

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

Committee on Southern Africa meeting March 12, 1965, 12:30 p.m. Interchurch Centre

Emphasis Week on South Africa -- March 14-21

Fred Berger reported on Columbia's program. Monday and Wednesday they will have ads in their two papers the Spectator and Owl protesting American involvement in South Africa. Monday they plan a forum and Wednesday or Thursday an outdoor rally. Everyday there will be distribution of literature for the picket on Friday of Chase Manhattan.

Carl Schneider reported that the Union emphasis week will include forums, fund raising, petitions, and culmination with the Chase-Manhattan picket.

The Committee decided that until permanent structures for continuing co-ordinated student efforts against apartheid are established all fund raising by students on Morning side Heights will be sent to the NSCF Committee on Southern Africa. Funds ear-marked for specific purposes such as Defense and Aid will be sent to the proper agency.

Gerhard Elston suggested that Teachers College Student Council be contacted in any attempt to raise funds.

March 19 demonstration at Chase Manhattan: Bail funds in case of arrests may be secured from the NCC Commission on Race and Religion. At this point we do not have a commitment.

On Wednesday, March 11, a representative from NSCF, NSA, and NFCCS met with the Vice-President in charge of personnel of Chase Manhattan, Mr. Nolan. Mr. Nolan expressed disdain for the belligerency of SDS. NSA is preparing a list of requests for action they would like to see Chase Manhattan take. Mr. Nolan assured the groups that he would be happy to meet further with them.

Peter Brooks suggested that rather than simply taking the SDS tack of demanding the ideal and demonstrating for publicity that we also attempt to negotiate and apply pressure on Chase Manhattan and other business firms heavily invested in South Africa. International House (David Rockefeller is a member of the board) is sending a petition to Mr. Rockefeller. It was suggested that the International Houses of Berkeley and Chicago be encouraged to do likewise.

There was some confusion about what SDS is actually planning for the demonstration on Friday, March 19. The Committee agreed to inform SDS of its intention not only to engage in activity such as picketing, but also to negotiate.

The Committee decided, in lieu of adequate information to choose two persons to represent NSCF in last minute plans and negotiations. Peter Brooks and Dave Robinson agreed to act as spokesmen. Peter will also attend the final planning meeting on Sunday, March 14.

Those who agreed to sit-in Friday are Carl Schneider, Dave Robinson, Peter Brooks and Sharon Garman. Those who agreed to picket are Alice Simpson, Bill Nelson Dickvan Horn, Newell Flather, and Hilah Thomas. Union and Columbia students will take care of their own bail. \*

Saturday, March 13, the DIA is holding a 1-4 p.m. meeting on South Africa. Bill Nelson and Carl Schneider agreed to attend the meeting to represent the NSCF position,

Mr. Tomlinson of the DIA invited the Committee to meet at his home Friday, April 2 at 8 p.m. to meet with Elizabeth Pittman Lewin who was secretary of the Liberal Party in South Africa and is now the National Secretary of Defense and Aid to South Africa.

The next meeting will be March 26th on the FIRST floor at 12:15 p.m. We will meet in the Robing Room. It is the first room on the right when you enter at the Claremont St. entrance. Each member of the committee is asked to bring a written statement of his intentions with regard to the committee next year. The on-going life of the committee must be ensured as we have already agreed to act as a co-ordinating agency for student action against apartheid.

On March 29th, the South West African Student Union and the NSA are co-sponsoring a demonstration to focus attention on the deplorable conditions in South West Africa and to call for American support in gaining independence from South Africa. The demonstration will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. in the UN Plaza. We will have to decide upon our participation at our next meeting.

\* FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FRIDAY'S DEMONSTRATION CALL Peter Brooks AC2-6237,  
NSCF 870-2363  
Hilah Thomas 662-3947

To get to Chase Manhattan take the IRT to Wall Street.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Garmon, secretary

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