



South Africans and African Americans Bound by Struggle

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America's civil rights helped to inspire South Africa's anti-apartheid movement. [...]

Yet it would be Mandela's story that would solidify this special relationship between black South Africans and African Americans. Mandela symbolized the against apartheid in much the same way that Martin Luther King Jr. symbolized the American civil rights During the black power era, Pan-Africanists in this country saw South Africa as the crown jewel of a continent undergoing a renaissance of freedom and decolonization.

By the 1980s, African-American were leading a national anti-apartheid movement led by TransAfrica founder Randall Robinson, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and activist Harry Belafonte, designed to pressure American corporate and federal power to stop investing in a regime based on racial

The anti-apartheid movement swept college campuses, offering a new generation of activists, including, famously, a young Occidental College student named Barack Obama, a chance to a social movement.

After Mandela's release from prison in 1990, he came to represent the struggles on both continents, and around the world, for a world free of racial oppression. By the time Mandela visited New York City later that year, he was universally acknowledged and received as a global statesman for human

African Americans viewed Mandela, along with his second wife, Winnie, as proof of the power of social change and political

And African Americans and South Africans found common ground in the shared terrain of political struggle, civil and dissent against apartheid in both the U.S. and South Africa, both and armed—the Black Panthers and the African National Congress' Umkhonto we Sizwe, or “Spear of the Nation.”

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