

AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA

Steering Committee

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MINUTES

Present: Peter Weiss, Chairman; Daniel Bernstein, David Jones, Hope Stevens.
Invited: Bernie Mazel. Staff: George Houser and James Robinson.

1. Peter Weiss opened up a brief general discussion on what the possible effect would be of the weakening of the European-US alliance. The thought was expressed that with the tension between France and the United States at a new height, governmental authorities in Washington might be willing to consider certain types of action in Africa that may not have been possible heretofore. This matter will receive further consideration at subsequent meetings.
2. It was announced that the farewell affair for Eduardo Mondlane and his wife Janet will be held at the home of Adelaide Schulkind on February 20th. About 40 or 45 people can be accommodated. It was agreed that the Committee ought to present some kind of a going-away gift.
3. It was announced that the office had moved to 211 East 43rd and the possibility was being considered of having an open house after the office is more completely settled.
4. The greater part of the meeting was taken up in discussion with Bernie Mazel about ideas for our Tenth Anniversary Year. It was agreed that this theme should be put into appeals to the membership beginning as early in the year as possible. The suggestion was made that perhaps towards the middle of the year a special Tenth Anniversary appeal should be made that might include a brochure about the ten years of achievement of the ACOA. Also, the tenth anniversary year can be utilized to expand certain of our projects such as ERA. The idea was advanced that perhaps Emergency Relief to Angola ought to be expanded to include Mozambique. Perhaps the Committee can develop a project for Mozambiquan refugees in the field of education, such as sending a teacher to work among the refugees in Tanganyika. This idea is to be further explored with Eduardo Mondlane.

Another idea was that an art motif might be developed showing two maps--the one of Africa as it was ten years ago and the second, the Africa of today. This might be utilized both in Africa Today and for certain materials put out with the tenth anniversary theme.

Appreciation was expressed for Bernie Mazel's willingness to meet with the Committee from time to time and give his advice on things which might be done.