

SOUTHERN AFRICA COMMITTEE MINUTES - January 29, 1965, T.I.C.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:40. First on the agenda was the final consideration of the revised statement. The committee approved the first page and the first three paragraphs of the second page with changes agreed upon in the meeting. Final consideration of the remainder of the statement will take place at the next meeting of the full committee, February 12.

Peter Brooks reported that he had talked to several people who are informed on U.S. business in South Africa. He and his subcommittee are trying to locate a company which is both strategically placed in South Africa and not committed to being in South Africa. The committee restated its interest in publicizing the company's involvement and pressuring it for a change in policy when such action which could be carried on by his committee, and requested that anyone who had information concerning a company relay it to him. At the next meeting Peter will present a list of four or five companies and suggestions of possible kinds of action. He stated that he will need a strong subcommittee, for he will be leaving the committee after the project is under way. Peter suggested that George Heiser's South African Crisis and American Policy be added to the reading list. It is published by the American Committee on Africa, and is available as a pamphlet.

Mike Kendall reported for Dick Van Horn on the UN Seminar. The present plan is that there will be reports by this committee and an activist committee (probably the American Committee on Africa) and small discussion groups in which possibilities for work in local situation will be considered. Dave Robinson pointed out that this committee is responsible for the last day of the seminar, which will be held March 3 - 7. He said that the seminar should probably be given priority concern by the committee.

The members present volunteered for the following subcommittees:

UN Seminar with Dick Van Horn: Dave Robinson, Mike Kendall
Economic Action: Bill Hinter, Chuck Gillet
Study or Education: Ron Samuels

Next Friday (Feb 5) subcommittees will meet separately. Chairmen will notify members of the time and place of the meetings. At the next meeting of the full committee (Feb 12) the subcommittees will report on their activities. In addition each member of the committee is asked to be prepared to state his thoughts about his continuing relation to the committee. The Feb 12 meeting will be in Kraft Conference Room, 7th floor, T.I.C.

Gerhard Elston stated that the NSCF general committee will be meeting the weekend of February 12, and said that he hoped our statement of purpose would be completed in time to be presented at that meeting.

Dave Robinson reported briefly that George Anderson, ambassador to Portugal from 1961-63 was appointed by Kennedy. Anderson stressed the importance of the Azores to the US for refueling and polaris missile bases.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45

Respectfully submitted,

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