

**Special Session of the
Executive Board of the
American Committee on Africa
August 27, 1957**

Present: Nelson Bengston—Acting Chairman; Elizabeth Landis, Phyllis Susskind, Peter Weiss. Dale Harrison, George Houser—Staff. Gilbert Jonas—Guest.

Report of the Organization Committee: The Executive Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Organization Committee to include the names of all who have responded to the John Gunther letter inviting new members of the National Committee on the new letterhead of the ACOA. There will be two types of stationery: a special letterhead for appeals which will not include a listing of the Executive Committee, but in every other respect will be the same as the general letterhead with the following listings of names. In order to make room for listing the National Committee members along the left margin the Executive Board will be listed across the bottom of the letterhead. The names of George Houser, Donald Harrington, George Edmund Haynes, and Robert Delson will be listed respectively as Executive Director, Chairman, Treasurer, and General Counsel.

The Board approved invitations to be extended to Lester Granger, Roy Wilkins, Herbert Lehman, Harry Belafonte, and Lloyd K. Garrison to become National Committee members.

For later revisions of the letterhead the following recommendations were approved by the Board: That John Gunther be approached by George Houser for Honorary Chairman; Dean Pike, Gardner Cowles, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Oscar Hammerstein, II, and Mrs. Roosevelt be asked to become National Vice-Chairmen; Lloyd K. Garrison be sounded out on becoming National Treasurer.

Peter Weiss was voted Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board, and Gilbert Jonas was designated Director of Information of the American Committee on Africa. The Board approved sending in the near future invitations under the signature of John Gunther to five prominent Catholics—Archbishops Lucy, Ritter, and Rummel, Bishop Wright, and John Courtney Murray.