

AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, July 11, 1960 - ACOA Offices, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Stevens (presiding), Jacobs, Montero, Jablow, Landis, Bengston, Shulkind, Weiss, Murra, and Scheinman. Staff: Houser, Jack, Morrissett.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the May 9th meeting were approved as sent to members.
2. Union Contract. The contract between ACOA and the Community and Social Agency Employees Union was discussed. It was voted to approve the contract so it could be signed with the union.
3. Flight Insurance. Information will be solicited on the cost of airplane trip insurance for ACOA executives.
4. Sanctions Against South Africa. It was agreed to obtain a research paper on U.N. sanctions against South Africa. This will be brought to the next meeting of the Board for approval. Also research will be undertaken on U.S. sanctions against South Africa.
5. Report of Organization Committee.
 - a. The Board approved the committee assignments as made by the Chairman. (See attached list)
 - b. Interim Report on Nominees. A list of possible nominees was discussed. Names will be presented for election at the next Board Meeting. It was voted to elect Miss Lorraine Hansberry to the National Committee. Ray Jones' name was referred to the Organization Committee for consideration.
6. Fall Program and Staff Implementation. Mr. Houser presented a break-down of staff responsibilities. Fund-raising was added as a minor duty of Jack. Board members are invited to make suggestions for a new staff executive. The selection of this person will be made with the advice of the Personnel Committee with Mr. Frank Montero added. It was agreed to entitle the second item of Major Emphasis as "Economic Development and Other Aspects of America's Relations with independent Africa." It was agreed to hold an informal "seminar" on this item for the Board sometime in September with Harold Isaacs after his return from Africa.
7. Finance Reports. This 6-month report was passed out and discussed by Mr. Bengston. Also a summary of responses to mailings was discussed by Miss Morrissett. The 1959 official audit was presented. The reports were officially received by the Board.
8. Staff Report. This was distributed and it was agreed to make such reports a standing practice.
9. Morrissett Resignation. Ann Morrissett, after being employed for 20 months by the Committee, has resigned effective August 15th. It was voted to express deep regret on her leaving and much appreciation for her services and devotion to the work of the Committee as well as her combination of resourcefulness and implementation. She responded that she learned much from working with the Committee, and enjoyed her work, and perhaps in the future she can be of help on a free-lance basis if she does not go abroad.
10. Mason Sears Reception. It was announced that there would be an informal meeting with Mason Sears, formerly of the U.S. Mission to the U.N., on July 19th.

11. Algerian Refugees. Mr. Jack announced that there were some responses to the mailing for clothes for Algerian refugees. Mr. Scheinman agreed to have the clothes collected.
12. Kenya High School Students. An announcement was made that the African-American Students Foundation still is seeking homes for several high school students from Kenya who would like to receive education in the U.S.
13. Jablow Articles. Mr. Jablow asked for contacts with national magazines which might accept an article on the European image of Africa as expressed in literature which his wife and an associate are writing.
14. Policy Toward Current Events in the Congo. There was a discussion of what ACOA policy ought be regarding current disorders in the Republic of the Congo.
15. September Meeting. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Monday, September 12, at 5:45 p.m. in the office.

--H.A.J.