

Minutes of December 19, 1968, UCM/SAC meeting

Attended by: Gail Morlan Ken Carstens
 Chris Queen Barbara Harrison
 Tim Smith Marcy Kerr
 Janet MacLaughlin Nancy Freehafer

Newsletter

The recently established newsletter deadline is the first Tuesday of every month. The January deadline, naturally enough, is Tuesday the 7th. No new name for the newsletter has been chosen.

Chester Marcus of the Africa Department of the United Church of Christ has promised \$400.00 to pay for newsletter postage.

Correspondence with South Africans

It has been decided that NO LETTERS ARE TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA FROM SAC WITHOUT FIRST BEING READ BY GAIL. (Gail's letters will be read by some other committee member.)

Committee Documents

Committee material must be cleared from the UCM office. Gail, Chris, and Ken agreed to go over the documents. For those which should be preserved a home will be found.

The Minters

Bill and Ruth Minter are to return from the Mozambique Institute in February or March. They are looking for subsistence salaries for February-September to enable them to continue their research. (Ruth is working on a geography of Mozambique and Bill, on U.S. policy toward Portugal.) A grant given SAC to enable South Africans to attend Process '67 was not completely used, and \$460.00 remains. It must be utilized for a project other than regular committee work (like the newsletter) and might possibly be used for the Minters. Gail will discuss this possibility with the proper UCM people. Ken recommended that the project be checked with John Markham (Marcus?) and Murray MacInnis and that if money can be obtained for the Minters from other sources, that the SAC money might be used for other projects.

Bank Campaign

The Episcopal executive council recently passed a series of resolutions dealing with southern Africa, one establishing criteria for investment in white-dominated areas and another stating that church investment in banks lending money to South Africa is permissible only if the criteria in the first resolution are met. Ken will check with Herschel Halbert about further action. The executive council also resolved to request similar action from dioceses and smaller local units.

Gail recently talked with Bilheimer of the NCC, who said the NCC wouldn't act on the issue until the member denominations do. Carruthers of the Methodist Church is interested in the issue, Ken reported, but the church needs support from other denominations. Gail recommended sending a letter to the Board of Missions lauding past withdrawal action, sympathizing with their present out-on-a-limb position, and asking what further action is contemplated. The letter might also suggest that the Methodists inform other denominations of their action. Janet recommended doing more research on non-consortium banks that can handle church

overseas accounts. Gail suggested pressuring John Coventry Smith for action from the Presbyterians. Ken recommended Gayraud Wilmore as a "channel" through which to pressure Smith and also suggested that in a short time Christianity and Crisis and Christian Century might wish to publish an article on the issue.

And Our Leaders . . .

Janet pointed out that Nixon's Secretary of the Treasury, David Kennedy, is affiliated with Continental Illinois, one of the consortium banks. A future issue of the newsletter will discuss his connections.

South African Airways

The first Johannesburg - New York flight of South African Airways will arrive at JFK at 10:00 p.m. on February 23. Different ways of greeting the inaugural flight were discussed, ranging from demonstrations at the SAA counter in the terminal to making phone calls. A welcoming party will be organized, with Tim and Chris recruiting UTS students for it. Janet will provide a rationale for the action. The committee might also get speeches made by Congressmen opposing the granting of American permission for the flight. Janet will try to get names of passengers arriving on the plane.

Inauguration Activities

Mobilization will sponsor workshops in Washington dealing with various issues on January 18. CRV and UCM may co-sponsor one on southern Africa.

South African Student Project

Tim reported on a meeting of United Church of Christ representatives, Mr. Reddy of the Secretariat, and Mr. Khan. All the parties are concerned with getting information for the UN Special Committee on Apartheid about student activity in South Africa, and a project to collect this information will be undertaken in January. News releases, church news, and such people as Margie Marshall Shapiro and John Daniels will be utilized. UCM/SAC may wish to consider sponsoring the project but may choose not to use the UCM name to avoid linking UCM/US and UCM/SA. The primary purpose of the project is to keep the issue alive. The Afro-American press can probably use the information collected, as well as American rightist religious groups. The next step is a meeting with Mr. Bedinon of Togo, the official now heading the African Questions Unit of the Secretariat. Other possible sponsors are WUS, NSA, and the U.S. Yough Council.

UCM/SAC and CRV Cooperation

Tim reported on a meeting with the CRV Southern Africa Committee, who are willing to cooperate with SAC on the formation of the Committee for a Free Mozambique. Bishop Crowther, Murray McInnis, and Dave Dellinger have agreed to sponsor further activities.

Nancy announced that CRV has discussed raising funds for a Mozambique Institute project, perhaps one related to teacher training. UCM may want to work with them on it or at least include information about it in the newsletter.

Information on Portuguese Territories

ACOA will soon release an 8-page fact sheet on the Portuguese territories.

Mozambique Representative

Janet reported on a CRV meeting with Manzuzza Chikazunga, member of the

Mozambique Students' Union and COREMO representative, who spoke about student problems in Mozambique. Janet recommends him as a good person to speak to "475" people because of the "balanced" nature of his presentation.

UNCTAD and South Africa

Janet reported on the efforts of several UN members to have South Africa expelled from the UN Conference on Trade and Development. The effort was initiated by the Afro-Asian group and the Second Committee. One issue involved was the question of which UN body has the authority to expel members. Some UN legal experts said only the Security Council can rule on the expulsion of a member from the UN body; the Second Committee said that 1) the General Assembly created UNCTAD and therefore bore some responsibility for its membership, and 2) that the committee was asking only that South Africa be suspended until its policies change, not expelled. The General Assembly failed to pass the resolution with the two-thirds majority required, and the issue has been referred to committee consideration.

Because press coverage of the issue left something to be desired, 1 SAC members will collect information on it and try to have a letter published in the Times giving a more accurate account. The information might also be made available to columnists. Harold Head was suggested as researcher, and \$100.00 set as the fee to be paid him (possibly from the \$460.00 mentioned earlier).

Miscellaneous

Lewis Simon, WSCF non-governmental representative at the UN, has written letters to all African and Asian delegates at the UN questioning their use of Chase Manhattan and other consortium banks.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, at Union Theological Seminary at 7:30.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!