

Minutes of the South Africa Committee, February 25, 1965

The meeting opened at 12:30. A copy of Contact had been received and was shown to the Committee. It costs \$6.00 for an airmail subscription and \$2.00 for regular mail. Hilah Thomas will order Contact for members of the Committee. Bring the money to her at the next meeting.

A report of the U.N. Seminar was given. The Committee was urged to be present on Saturday particularly.

Mike Davis of Students for a Democratic Society was present and reported on the plans for the demonstration against the Chase Manhattan Bank on March 19th.

A copy of the correspondence with Chase Manhattan Bank will be given out on the 19th to illustrate the attitude of the Bank and the reason for the demonstration.

Amalgamated Bank seems to be the least undesirable of all the Banks in the City. It is a Union bank.

The March 19th demonstration will involve a picket line around the bank, a picket line on the concourse, a sit in at some of the doors of the bank, and a delegation of the leaders of participating organizations who will attempt to see Rockefeller. This group will include CORE, SNCC, SDS, Bayard Rustin, and NSCF. They will sit in at whatever point they reach. At three o'clock, SNCC high school students will come and joint the picket lines.

ILG (International Ladies Garment Union) and others will be asked to withdraw their accounts from Chase Manhattan.

There was discussion. Hilah suggested that an article about the demonstration be sent to Contact as they are seeking articles. She also called for the real need for long term thinking, i.e. forming a bank in 20 years?. encouraging power structure research, etc.

The "mood" of the demonstration was discussed. It is to be done with as much dignity as possible. Each group will be responsible for bail bond money for its own members. Lawyers need to be gotten and the Commission on Religion and Race should be contacted, for lawyers and for a camera team. Ken Maxwell of the IDA will be contacted about getting bail money.

Political action was discussed.

Saturday, Feb 26, a planning committee of SDS, SNCC, NSCF etc. is to be held. Peter Brooks, Newell Flather, and Dick van Horn will go for NSCF.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Committee take on financial responsibility for Kim Bush for three weeks in March when he will only be working half time, so that he can give his time to doing publicity for the demonstration. The amount agreed upon was \$45 a week.

The March 5-7 Peace Corps conference was announced. Peter and Newell were hopeful that a statement about South Africa could be gotten from them.

Peter Brooks will go to the Consultative Council on March 2nd. He reported that he felt that each Council group should appoint a representative for a continuing group which will follow through on the South African concern after March. The Consultative council is itself an ongoing group.. The question of follow up needs to be raised and there was some question as to whether or not the Consultative Council was the place to do it.

It was announced that Spunono cast needed money badly and that it could be channeled through Dave. Mr. Tomlinson invited the Committee to his home for a meeting with Elizabeth Pitman. A date will be chosen for this.

The next meeting is March 12th at 12:15 in the 7th Floor conference room of the Interchurch Center. This is a crucial meeting as our specific action on the 19th will have to worked out.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Paine, Secretary.