

AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA

Steering Committee

March 14, 1962

MINUTES

Present: Peter Weiss, Chairman; Daniel Bernstein, Frank Montero. Staff: George Houser, James Robinson, Debby Kallen.

1. Africa Freedom Day: Oliver Tambo has agreed to speak and Eduardo Mondlane had given a verbal commitment. If Chanderli were not called out of the country it was hoped that he would also appear, and arrangements were being made to obtain William Fitts Ryan. Frank Montero will chair the event, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. on April 15th.

2. Executive Board

a. Annual Meeting: Frank Montero and Peter Weiss will consult on the re-election of Board Members and suggest new names. The Steering Committee submitted the names of John Marcum and Maida Springer for consideration. XX

b. Special Meeting: About 12 members of the Board will attend a meeting on March 26th to discuss ACOA policy in relation to independent African states.

3. Question of office space: Proposals on new office space will be brought to the Steering Committee after consultation with Stanley Levison.

4. Reports:

a. Houser's meeting with representatives of a potential Washington chapter: Ten or twelve people attended the March 6th meeting, and another meeting had been set for April 2 at which time by-laws for the new chapter would be prepared.

b. ACOA newsletter to membership: The newsletter, to be mailed to the ACOA list periodically, will plug available speakers and push the ERA campaign as well as other projects with which the Committee is involved.

c. Weiss-Houser meeting with DeWind: DeWind will prepare a letter before the Annual Board meeting containing suggestions for Charter and By-law changes.

d. Angola: It will not be necessary to activate our unofficial commission on Angola.

5. Olympio's visit to the U.S.: Olympio arrives in New York on March 22, remaining here for three days. We will try to arrange a reception for him.