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# A CALL TO ACTION

## In Support of South African Women

on  
March 8, 1985  
International Women's Day

Noon to 2 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza  
Oakland, California

Ceremonial Passbook Burning  
Speakers Music Testimony



The South African film "You Have Struck A Rock" will be shown that evening at Ohanas Restaurant and Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland at 7:30 p.m. Songs, music and discussion will accompany it. \$3.00 donation.

## The BAY AREA FREE SOUTH AFRICA MOVEMENT

invites you to attend  
this Ceremonial Pass Book Burning  
in honor of South African women

It is being held at City Hall Plaza, 14th and Broadway, in downtown Oakland. The A, 11, 12, 18, 40 and 51 buses stop here, as do all BART trains. For more information, you can contact us at 445 Bellevue, Oakland, CA 94610, or call (415) 752-7766.

YOU HAVE STRUCK A ROCK,  
YOU HAVE TOUCHED THE WOMEN!

August 9, 1956, stands out as one of the proudest dates for women of South Africa in their struggle for basic rights. More than 20,000 women of all races from all over the country gathered at the capitol to demand the withdrawal of Pass Books for women and the repeal of the pass laws. It was the day when men stayed home to tend the children and the women went onto the offensive en masse. The women arrived by train, bus and car in twos and threes because public processions had been banned. One of their slogans, "...you have struck a rock, you have touched the women" describes the spirit and the outrage that inspired the demonstration.

On March 8th, 1985, women working in the Bay Area Free South Africa Movement are calling on all women to support the struggle of women in South Africa. We are asking that you answer the call as the women did in 1956.

Our struggles are linked in many basic ways. Corporations close down here taking away our jobs, only to open up in South Africa where they can pay "slave wages" to Black workers. Banks that refuse to loan money to our neighborhoods give large loans to support South Africa's apartheid system. U.S. computer companies like IBM and Hewlett-Packard supply the computers and programs that maintain the racist apartheid system. The Reagan Administration takes tax money that should be used for housing, education, jobs, health care and child care in our communities, and uses it to support the minority government in South Africa.

We invite Bay Area women to join us as we raise our voices in support of our sisters and against racism and injustice at home and abroad!