

C O N F I D E N T I A L

NSCF Committee on Southern Africa. Minutes of May 7, 1965 meeting

The Chairman began the meeting with a financial report.

Sources of income:	\$500	COEMAR (Margaret Flory)
	200	NSCF
	46.70	Gifts
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	\$746.70	
Expenditure:	400.81	
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	\$400.81	
Balance:	200.00	NSCF
	145.89	COEMAR
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	345.89	

There were two corrections to the minutes. Under Liaison, section 2, "has already withdrawn" should read "is planning to withdraw." In section 3, the convict labor question and the Sugar Quota question should be separate, as there is not enough evidence to conflate them.

It was moved and seconded that a directive be given to Bill Nelson, as chairman of the Union Seminary Social Action Committee for next year that a Prayer Vigil for Southern Africa be planned and executed.

Bill Minter reported on the Tuesday meeting of the NCC ad hoc committee on S.A. They deleted some sections of the NSCF report, deciding that it was not strong enough in some places and too strong in others. In addition, the committee voted not to prepare a statement of the June meeting of the General Board of the NCC. Instead, the Africa panel of the F.A.C. under the direction of Dr. Tomlinson will prepare a report for the December meeting of the General Board. Part of the reason for postponing the report is to wait for the decision of the World Court, which, according to Peter, is uncertain both in time to be handed down and probable result. The NCC committee accepted two proposals for presentation and implementation by the General Secretary: That Cameron Hall continue his activity and dialogues toward the goal of breaking down the assumption that business decisions are based only on economic grounds, and that a hearing be provided for Canon Collins.

Gerhard pointed out the position of freedom the NCC committee stand leaves our committee in, and Bill Minter summarized the directions our committee can now take in relationship to the NCC: 1) to participate in the preparation of a statement for the December meeting, 2) to work out suggestions for implementation of the previously accepted resolutions (of June, 1963, and June 1964), and 3) to attempt to get on the agenda in June through the constituency of the NCC, i.e., the denominations. The Church Sub-committee will meet to discuss possible church channels and to spell out the implications of the NCC statements, hoping to encourage the denominations to act on their own and to pressure the NCC to act.

Margaret Flory presented to the committee the suggestion that it act in cooperation with UCCF to sponsor a Summer Study Seminar in 1966 to Southern Africa. UCCF has sponsored these study programs for several years. NSCF cooperated with the 1965 one. The seminars, open to Juniors Seniors and Graduate (including seminary) students, have been international in constituency and have met with nationals in the countries visited for study sessions. The seminars have not been primarily church-centered and have been characterized by unusual leadership. Optimum size is between 15-20, and approximate cost for a Southern Africa Seminar would be \$1450 including travel, board and lodging.

The role of the NSCF committee in such a venture would be to outline the purpose and objectives of the seminar, to decide the places to visit, to advise on the leadership to travel with the group and the leadership in the countries visited, and to sit on the screening committee. Also, the NSCF committee would develop

contact with interested students, as most of the recruiting will have to be done orally instead of by flyer, due to the obvious visa difficulties.

Ken suggested that entering South Africa was extremely unlikely, but possibly some of the High Commission Territories could be visited. In the event that none of the Southern Africa countries could be visited, alternatives should be planned, possibly Zambia or Tanzania, where refugee contacts could be developed.

The NSCF Committee accepted co-sponsorship and will submit to Margaret Flory names for a committee, which will be presented to the General Assembly.

Dick Van Vorhis, who publishes/UCCF packet four times a year, is requesting material from this committee for the August 15th mailing. Also, he would like to create a special packet, to cost around \$1 which would be available by special order. His regular mailing has a circulation of 2,000. Suggested material included the papers from the Washington Conference, a list of public prints, and out study program for the summer. It was decided that the same group which draws up our summer study program will determine the materials to suggest to Mr. Van Vorhis

Peter reported on the continuing of Chase picketing. Four branches, in Harlem, in Riverdale, at the UN, and at Union Square, have been selected for leaflet distribution and personal contact. These demonstrations, sponsored by the Activist group of the Consultative Council, will continue through May. It was suggested that information pointing toward political action be added to the economically focused flyer to be distributed.

The NSCF General Assembly, meeting in Chicago from Sept 5-10, will have five seminars, one of which will be on South Africa. We are responsible for this one. The purpose of these seminars is not a resolution to be approved by the Assembly, but education and motivation for action. We will have three two hour sessions with two of the five groups in which the Assembly will be divided. NSCF has allotted \$75 for this. Dave, who will be there, Janet, Sharon, Sharon and Peter will pick leaders and agenda. Possibly, the same information sheets that are being distributed to people who asked for scripts from the South Africa radio seminar could be used.

The Literature and Study committee of the Commission on World Mission of the NCC has asked our committee to set up a study booklet. 10,000 to 20,000 of these are printed for distribution to local churches and campuses. We would be responsible for outlining contents and publication schedule. Manuscripts must be prepared one year in advance. Ken felt that such a book should include a total survey of the South Africa situation; Sharon suggested original material using primary sources, as opposed to rehashes of already published material.

The last meeting of the year will be May 14, 5th floor

SUMMER STUDY

Kepple - Jones South Africa - A Short History
or De Kiewiet A History of South Africa; Social and Economic
Carter The Politics of Inequality
Marquard, People and Policies of South Africa (p.b.)
Bunting, The Rise of the South African Reich (p.b.)
Benson, The African Patriots
The Future of South Africa British Council of Churches
A New Course in S.A. U.N.

These books are basic for a beginning understanding of S.A. Each member of the committee is to read a minimum of 4 books over the summer and more if possible.