The meeting consisted of committee reports, reports of special meetings held in the past week and a half, and general conversation. I have structured these reports and discussions under the general sub-committee headings, although some of the topics overlap.

Church Strategy:
The chairman announced that he would give a detailed report of our committee's activities to a meeting of the Commission on World Missions of the NSCF which met over the weekend of April 24th. He would stress our need for funds (particularly for next year's chairman Bill Minter) and our hopes to build up a constituency through campus and church groups.

Bill and other gave reports about the Monday (April 19) meeting of the Program Committee of the NSCF which will be presented to the NSCF Program Cabinet. The resulting proposals which will be presented to the NSCF Program Cabinet were outlined and will be distributed at a later date. One significant result of this meeting was that our proposals seem to have been closely followed in the final report, and that the NSCF is actually faced here not with a question of policy (as regards economic action for moral reasons) or the question of condemnation of the South African situation, since policy statements on both issues have been made in the past, but with the implementation of her moral commitment. One of the main issues of the Monday meeting was that of the "withdrawal" of funds from banks which deal with South Africa. Some people felt that a demand for this type of action would be detrimental to the passage of the entire South African recommendations, while others seemed to support this type of economic action. Of course this brought up the question of where an organization should put their money once they do withdraw it, (the question of clean banks), but of course the decision to withdraw your funds would depend upon the purpose of your act, in other words whether the withdrawal was for the act per se or whether it was aimed at putting pressure of the biggest offenders, such as Chase Manhattan. It is hoped that investigation into the banking structures of the nation will reveal some "clean" banks and the Activist Group of the Consultative Council is doing research in this area. But it was generally agreed upon that whatever action the churches are willing to take, be it indirect or direct, this action should be encouraged and that our proposals should be flexible enough to allow all groups to do something. The NSCF committee met on April 21st and our committee should find out the result of this meeting and any future plans for more joint-meetings between our group and the NSCF committee.

It is hoped that at the June meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church there will be some statement on South Africa, Eugene Carson Blake, the stated Clerk, is very interested in this question.

Liaison
Bill Minter gave a report of the follow-up meeting of the Consultative Council held in New York on April 20th, which included many interesting points, some of which were:

1. It seems that the American Businessmen's Association has been writing letters to banks or other concerns asking them to withdraw from South Africa on the basis of "long-term self-interest."
2. The Episcopal Church is investigating their financial relations with Chase Manhattan. The Methodist Social Concern Committee has already withdrawn their funds.
3. There is going to be a study of the Sugar Quota question, and the fact that produce cultivated by South African convict labor is now sold in the United States although presumably there is a federal law against the sale of such produce.
4. The Consultative Committee divided into sub-committee for the purpose of
writing reports; Peter Brooks and Kim Bush on Investment and Leans; the American Committee on Africa on other economic policies; and Bill hopes that Chuck Gillette will write a report on Political Pressure Points, and that Ken or Gerhard will write one on Defense and Aid.

Peter reported on the activities of the activist Committee of the Consultative Council and of other Consultative Council interests.

1. There is going to be more activity directed at Chase Manhattan with demonstrations on Friday, May 7, at four branch offices; at 14th St. and Fifth Ave; 43rd St. and Lexington Ave., at 135th St. and Fifth Avenue; and in Riverdale at 23rst St. and Broadway. At each office there will be a group of well-informed people to distribute information.

2. Peter, Kim and Liz Franklin are working on a revised News Letter on South Africa, which will be coordinated with that of Mary Louise Hooper. Hopefully this news letter will include information of happenings in United States about South Africa, as well as news about South Africa. Our committee should be preparing a mailing list for this letter. It will probably be issued monthly.

3. On the 28th of April George Houser has called a meeting of core people to discuss strategy; Peter and Ken will both attend. Earlier in the meeting Ken stressed the importance of dividing the South African concern into two groups, that is a group dealing with Defense and Aid and then one dealing with Political (Economic) Action. No doubt this will be discussed at the April 28th meeting.

4. There will be a Black Sash women's demonstration on June 26, South Africa Freedom Day.

Constituency

Sharon Gorman and Sharon Flynn submitted a report in absentia which mentioned various ways we could gain adherents.

1. There are nine conferences of the NSCF this summer and winter. A member of our committee should try to attend each one. The summer meetings will be held in late August, and if one of us is unable to attend perhaps someone with like interests will be able to go.

2. Sharon has lists of interested people in New York and these should be contacted before the end of this semester.

3. Bill Minter mentioned at the meeting of a U.S. Youth Council Conference being held in June. N.S.A. and N.S.C.F. are both affiliated with USYC and we should have a representative at this conference.

South West Africa

The Activist Committee of the Consultative Council is looking into the policies of the American Metal Climax Company. Janet suggested that they contact one of the Investment Economists who is known to be sympathetic. Dave Robinson has already written the South West African Students' Union. It may be that A.M.Climax is not open for critical action in S.W. Africa since here activities are controlled by the South African Government, and perhaps it is not an opportune company to choose.

General: It was pointed out that our committee must keep in touch with all activities and liaison developments over the summer. For example SDS is planning to utilize 6-8 full time students to study South African strategy and we should know about these developments.

It is important that we keep in touch with all the various concerned groups since we seem to be able to bridge some of the difference between them. Ken also suggested that the committee should keep up with events in South Africa by reading for example, Star newspaper; and that the committee should become a member of the South African Institute of Race Relations. He also mentioned that the Christian Council in South Africa should not be pre-judged by him or anyone else and although the Christian Institute is "more reliable" for the distribution of funds etc., we must not condemn the former organization on the basis of rumore of conflicting
There was some discussion about the New York Times advertising policy, and Bill read us the latter from the publisher to Dave Robinson stating their policy based on the "freedom of the press." Several people suggested that the Times could print some of their accurate articles on the same day that the South African Information Agency ads go to print; which the Christian Science Monitor did when they published an ad of the John Birch Society. There was some abstract discussion on the "freedom of the press" as regards advertisements and the high monetary requirements for such ads as the S.A. Government publishes.

There were other miscellaneous topics of discussion, and reminders to write to Martin Luther King and Andy Young about our interest in South Africa; Peter suggested that we should order publications by the Workers Defense League who are defending the Sponono South Africans.

The next meeting will be May 7th, 12:15 on the fifth floor. Please make a real effort to be there. Margaret Flory of the Office of Student World Relations, United Presbyterian Church is coming to make a major proposal to us about planning a Conference in Southern Africa, and we need to be there to respond.

Also there is the possibility of a book being published through the Division of Christian Education on Southern Africa. We have been asked to suggest content, schedule of publication and authors. We need to get in there now.

Respectfully submitted,

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