

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

Southern Africa Committee. Minutes of the meeting February 19, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 12:20

The statement of Position on South Africa of the NSCF Committee on Southern Africa was accepted.

Dave Robinson reported on the NSCF Central Committee response to the statement. They reacted favourably and suggested that it be printed in Communique and be used in the preparatory materials for the NSCF Regional Ecumenical Conferences this summer. After consultation with Ken Carstens and Bob Kelly a decision will be made as to how widely circulation of the statement should be. The Central Committee also authorized \$200 for the S.A. Committee for use until 9/65. Dave reported he had urged the denominational S.A. representatives be sent to the UN Seminary and the Consultative Conference in Washington.

It was reported that an airmail subscription for the S.A. Press Digest, put out by the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, had been ordered.

Peter Brooks reported on the SES Demonstration.

The groups sponsoring it are CORE, SNCC, NSA, Committee for Non Violent Action War Resisters, and Americans for Democratic Action. The demonstration will involve both a sit-in and a picket. The sit-in will only be at some of the entrances. At the same time a delegation will try to get in to see Mr. Rockefeller. Peter said that actions outside of the NY area are very vague. Chase Manhattan was evidently chosen basically for the size of their investment in S.A. The Committee instructed Peter to draft a letter to SDS of NSCF's cosponsorship. In this letter Peter was asked to request copies of press releases, list of demands and the working papers for specific action.

The Committee discussed the need for an ongoing organization so that communication between interested people in the different groups can be encouraged. Plans for some program of continuing action should be presented to the Consultative Counsel Planning Committee group on 3/2. There is a group at George Washington University (directed by the Presbyterian Campus Minister) who might be the core group for continuing action.

Dick van Horne reported on the UN Seminar. Presently there are 35 students and 25 leaders. George Houser is going to ask Colin Ganz to lecture on American involvement. A dance may be planned for Saturday evening.

Kim Bush was introduced to the Committee. He has agreed to work on publicity and to attempt to co-ordinate some of the various activities that are going on.

It is suggested that Lawrence Ralston, a professor at Columbia, be used in a forum at Columbia during Emphasis week. Kim suggested that an admission fee be charged to use for bail money. Chuck Gillet and Dick Hull are to see him on Monday.

Next meeting - Friday, February 26, 1965 in the 6th floor conference room of the Interchurch Center at 12:15 p.m.

respectfully submitted

Anne Layne, secretary

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