

N.S.C.F. Committee on Southern Africa
December 3, 1965

The first item of business concerned the Consultative Council. There is a meeting of the Council Dec. 6 at 3:30 at the Church Center for the U.N. Bill Minter and Don Steffa will go. Bill has been working on the sub-committee which will be making its recommendations at the meeting. Within the Council there is a real feeling of a need for greater coordination. Thus the following proposal will be made: Recommendation for a full time staff person to work with the Council Job description and budget will be presented.

The American Committee on Africa (ACOA) sees this person as starting in the spring. Thus plans for the March activities will have to be carried on by the Council with initiative being taken by more members. Anticipated sources of real work besides ACOA are the Methodists and Episcopal churches. The National Student Association will be active but are centered in Washington. Also, SNCC is expected to be active.

Bill explained that ACOA conceives of its mandate as only including non-independent countries, that is, Southern Africa. Africa Today may become a Southern Africa centered publication. Because of this conception, the relationship between ACOA and the Consultative Council is problematic. At times ACOA sees its policy being determined by the Council, which it does not want to have happen.

Mary McAnally is going to the Conference on Rhodesia at Bucknell this weekend.

The U.S. Youth Council meets this weekend. Dave Robinson And Bill will attend. Rhodesia will come up. The Teach-In will be announced. Also, support should be sought for itinerating Rhodesians or U.S. students knowledgeable of Rhodesia to travel and sustain concern for Rhodesia.

Janet McLaughlin reported on the plans for the Teach-In. It will be held Dec. 15, from 4:30 to about midnight, at Wienstein Hall, 5 University Place, New York University. To go by subway, take the BMT to 8th St., or the IRT local to Sheridan Square.

The Program will be divided into 7 sections. These include: General background and history, recent events, present policies, alternatives for the world and for the U.S. and student action. The Committee is now working on speakers.

People are needed to hand out publicity DEC. 13 and 14. Dave R. Charles Wilhelm, and Dave Mann, agreed to work. Janet announced that there was a publicity meeting Sunday night. Gerhard suggested that we attempt to get Quill to post pone the subway strike because of the Teach-In.

James Mtamberwa, who was highly responsible for the demonstration at the U.N. following U.D.I. attended the meeting. He said that the most helpful task that our committee could perform was to educate the

American people and publicize the Rhodesian question. He said that people had actually congratulated him on the new won "independence" of Rhodesia. Thus the need is obvious! He pointed out that in the U.N. Goldberg had said that the U.S. Government would try to persuade U.S. business from involvement in Rhodesia, rather than saying that the U.S. Government would prevent U.S. business from involvement. Thus letters and other kinds of pressure must be put on the U.S. Government to take effective action.

James further pointed out the huge problems caused by the existence of two African parties, ZANU and ZAPU. Most Rhodesian students in the U.S. are ZANU. Thus the Rhodesian Student Union which attempts to include both groups is unable to get ZAPU participation. The OAU and Rhodesian students in London and New York are working to unite the 2 but have been unsuccessful.

The Committee agreed to help cover the costs of phoning and other expenditures which have resulted from James's planning of the demonstration and work since U.D.I.

A meeting was set for Sunday night to meet with Newell Flather of the Afro-American Institute to discuss the possibilities of getting the Institute's support for itinerating persons on the Rhodesian question. Dave R. and James will meet with Newell.

The question of finances in general was raised. A letter will be sent to Mike Sherwin asking for money for The Rhodesian student's expenses, the newsletter, and for itineration. Mike offered financial support last spring. The mission boards should also be approached for funds for itineration.

The News Summary on Rhodesia was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps we could get Colin Gonze of ACOA to take it over and increase its circulation.

The "blackout" of news about Mozambique was discussed. Eduardo Mondlane President of FRELIMO, Mozambique government in exile, has reported that there appears to be an obvious and intentional exclusion of news about his movement. Articles about fighting in Mozambique will appear, for example, in the N.Y. Times Paris edition, but will not appear in the U.S. edition. Charles and Leon Howell of the Commission on World Mission are going to speak to Betty Thompson of Christian Century to get an article published there. Work will also be done to get Wayne Cowan of Christianity and Crisis to have the Columbia Journalism Review study the question. They do such studies and then write about their findings so would form a very valuable role.

A letter was received from Greenfield of the State Department, answering the letter we had written. We now need to respond, calling for the U.S. to take more effective action. (See Rhodesian News Summary, Nov. 27).

There will be a meeting Tuesday with Elmira Kendricks and Jan White to discuss their role at the U.N. and work out the ways they can be

most helpful. Bill will attend.

Rich Bakker is doing research on the involvement of the oil companies in the Rhodesian situation. We need to get his information and include it in our news summary.

An attempt is being made to bring together a group in Chicago to work on Southern Africa. Letters are being sent to our contacts there, encouraging key people to get in touch with each other. Dick Voorhis is working on this.

Dick Van Voorhis in St. Louis has printed 1000 copies on numerous materials. Janet is working to figure out costs and how the material will be used.

Letters were sent to 5 churchmen and Christian groups in Rhodesia and Zambia expressing our concern and support. Gerhard suggested we better send carbons to Hank Crane in Zambia as the letters may not get into Rhodesia.

It was suggested that we write Student Christian Movements in France, Italy, and the Netherlands about their governments' reluctance to abide by The U.N.'s call for sanctions. Bruce Douglas of the World Student Christian Federation's Political Commission should be worked through or informed of any such action.

Relations to the National Council of Churches were discussed. Their General Board is meeting presently. We really need to find a way to be represented on the International Affairs Commission's Africa Panel. Perhaps Elmira could represent NSCF as she is already at the CCUN. We need to find out if the British Council of Churches study on South Africa was distributed as directed by an earlier action of the special committee dealing with South Africa. Next Friday major time should be given to working out NCC responsibilities.

We very much need to find new members to work on the Committee!

Bill's role as student-staff was discussed. Major portions of his time are spent representing the Committee on other working bodies such as the Consultative Council and The Teach-In planning group. He also carries on much correspondence and represents the committee at various NSCF meetings.

The next meeting will be at 12:30 on the 8th floor of the Interchurch Center.