

Minutes, Southern Africa Committee of the NSCF, February 11, Meeting on the 6th Floor, Interchurch Center.

- Agenda 1. The procedure report on strategy of the Committee.
2. Special Reports.

I. Strategy Report Dick Voorhees

- A. Foundation: A new strategy must be based on a concept of power, that is a base in the "grass roots" in order to effectively influence United States foreign policy dealing with South Africa. We must utilize and develop "core groups" across the country made up of diverse elements, student and non-student, from whom we need to elicit a response. That is we must do something more than send out mailings to individuals.
- B. Method: We must pin-point "strategic areas" across the country, and develop contacts with anyone concerned or potentially concerned about Southern Africa, especially non-students.
- C. Strategy: The time sequence of the proposed strategy is Spring, Summer and Fall with different activities falling into each period. There are two dimensions to this strategy; one on the national level and one on the local (New York) level.
- a) Spring: We must decide what areas of the country should be considered and develop contacts in these areas in a systematic fashion. Sharon and Dick did this over the past several months in the Chicago area and the same type of group was formed in Washington at the beginning of the year.
- The priority areas should be Chicago, New England, New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Iowa and Atlanta. From these various focii other groups could develop and spread to new regions. (Los Angeles was also mentioned) There are two events occurring this spring which will be important within the strategy. These are the Washington Conference (March 19-21) where we can develop more contacts having already planned out our strategy and then the June Conference, "Africa's Africa," where there will be one section on Southern Africa. At this time it would be very important to relate to African students our ideas about American action and to get a concept of an African reaction to our strategy.
- Thus this first time period would be devoted to the actual initial development of various contacts.
- b) Summer: At this time we would develop further contacts and if possible set up teams including one African student, an American familiar with U.S. foreign policy, and an American familiar with the local community organizations, to travel to various regions in order to find out the local resources and organizations ready to move on the Southern Africa question.

and analyse these every week or two; that bibliographies or suggestions for further readings be attached to the articles; that we anticipate impending crises in Mozambique, Southwest Africa, Bechuanaland, and Swaziland by providing background articles; that we send copies of the News Summary to members of the Congressional committees on Foreign Policy.

2. Committee structure and focus: It was suggested by Dick that the committee should have a single focus so that it could develop an appropriate plan of action instead of responding to the initiative of other groups or acting in a vacuum. One course would be to function as a national coordinator for local groups such as those in Washington and in Chicago, and between other nationally concerned groups.

In view of the fact that the Consultative Council is structured to perform this function Dave suggested that we discuss this with them and with NSA and SDS. We should be prepared to resolve the question at the Washington conference in March. Meanwhile we should prepare a platform on national organization and local strategy to be presented at the conference.

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion of Janet's job -- to be resumed next meeting. It presently includes the News Summary and the University Program at Riverside Church. For the next six Sundays the latter will present speakers on various African topics, the last three being on Southern Africa. The seminars are held on the 15th Floor of Riverside Church at 8:15 P.M.

2. Finances: \$2,000 salary for Janet, half of which will come from the Conference in June on "Africa 's Africa". The rest needs to be raised. Suggestions welcome.

3. Charles Englehard, an American financier with major interests in South African mining and other businesses is to be awarded a Brotherhood award by the New Jersey chapter of the Conference of Christians and Jews on February 17. Bill wrote a protest letter which was approved by the committee and will be sent. We also plan to picket the ceremony in conjunction with SDS and others. A planning meeting was held on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 255 West 108th st.

4. NSA has promised to send us 400 copies of a program guide for the March Emphasis week. They are also purchasing 300 copies of "Focus/Southern Africa."

Respectfully submitted,

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