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Jim: (for your information)

Two weeks ago, together with 25 other American representatives and journalists, I had the privilege of participating in a seminar in Havana, Cuba with three representatives of the MPLA, the organization that is now almost universally recognized as the legitimate authority in Angola.

Needless to say, we learned a great deal, not only about the situation in Angola, but about the rest of Africa as well. A decade ago, Americans were having their attention sharply drawn to Southeast Asia -- and we all know the tragic results of that experience. If we are to avoid a similar outcome in Africa, the American people -- and particularly American trade unionists -- must learn the facts NOW, and be able to act accordingly.

I should like to invite you, and any of your colleagues who wish to attend, to a report-back meeting on our trip, where I will be joined by George M. Houser, Executive Director of the American Committee on Africa, Robert S. Browne, of the Black Economic Research Center, and Lee Johnson, of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

The meeting will take place on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd at 10:30 A. M.
at the
FIM JOINT BOARD
109 West 26th Street, New York City
(3rd Floor)

I sincerely hope you will be present and that you will bring with you those co-workers who are interested in hearing a timely report on a critically important issue.

Fraternally yours,

Henry Foner
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P. S. - Coffee and danish will be served from 10 to 10:30, and we shall start promptly at 10:30. In order that we may plan, may I ask you to call me at 242-5450 and let me know how many are coming.