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Mr. Wm. R. Cox, Coordinator of U.S. Public Relations for Gulf Oil Corporation, will be in Denver Wednesday, June 21, to meet with a delegation from Clergy and Laity Concerned - Southern Africa Project. The Meeting will focus on Gulf's involvement in the Portugese colony of Angola and will take place in the company's office at 1780 S. Bellaire.

Mr. Cox is arriving from Pittsburgh, Pa. at the suggestion of Dr. James Early, Mr. Dean Kloepper and Mr. George Paulson of Gulf Mineral Resources Corp. He will answer questions presented at a meeting on April 25, 1972, between Gulf and six delegates from CALC led by Dr. Ed Hawley, Center for International Race Relations, Denver University.

Gulf and its subsidiaries have been under mounting pressure across the nation regarding this issue. Stockholders of the corporation have presented substantial challenges at the annual meetings of 1971 and 1972 about the company's support of a government which suppresses national liberation efforts by black Angolans. Cornell and Princeton Universities have disposed of their Gulf stock. The City of Dayton, Ohio, recently rejected the company's low bid for the minicipal gas and oil contract largely because of the Angolan situation.

The issue was brought to public attention in June, 1970, when the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ voted to ask its members to turn in their credit cards in protest.

Gulf responded with intensive public relations efforts and threatened legal action. The Conference nonetheless reaffirmed its decision by an even larger majority at their annual meeting in June, 1971.

Further action by Denver CALC will be determined on the basis of the meeting's results. Persons interested in participating may contact Dr. Hawley at 753-3564.