

Background Packet on Southern Africa · Number 1

An Experiment. This is the first of an experimental series of Background Packets on Southern Africa produced by the Southern Africa Program, AFSC. Four more are planned for 1976. It is being sent to AFSC regional office and committee people concerned with southern African issues, and to others who are, or want to be, acquainted with AFSC and its endeavors on these issues.

This Packet. Packet Number 1 treats the issue of South Africa's posture toward its neighbors, and independent Africa's responses. Included are two important documents: The Lusaka Manifesto on Southern Africa (1969) and The Dar es Salaam Declaration (1975); two analyses, one academic, the other ethical, from within South Africa: John Seiler, "South African Perspectives and Responses to External Pressures" (1975) and (Roelf Meyer) "Why Detente Cannot Succeed - Liberation versus Development" (1975); an important speech on the prospects for change: Julius Nyerere, Some Aspects of Liberation (1975); a speculative background article on a crucial relationship in the region: Tony Hodges, "Zambia-South Africa -- A New Connection?"; and a page of excerpts from a February 15, 1976 letter from Bill Sutherland, AFSC Southern Africa Representative, about Zambia's position in the aftermath of the Angola imbroglio.

Future Packets. Each will be centered on an issue or area, probably those sure to make the headlines in 1976, for example: Rhodesia; 'Homelands' and 'Independence'; Namibia; South Africa as an Armed Camp.

Occasional reports from Bill Sutherland, or others associated with the AFSC, will hopefully be included as well.

Your Responses. Will this series continue into 1977? At the end of 1976 the AFSC's Southern Africa Committee and staff will evaluate the costs and benefits of this experiment, and decide whether or not to continue it. Your comments on the packets will help us make that decision then, and will help now, as we produce the series.

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