

Jesse to lead Citibank rally

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson will be principal speaker at the Friday, Oct. 11 "march and rally against Citibank," set for 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the bank's headquarters on 53rd St. between Lexington and Third Aves., under the sponsorship of the New York Anti-Apartheid Coalition.

The event will be the kick-off of the campaign for withdrawal of deposits from Citibank, described by the Coalition as "the world's largest private lender to South Africa."

Following the speeches outside the Citibank Center the demonstrators will march to the South African Consulate at 326 East 48th St., between First and Second Aves. Until recently the Consulate had been on Park Ave. and 55th St., the site of almost daily anti-apartheid demonstrations, which got it thrown out from the building.

While the bank recently stopped lending to the South African government, it has increased its loans to that country's private sector. So the demonstrators will be demanding that Citibank close all its branches in South Africa and ban all loans to that country.

"Free South Africa, Divest now. Break economic links with apartheid" is the theme of the Oct. 11 demonstration here that will be part of the national protest day rallies.

These other actions will take place in Albany, Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines. In Detroit the Wayne State University students will rally and march to the General



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Motors and Ford headquarters.

In the national capital, the Washington, D.C. Student Coalition Against Apartheid will hold a rally followed by a march to the White House. Thus the students will bring home to President Reagan another purpose of the national day of protest.

This, the organizers say, is: "join us in condemning the Reagan Administration's policy of constructive engagement with apartheid and refusal to impose meaningful sanctions against the white minority regime."