

Madison Area Committee for Southern Africa

Minutes-----Research Committee Meeting-----Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1969

The meeting opened with the introduction of those present. Twelve people attended. George Lowe reported on the Executive Committee meeting held on Nov. 30. He said that we will be soon be faced with requests from other subcommittees to fill their research needs. At the Nov. 30th meeting David Wiley agreed to prepare a statement of long term goals for the Committee as a whole, and Bill Hinter agreed to be part of another group which will prepare a statement on possible short term activities for the near future. Bill said that our goals might be: 1) to make people aware of the situation of oppression in Southern Africa, 2) To relate to liberation movements, and 3) to reveal the character of U.S. policy and economic involvement. He reminded us that March 21st was the tenth anniversary of Sharpeville-- which might be a good target date for scheduling speakers, he also suggested that other activities for the near future might include general fund raising, and specific focus on a few companies, perhaps Gulf Oil and one Wisconsin company--either Allis-Chalmers or Kimberly Clark. These proposals were scheduled to be presented at the January 14th Executive Committee meeting.

The new members were told that more people were needed to work with those doing research on Wisconsin companies, if they were interested. There followed reports by various members of the committee on what they specifically were doing.

- 1) John Schauper said that he was looking into the mineral situation.
- 2) Dick Kaluzny said that he had looked over some of the U.I. holdings in the Library, but that he would now join David Wiley in researching Wisconsin companies.
- 3) George Lowe reported that he was interested in Malawi's dealings with South Africa, particularly the military aspects of this. He said he would prepare a position paper on this within the next few weeks.
- 4) Bill Hinter is looking into the position and connections of the Wisconsin elite.
- 5) Kay Daut is looking through "News from South Africa" for pertinent information concerning American companies.
- 6) Neil Cohen is concerned with the economic relations of South Africa to black African nations.
- 7) Allon and Barbara Isaacman are interested in the origin and nature of racism in Mozambique and Angola. It was suggested that this topic might make a good fact sheet.
- 8) Mike Rahoy, Andy Kouwall, and Elliot Dresner will all probably be working with those researching Wisconsin companies.

David Wiloy suggested that the goal of the committee could be to prepare a number of short fact sheets on various topics. He proposed that such fact sheets might be a more useful and realizable goal than in depth general studies in the various areas. Much discussion followed. The question was raised as to whether we should be interested in doing in depth general research studies of the Wisconsin companies--or whether we should be more concerned with getting information for fact sheets. There still seems to be some confusion on this point.

Finally, the problem of financing our particular subcommittee, and the Committee as a whole was discussed. There is a possibility that we might receive some funds from the St. Francis House, however, this is not definite. It was suggested that members contribute a small amount, perhaps \$1.00 a month, to the larger Committee to help meet our expenses. This will be a topic at the general meeting in January. Meanwhile, any contributions should be marked "For Committee on Southern Africa" and sent to:

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