tackle the issues of Apartheid in St Pauls. This resolution was welcomed and received unanimous support from all who attended the meeting.

However it was somewhat ironic to say the least that the first meeting of the group was not attended by any of the members who had supported the resolution!

Nevertheless between the Co-ordinator, Chair, and Public Relations Officer of the St. Paul's Community Association they managed to create the enthusiasm needed to form a small core group of people who soon set about tackling the issue of Apartheid in the area.

Once there had been an agreed policy of approval with regard to individuals, shopkeepers, businesses etc. the Campaign wrote to all the shops in the area informing them of the campaign and the reason behind the Campaign. Notification was also given that members of the campaign would soon be visiting shop premises to check the shelves for South African goods. This letter was promptly followed up and a procedure adopted; "systematic monitoring".

Initially, the response from the shopkeepers was a hostile one, with many shopkeepers calling the police as they did not wish to curtail their stock because of the South African issue. This however did not throw the campaigners off, as the shopkeepers would have liked, and the systematic monitoring was maintained until all 24 shops in the area of St. Pauls were aware of the issue and which goods had South African links.

Many of the shops, now realising that the Campaign was a strong one which would not disappear overnight, replaced their hostility with a gradual understanding of the South African situation which led to the development of mutual co-operation. Many South African fruits disappeared from the shelves along with many other products, such as Rothmans cigarettes, South African

Soldiers beat and buried me - mother
BY RAJAH MUNAMAYA
MRS SELMA AWALA, 59, was allegedly beaten up, threatened with a rifle and partly 'buried' by members of the security forces in Johannesburg.



Children shot dead in ambush

Apartheid's death penalties outrage

SA police raid church to arrest children

From David Beresford

centre from township violence, according to Mrs Cobbett. They included the daughters of Chief Ampie Mavisa, a community leader from Leandra township who was killed recently by "vigilantes" a day before he was due to meet the US Dr Chester Crocker.

Torture 'routine' under Pretoria's security laws

By OUR JOHANNESBURG CORRESPONDENT

By the end of November two shops in the area had declared themselves as Apartheid Free Shops, namely Ms. Williams of Brook Road and also Ajax of Sussex Place.

A further demonstration of this was evident in the fact that 21 shops out of the 24 in the area signed a declaration banning South African goods from their shelves. It did not take long for the local pubs to follow suit and to date all seven pubs have also signed a declaration banning all South African products from their shelves.

Barclays Bank was also included in the Campaign to make St. Pauls an Apartheid Free Zone and regular pickets took place every week in a bid to move the bank from the area.

Unlike the shops, initially the level of hostility was non-existent, but as weeks went by Campaign members soon met the "hard core" bank users. These users would stop at nothing to enter the bank and this, of course, led to a few violent clashes due to racist attacks.

To date there has been no movement by the bank to accommodate the wishes of the Campaign and it is strongly felt that the Campaign needs to review its strategy of approach. There were two reasons for this, one being the unnecessary presence of the police which only sought to distort the Campaign's real intention through unwarranted provocation of members, the other the difficulty of securing campaign members' presence every week outside of the bank.

The Campaign decided to hold a mass sit-in protest at the bank for an afternoon which was very successful; over 60 people attended (over 90 if you include the police) with leading members of the Church, Labour Party and Trade Unions being amongst the many.

Approaches have been made to the local businesses in the area, notably SPANDEX, who have been displaying their BANIUSTIAN sign proudly in the foyer. No direct action has been taken as yet because of the length of time it has been taking to investigate other businesses. Surprisingly enough KNIGHTSTONE HOUSING ASSOCIATION have a large sum of money in Barclays and steps are being taken to meet with the Association in a bid to cause disinvestment.

Robinson solicitors of Brighton Street until quite recently had a £65 000 overdraft in Barclays but following a meeting with the campaign have since withdrawn their account.



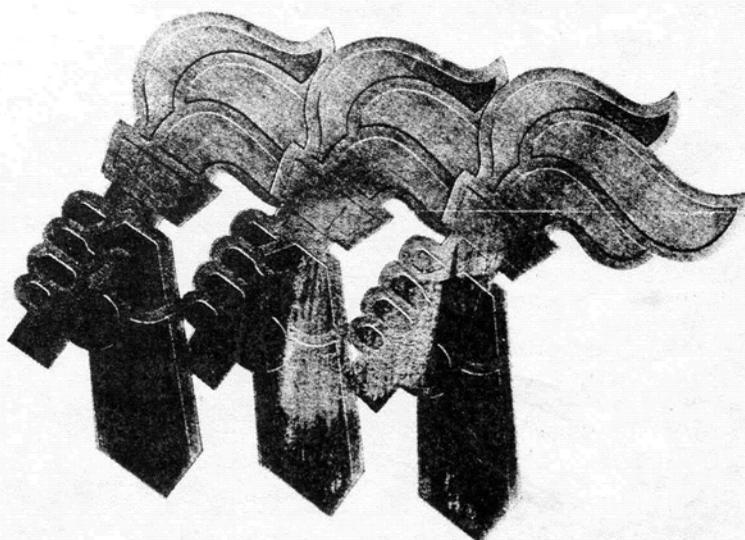
'Aw, tell him what we say every year — he's under age, so clear off!'

Following coverage given by the media about the Campaign many other groups have been set up. There are now Apartheid Free Zones in Liverpool, Birmingham, Leicester and among other places working towards these aims are Nottingham, Cardiff, Aberdeen, and the London Borough of Haringey.

Locally four other Apartheid Free Zones have been established and these are Easton, Cotham, Clifton and Bishopston.

A very successful year in real terms which we should not allow to deteriorate in the year to come. There have been many other events linked to the St. Pauls Apartheid Free Zone which could not be covered in this report but for all interested to find out more see the SPAFZC newsletter and remember:-
Isolate Apartheid: Sanctions Now!

SOLIDARITY WITH SWAPO



FREEDOM IN NAMIBIA

EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN

Destroy
APARTHEID.
DEDICATED TO THE BLACK MINERS OF SOUTH AFRICA.
Nigel Alleyne



Hector Petersen, the first child to be shot dead by police in Soweto on 16 June 1976 Sam Nziri

BRISTOL CVS BREAKS LINKS WITH HANSON

Bristol CVS has informed Imperial Tobacco that, as a result of their takeover by Hanson Trust, they are no longer prepared to continue the excellent relationship of the past.

AGM MOTION

Bristol CVS adopted at its AGM a policy of not dealing with companies with substantial links with Apartheid South Africa. The CVS's decision to sever all contact with Imperial will cause financial difficulties, but that is the price we must pay. As a former distributor of substantial sums of money from Imperial to community organisations throughout Bristol, we appreciate that others may be affected by our decision.

We urge all community organisations to seriously consider whether they are prepared to accept money from the Hanson Trust.

Contact David Cemlyn 662676 or Dan Lloyd 43731 for further information.



DONT FORGET "SOWETO"

June 10th 1986 will be the Tenth Anniversary of Soweto.

In 1976 the brutal assaults of the South African regime against unarmed schoolchildren in Soweto and throughout South Africa was supposed to have shocked the world. thousands of children were protesting against the introduction of Afrikaans as a medium of instructions. This calculated decision by the apartheid authorities became a focus for opposition to racist oppression, white minority domination and police brutality-as well as decades of third rate education.

The regime reacted violently by shooting indiscriminately into the crowds; hundreds were killed and thousands more were maimed. Hundreds of people, many of them children were detained, tortured and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Children under sixteen were sentenced to 10 years on notorious Robben Island.

In the last 10 years nothing has changed.

Since then thousands of young people have been forced to flee their homes and families in order to carry out their struggle for freedom and to gain the education and skills...



BOYCOTT SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS

**Smash
apartheid!
one person:
one vote!**

BOYCOTT!

There are four areas of trade on which the military and industrial functioning of Apartheid depends especially:-

Oil:- South Africa imports 60% of its oil. Without this supply industry would grind to a halt and the military would also find it hard to survive. British Petroleum (B.P.) is well known for its links with Apartheid, and has offices in Bristol as well as garages. B.P. also has subsidiaries in South Africa.

Technology:- High technology goods, especially computer technology such as the British-made ICL computer used to run the pass-law system and the British Marconi-Plessey radar used by the South African air force. ICL, in common with Hewlett-Packard and GEC Avionics, is part of a company which has South African subsidiaries.

Industry:- Industrial plant may be bought from abroad - for instance car-manufacturing machinery was transferred to South Africa from the Scottish Linwood plant, after it closed. As well as this, the Avonmouth firm of Spillers Milling Ltd. is believed to have sent milling equipment to South Africa in a secret arrangement.

Military:- The SADF is well equipped with Land Rovers, Centurion tanks and Buccaneer aircraft. Puma assault helicopters and even nuclear weapons "find their way" to South Africa with help from British, German and Israeli firms and governments.

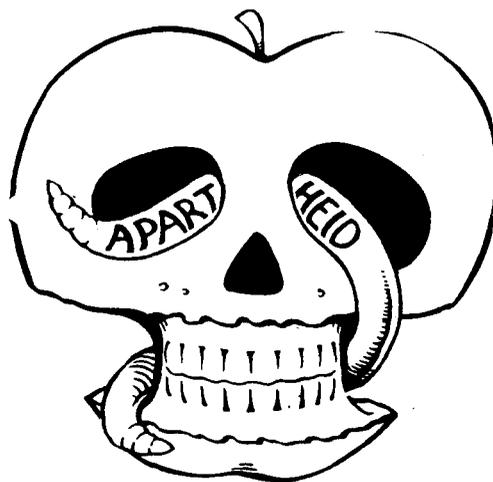
South Africa counts coal and gold as two of its most important exports, with coal now expanding more rapidly. The EEC imports over 40% of its coal from the regime, with gold imports at a minimum of 50%. As well as this uranium, illegally exported from Namibia, is used for fuel for the British Nuclear power programme as well as providing warheads for the Trident missile(!)

South African goods are not marked

"Produce of Apartheid"; R.S.A. means Republic of South Africa, and illegal South African exports from Namibia may appear as "Produce of Namibia" or "SWA". In many cases labels are disguised by using wording such as "Produce of many countries" (or "more than one country") or "packed in the UK for XYZ company". In the case of mixed fruit and fruit juice this frequently means South Africa.

The "Cape" symbol is used to advertise South African vegetables, fruit and wine. "Outspan" is also a South African brand.

Sainsburys, Tesco and Liptons all have policies of seeking alternatives to South African goods, but still stock them.



Continental Food Stores, Spar and Woolworths stock South African goods. House of Holland and Littlewoods sell South African wines and liquor; Boots sell South African slimming and diabetic foods, Dingles, South African fruit and vegetables, and while Debenhams and Marks and Spencers have no policy on South Africa they do stock South African goods.

Very few large stores have a policy against South African produce; firms which do are C. & A., Hepworths and Next, where consequently no South African goods are stocked. Many shops, while having no policy, happen not to stock South African goods anyway; included here are Dunn & Co., Fosters, Boules, Chelsea Girl, Paige, Thomas Moore, Top Shop and Etam.

There are a few other shops with no policy who do stock South African goods; among them are Burtons, Austin Reed, Richards, Cornishs and Selfridges.

You should look before you buy in W.K. Smith, Habitat, Halfords, and Pay Less DIY.

YES! TO PEOPLE'S SANCTIONS

BARCLAYS BANK - WHERE NEXT?

Since the Campaign began, one of our main aims has been the removal from St. Pauls of the racist bank, Barclays. Apart from persuading local firms - Robinson solicitors, for instance - to close their accounts with the bank, and discouraging businesses from opening new ones, the main tactic has been weekly pickets of the Barclays branch in Newfoundland Road, every Thursday afternoon between 12.30 and 2.30.

There were various aims in picketing. Many individual customers were persuaded to close their accounts; valuable publicity was gained, and perhaps even more important, Barclays were not allowed to forget that they are not welcome in St. Pauls. The aim eventually is to close down the branch.

Why are Barclays the target of all this, when they and their supporters stress the links which other high street British banks have with the Apartheid regime? The answer is that the Anti-Apartheid movement in countries outside South Africa began and continues as a direct response to a request by the African National Congress, and as such the movement relies on the instructions of the ANC for its policy.

The ANC consistently condemn Barclays' involvement in South Africa as being especially harmful to the people; despite cosmetic changes in shareholdings Barclays are the biggest foreign bank in the country.

They have high street branches in South Africa, and are the official bank of the South African army, which is responsible for maintaining the regime against the will of the people, and use advertising posters in the country featuring photographs of young soldiers. They have also been implicated in attempts to pass military equipment to the regime in secrecy, to prevent protest from people in the exporting countries.

This then is the background to the pickets. Obviously action against Barclays is a priority. However after initial success, it was increasingly apparent to members of the Campaign that the pickets were of limited effectiveness. Eventually we came up against a hard core of racists, who were not prepared to listen to arguments about justice, and who perhaps began to come along to the bank on Thursdays especially to seek a confrontation.

Neither did the police help. As the picket became more public, so the police became more interested, and eventually protestors began to complain of rough handling.

Apart from all this, people began to feel that all that could be done to persuade people to close their accounts had been done, and that anybody who refused to at this stage would never do it. This led to a drop in numbers at pickets (apart from the drop caused by police tactics) and it became clear that something new had to be tried.

On Wednesday February 26th, Anti-Apartheid's national day of action, about forty people met in the St. Pauls Community Centre on City Road. Placards and banners were prepared, and leaflets distributed. Then we marched the short distance to the bank.

As expected, the police were waiting, blocking the door; but when people started entering in ones and twos the police became confused as to who were demonstrators and who were customers, and eventually decided to cut their losses and let everyone into the bank.

What followed was the noisiest two hours the staff at Barclays had experienced. Anti-Apartheid slogans were chanted non-stop, and South African freedom-songs played on a tape-deck. The bank was packed with demonstrators to the extent that many customers looked through the door, saw the scene, and decided not to bother coming in. Those who did were left in no doubt as to what we thought of their bank.

The one disappointment of the afternoon was the sparse publicity the Campaign eventually got out of it, despite the presence in the bank for almost an hour of a journalist and a photographer.

This was especially bad because of the good turnout of well-known local Church members and politicians, including councillor Pam Tatlow, and the new Parliamentary candidate for Bristol South, Dawn Primarola.

However the sit-in itself had gone better than we had realistically hoped; we had filled the bank for two hours for a peaceful and effective demonstration, with no arrests!

The question now is how to continue our campaign against the bank. Since then the pickets have really stopped, due partly to members of the campaign having other commitments, but also partly to the factors discussed above.

RESPONSE FROM LOCAL SHOPKEEPERS

The response from the local shopkeepers has been very encouraging to date. We have been consistently visiting these shops and checking their shelves to ensure that there are no items of South African Origin. There are twenty four shops in the area and so far twenty one shops have signed a declaration which states that they will cease to sell South African goods until the people of South Africa are free!

The following shops have all signed the declaration and have done well in their bid to boycott purchasing South African goods from the whole salers:-

AJAX:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 EURO-FOOD and WINES:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 GROSVENOR RD SUPERMARKET:-No south African goods sold.
 SUPER FOOD STORE:-(Grosvenor Rd) No South African goods sold.
 ST NICHOLAS STORES:-(St Nicholas St) No South African goods sold.
 INTERNATIONAL SUPERMARKET:-(Ashley Rd) "presently banks with BARCLAYS" No South African goods sold.
 SUPER MASHRID:-(Ashley Rd) No South African goods sold.
 SINGH STORES:-(Brighton St & Grosvenor Rd) No South African goods sold.
 MINI MARK:-(Campbell St) No South African goods sold.
 SINGH OFF-LICENSE:-(Westgrove) No South African goods sold.
 MRS WILLIAMS:-(Brook Rd) No South African goods sold.
 FOODSTORES:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 M ALI & SONS:-(Sussex Place) no South African goods sold.
 APT STORES:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 FRONTLINE VIDEO:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 DISPENSING CHEMIST:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 BITES:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 OVERBURY'S:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 SONIA'S HAIRDRESSERS:-(Sussex Place) No South African goods sold.
 HUMMINGBIRD BOOKSHOP:-(Grosvenor Rd) No South African goods sold.
 GENERAL STORES:-(Grosvenor Rd) No South African goods sold.
 CLOIHES SHOP:-(Grosvenor Rd) No South African goods sold.
 POPS ARTS & CRAFTS:-(Grosvenor Rd) No South African goods sold.

APARTHEID SHOPS

Of the three remaining shops who have not been involved in the campaign to fight against Apartheid there needs nothing more to be said. The following shops are still selling South African goods.

KIOSK NEWSAGENT:-(Sussex Place)

Although we have approached these shops on numerous occasions they have not heeded the call to boycott the goods of Apartheid. We must not allow ourselves to be governed by the unscrupulousness of a few mindless people.
 Stand by the Peoples Struggle in South Africa and support the fight against such a modern day Facist Regime.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

100.00 South African troops occupy Namibia in defiance of International Law:

Namibia's present government was set up by and controlled by the South Africa to defend Apartheid:

The South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO) is recognised by the United Nations as the sole legitimate representative of the Namibia People:

SWAPO is campaigning politically, militarily and diplomatically to end South Africa's illegal occupation:

United Nations decree No 1 "For the protection of natural resources of Namibia" outlaws all mining, sale export import and future use of Namibian uranium:

Successive British Governments have in practice supported and profitted from the South African's occupation of Namibia:

B Uk Companies effectively control Namibia's economy and pay taxes to the illegal regime:

British Multinational Rio Tinto Zinc (RIZ) owns the Rossing uranium mine in Namibia:

CAPRICORN UPDATEBALOGUN FACES THREAT CHARGE

Since making his first statement, reported in the first newsletter, Kuomba Balogun (Secretary of the Campaign) has had his case adjourned twice by the Bristol Magistrates Court. He is to appear again on Monday 21st July at 10:30am. This will be the final committal hearing, to decide if there is any case to answer and if so whether it will go to the Crown court. Kuomba is currently charged with demanding with menaces, threatening to burn down Capricorn, and most seriously threatening to kill, which carries a maximum of 10 years. It is obviously up to the campaign to make sure that the Crown court is told the truth, and returns a verdict of not guilty on all charges.

Meanwhile the plot thickens. recently Byekwasso, the "victim" of these dreamt up "offences", came into the C.A. when several members of the campaign including Kuomba, were present, and claimed that he did not want to press charges but was being forced to by the police. Is this true? If so, exactly how are they forcing him? If he really means this then he can withdraw his evidence, without which the whole thing would not even have reached the Magistrates.

Apart from this, the other prosecution witnesses include one of Byekwasso's shopworkers, who was out of earshot when the argument occurred and the charge sheet initially carried the wrong date for some of the allegations.

Kuomba also continues to be the target for police pressure; while driving north to the Liverpool 8 Apartheid Free Zone Campaign he was stopped on suspicion of carrying stolen goods. Needless to say after searching the boot of Kuomba's car, they found nothing!

So the police continue their persecution of the St Pauls campaign and its leaders. Jagun Akinshegun

who is the Chairman for the St Pauls Campaign was recently given a two-year conditional discharge-for playing South African "Freedom Songs" in the street! The whole case was based upon lies by the police. The police have clearly taken sides, and are using harassment, false evidence and phone tapping to that effect. It is naive to imagine that this might change after Kuomba is, as he will be, found not guilty on all three charges./

TIMEABLE OF EVENTS"Peoples Sanctions"

June 1985. Formation of the St Pauls Apartheid Free Zone Campaign: following a resolution put to the AGM of the St Pauls Community Association.

September. Letter of notification to all local Shopkeepers requesting a boycott of SA goods.

September 25th following our discussions with the regional Manager of the Co-op an immediate ban is imposed on a total of 50 stores in Bath Bristol & Weston Super-Mare.

September-SPAFZC begin regular Thursday Pickets at local Barclays Bank. (Newfoundland Rd)

October 1st Bristol CC put forward a resolution to support the SPAFZC and to help make Bristol an Apartheid Free Zone. There is also a £200.00 donation.

October 3rd Co-op announce a National Ban imposed on SA goods throughout its 1000 stores.

October 7th to 12th St Pauls Apartheid Free zone "Week of Action"
Visiting local shops
Picketing Barclays
22hr Vigil N Mandela
with ANC speaker.

October 9th Bristol CC announce ban on SA trade in the city, allowing continuation of SA trade through the Docks. (Half Ban!)

October 17th Protest Vigil outside Barclays Bank (Clifton) Execution Benjamin Moloise.

October 29th Public Meeting held at Shepherds Hall. SPAFZC speaker Chairman Jagun Akinshegun alongside ANC speaker.

October 31st Unofficial Meeting with leading Shop Stewards of the Dockers Union.

November 2nd Delegation from SPAFZC march against Apartheid in London.

November 7th First Meeting with local solicitor firm (Robinsons) They had £65,000 loan in Barclays.

November 12th Robinsons announce officially through correspondence with SPAFZC the termination of their account with Barclays as a subsequent result of our meeting.

November 14th First two Apartheid Free Shops established.

Mrs Williams: Brook Rd and.....
Ajax: Sussex Place.

December 10th SPAFZC chairman interviewed by local radio during talk given at a local school.

January 21st 26th SPAFZC week of National Campaigning launch.

January 21st SPAFZC speaker Secretary: K Balogun at Nottingham CRC Meeting.

January 22nd SPAFZC speaker at Race In Housing Meeting at the Ukaidi Meeting Nottingham.

January 23rd SPAFZC speaker at Inaugural Meeting of Ladywood Boycott Apartheid Group (Targetting at SOHO St in Handsworth Birmingham)

January 23rd SPAFZC speaker at Ladywood Labour Party Constituency. As a result £50.00 donated by Labour Party to Ladywood Boycott Apartheid group.

January 24th SPAFZC speaker at Black Elderly Group at Marcus Garvey Centre Nottingham.

January 24th SPAFZC speaker at Staff Mtg of the Afro Caribbean Centre Nottingham.

January 25th SPAFZC guest speaker at Anti Apartheid Demonstration/Rally addressing over a 1000 people of the 2000 who marched through Nottingham City Centre. During rally an in principle decision was taken for the formation of an Apartheid Free Zone Campaign.

January 25th SPAFZC Picket/Leaflett local un co-operative shops in the area.

January 26th SPAFZC speaker interviued live on local black radio programme "Back-a-Yard".

January 27th SPAFZC Chairman: Jagun Akinshegun receives summons to attend Bristol Magistrate Court following the 22hr Vigil held by the Campaign in October: Charged with the playing of a loud speaker after 9pm at night contrary to the NOISE POLLUTION ACT.

February 2nd SPAFZC met with local shopkeepers to discuss Apartheid Free Zone

February 3rd SPAFZC attend initial Steering Group Meeting of Clifton residents to give assistance in the formation of an Apartheid Free Zone.

February 11th SPAFZC speaker at Cotham labour Party

February 14th SPAFZC Secretary: Kuomba balogun served with summons charged with:

Threatening to kill.

Threatening to burn down local shop.

Blackmail. (SEE INSIDE)

February 26th SPAFZC occupy Barclays Bank. (60 people strong)

February 27th SPAFZC Chairman appears before Bristol Magistrate RE: Noise pollution Act.

March 5th SPAFZC Secretary appears before Bristol Magistrates.

March 11th SPAFZC speaker attends planning Meeting of the Steering Group: Liverpool Eight Apartheid Free zone Campaign in liverpool.

March 14th SPAFZC attend Labour Research Meeting at Bristol City Council to discuss the research into all Business and Local Authorities in a bid to identify collaborators of Apartheid.

March 18th SPAFZC speaker at Inaugural Meeting of Easton Apartheid Free zone Campaign.

March 19th SPAFZC Secretary appears before Magistrates Court.

March 22nd Anti Apartheid Demonstration: (Anniversary of Sharpville).



March 23rd SPAFZC speaker arrives in liverpool as part of Liverpool Eight Apartheid Free Zone Campaign's Week Of Action.

March 24th Liverpool eight Apartheid Free Zone Campaign "action against Barclays Bank. (also part of week of action)

25th March Official Launching Of Liverpool Eight Apartheid Free zone Campaign.. SPAFZC speaker and ANC speaker.

April Decline of weekly SPAFZC

pickets outside Barclays Bank.

April 3rd SPAFZC speaker at Meeting of Bishopston Labour Party

April 17th One Month of Action against Barclays bank.

April 29th SPAFZC Secretary appears before Bristol Magistrates.

April 30th SPAFZC Speaker addresses Civil Public Service Association Meeting.

May 4th SPAFZC Speaker at African Heroes Day Celebration Meeting Leicester.

May 23rd SPAFZC hold Public Meeting

"The Arms Struggle" and also hold Fundraising Social to raise funds for "Umkhonto We Sizwe" (the armed wing of the ANC)

