

COMPOSITE STAFF REPORT

November, 1961

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Since mid-August, three new executive staff personnel have been taken on the staff. Colin Gonze had joined the staff before the last Board meeting, and is our Editor. Mrs. Hazel Gray is Projects Director. James Robinson, formerly the Executive Secretary of CORE, is now Assistant Executive Director for Fund-Raising.

In addition, Miss Deborah Kallen has joined the staff as George Houser's secretary.

B. Since the time of the last Board meeting, the following committees of the organization have met: Finance Committee twice, Personnel Committee twice, the Steering Committee twice, the United Nations Committee four times.

C. At the present time the mailing list of the organization has 14,852 names. Of this number, 3,267 are inactive because we have not heard from them for two years or more. We have added 1,000 new names during the course of 1961.

D. Our union contract, which was negotiated a little over a year ago with the Community and Social Agency Employees Union, Local 1707, expired, and the Personnel Committee and the staff are working out a few changes in negotiating with the union representatives. The contract will remain substantially the same as for the first year.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

A. Dr. Cassim M. Jadwat, an Indian from South Africa, whose deportation case we have been working on for many months, appears to have lost. He is a skilled anaesthesiologist, with a good job at Grasslands Hospital in Westchester County. He came originally under a cultural exchange program, on the theory that he could get an immigrant's visa once he was here. We have done as much as we possibly could to try to get a waiver for Dr. Jadwat. The State Department must make the recommendation for such a waiver to the Attorney-General, but this has failed to date.

B. On October 30, the Committee sponsored a reception for Miss Angie Brooks, Liberia's Assistant Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Fourth Committee at the United Nations. This was held at the home of Mrs. Zelma Brandt and attended by 75 to 100 people.

C. The Committee had done a great deal of preliminary work with Robert Young, who made the film on Angola which was shown on the N.B.C. WHITE PAPER series on September 19. Through our contacts, the Committee had opened up the way for Young to go into northern Angola. We had a gathering of a few people on the evening the film was shown, with Robert Young present to answer questions.

D. The speaking tour for the Reverend Michael Scott, which had been carefully arranged by Hazel Gray, and included ten days of top speaking engagements in the East and the mid-West, had to be cancelled when Scott informed us two days before he was to arrive that an emergency had arisen which would make it impossible for him to come at that time. This was a disappointment after the time and the work which had been put into this. Possibly, some of the engagements can be rescheduled after Scott arrives for the debate on South West Africa at the United Nations. A number of speaking engagements for other African leaders who are in New York have been arranged. Among the speakers who have been used have been Ismail Fortune, South West Africa, and Vusumzi Make of South Africa.

E. A statement of policy on Angola has been circulated by the Committee, and as of this date, about 100 signatures to it have come back. This statement will be released to coincide with the beginning of the debate on Angola in Plenary session at the United Nations.

F. The Committee has sponsored two press conferences in the last several weeks. The first was for three leaders of the Kenya Africa Democratic Union. The second was for leaders of the South and South West African organizations, in which the four persons involved in the press conference called for sanctions against South Africa for her racial policies.

G. Disbursements from the Africa Defense and Aid Fund that have been approved since the time of the last Board meeting include \$100 that has been sent to South African refugees in Basutoland, \$235.72 that has been sent to aid the Algerian refugees, and \$1,051.60 for Angolan refugees in the Congo. Most of the latter two sums has been raised through the efforts of the West Coast representative of the Defense Fund, Mrs. Mary-Louise Hooper.

H. With the opening of schools in the fall, orders for literature we carry has been increased greatly. For a subsequent meeting of the Board, the staff will report on the volume of literature orders that come in, and what our inventory is.

Five thousand reprints were made of the two articles by Malcolm McVeigh on Angola, and these have been virtually sold out, and we are considering reprinting it.

A new, up-to-date listing of films available is now being prepared, since the old listing we have is now obsolete.

#### OFFICE VISITORS AND PERSONAL CONFERENCES

A. Among persons who have dropped into the office or with whom personal conferences have been held by staff members in the last few weeks include: Dr. Leslie Rubin, former Senator in South Africa; Violane Junod, now in Boston, but formerly on the faculty of the University of Natal; the Honorable Jean Weregemera, Minister of Agriculture in the Congo Government; Donald Emmerson, Vice-President for International Affairs of the National Student Association; Dr. Ruth Sloane, Director of Ruth Sloane Associates, Inc. of Washington, D.C.; the Honorable D.K. Chisiza, Secretary-General of the Malawi Congress Party of Nyasaland; P.M. Krishna, an Indian attorney from South Africa, and a close working associate of

Chief Luthuli; Robert Young and Charles Dorkins, who made the Angola film for N.B.C.; Dr. V.K. Kyaruzi, Delegate-designate from Tanganyika to the United Nations; Kariuki Njiiri, a leader of the Kenya Africa National Union; Prof. P.J. Idenburg, Leiden University, the Netherlands; Dr. Arnold V. Kunst, Director of the Division of Non-Self-Governing Territories at the United Nations; Joseph M. Mubiru, a Uganda leader; Reverend Malcolm McVeigh; the Reverend Melvin Blake; the Reverend Theodore Tucker of the Methodist Board of Missions and the Africa Committee of the National Council of Churches; and petitioners from South and South West Africa, including Vusumzi Make, Oliver Tambo, Marcus Kooper, Ismail Fortune, Jariretundu Kozonguizi, Zed Ngavirue, Jacob Kuhangua, Mburumba Kerina.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

A. The staff has attended and participated in radio broadcasts on station WLIB, the Annual Conference of the African Studies Association; the Unesco conference on Africa held in Boston; and a regional conference on Africa held at the University of Vermont.

The staff has been invited to and has attended receptions by the delegations of Tunisia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, and Mali. Also, two receptions at Gracie Mansion, one for President Tubman of Liberia, and one for President Abboud of the Sudan.

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