

Madison Area Committee on Southern  
Africa (M.A.C.S.A.)

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Dear MACSA member,

This past year we in MACSA have been involved in a number of activities around Southern Africa issues, concentrating particularly on political education and fundraising. At our meeting on May 14 we decided that we needed to take stock - of what we have done, who we are, what our goals are, and what we plan to do next year. This decision came from a feeling that we needed this kind of reflection, but also from a decision of the steering committee of the North American Anti-Imperialist Coalition (NAAIC), of which MACSA is a member organization. In planning the NAAIC conference for July 20-23 this summer, the steering committee decided that for groups to share more profitably in discussion about their future work, each group should prepare before the conference a 2-page statement of political position, evaluation of last year's action, and plans for the future. Such a statement can be written up by a few people, but it only makes sense if that is done on the basis of a group evaluation.

Therefore, MACSA will have an all-day meeting so we can discuss these things in more depth than we usually do. Anyone who has been active in MACSA this year, or plans to be active next year, is encouraged to attend. Bring your thoughts about what we have done right, or done wrong, and what we might focus on next year.

MACSA EVALUATION AND PLANNING

June 3

Begin: 10 a.m.

Lunch together

End when finished

At: DOWNTOWN YWCA (on Square)

(corner E. Mifflin & Pinkney)

Enclosed are excerpts from the minutes of the last NAAIC Steering Committee meeting, at which plans for the July conference were made.

P.S. REMEMBER TO TURN IN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NAMIBIA (see last MACSA News) and an address change notice if you are moving.

SEE YOU JUNE 3!

P.P.S. If you absolutely can't come June 3 but want to continue actively involved and/or have things to say for evaluation or future plans, call Bill or Ruth 241-1137, or Anne 257-1436, extension 32, or somebody else you know will be there.

May-June 1972

OUTLINE OF THE NATIONAL NAAIC CONFERENCE

DATES: July 20 (Thurs. evening) through July 23 (Sunday)  
LOCATION: Point O Pines Camp, Allenspark, Colorado (near Boulder)  
COST: Estimate \$20 per person (board & room)

CONTENT: Should aim towards solidifying our practice and strengthening our anti-imperialist analysis. It should be primarily an internal NAAIC conference, to strengthen the Coalition and individual groups. We need to establish good working relationships and communication through the conference. Three areas of focus:

- A. Political Education (focus on analysis, rather than information)
- B. Practical group problems
- C. NAAIC business/ Coalition projects

PREPARATION: Each member group is asked to prepare a one-page (two sides) paper:

- a. a statement on the group's political position (i.e. what goals the group has and why; what is its general orientation)
- b. a summary of practice during the past year, how has it been successful/unsuccessful?
- c. projections of future directions and plans
- d. a statement of the group's relationship to the coalition, and what it foresees for the coalition in 1972-73

Each group is responsible to send 200 copies of the statement to the NAAIC newsletter office not later than JUNE 15. Packets of all the position statements will be sent to all participating groups and individuals by July 1. This is an essential part of the conference. The papers will be the basis for the workshops on general group problems, goals and political practice.

FORMAT:

A. POLITICAL EDUCATION: Strategies of Imperialism and Strategies of Anti-Imperialist Struggle

With the increasing importance of the Nixon Doctrine and its consequences for imperialist strategies in the Third World, it was decided to focus the political education workshops around aspects of the Nixon Doctrine that would cut across geographical boundaries (Asia, Africa, etc.), and would highlight the essential unity of the strategy.

The opening session of the conference will be a half-hour plenary in which someone will present an analysis of the origins and historical importance of the Nixon Doctrine. It was emphasized that all of the political education sessions should be primarily analytical, not informational. The importance of the political education sessions lies in the opportunity to develop useful analytical tools and not to get across a lot of information.

After the short opening: ... workshops, focussing on different aspects of the imperialist strategy will be:

- A. Workshops on strategies for Imperialism
  1. Sub-imperialism: cases of Brazil, Iran, Zaire
  2. Software of Imperialism: OPIC and Ford Foundation
  3. Multinational Corporations: IT&T and Gulf
  4. Inter-Imperialist Contradictions and Cooperation: The U.S. & Japan; the U.S. and the Common Market

PLENARY: on Nixon Doctrine

B. Workshops on Strategies of the Anti-Imperialist Struggle  
Each workshop will have a specific focus. The idea is to select four models of anti-imperialist struggle and provide analytical tools for understanding each type of struggle:

1. Indochina: Vietnam
2. Middle East: Arab/Persian Gulf
3. Africa: Portuguese Colonies: Guinea-Bissau
4. Latin America: The Andean bloc, Chile

C. Workshops on Imperialist Strategies for Splitting the Anti-Imperialist Struggle: Racism, Sexism, National Chauvinism

1. Racism: focus on auto industry, steel industry; or the attempt to co-opt the Black movement vis-a-vis Southern Africa
2. Sexism
3. National Chauvinism: focus on Anti-war Movement

#### B. COMMON GROUP PROBLEMS

These workshops will deal with group practice, problems, goals, strategies, etc. Four workshop areas will be:

1. Group Goals and Practice: General discussion of papers submitted. Groups of 15 people each, attempting to represent broad range of groups in each section.
2. Area Workshops: focus on geographical areas of work
  - a. Latin America
  - b. Africa
  - c. Asia
  - d. Middle East
  - e. North America

The Asia workshop might want to split into sections (China SE Asia, South Asia). Workshops should be places to bring up projects and ideas for practical coordination and cooperation among groups. Note especially any proposals that should come before the whole coalition.

3. Technical Problems (Part One): focus on specific problems of groups
  - a. fund-raising
  - b. Membership
  - c. educational methods
  - d. graphics and layout

4. Technical Problems (part two)
  - a. Literature distribution
  - b. constituency
  - c. Material Support
  - d. Anti-corporate tactics

#### C. NAAIC BUSINESS/COALITION PROJECTS

(excerpted from minutes of  
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