

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 28

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE PRESIDENT LAST WEEK GAVE A MUCH-ANTICIPATED SPEECH OUTLINING HIS ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS PRACTICE OF APARTHEID. MANY OF US WERE WAITING FOR A SIGNAL THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS READY TO THROW THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES BEHIND EFFORTS TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO CEASE THIS DEGRADING AND IMMORAL PRACTICE.

THAT SIGNAL NEVER CAME.

INSTEAD, THE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HE WILL CONTINUE HIS POLICY OF CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT, A POLICY WHICH HAS THUS FAR MISERABLY FAILED. THE UNITED STATES IS IN A POSITION WHERE OUR PRESSURE CAN HELP TO ELIMINATE APARTHEID. BUT THE PRESIDENT HAS SHOWN A RELUCTANCE TO DO SO, AND THIS RELUCTANCE ONLY SERVES TO PROLONG THE AGONY OF THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

APARTHEID IS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO ALL HUMANITY, AND THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVE IN FREEDOM AND EQUALITY RESENT THE INACTION BY OUR GOVERNMENT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA LIVE IN DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

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