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Minutes of the Southern Africa Committee of the National
Student Christian Federation, Jan. 7, 1966 at 12:30 P.M.
Fifth floor, Interchurch Center

There were three main topics of discussion.

1. A meeting of the Consultative Council is to be held on Jan. 10, including all participating groups, to plan for the March conference, its agenda and so forth. The National Student Christian Federation is planning another meeting immediately following with NSA (National Student Association) and other groups, in order to discuss the various campus "March emphasis weeks".

2. Our next topic of discussion was the Congressional Hearings being held the first or second week in February on South Africa. These hearings may last only one week and therefore there will be a limited number of participants to testify. According to NSA, a possible order is: the first day closed hearings with government representatives; the second day hearings with South Africans here in the States; third hearings with non-governmental groups (such as churches, American Committee on Africa, etc.); and the last two days for businessmen. We discussed what role we, as a student group, should take in the hearings and we reviewed a letter Bill had drafted to the Chairman of the Subcommittee. We talked about the importance of the participation of the National Council of Churches at the hearings and suggested various names of churchmen or related people who would be good representatives of our point of view.

Various regional groups are being notified about the congressmen on the Africa subcommittee, so that they can contact their Congressmen.

3. Concerning the Rhodesia Newsheet, it was approved that Mary Lee Wiley would write it for the month of January and after this period the committee would decide upon the future of this type of publication, according to the situation, funds, and other ideas about changing the newsletter's format. We hope to hear from our constituents about what kind of information they would like to receive.

Mr. Nathan Opoku, this year's travel associate for the Commission on World Mission of the NSCF, attended our meeting and kindly agreed to help us make contacts on the various campuses he will visit with students interested in the southern Africa question.

Beginning Feb. 1, Janet MacLaughlin will be working on the African Student Conference half-time, and in the other half of her time working on the news summary and other matters.