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Dear Friend,

Enclosed you will find the 16-page fact sheet syllabus on South Africa.

Please pass it on to your family and friends -- help us get this information out to the general public.

The liberal media has for too long suppressed the other side of the story in South Africa. They tend to go only to two or three black ministers with the South African Council of Churches -- which, by the way, funds the leftist United Democratic Front -- and then purport that they speak for the entire black population of South Africa!

Please write your Congressman and Senators -- express your opinion and views regarding economic sanctions against South Africa.

I hope this fact sheet will be helpful to you. And I hope you will see that disinvestment and sanctions against South Africa will hurt the blacks much more than the government or anyone else.

It is very important that we stay close enough to South Africa so that it does not fall prey to the clutches of Communism. This, however, does not mean that we endorse the atrocity of apartheid.

On the contrary, we oppose apartheid vehemently and believe that the government in South Africa is truly working to reform the present conditions in a peaceful manner.

Please pray that reform will come to South Africa -- but that it will come peacefully and without a Communist takeover.

Please pray also that God will continue to use this ministry to further the cause of Christ in South Africa and around the world.

If you can help us in any way financially to circulate this fact sheet around America, please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

We want to spread this untold story on South Africa -- before it is too late!

Sincerely in Christ,



Jerry Falwell

# Special Report: THE UNTOLD STORY

# SOUTH AFRICA

## Why Did We Go to South Africa?

by Jerry Falwell

**O**n August 14, nine pastors and religious leaders left New York for South Africa on a fact-finding mission. Each one of us vehemently opposes the repressive policy of apartheid—and said so repeatedly to every person and group we met.

We did not talk in advance with the American or South African govern-



ments. We wanted to find out the facts for ourselves with no political pressure being imposed upon us. We went to South Africa to determine how American Christians could best accomplish three goals: bring an expeditious end to apartheid; provide humanitarian and spiritual help to the suffering nonwhites of South Africa; and prevent the fall of South Africa to the Soviet orbit. We found that South Africa does, indeed, operate a racially unfair social and political system called apartheid.

South Africa is torn by civil unrest, instigated primarily by Communist-sponsored people who are capitalizing

on the many legitimate grievances created by apartheid, unemployment, and police confrontations.

Marxist-leaning organizations are constantly creating violence and bloodshed among the blacks of the country. They are the true victims. The National Party is in power. President P. W. Botha is perceived by many nonwhites as attempting to move his National Party away from apartheid and toward a consensus government where all South Africans participate in the political process. We left South Africa believing this to be the case. Because of President Botha's efforts toward reform and democracy, his own National Party has split. The extreme right wing is attempting to oust Botha. For that reason, President Botha must move carefully toward accomplishing reforms—or lose the presidency.

Sanctions against South Africans by the United States and disinvestment by American business will, in my judgment, eliminate all leverage we might have toward pressuring the Pretoria government to abolish apartheid as rapidly as politically possible. Worse than that, the nonwhites, in unison, advised us that sanctions and disinvestment would cause unemployment among poor blacks—which leads to starvation, violence, and bloodshed—while doing little or nothing toward effecting change.

The nonwhites advised us that Bishop Tutu and Reverend Allan Boesak speak for the South African Council of Churches (a part of the World Council of Churches) and not for the majority of the poor nonwhites of South Africa. They are upset that the international media go to those pastors when they want to know what the blacks are thinking rather than going to the people

themselves. They spoke at the very real risk of losing their homes, their families, and their lives to terrorists.

The other pastors and I returned from South Africa with certain determinations for becoming part of the solution in this troubled nation. We must first organize a massive prayer effort for South Africa, calling on Americans to pray daily for all South Africans. In obedience to 1 Timothy 2:1-2, we must also pray for the leadership in South Africa. Every member of the Pretoria government needs the leading of the Spirit of God in making proper decisions and taking bold, responsible action to-

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ward guaranteeing freedom and democratic opportunities for all citizens there.

Each American must communicate with his U.S. senators and congressmen to urge them to oppose disinvestment that would only hurt the poor and needy nonwhites of South Africa. Finally, we should, if possible, invest in South Africa, because this inevitably improves the standard of living for nonwhites there.

Now is not the time to turn our backs on South Africa. The world has witnessed the Soviets capture nation after nation. They have been particularly aggressive in Africa. South Africa must not be the next victim!



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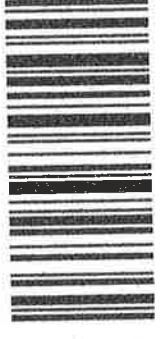
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