

The year 1950 was begun in glorious style, as Reverend Hill was elected pastor of the Second Mount Sinai Church, thereby relieving his father of his vast pastoral duties. He looked with pleasure upon the fact that he served exactly 1 year as the church's assistant pastor, and had the opportunity to work with the junior church.

Within the Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Reverend Hill was the catalyst for the creation of the church's credit union and other support programs to serve the congregation and the community. The church also moved to its present location at 7510 Woodland Avenue. A Job Skills Bank and Hunger Center proved successful additions to the church.

Reverend Hill has also devoted many hours to various community organizations. His memberships include: the Baptist Ministers Conference of Cleveland, the Baptist Pastors Council, the Cleveland Council of Churches, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the NAACP, Eureka Lodge No. 52 of Free and Accepted Masons, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and the Regional Transit Authority. Reverend Hill is also the recipient of an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the Institute of African Methodist Episcopal Church in Monrovia, Liberia. In June 1987, Reverend Hill enriched his life by marrying the former Girlie Andrews.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Hill has been an asset to the church, those of us who know him and to the entire Cleveland metropolitan area. He has made an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of countless people.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Reverend Hill and wishing him Godspeed during his retirement.

CITIZENS' TRAIN

SPEECH OF

HON. MARTY RUSSO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 23, 1988

Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm this afternoon that I, along with Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle, hail the timely arrival of the Citizens' Train and all those passengers aboard who have journeyed by rail from coast to coast in an historic move to present their ideas for a responsible citizens' budget to the Congress of the United States of America. I would like to send a special welcome to my neighbors from the Greater Chicago area and salute all involved for the active interest and involvement they have taken in the future of their Government—for themselves as well as for their families and friends.

Aboard this train rode passengers from all walks of life, and from all regions of the United States with one unifying goal linking them: To communicate to their leaders in Washington their belief that the true security of our Nation lies not in the number of missile silos or nuclear arms we possess but, on the contrary, our Nation's real security lies in the well-being and prosperity of our citizenry. How appropriate is the arrival of the Citizens' Train on a day when Congress is considering President Reagan's proposed budget for fiscal year 1989 which again allocates exorbitant sums to defense spending while vital domestic pro-

grams, uncertain of continued survival, go begging for funds.

The goal of the Citizens' Train is one which I applaud. I share their conviction that we, as congressional leaders, hold the responsibility to develop a budget reflecting the reality that our true national defense begins at home. The citizens' budget calls for a reprioritization of our budgetary goals. Should we continue to follow the pattern which has persisted in Congress for far too long of building our military while our neglected domestic problems continue to grow? Or should we, as policymakers and leaders of our country, follow the lead of the Citizens' Train and make a dramatic and much-needed departure in policy by reexamining our priorities as a nation and developing a budget reflective of the peoples' values.

The idea of a Citizen's Train is long overdue, but now its day has come and our time has come to welcome its arrival. My hope is that these citizens' efforts in their bold "March on Washington" will prove successful in laying the groundwork for long-term change in achieving our national goals through our Federal budget—goals that will reflect a government based on equal opportunity, compassion, and the welfare of its people.

EASTER IN SOUTH AFRICA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 1988

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind each of us that we must continue to promote the end of the oppressive system of apartheid in South Africa.

As Federal legislators, we must realize that while we can be proud of the stand for justice that we took by passing the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, it was only a first step in dismantling the system of legally sanctioned racism that exists in that nation. During the last session of Congress, we also signed into law a bill, that I introduced, repealing the foreign tax credit to companies that do business in South Africa. This was an important step in strengthening our policy of opposing the pernicious system of apartheid in which children are incarcerated for asserting their basic human rights and families are dispossessed from their homes and resettled in poverty ridden areas. Obviously, much more has to be done.

Recent events are proof that the South African Government still maintains its campaign of repression and terror against the majority of that nation's citizens. This Easter, Anglican Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu and the Reverend Dr. Allan Boesak of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches have called for a nationwide celebration of liberation in South Africa. In the Christian faith, Easter is symbol of liberation and salvation for all humans.

By contrast, the white South African Government has again chosen to oppose the causes of freedom, justice, and brotherhood. In line with its continued detention of Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, and scores of black and colored children, its refusal to allow all citizens equal political participation and its segregation of schools, hospitals, and housing, this government also intends to prevent this Easter Sunday celebration.

I ask that all members of our Nation rededicate themselves to the struggle for peace and freedom in South Africa. I, therefore, hope that the following article from the Civil Rights Journal on Easter in South Africa will be of particular interest to each of us.

EASTER IN SOUTH AFRICA

(By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.)

Easter is the season of crucifixion and resurrection. It is the time in the Christian faith for spiritual rejuvenation when we celebrate the liberation and salvation of human kind through Jesus Christ. Nowhere in the world today is there a greater affront to the meaning of Easter than the racist apartheid regime of South Africa.

The oppressive government of P.W. Botha has embarked on its last, desperate attempt to remain in power. Not only have all of the anti-apartheid organizations in South Africa now been banned, but this brutal regime has also announced its intention to severely limit the activities of the church as a voice of protest against the continuing holocaust.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak, President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, together with other church leaders in South Africa, have called for a massive, nationwide celebration of liberation on Easter Sunday this year. The government of South Africa intends to prevent the services.

The church is the last nonviolent voice that has not yet been extinguished by South Africa's repression. Bishop Tutu emphasizes, "Does the Government of South Africa really think it can dictate to the people of God in our quest for justice and freedom? We will not bow down and worship Botha. The idolatry and sin of apartheid must be ended now!" Rev. Boesak agreed, warning, "With these latest acts of repression against the church and the freedom movement, the Government of South Africa has signed its own death warrant."

As our sisters and brothers in South Africa continue to wage a valiant struggle for freedom, the glaring absence of sustained voices and actions on the part of America's church leaders becomes more obvious. Here in the United States, it is our prayer that during this Easter season church leaders and church members will resurrect their active solidarity with the struggle to bring new life and freedom to South Africa. On a broader scale, the governments to the United States, Great Britain and Israel, in particular, have a great deal for which to repent. They have maintained their unholy support of the evil of apartheid in South Africa and Namibia, which South Africa illegally occupies.

Rather than millions of people spending millions of dollars on new Easter outfits this year, it would be far better to help purchase medical supplies and outfits for the freedom fighters of the Africa National Congress and the South West Africa Peoples' Organization. The Ministers for Racial and Social Justice, an organization of African American clergy of the United Church of Christ, has established a special African Freedom Fighters Fund for this purpose.

One thing is certain: a victory for the sake of righteousness and justice will be won in South Africa. Our responsibility is to not let the joy of Easter be just a momentary celebration. We must let all of our lights so shine in struggle that God's justice will continue to unfold in South Africa and everywhere in the world where the evils of racism and oppression lurk.

