

[11:00 - 24th] →

Minutes of the SOUTHERN AFRICA SUPPORT NETWORK meeting on August 13, 1983

Poirier

Present: Anne Poirier, Ted Johnson, Phil Hutchings, Jacqueline Howard, John Stephens, Samuel Abrahams, Wely Mazamisa, Markus Braun, Rosemarie Bolte, Beverly Morris, Gery Hicks, Walter Turner, Amy Mariotti.

Agenda: 1. Fundraiser, 2. Cultural Boycott, 3. Special Guests

1. The fundraiser for our big concert is planned for either October 1st or 8th in a private house with the goal to host 300 people who will have paid a donation of \$ 7.00 each, or \$ 10.00 for two. More than \$ 500.00 have been upfronted by the group. We have to come up with the house to invite the people, whose names we get from the various mailing lists we have access to (Ron Dellums, unions, ARC, etc). Checks with incoming money for the fundraising event should be made out to the Africa Resource Center with attention to Southern Africa Support Network. - Yes, we came up with a name for the Saturday meeting.

2. The ARC will do research on the materials that deal with the cultural boycott to distribute them to the network participants. This will give us more background knowledge and fundamental education to discuss the various problems and questions in depth and to promote the cultural boycott.

3. Sam and Wely, our guests from South Africa, spoke strongly for the cultural boycott and emphasized the problem, when black Americans perform in South Africa for Blacks, those South Africans begin to "think" they are not so isolated (as they really are under apartheid). Black Americans might even help to produce a false black middle class. Black American performers are managed through the white South African government, which tries to legitimize apartheid by letting them perform in front of mixed audiences. These performers have no mandate of the black South Africans, who insist on inviting their favorite performers themselves, as they did with Jimmy Cliff. - With Markus, who is a pastor from West Germany, and Wely and Sam, who were ministers in South Africa, but recently live and work and study in the Netherlands, we discussed the situation in South Africa, the liberation movement in South Africa and the support groups in Europe and in the US. They shared their experiences from the 6th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Vancouver, where they came from. We were all very excited about each others involvement and our guests promised to come back to the US for more indepth contacts.

Next meeting: September 10th, 11:00 am at the Africa Resource Center

Southern Africa Support Network

Party to promote event  
Pottery drive  
Posters in black communities  
Oct. 10  
Letter to Adm. Tribune  
(real)  
Widening of boycotts  
coin athletes  
Culhe not just as musicians

Dellums - would help sponsor  
x we need summary proposal  
\* we are  
\* what we expect from Committee.  
→ List  
→ use of Dellums name  
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Barbara Lee  
Donations - mailing list - En  
honest  
Specific  
Oct. 22  
Nov. 5  
PAC  
ANC  
SWAPO