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WASHINGTON — We are all aware at this time that the double-focused worldwide appeal for aid to poverty stricken refugees in black ruled-European controlled Africa and the Randall Robinson-TransAfrica led demand for black citizens to take control in white ruled South Africa are related and having an unforeseen impact upon American foreign policy.... The latest drive for the end of Pseudo Democracy throughout the Dark continent with the full development of the country's total population and natural resources began last fall when Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu, speaking at Howard University, told Afro-Americans to "get your act together..." and added "this is not a warning, just a promise....we will remember those who help us now when we needed it..."

The words of The Reverend Tutu, now Anglican Bishop of the South African white and black denomination, have become a rallying cry for black Americans, shocked by political defeat in the U.S. national election and new attacks from the Left (labor and liberal organizations) and the Right (white conservatives and black reactionaries) as they seek to regroup. The revived civil rights leadership met on the picket lines in front of the South African Embassy and began a dialogue with black and white Republican leaders awakening to the dangers of President Reagan's budgets policies for foreign and domestic consumption.

For those of you who have responded to the African crisis, the latest policy statement on "U.S. Assistance and Africa's Economic Crisis" by Chester A. Crocker, assistant secretary of African Affairs, should be of interest: "The United States has mounted an unprecedented campaign to provide assistance to Africa in its current hour of need... Since October of last year, we have committed more than a quarter of a billion dollars to send over 600,000 tons of emergency food and other types of assistance.... If Agency for International Development programs are considered, almost $600 million thus far this fiscal year has been committed ....I think we can be justifiably proud of what we have been able to accomplish in such a short period of time," says Crocker.

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The Reverend Leon Sullivan, the Philadelphia minister who developed the Sullivan Principles for using multi-national corporate pressure to change human rights conditions for blacks in South Africa will explain his proposals during the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) 10th annual convention here before officials of 114 traditional black colleges, March 30-April 3 ....Sullivan emphasizes that his Principles should be used in conjunction with other pressures on South Africa's racist, apartheid government....Approximately 100 outstanding alumni of black colleges will be cited at the NAFEO conference for their contributions in the "mainstream of American life"....contact Michelle Young, NAFEO, 2343 Wisconsin Ave., NW, 202-333-3855....if you wish to recommend an alumnus or attend any of the four day sessions....

The Southern African Support Project has developed a unique program to help South African blacks and interested American black supporters simultaneously....by sending

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$25,000 worth of medical and educational supplies to refugee camps. The supplies were purchased with funds contributed by donors in the Capital metropolitan area and purchased through a suburban, black owned Virginia pharmaceutical firm, One Stop Supply Co.....to further aid black economic development here,...Dr. Sylvia Hill and Ms. Karen Jefferson are co-chairs of SASP....For more info, contact them at 202-332-2009....If you still wish to contribute to the Joint Africa Relief Committee project which targets funds to respective African countries of your choice, contact Dr. Inyeseh A.S. Ihator, ARCP, 1377 K St., NW, Suite 104, Washington, D.C., 202-682-7378.

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"What happened to the phenomenon of the Jesse Jackson candidacy and the 1984 election? 'Could the hands that once picked cotton, indeed pick a President?' " the National Urban League asked candidly in its annual State of Black America report issued by NUL President John Jacobs. "The simple answer is that too many whites turned out and voted for Reagan to make whatever blacks did have any impact," the NUL concluded. "Generally, white America gave President Reagan 66 percent of their vote....Whites were not behaving as they did in 1980 (55 percent for Reagan). They were out-doing themselves by at least 11 points more. Only three racial-ethnic groups gave (Democratic Presidential Candidate Walter Mondale-(Vice-Presidential Candidate Geraldine) Ferraro respectable support: blacks (91 percent), Jews (66 percent) and Hispanics (65 percent). But these groups constituted only 10 percent and 3 percent of the 1984 electorate. Stated another way with so many whites making up their minds to favor one candidate over the other, it made little difference what blacks, Jews and Hispanics decided to do," said the NUL researchers.

Why couldn't some one figure this out before the election in developing a coalition strategy with blacks and other groups....Speaking to the black owned National Newspaper Publishers Association in the heart of Reagan country in Palm Springs, Calif., NAACP president Ben Hooks, who originally opposed the Jackson campaign said the candidate did "a magnificent job in demonstrating the effectiveness of black leadership in dealing with all the issues..."

Apparently, most Democratic National Committee members think they have developed a strategy to deliver the next election. Drop appeals to the black voter and the southern voter as their key supporters and depend solely upon labor and the liberals to win the big ones....This policy became evident at the DNC annual meeting when they picked Sen. Ted Kennedy's former aide. Paul G. Kirk as the new party chairman and ousted veteran Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher as vice chairman in favor of Roland Burrus, the aspiring black Illinois U.S. senatorial candidate who formerly served as state comptroller.

Although the Democratic Congressional Black Caucus power is growing in the House of Representatives with Reps. William H. Gray (Pa.), Ronald V. Dellums (Calif.), Parren J. Mitchell (Md.) Mickey Leland (Texas), Charles B. Rangel (N.Y.) and Walter E. Fauntroy (D.C.) assuming key chairmanship posts on the basis of seniority and adroit leadership, the DNC Black Caucus strategy resulted in the 56 minority members among the 378 party delegates demonstrating less influence despite the fact that Washington leader Sharon Pratt Dixon won her push for party treasurer....Congressman Leland has emerged as a new power broker in the party as CBC chairman.... Kirk has vowed to put the pieces back together again, but black party leaders and southern political chieftians who reportedly blamed "too much black power with Jesse Jackson" for their November losses are now licking their wounds together....Who said

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