The American Committee on Africa has two representatives speaking on its behalf on the issue of South Africa's participation in international sports events in Mexico City. These representatives are working closely with the South African Non-Racial Open Committee for Olympic Sports, whose President, Dennis Brutus, and Executive Board member, Chris de Broglio, are also in Mexico City.

The American Committee on Africa’s spokesmen are Jim Bouton and Steve Mokane.

Jim Bouton was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1939, and attended school in both New Jersey and Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from High School in Chicago Heights, Illinois, where he was selected to the All Chicago Baseball Team. He entered Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan on a baseball scholarship in 1957 and in 1959 he signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees. While playing baseball in the Yankee organization he continued his education at Western Michigan. In 1962 he was brought up to the Yankees major league team, and played six years for them winning 21 games in 1963 and 18 games in 1964. Recently he was sold to the Seattle Pilots, another American Baseball League team. During his years with the Yankees, Bouton played on the All-Star team and pitched in two World Series winning two games and losing one.

Bouton is now attending Farleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey. He has served in the Army Reserve, and is also an artist with several of his paintings on tour in the United States. He also enjoys writing and has had one of his stories published in Sport Magazine.

Steve Mokane was born in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1938 and attended primary and secondary school there. He had one year at Ohlange College near Durban, but left to work since funds were not available for school. At age 16, he was the youngest player on the Durban Bush Blacks, a nation wide African football (soccer) team. It was during this time that Mokane received his nickname, "Kalamazoo," and became known throughout southern Africa. Mokane's international career began in the late 1950's when he signed a contract with Coventry City soccer team in England. Mokane is the first southern African non-white to play big league football in the British Isles. He has also played all over Europe, including the European Inter Cities Cup Fair. His prominence in football brought him into contact with royalty, including a palace lunch with Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Bernhard in Holland, and the presentation of a medal by Princess Grace and Prince Rainier in Monaco. He has also played in Latin America, the U.S.S.R., and Australia. During the Premiership of Edgar Whitehead in Rhodesia (before the Unilateral Declaration of Independence), Mokane coached an interracial team there, and he has also coached in Canada.

Since 1965, Mokane has been an undergraduate at the University of Rochester from which he received his degree in June, 1968. He is presently enrolled in the School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania.

The American Committee on Africa is a private, non-profit organization working through educational and political channels for the liberation of southern Africa from colonialism and racialism. Co-Chairmen of the Committee are the Rev. Donald S. Harrington and A. Philip Randolph.