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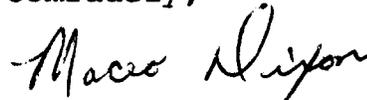
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TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PLENUM GUESTS

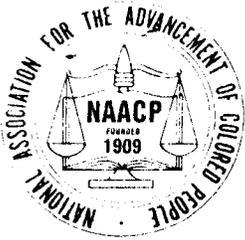
Dear Comrades,

We came across this letter which we thought might help in our participating with the NAACP in the upcoming March 18 demonstration in Nashville. It shows the NAACP is willing to participate with other groups around the Davis Tennis Cup games at Vanderbilt University. The NAACP should be contacted as soon as possible to see what can be done to help build the demonstration. This is especially true of branches that are relatively close to Nashville. The NAACP should also be approached about activities that can occur after the demonstration, like forums, teach-ins, etc., around the question of South Africa.

Comradely,



Maceo Dixon
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February 6, 1978

TO: STATE CONFERENCES, BRANCHES, COLLEGE DIVISION AND YOUTH COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

Dear Freedom Fighter:

I am pleased to inform you that the National NAACP, in cooperation with the Nashville, Tennessee Branch will March on Nashville in protest of the scheduled participation of South Africa in the Davis Cup Tennis Tournament at Vanderbilt University on March 18, 1978.

This March, which will culminate in a mass rally, has the following objectives:

1. To raise the level of world consciousness about the NAACP's unrelenting and continuing crusade against racism and human oppression at home and abroad.
2. To protest against South Africa's participation in the Davis Cup Tennis Tournament and that Country's system of apartheid.
3. To call on the U.S. government to demonstrate its commitment to human rights by supporting the prohibition of the participation of South Africa in all athletic and cultural competition until all South Africans, regardless of race or color, are able to compete for the opportunity to participate without any restrictions or limitations based on race or color.

We know you want to be a part of this demonstration and we are encouraging college chapters, youth councils, branches and state conferences throughout the nation to send representatives to Nashville and/or to plan simultaneous marches and rallies at Regional Conferences, cities and states on Saturday, March 18.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO

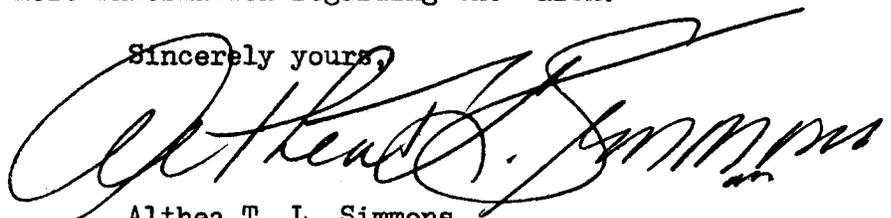
Take the leadership in organizing a delegation made up of organizations which normally cooperate with NAACP, such as those groups which are members of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. A Word of Caution. It is absolutely essential that the NAACP unit maintain the leadership and control of the delegation. Organizations not in accord with NAACP should not participate.

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1. Call a news conference with local, state or regional leadership college chapters, youth and church and civic groups to announce the March 18 activity.
2. Encourage persons unable to march to contribute financially to the March.
3. March materials will be sent to your branch as soon as you indicate by telephone, mailgram or letter that you will participate.
4. Coordinate all mobilization efforts in your area and keep the National Office informed as to the number of persons we can expect to participate in the March in Nashville.

A follow-up mailing will give more information regarding the March.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Althea T. L. Simmons'.

Althea T. L. Simmons
Associate Director
Branch & Field Services

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