

C O N F I D E N T I A L

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, Dec. 18, 1964 12:30 - 3:00 T.I.C.

Dave Robinson called the meeting to order at 12:30. Three South African guests were introduced to the group: Francis Wilson, a student at the University of Virginia; William Kgositsile, student at the New School; and Herbert Manana, a former member of the cast of Spumono.

Dave announced that the next meeting, January 8, will be held in the sixth floor conference room. It was agreed that the committee should also meet on Jan. 15 at a place to be designated later. Dave suggested that in January the committee consider a very simple theological statement and see if we can get a consensus on it. The statement will be distributed on the 8th and discussed on the 15th. Later we will consider a theological statement of our relation to the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa.

The main subject of the meeting was the report submitted by Hilah Thomas, Peter Brooks and Charles Cherrad who met on Monday Night to consider the kinds of alternative society in South Africa we might be working for, means toward that end, priorities of action and study for the committee. A lengthy discussion was held concerning appropriate changes in the "Statement of Ends and Means and Priorities of the Committee on South Africa." As these changes will be incorporated into the rewritten statement to be distributed on January 8, they will be summarized very briefly here; by paragraphs.

- 1) The initials CWM were replaced with NSCF (Commission on World Mission; National Student Christian Federation.)
- 2) It was agreed that Hilah Thomas rewrite the second paragraph, substituting another word in place of "determined" in the first line, and clarifying the second and third sentences, bringing out that the South African government is not "superficially solving" but rather thwarting the task mentioned. The word "multi-racial" will be changed to "non-racial" in keeping with the South African connotations of those words.
- 3) The third paragraph stands.
- 4) This will be rewritten beginning with the phrase "But despite these complexities..." It was suggested that the effects of apartheid on whites be emphasized perhaps using a passage from Edgar Brooks, and that a list of other dangerous effects of apartheid be included.
- 5) After considerable discussion of possible changes in the fifth paragraph it was decided that it would be advisable to omit a statement that we are going to work for sanctions. Francis Wilson pointed out the need for concerned South Africans to have contact with committees in Europe and the United States who could offer both moral and financial assistance. Such a committee could be more effective if it had not publicly announced support of sanctions. It was decided that the statement be limited to ends and not spell out the means at this time. However, it is here recorded (but not to be circulated) that we are working for sanctions wherever possible. It was pointed out that the committee's stand in regard to sanctions must be clarified as we may be called upon to support statements of larger groups in March.

The rewritten statement will be considered on January 8. The committee asked Francis Wilson to submit a memorandum on the relationship of internal and external action in the South African situation. He will try to submit this by Jan 5

Ken Carstens suggested that the committee ought to convey through Mr. Tomlinson to the Department of International Affairs of the NCC our concern about their delay in forming committees on South Africa. The following motion was unanimously carried:

This committee welcomes the resolution adopted by the Central Committee of the Department of International Affairs to form two committees on South Africa, and expresses its gravest concern that this resolution be promptly implemented.

Sharon Garmen reported that the Committee on Information will be sending out a mailing to NSCF coordinators on January 5 in Room 758 from 4 - 5:30. Dave Robinson explained that the various organizations participating in the March emphasis on apartheid will choose the campuses on which they are strongest. Each campus will have a coordinator who will receive the January 5 mailing. This emphasis week, March 14 - 21, is sponsored by the NSA which is coordinating the work of other organizations. It will involve raising money for scholarships for South African students, lobby letters to Washington. Ken Carstens suggested that information on the UN seminar on South Africa should be included in the January 5 mailing. This seminar will be sponsored by the NSCF, March 3 - 7. On behalf of the planning committee for the UN seminar Ken ordered 100 copies of the Pro Varitate supplement, and an additional 100 is available for this committee at the cost of 7¢ a piece.

Dave opened the discussion on the list of tasks and priorities drawn up by the committee. The following comments and additions were made:

A 2: Olga Seastrom of the Civil Rights committee is writing an article for Pro Varitate and Outlook. It was suggested that we could send the NSCF statement on civil rights to these South African periodicals.

B 5: We should make a commitment to explore our relationship with other SCM's. Ken suggested that we have valuable contacts with the Japanese who will be developing expanding trade with South Africa.

8: Explore contacts with Crossroads Africa.

9: Further explore contacts with United States Government. Ken said he would be willing to contact people he knows in the State Department.

10: Contact African studies groups. There are about 20 of them (Dick Van Horn)

Q 1: Martin Luther King's statements and Nelson Mandela's speech were suggested as resources for a discussion of alternatives to violence.

C 2: Africa Report -- Dick Van Horn
The Star -- Ken Carstens
Africa Digest, Time, Herald Tribune, London Times, to be assigned.

C 3: New African: Decision to be made later

C 4: Time Longer than Rope by Edward Roux, U. of Wisconsin Press
Spotlight, Dar es Salaam (news digest)
South African student journal edited by William Kgositsile.

D 5: It was suggested that we do what we can to embarrass some company whose policies are glaringly against equality in South Africa, in order to dramatize American economic involvement in apartheid and hopefully to get the company to change its policies.

D 5: The Committee on Africa suggested that Chrysler could pay the same wages to white and blacks in South Africa. Francis Wilson offered this as an example of valuable internal work: companies could be encouraged to train economic personnel who would be available when the change comes in South Africa. D 5 was phrased "bring pressure to bear on the business community." Dave suggested that Peter Brooks be asked to look into the matter and make specific recommendations.

The program of actions, with the above additions, was adopted unanimously. The apportionment of responsibilities will be decided in January.

Respectively submitted

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