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THE GOOD FIGHT COMES HOME

"Our last chance for peaceful change lies in the international community, applying political, diplomatic, and especially economic pressure...We have said as much as we can say."

-- Bishop Desmond Tutu

At the center of the white steps an old black man plays his sax while nearby drummers beat on their conga drums. Behind them sit hundreds of protesters who talk, laugh, or dance. Others silently watch.

Brightly colored banners reading "Divestment Now!" and "Free South Africa" hang from the pillars of Sproul, or "Biko Hall," as the protesters call it.

From tan faces, mirrored glasses reflect the heat of the day as students protesting University of California's investments in South Africa continue their moral challenge to the UC Regents' policies on divestment.

Every day and night for the past four weeks, anti-apartheid demonstrators have occupied the front steps of UC's Sproul Hall. They have chosen cement bedding and the risk of arrest rather than stand silently by while their educational institution buttresses South Africa's apartheid regime.

The dissenters have vowed to stay until the Regents meet their demands to divest \$1.7 billion from companies doing business with South Africa's apartheid government.

In April, nationwide campus protests fueled the growing cry for divestment in companies dealing with apartheid South Africa. The current fight for divestment is being waged by ever increasing numbers of undergraduates, graduate students, and even faculty members. Dozens of professors were arrested blockading University Hall last Tuesday. Not since Vietnam has a single issue so completely seduced an entire generation.

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