ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF NEW WASHINGTON OFFICE

The American Committee on Africa is pleased to announce the opening of a Washington office. Mr. Gary Gappert has been appointed as director of the newly-established office which is located in Room 527 of the Woodward Building, 733 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20005. The telephone number is (202) 538-0835.

The purpose of the Washington office will be to focus governmental attention on African issues, with special emphasis on southern Africa, by providing background material to Congressmen, mobilizing support for legislative efforts, and arranging for African leaders and others with specific knowledge of African affairs to visit Washington to confer with legislators and other government officials.

The office will relate these governmental activities to a wider public by organizing conferences, seminars, and other events which will deal with given problems related to U.S. policy toward Africa. It will also publish memoranda on African issues and co-ordinate activities with other interested groups in the Washington area.

The Director, Mr. Gappert, has recently returned to the United States from East Africa after spending last year conducting economic research in Tanzania sponsored by the Program of East African Studies at Syracuse University. He has spent considerable time living in East Africa and received a Diploma in Education from Makerere College in Uganda in 1962. During 1963 and 1964, Mr. Gappert served as a teacher in Tanzania. He has visited 23 different countries in Africa primarily on editorial assignments for Transition, East Africa Reporter, and Atlas. He has worked with Peace Corps training projects related to East Africa and will earn his Ph.D. degree in economics from Syracuse University with a dissertation on the Tanzanian economy.