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April 15, 1970

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Robert Browne, Chairman, Nominating Committee
RE: Nominations

The Nominating Committee recommends the election to the Board of the following persons whose terms terminate this month:

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| Robert Browne | Elizabeth Landis | Frederick Schwarz |
| Lewis Carliner | Andrew Norman | Hope Stevens |
| Herschel Halbert | Victor Reuther | Robert Van Lierop |
| John L.S. Holloman | William Scheinman (1 year) | Peter Weiss |
| Farrell Jones | Adelaide Schulkind | |

Mason Sears and Mark Cohen have sent letters of resignation because of their inability to attend meetings. Nelson Bengston has also resigned because of an overcrowded schedule. Arthur Waskow, Ivanhoe Donaldson, and Paul Booth are not recommended for renomination because it has been very difficult for them to attend meetings.

The Committee recommends that Mason Sears be invited to join the National Committee.

The Committee recommends that A. Philip Randolph and Donald Harrington be removed from the Board and given the titular position of Honorary Co-Chairmen, so that their continued absences will not affect the quorum.

The Committee recommends that the following persons be added to the Executive Board:

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| Alan Kellock (1 year) | Karen Whitmore | Josiah Beeman |
| Tim Smith | Gary Busch (1 year) | David Robinson (1 year) |

Background material on the nominees is enclosed. You will note that three of the new nominees and William Scheinman are being nominated for one year. This is an attempt to balance the number of members whose terms expire at one time. These particular individuals were chosen because there is a possibility that each may be relocating in the near future, or are not clear on where their commitments will take them.

The Committee recommends that the incumbent officers be reelected in toto:

President: Peter Weiss; Vice-Presidents: Elizabeth Landis and Hope Stevens; Secretary: Farrell Jones; Treasurer: Frederick Schwarz, Jr.

If all those nominated are elected, the Board will have 31 members, which is below the 35 permitted by our by-laws. Members will recall that a quorum for elections consists of 1/3 of the members now in office.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NEW NOMINEES

Gary Busch: Mr. Busch is presently Research Director for the International Affairs Department of the UAW in Washington. He holds a Ph.D. in African Politics and International Relations. He has recently written a book entitled, "Pan Africanism and Pan African Trade Unions" which is in the process of being published. He is African consultant for the Business Council on International Understanding.

Tim Smith: A summer participant in Crossroads Africa to Thika, Kenya in 1966, Mr. Smith was appointed to the Board of Crossroads in 1969. As a student at Union Theological Seminary, he worked on the bank campaign committee. In 1968 he spent 2½ months in southern Africa doing political research. He is a member of the University Christian Movement Southern Africa Committee; the Presbyterian Task Force on Southern Africa; and is presently Assistant for African Affairs of the United Church of Christ.

Alan Kellock: Mr. Kellock spent a year at the University of Ghana in African Studies and has completed all but his dissertation for the Ph.D. in that area. During the summer 1968 he worked on a research project for ACOA. In the fall of that year he began teaching African History at I.S. 271 in Brooklyn, until the following summer when he accepted an appointment at St. John's University in the African Studies Center, where he is currently employed. He has conducted four in-service training courses for teachers of African studies in the NY area in addition to the above teaching schedule. Mr. Kellock is a staff member of the Africa Research Group.

Karen Whitmore:

Miss Whitmore is presently the regional representative for the Experiment in International Living, NY. She has travelled extensively, including Israel, France, Mexico, Canada, England, western Europe and most recently, Costa Rica, where she taught English as a foreign language as part of the overseas internship of the School for International Training of the Experiment. She worked for ACOA in 1969, again as part of the internship program. Her work with the Committee involved organizing the literature department and receptionist duties. She has since graduated from the School for International Training. Miss Whitmore is a member of the Pan African Solidarity Committee and worked on plans for the ACOA Sharpeville Benefit.

David Robinson:

Mr. Robinson served as a Frontier Intern teacher in Dakar, Senegal (1961-3) and returned there to do research for his Ph.D. (1967-69). He visited Zambia and Tanzania (including the Mozambique Institute). Since 1969 he has been teaching African History at CCNY and will begin teaching African History at Yale in fall 1970. Mr. Robinson was a founding member of the University Christian Movement Southern Africa Committee and was involved in the bank campaign.

Josiah Beeman: Mr. Beeman is presently Director of the Washington Office of the United Presbyterian Church, and Chairman of the Presbyterian Task Force on Southern Africa. Prior to his recent appointment to the Washington office, he was Secretary for International Affairs for the Presbyterian office in NY. He was previously Administrative Assistant to Congressman Philip Burton of California and sat on the Board of Supervisors of the City of San Francisco.