

Atlanta should be at her best for our meeting. Our subway line, MARTA, began service from the airport terminal just one year ago, offering us convenient and inexpensive transportation into the heart of the city. Just a few days ago we watched the reopening of Underground Atlanta, a shopping-eating-entertainment complex within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency, the ASA convention hotel.

We hope that we've scheduled enough "breathing" time for participants to explore areas of interest: "Sweet Auburn Avenue," the historic heart of black Atlanta that includes the King historic district with Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Martin Luther King birth home; the Atlanta University Center area with the campuses of six predominantly black institutions, especially Atlanta University, where W. E. B. Du Bois spent the larger part of his teaching career; the Carter Presidential Center with its museum and library. By happy coincidence, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church will be presenting its annual production of "Heaven Bound" the weekend of our meeting, and ASA members will be offered an opportunity to reserve tickets to that event.

Pre-registration packets, including details about the special events, hotel reservations, travel discounts, and other essential information, will be mailed to ASA members in late July. The number of rooms available in the Hyatt Regency Hotel is limited. Members who wish to avoid the hotel reservations rush may call in advance at 404-577-1234. The convention rate is \$70 single and \$80 double; be sure to mention the ASA Annual Meeting.

See you in November!

Edna G. Bay

LETTERS

Dear Friend,

I am writing to ask your assistance in a vital enterprise. We are poised again to seek passage in Congress of full, comprehensive sanctions against South Africa.

Last year, thanks to your help, the sanctions bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 244-132 and passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. But, it failed to come to the Senate floor.

This year, we are starting first in the Senate. Senator Paul Simon, (D-Ill.), Chairman of the Africa Subcommittee, has introduced a comprehensive sanctions bill (S. 507) in the Senate. He is planning hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in July and hopes for prompt passage by the Committee.

The vote in the Committee, and the subsequent vote by the full Senate will be crucial.

It is imperative that we have a majority of Senate Foreign Relations Committee members committed to support S. 507 by mid-July, and a majority of the full Senate by the first of August. Senate Foreign Relations Committee members are a key to victory. Assured commitments preclude unnecessary compromise.

Once we are assured of a Senate floor vote, we will move the bill in the House. We

expect to win there. The House process will begin in the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

We are asking every organization and each concerned person to get involved in the effort. We ask you to contact your local Congressperson and ask them to cosponsor and/or support H.R. 21 (the House version of comprehensive sanctions). We would like to know any response that is received.

We are at a critical point. If we don't go forward, we could begin to lose ground. I hope we can count on you. Your support is very much appreciated.

If there are any questions, please contact Bob Brauer of my staff at (202) 225-2661.

Sincerely,
 Ronald V. Dellums
 Member of Congress

Professor Nzongola-Ntalaja
 Howard University

Dear Professor:

We are writing you this letter with the purpose of letting you know that the Departamento de Ciencias Sociales of the University of Luján is planning to foster the studies, research work and teaching staff, in order to deal with the specific subjects concerning the countries, regions and peoples of Africa. At this moment a permanent seminary has started to operate about "Present Day Problems of the African States" and an area of Africa was created in the Division of History.

Our country has not got enough resources to acquire the up-to-date bibliography required; therefore we ask you to collaborate with us, sending us your publications and other materials which might contribute to build up our library and create a Documentation Centre concerning these subjects, which would facilitate research work.

Besides, it would be of great use to us if you, if possible, would put us into contact with other professors, institutes and centres devoted to the same spheres of interest, considering a possible relationship of interchange and collaboration.

Expecting an answer from you, we remain

Yours Sincerely,
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(Professor Nzongola-Ntalaja urges ASA members to offer whatever help they may to the Universidad Nacional de Luján.)