

COMPOSITE STAFF REPORT COVERING MAY AND JUNE 1960

For the Executive Board on July 11, 1960

I. ACOA Projects

- A. Sponsorship of a reception in honor of Togo independence.
- B. Jobs for African students--Catharine Raymond has interviewed upwards of 120 students applying for jobs. At least 21 of these now have jobs and at least 3 others have been placed primarily as a result of our efforts.
- C. The South Africa Emergency Conference was sponsored May 31 and June 1.
- D. A three weeks tour was organized for Oliver Tambo and then was cancelled due to visa difficulties. The State Department later reversed itself on the visa refusal and we hope for Tambo to come for a tour in the fall.
- E. Homer Jack appeared before the Advanced Democratic Platform Committee in New York on U.S. Policy towards Africa.
- F. Correspondence with the University College of Addis Ababa--as guaranteed on an exchange student program. Several American colleges have indicated an interest and we are awaiting final word from Ethiopia.
- G. The Annual Report was put in modified form and mailed out with the June issue of Africa Today.
- H. Two packets of material have been mailed to ACOA Executive Board, National Committee and a few others, containing documents of interest.
- I. A mailing has been sent out to the New York list of the ACOA, urging donations of blankets, etc. for Algerian refugees.
- J. Approximately 30,000 pieces of mail appealing for contributions for the ACOA and the Defense Fund have been sent out.
- K. Letters to the editors, written primarily by Ann Morrissett, and drawing attention to the Africa Defense and Aid Fund have appeared in Saturday Review, New York Times, New York Post, St. Louis Post Dispatch, etc.

II. Staff Speaking

Some of the principal speaking engagements of the Executive Staff have included the Fisk University Institute of Race Relations in Nashville, Orientation programs of the Crossroads Africa Project, a New York Branch ADA meeting, a Labor Institute at Rutgers University sponsored by the International Union of Electrical Workers, District 65 Membership Meeting; the NAACP Convention in Minneapolis.

III. Committee Meetings

Three meetings of the Steering Committee; Two meetings of the Personnel Committee; One meeting of the Finance Committee; Three meetings of the Publications Committee; Two meetings of the U.N. Committee; One meeting of the Organization Committee; Five Staff Meetings.

IV. Events Attended

The Annual Conference of the American Society of African Culture in Philadelphia; A Guinea reception honoring the Ambassador to Washington and the newly appointed Ambassador to the U.N; A Somali reception on the occasion of Somali Independence; The appearance of South West Africa petitioners before the U.N; Attendance at the conference of the African Students Union of the Americas; Attendance at the Conference of Non-governmental Organizations at the U.N; Attendance at a briefing session by Mason Sears at the U.N; Attendance at a Nigerian Students affair at Town Hall; Attendance at

reception and dinner in honor of the Premier of the Northern region of Nigeria at the Overseas Press Club.

V. It is estimated that two to three hundred inquiries from individuals to the American Committee on Africa have come in the last couple of months, and these have been dealt with either by personal replies or sending appropriate literature. In addition, it is estimated in the last six months that more than a thousand names of potentially interested people have been sent to the office by members and friends and appropriate material has been sent to these people.

VI. Africa Today mailing list and June Literature Orders.

363 names must be added to our list for new subscribers or renewals. 232 subscriptions have expired or addresses changed; and there has been an average of \$88.95 worth of literature sold per week during June.

VII. Persons of more than usual interest who have either dropped in the office or with whom the Staff has held conferences included: Archdeacon Wood of Capetown; Frank Loescher, recently returned from South Africa; Sean Boud of South Africa; Patrick Arton, a South African correspondent; Mr. Lyle Tatum, newly appointed representative of the American Friends Service Committee in Central Africa; Ed Dean, recently returned scholar from Southern Rhodesia; Eugene Link of New Paltz State Teachers College, recently returned from Africa; Sam Nujomo, President of the South West Africans Peoples' Organization; Jariretundu Kozonguizi, of South West Africa recently arrived in New York; Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, just prior to his trip to Africa; Ambassador Espinosa of Mexico; Judge Samuel Pierce prior to his departure for Africa; O.A. Essiet of Nigeria, promoting a new university there; Eziekiel Mphahlele of South Africa; Miss Angie Brooks, Assistant Secretary of State of Liberia; Ayo Rosiji, Secretary of the Action Group Party of Nigeria and others.

VIII. A number of groups have been serviced with speakers through our help, but no accurate statistics are available at this moment.