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HILDA BERNSTEIN

Johannesburg, South Africa (AP) - Hilda Bernstein, an anti-apartheid activist and author whose husband was tried for treason alongside Nelson Mandela, has died. She was 91.

Bernstein died of heart failure at her home in Cape Town on Friday night, her son Keith said.

"The liberation movement mourns a tireless political activist whose lifelong commitment to the cause of the South African people will continue as an inspiration for generations to come," the ruling African National Congress said in a statement.

Bernstein's husband, Rusty, and Mandela were tried along with other anti-apartheid activists in the infamous Rivonia Trial in 1964. Mandela received a sentence of life imprisonment, while Rusty Bernstein was the only defendant acquitted and freed.

But police harassment made life afterward so difficult for the Bernsteins that the couple was forced into exile, leaving their children behind. They crossed the border to Botswana on foot - a journey described in Hilda Bernstein's book "The World That Was Ours."

In exile, Hilda Bernstein was an active

member of the ANC and a regular speaker for the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM) group in Britain and abroad.

The couple eventually settled in Britain but returned to South Africa after the 1994 democratic elections that made Mandela the country's president.

Hilda Bernstein was a founding member of the Federation of South African Women, the first nonracial women's organization in South Africa. She also was a writer and artist whose work has been used as book jackets and illustrations, posters and cards for the AAM.

Bernstein was born in London in 1915 and emigrated to South Africa in 1932, working in advertising, publishing and journalism.

A fiery orator, she served as a city councilor in Johannesburg from 1943 to 1946 as the only communist elected to public office in a "whites only" vote.

She and her husband were active in the early days of the South African Communist Party and the ANC. They both suffered banning and detention by the apartheid state. Rusty Bernstein died in 2002.

Submitted by Peter Limb, Michigan State U, September 15, 2006

CAROLE J. L. COLLINS

A national leader since the 1970s in organizations seeking global economic justice, a campaigner against South African apartheid, and a writer specializing in African affairs, died at home in Long Beach, California, September 22, from complications associated with congestive heart failure. She was 59.

Collins was an anti-apartheid leader in the 1970s (with the Chicago Committee for African Liberation) and 1980s, and a crusader in the movement for Third World debt cancellation in the 1990s. After moving with her husband and son from Washington, D.C. to Long Beach in 2002, she devoted most of her energy to family.

Carole was associated with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) for more than

20 years. She served as AFSC's Harare, Zimbabwe-based Southern Africa International Affairs Representative in 1986-90, and traveled extensively in war-ravaged Angola and Mozambique, working with women's producer cooperatives and other community-based organizations to support grassroots reconstruction of war-ravaged communities. For most of the 16 years since her return from Africa, she has served on boards and committees responsible for supervising AFSC programs on African and global development issues.

On her first trip to Africa in 1976-77, she was a visiting lecturer on Mideast politics at Uganda's Makerere U.

In 1981-83, as national coordinator of the Campaign to Oppose Bank Loans to South Africa, she testified before city coun-

cils, state legislatures, and United Nations bodies supporting often-successful efforts to sever financial relationships with banks doing business in South Africa.

Collins worked as a policy analyst and advocate with groups including the Interfaith Action for Economic Justice (1983-85) and Africa Faith and Justice Network (2001-02). She was a former visiting fellow (1981-83) at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. and she co-authored "From Debt to Development: Alternatives to the International Debt Crisis", published by IPS in 1986.

Collins served as National Coordinator of Jubilee 2000/USA in 1998-1999, leading the U.S. arm of an international movement demanding cancellation of the debts of the poorest nations, and she co-authored "Jubilee 2000: Citizen Action Across the North-South Divide" in Michael Edwards and John Gaventa, eds., *Global Citizen Action* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2001). During the June 1999 G-7 summit in Germany she joined the rock star Bono, Honduran Archbishop Oscar Rodriguez, and women representing each continent for a meeting in which they presented debt cancellation demands to German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

As a writer, Collins was most closely associated with the National Catholic Reporter, where she was an Africa Correspondent in 1985-86, UN/Diplomatic Correspondent in 1991-93, and a contributing writer from the late 1970s to late 1990s. Her writing also appeared in journalistic

and scholarly publications worldwide, including academic and policy journals *Africa Confidential*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Le Monde*, *MERIP/Middle East Report*, *In These Times*, *Ms.*, *Multinational Monitor*, the *Nation*, *Newsday*, *Pacific News Service*, *The Progressive*, the *Review of African Political Economy*, and the *Weekly Mail and Guardian*. One of her more recent publications was "Mozambique's HIV/AIDS Pandemic: Grappling with Apartheid's Legacy" (2005), available from the UN Research Institute for Social Development. In recent years she also wrote extensively on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (ex-Zaire).

Collins earned a BA with honors at Bryn Mawr in 1968, dropped out of the U of Chicago Political Science Department while participating in the 1968-69 student protests against the Vietnam War and earned an MA in International Affairs at Columbia U (1993).

Since moving to Long Beach, California, in 2002, Carole devoted her time principally to family, especially seven-year-old son Joseph Samora Collins Askin. She often referred to herself as "the oldest hockey mom." She is also survived by husband Steve Askin, two brothers and one sister.

Submitted by Kathleen Sheldon
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FRANK WILLETT

Professor Frank Willett, anthropologist, archaeologist and museum curator: born Bolton, Lancashire, 18 August 1925; Keeper of the Department of Ethnology and General Archaeology, Manchester Museum 1950-58; Honorary Surveyor of Antiquities, Nigerian Federal Government 1956-57, 1957-58; Archaeologist and Curator, Ife Museum, Nigeria 1958-63; Research Fellow, Nuffield College, Oxford 1964-66; Professor of African Art and Archaeology, Northwestern U 1966-76; Director and Titular Professor, Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery, Glasgow U 1976-90 (Emeritus), Honorary Senior Research Fellow 1990-2006; CBE 1985; Research Collaborator, Smithsonian Institution 1992-2004; married 1950 Connie Hewitt (one son, three daughters); died Glasgow, 15 June 2006.

The leading Africanist of his generation, Frank Willett greatly advanced the study of the

art of Africa and in particular of West African metal sculpture traditions. He was an inspiring teacher and writer and an experienced museum professional who re-energized the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery at Glasgow U, where he was the first Director.

He was born in Bolton, Lancashire, in 1925 and educated at the Bolton Municipal Secondary School and at U College, Oxford, where he read English Language and Literature and then took a postgraduate diploma in anthropology. While an undergraduate he was an active member of Oxford U Archaeology Society and participated in a number of excavations. Although his career was interrupted by the Second World War (he served in the RAF as a linguist), he gained further archaeological experience at the Musée de l'Homme in Paris, spending a term in the Archaeology Department in 1948. He met his wife, Connie, while they were both still at school in Bolton and they married in 1950, once he had a job.