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# Apartheid

IBM executives begin to take role in call for South African reforms

**Associated Press**  
**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa** — After years of operating quietly and profitably here, IBM is wading into the racial maelstrom of South Africa with calls for reform of the apartheid system.

The company, which operates in 130 countries and has been under pressure from apartheid opponents in its home country, is not escaping criticism even in South Africa.

IBM executives are speaking out to the South African government about white-minority rule, the persistent black riots and the stifling recession that many economists say is rooted in the system of racial separation.

These executives are doing even more in private, said company spokesmen.

IBM Chairman John Akers, known for generally shunning politics, is on the steering committee of a 52-member group of U.S. corporate chiefs who bought space in a Johannesburg Sunday newspaper Oct. 27 to pledge that they would play an active role in dismantling apartheid.

Last Friday the group sent a message to President P.W. Botha urging him to be more conciliatory in dealing with black students who are boycotting their segregated classes.

In September, after some 700 people had died in more than a year of riots, IBM officials said in a statement from its offices in Armonk, N.Y.:

"It is imperative that the South African government address the problems of apartheid with the compelling and urgent attention they deserve."

IBM also hinted, for the first time since it came to South Africa in 1952, that it might pull out.

The company statement said economic activity was a force for good and that IBM was going to stay in South Africa as long as there is a chance that it, with others, can contribute to peaceful change, but it added that the rapidly deteriorating situation is having a significant impact on IBM's South African business.

IBM once derived 1 percent of its world-wide revenues from International Business Machines South Africa (Pty) Ltd., but that share has shrunk to 0.5 percent as the South African currency has sagged. The company had revenues of \$46 billion last year.

The rand — which has fallen in value from \$1 in 1982 to 38 cents today — makes it more expensive for IBM to import and sell its information systems, which are not manufactured in South Africa.

IBM's threat to pull out has weight because the company did leave India, Indonesia and Nigeria — in those cases because of laws which would have forced the company into partnerships with government.

The fear that IBM may leave, however, is expected to discourage potential customers.

IBM has been a prominent target of anti-apartheid activists in the United States, who have been urging colleges and government agencies to get rid of their investments in companies which do business in South Africa.

One of its competitors, Apple Computer Inc., announced earlier this year that it was suspending sales to South Africa. Apple, however, had no direct investment in the country; industry giants IBM, Burroughs and Control Data do.

Responding to its critics, IBM has

publicized projects aimed at improving race relations.

The company does not discriminate on the shop floor, it offers equal pay for equal work, it pays employees to devote time to black education, donates computers and information systems to schools and helps run a trades-skills center.

The company also maintains what it calls a post-graduate business center for promising blacks who graduate from the South African system. IBM officials say the company benefits because many students end up taking IBM jobs.

## Ohio state senator missing; colleagues are concerned

**Associated Press**  
**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Ohio Democrat Marigene Valiquette, a 23-year veteran of the state Senate, has not been seen in public since July, and when she failed to show up for this week's legislative sessions some of her friends at the Ohio Statehouse got worried.

Police in both Columbus and Toledo, the senator's hometown, said Valiquette, 61, has not been reported missing; but colleagues say they have not seen her in Columbus since July, when the General Assembly broke for the summer. Her last public appearance

in Toledo was in May 1984, when she attended a dinner for a local union official.

State Rep. Barney Quilter said Valiquette called him Sept. 19 to say she would miss an event in Toledo to which she had been invited.

The senator's secretary, Shari Josephs, said she doesn't know Valiquette's whereabouts, and has no telephone number or address for the senator.

Because Republicans have a three-vote majority in the 33-member Senate, Valiquette's absence has not affected any bills in the current session.

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