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While I agree with Mr. Battat that apartheid protests made Afrikaners (South Africa's official language) should be made, I fault with his claim concerning blacks mask against apartheid in English (or any other language) in that matter. In addition, I find fault with other issues raised in Mr. Battat's article.

Mr. Battat raised the issue of Great Kennedy's trip to South Africa. Mr. Battat summarized the nation of South Africa lacks the country's visit, saying, "South African blacks especially cold the senator that they were doing all right by themselves and did not need his help. While it is true that the threat of science from certain South African blacks forced the cancellation of one of Kennedy's letters to a black audience, it is clear that the crowds because South African blacks "were doing all right by themselves"? No. For the following state of view imposed by Afrikaners speakers "ultimately". 14 percent of South Africa land is fenced within black occupation while 86 percent is picked by whites for white occupying. under the white-created 'friendship' policy a white gets an average 28 times the land to occupy that does a black; yet whites may own any property while black cannot; by law whites may entry and own weapons while black cannot; by law whites may be anywhere in South Africa while blacks must live where told and can be instantly removed. May I suggest that certain blacks protested a Kennedy visit not because they were "doing all right," rather because they were tired of speculations — of being promised justice but seeing little, if any, progress. It is any surprise that a people denied of essential aspects of human desire want actions that will promise already made? So what can American pro-

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vilization want actions 'that whites may own property while 'homelands' policy a white gets try and own weapons while others imposed by Afrikaaners anything of segregation, then econom-ic boycott is the next plausible al ternative. Mr. Battat, do you think that if every corporation based in an English speaking country stopped trading in South Africa and withdraws its invest-ments — in short, cut economic ties — that South Africa would want to make concessions? Furthermore, what if govern-ments of English speaking coun-tries joined with these corporations and severed relations with South Africa, agreeing to resume relations in return for a depar-ture from segregationist policies? Would South African race rela-tions policy remain as stagnant as they currently are? If my point is still unclear, Mr. Battat, let me further enlighten you with an example of effective boycott action used to obtain eco-n1 rights demands: In 1953 the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. as head of the Montgomery Im-provement Association succeeded in breaking segregation barriers then applied to Montgomery bus es through an effective bus boycott by former black parsons. But how are US corporations to withdraw investments in South Africa in the face of large profits? The answer to this question is that they must be forced to through protests in English speaking countries. US citizens, for in-stance, must express the moral injustice of apartheid to US busi-nesses who do business in South Africa, and must back their position through a boycott of goods produced by these companies. This may sound like a large bill to US, but it is not. This is not to say however, that an economic boycott of this nature is without pre-cedent. For instance, the boycott imposed by US consumers on the Nestlé Corporation to protest insufficiency of vitamin distributions concerning infant formula distri-bution. From past experience it is evi-dent that will argue, reasonable pleas to and apartheid do not appeal to Afrikaners. Little pro-gress has been made in culling the wall of segregation that exists in South Africa. To be effective protesters, English speaking peo-ple (and all others) of the world must make statements backed by actions (i.e. economic sanctions) investment in South Africa is in-vestment in racism, and should be halted. The ineffectiveness of humanitarian pleas for justice make necessary the adoption of economic sanctions.

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