

AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA

Steering Committee

April 25, 1962

MINUTES

1. Africa Freedom Day: It was agreed that in spite of the fact that this Africa Freedom Day was not as well attended as those in the past, it was important that we had the occasion. The program itself was well received. Considering the relatively small turnout, the financial losses were not nearly as great as they might have been.

It was decided that at the first meeting of the Steering Committee in the fall, Africa Freedom Day should be on the agenda. It was suggested that a planning committee should be set up early in the fall to consider next April's event. This planning committee should include a good many people representing the larger community.

2. Emergency Relief to Angola: It was agreed that this item should be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Steering Committee for further discussion on the question of our giving support to more than just one of the political tendencies in the Angolan struggle. It was reported the AFL-CIO is paying for \$5,000 worth of drugs. These drugs will be on board a Farrell Lines ship May 2, arriving in Matadi May 19.

3. Recommendation of the Finance Committee to the Steering Committee that there should be a cut-back in fixed expenses at least temporarily, was accepted. It was agreed that we would have to eliminate the position of Projects Director at least for the time being.