PROGRAM

National Conference on South African Crisis and American Action

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RT. REV. JAMES A. PIKE, Conference Chairman

GEORGE M. Houser, Conference Secretary
PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING: “South Africa Five Years After Sharpeville”

Chairman: REV. FRANCIS E. HILL, O.M.I., Professor of Oblate College, Catholic University. Formerly Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Durban, South Africa

Speakers: VICTOR REUTHER, Director, International Affairs, United Automobile Workers, AFL-CIO

JAMES FARMER, National Director, Congress of Racial Equality

Singer: MISS JESSIE NORMAN, Soprano, Howard University Choir, singing American Freedom Songs

Speaker: OLIVER TAMBO, Deputy President, South Africa’s African National Congress

MONDAY, MARCH 22

12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON

Chairman: JAMES FORMAN, Executive Director, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee

Remarks: GEORGE M. HousER, Executive Director, American Committee on Africa

Address: “The United States and South Africa”

CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER, Minnesota

2:30 p.m. SEMINAR GROUPS

1. US GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT

Chairman: ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, author of Brutal Mandate

Papers: PETER WEISS, President of the American Committee on Africa

THOMAS FRANCK, Professor of International Law, New York University Law School

Discussants: MASON SEARS, Former US Representative on the UN Trusteeship Council

HUGH BROOKS, Director, Institute of African Affairs, St. John’s University

2. AMERICAN TRADE AND FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT

Chairman: HOPE STEVENS, Vice President, American Committee on Africa

Papers: JULIAN FRIEDMAN, Associate Professor of Political Science, Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University

ALVIN WOLFE, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Washington University

Discussants: DANIEL BERNSTEIN, Member NY Stock Exchange

EDWARD MARCUS

3. AMERICAN PRIVATE INVOLVEMENT (tourism, student and leader exchanges, entertainment, sports, etc.)

Chairman: HUGH H. SMYTHE, Professor of Anthropology, Brooklyn College

Paper: JOSEPH KENNEDY, Program Director, American Society of African Culture

Discussants: REVEREND JAMES H. ROBINSON, Executive Director, Crossroads Africa

LEON BIBB, American singer

MONDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

9:30 a.m. PANEL PRESENTATION: “Forces Challenging or Perpetuating the Status Quo”

Chairman: RT. REV. JAMES A. PIKE

Panel:

1. THE TRANSKEI, BANTUSTANS AND HIGH COMMISSION TERRITORIES / RICHARD STEVENS, Director, African Center, Lincoln University


3. ECONOMIC FORCES AT WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA / EDWARD MARCUS, Professor of Economics, Brooklyn College

4. AFRICAN CONTINENTAL DYNAMICS AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES / H. E. ACHKAR MAROF, Permanent Representative of Guinea to the UN and Chairman of Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid

5. THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF GROUPS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA
   a. AFRICAN GROUPS / NATHANIEL NAKASA, Nieman Fellow, Harvard University, South African Journalist
   b. WHITE GROUPS / LESLIE RUBIN, Acting Director, Program of African Studies, Howard University
7:00 p.m. CONFERENCE DINNER—MONDAY, MARCH 22
Chairman: FREDERICK O’NEAL, President, Actors Equity Association, AFL-CIO
Remarks: MR. O’NEAL
Program: LETTA MBULU, singer from South Africa
           LEON BIBB
           Reading of the Declaration of Artists Against Apartheid,
           initiated by MIRIAM MAKEBA and HARRY BELAFONTE
           GEORGE SHIRLEY, Tenor, Metropolitan Opera Company
           ZULU SINGERS AND DANCERS from the cast of the Broadway musical ‘Sponono’

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

9:30 a.m. DISCUSSION GROUPS: “What Can We Do?”

1. CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES
Chairman: VERNON FERWERDA, Assistant General Secretary, National Council of Churches, Washington Office
Panel: HERMAN REISSIG, Council for Christian Social Action, United Church of Christ
       KENNETH CARSTENS, South African Methodist Clergyman
       GLADSTONE NTLABATI, South African Graduate Student, Yale
       MATHEW AHMANN, Executive Director, National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice
       PHILIP BAUM, Director, Commission on International Affairs, American Jewish Congress

2. YOUTH AND STUDENTS
Chairman: NANCY SHERWOOD, Executive Secretary, US Youth Council
Panel: NORMAN UPHOFF, Vice President, International Affairs, US National Student Association
       FRED du BOW, American Student Movement Against Apartheid, Oberlin College
       BEN MAGUBANE, South African student at UCLA
       JOHN SHINGLER, South African student at Yale University

3. CIVIL RIGHTS
Chairman: CLARENCE MITCHELL, Legislative Representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Panel: ROBERT SPIKE, Executive Director, Commission on Religion and Race, National Council of Churches
       ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Director, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
       JAMES FORMAN, Executive Director, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee
       MARTIN LEGASSICK, South African student at UCLA

4. LABOR AND FARM UNIONS
Chairman: BENJAMIN SEGAL, International Union of Electrical Workers
Panel: REUBEN JOHNSON, National Farmers Union
       NORMAN HILL, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO
       WILLIAM O. OLIVER, United Automobile Workers, AFL-CIO. Co-Director of Fair Practices Department

1:00 p.m. CLOSING LUNCHEON
Chairman: REVEREND JAMES H. ROBINSON, Executive Director, Crossroads Africa
Address: SENATOR FRANK E. MOSS of Utah
Closing Remarks: RT. REV. JAMES A. PIKE
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