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An urgent warning to the Nixon Administration that African issues cannot wait 'while we deal with more critical and immediate problems' has been issued by an influential group of American policymakers, businessmen and academics, headed by the former US Assistant Secretary for Defence in the Johnson Administration, Mr. Cyrus R. Vance.

'The African continent,' they say in a report of the United Nations Association's US Policy Association Studies Committee 'is the scene of two great dramas whose outcome has major implications for US foreign policy, for the American people, and for the United Nations. In independent Africa the struggle for the growth of viable political, economic and social institutions is being waged against formidable odds. And in southern Africa a struggle for basic human rights is unfolding that has within it the seeds of potentially serious conflict.

'The interaction of these dramas - the instabilities they give rise to in Africa and the strain they impose on the UN - raises probing questions for American foreign policy.'

In relation to South Africa, the Panel urged that the US:-

- Actively discourage new investments by American business.
- Discontinue guarantees and insurance to private lenders against business and political risks for US exports.
- Revoke South Africa's sugar quota and reallocate it to other African nations, such as Swaziland.
- Make clear to the South African Government 'that the US would not go to its defence or give aid in the suppression of internal revolt related to its repressive policies.'
- Assign black Americans to diplomatic and other US government posts in South Africa, and insure against racial discrimination at US government-sponsored functions.

- Maintain strict compliance of the arms embargo against South Africa, including a reversal of the decision to permit sales of executive-type aircraft that could be used for military reconnaissance.
- Consider 'equal treatment' measures in granting visas, selective boycotts of racially-restricted sports, and selective encouragement of educational and cultural exchange. The Panel urged that American companies:
 - Provide equal pay and benefits for equal work.
 - Provide on-the-job and vocational training for non-whites.
 - Open promotion opportunities to non-whites.
 - Abolish apartheid practices in company functions.
 - Withdraw from South Africa if economic feasibility requires discriminatory labour practices.
- Stop financing South African Government-sponsored commercial or military projects.



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