

Minutes, ACAS CONFERENCE CALL - December 5, 1979

On telephone: I. Wallerstein, Chris Root, Ann Seidman, Dave Wiley, Anne Schneller.

1. Next annual meeting: Since nothing has been done, it was decided to hold another phone call on Dec. 19 (since changed to Dec. 20) on this topic alone, and to include those others who have program responsibilities (W. Johnson, Bill Minter, Bob Cummings).
2. Resolutions: We have had several requests to adopt resolutions. There was a discussion of the danger of overdoing mere statements. On the other hand, some felt that statements are part of our raison d'être but we should inform our own membership more when they are adopted. We discussed the following questions in particular.
 - a) Zimbabwe. Given the uncertain imminence of a ceasefire, no further action at this point.
 - b) Export controls. It was decided a letter should be sent. Ann Seidman will draft and send to I. Wallerstein for retyping and signature. Nsongola will represent ACAS at joint presentation of letters to State Dept. along with Transafrica, Wash. office, and others.
 - c) Polisario. If Turner has not yet drafted letter previously called for, he is to do it now. To be sent to Vance. A copy is to go to Washington office, and to be published in Newsletter.
 - d) Letter of Americans in Tanzania. To be put in Newsletter. Carol Thompson is to be asked by Wiley to write article for Newsletter, treating issue broadly. Wiley will inform Goler Butcher in person of our general sentiments regarding the need for increased U.S. aid to Zambia and Tanzania.
3. Report of Research Committee:
 - a) The planning for the conference on TNC's at Clark is progressing well. The results will be published in the July issue of the Journal of Southern African Affairs.
 - b) A set of papers on media reaction to southern African questions is being compiled. Noam Chomsky is involved. South End Press may publish.
 - c) The California Conference on energy, to be arranged by Yansane, is still going forward but with some delay -- now scheduled for the fall 1980.
4. Wallerstein read the reply Josh Nessen wrote to the letter he was instructed to send Nessen concerning the dissolution of the Catalyst Project. Nessen says the motives for the dissolution were basically personal and not political and that he is carrying on his efforts on student involvement via the ACOA.
5. Ann Seidman volunteered to make preliminary contact with the Haymarket Fund, to see if we might obtain a grant towards creating a Secretariat.