Southern Africa Committee minutes of the meeting of February 12, 1965, T.I.C.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20.

The financial state of the South Africa Committee was discussed. We have spent all the gifts by individuals and $100 of the 500 released to us by Margaret Flor's office. The Committee voted to pay half of the price of the airmail subscription (which is $20) to the South African Press Digest. It was pointed out that we have been getting this publication by sea mail and that it would be best to have Ken Carstens evaluate the past issues before we finally decide to order an airmail subscription.

Peter Brooks reported on the plans for the Chase Manhattan sit-in on March 19th sponsored by the SDS. Present groups cooperating with S.S. besides ourselves are CORE and NAACP. Peter reported that there would be a meeting on Feb. 13 for a discussion of the plans. It was suggested that the chairman of the social action groups at Union and General Seminaries be contacted in the hopes that they could attend. The following items were discussed as things Peter should inquire about at the meeting:

1) the demands sent to Chase Manhattan
2) the names of the non-financial organizations chosen to demonstrate and why they were chosen
3) possible other groups to demonstrate against. The Syracuse Report was suggested as a possible source of information. The following criterion might be valuable to select companies:
   a) degree of public consumer sympathy
   b) composition of board of directors
   c) degree of involvement in S.A.
If at all possible, First Nat'l City Bank should be included.

4) the handling of press coverage - Ken Bush was suggested to organize this effort and Peter was asked to clear his name with SDS.
5) learn details of projected arrests during the demonstrations.

Dick Van Horn reported on the UN Seminar. We will have Saturday in which the attempt will be made to be as practical as possible. Projected plans:

Sat. a.m. - address by George Houser centering on the type of activities students can be involved in
   - a minor presentation by Dave Robinson on resources groups can use
   - a minor presentation by Peter Brooks on American business involvement in South Africa.

Sat. p.m. - break into 6 or 8 small groups to work as practical work sessions on how to get started when they get home. Hope was expressed that group division could be geographical, thus providing a known group which could go back to a campus and work together.

It was pointed out that there needed to be an open discussion time as well as summaries sent out of the group sessions after the conference. The participants should also be encouraged to take part in the Emphasis Week and the Consultative Conference in Washington.

Sharon Garmon reported on the Emphasis Week (3/14 - 3/21). She said they had had only one positive response from the letters sent to I.S.C.F co-ordinators. It was suggested that letters be sent to I.S.C.F coordinators on campuses where I.S.A coordinators have responded.

Other business items:
1) Dave Robinson was requested to ask for $500 from the I.S.C.F Central Committee budget.
2) we must send a minimum of ten to the Consultative Conference and it was suggested that each denomination be requested to send two representatives.

3) a secretary is desperately needed.

The remainder of the statement of purpose was discussed and accepted in the form included. (Please bring it to the Feb. 19th meeting - the Central Committee of H.C. has suggested the deletion of "anti-colonialist" in the fifth line on the second page)

Next meeting: FULL COMMITTEE, February 19, 1965, 12:15, 7th floor conference room, T.I.C.

Due to the demands of several special concerns, you may not have been contacted by a sub-committee chairman. Do come to the Feb. 19 meeting where important decisions will be made about our involvement in the S.A.D Demonstrations, and our participation in the March Seminars.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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