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Minutes of the Southern Africa Committee of the National
Student Christian Federation, Jan. 14, 1966.

The meeting was held at 12:30 in the 8th Fl. conference room of the Interchurch center.

Dick Voorhees reported on the development of a Chicago group interested in Southern Africa. Sharon Gorman contacted some SDS (Students for Democratic Society) people in Chicago over the vacation, and Dick has other contacts at the Ecumenical Institute, Chicago Theological Seminary and elsewhere. There has also been some response to the letters sent out by Sharon and Dick. It is hoped that contact will be made within the next few weeks with one person who will be able to convene the others who are interested. Dick is going to keep in touch with Henry Bucher, who is in Chicago at the moment.

Bill reported on the Jan. 10 meeting of the Consultative Council. The attending groups discussed the conference to be held in Washington as well as plans that the Temporary Administrative Committee is drawing up for it. Wendell Foster, a staff member of the American Committee on Africa, was selected as the temporary administrator for the Consultative Council for the next four months, and his work will be financed by the Consultative Council.

After this meeting Dave Robinson and Bill met with Mal Ke Kovacs of National Student Association, and discussed plans for the March emphasis week. They discussed materials (i.e. Focus and some material NSA is planning to prepare on Senate and Congressional Foreign Affairs committees, etc.); contacts on various campuses, and the roles that NSA and NSCF could play in an emphasis week. NSA has hired a person parttime to work exclusively on the emphasis week. Mal estimated that they had confidence that at least 20 or 30 campuses would have programs.

Dick McFarland, Chairman of the Washington Committee on Southern Africa, in which NSA, NSCF, and others are involved, will be able to make arrangements for accommodations of at least 50 people attending the March conference.

Mary reported on the dinner meeting held Wed. evening to discuss the Africa's Africa conference in June. The discussion centered around the content and philosophy of the conference, and the general problems in planning. The prospectus of the conference is to include specific case studies, with the overriding theme of the individual's role and ideology in Africa.

We have contacted David Hunter, about the Congressional Hearings and NCC representation there. We made several suggestions concerning them, and it is hoped that someone to represent the NCC will soon be chosen.

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ATTENTION BOSTON AREA: The Rev. Don Abbott, of the United Church of Christ, who has just been deported from Rhodesia is in your area, and if asked he would probably be willing to speak on the Rhodesian question. His address:

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Wendell Foster's address is: Rev. Wendell Foster
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Resp. Submitted,

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