RHODESIA TEACH-IN at NYU

The teach-in on Rhodesia at N.Y.U. was held December 15 from 5:30 to 12:30. There were never less than 75 nor more than 200 people there. Generally the speakers were quite good although the action panel was cut short due to lack of time.

The teach-in will be broadcast over WBAI radio.

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

They held a teach-in two weeks ago on Rhodesia. On December 9, Human Rights Day, several campuses were involved in a program that dealt with Southern Africa concerns. NSCF, NSA and US Youth Council all participated.

CHICAGO GROUP

Letters have been sent to 28 people in an effort to help form a Chicago group on Southern Africa. Sharon Gorman will make contacts when she is in Chicago over Christmas.

BOSTON AREA ACTIVITIES

An unnamed group is working in Boston as a catalytic force. They are cooperating with the New England Student Christian Movement. Their emphasis is negotiation with business concerns in South Africa, not more direct action methods. They work as a study group and hope to be able to compile lists of available speakers to deal with S.A. concerns. They feel demonstrations should only be resorted to if all else fails. However, they do anticipate violence in South Africa and see no alternative to violent revolution there.

VISITORS FROM RHODESIA

The visitors were in Rhodesia until May 1964. In reflecting on the situation they included the following points:

If revolution could succeed in Rhodesia, 99% of the Africans would be for it. It is incorrect to say that the Africans are politically unconcerned. However, due to the existence of what amounts to a police state, a revolution can't succeed at this time.

There is lots more sabotage than is reported. However, guerilla war is difficult because a friendly border is needed, and Zambia is too vulnerable, too dependent on whites. There are no forests for cover and spotter planes are operated by the state.

African strategy has worked in that they (in 1961?) made a conscious decision not to take any part in the Government, even though 15 seats could have been won by the Nationalists. The reason for this action was the desire to have the real nature of white rule exposed. They have been successful in this. World public opinion is moving in the right direction.

N.Y. TIMES EDITORIAL

Letters are needed to respond to the Times editorials of Dec. 16 and 17. Mary Annally will write.
CAL TEX MEETING

Sharon Gorman will set up a meeting for early next week with a representative of Cal Tex - one of the oil companies involved in Rhodesia.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

There will be a program sponsored by SDS, SNCC and others in the N.Y. area on S.A. in February. There is a planning meeting Dec. 18 at 2 P.M. Don Steffa will attend.

DEMONSTRATION AT THE UN

Dec. 18 at 2:00 the Committee for Justice in Rhodesia will demonstrate at the U.S. Delegation to the U.N. The Committee is made up of people from Brooklyn and Long Island. Bill Minter will find out more about the group.

PICKETING OF GOLDBERG

There is to be a picketing of the U.S. Representative to the UN, Arthur Goldberg, on Christmas Eve. His private apartment will be picketed to protest U.S. failure to impose sanctions on South Africa. The Brooklyn College NAACP contacted us about this.

MARCH EMPHASIS

The March Emphasis will include a local emphasis of South African problems, followed by a National Conference in Washington which will end with lobbying. Our responsibility is to get a delegation to the Washington Conference. We need about 10 people, not all from New York, to attend. Finance will be the problem. The Heinrichs at Stony Point offered to help. One third of our delegation should be from Southern Africa.

The Emphasis on local campuses will be sponsored mainly by NSA and us. We need to meet with NSA and the two Roman Catholic organizations - perhaps in Washington.

MAILING:

"Focus on Southern Africa" which Janet McLaughlin prepared and Dick Van Voorhis printed, is out. It will go out in a mailing with a publication on Mozambique. Bill will write a cover letter for this. Alice, Dick, John, Don Steffa will help with the mailing the week after Christmas. The next mailing, which will be larger, will go out the first of February.

FINANCES

Deputations to request money for the News Summary and itinerary should go to the United Church of Christ, the Methodists, and the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. Union's Social Action Committee has offered to mimeograph the News Sheet about once a month.

Bill will set up a meeting with David Hunter.

We also need to find funds for a salary for Janet to work after February 1st.
ZAMBIA CONTACT
Doug Parks, Frontier Intern to Zambia, is leaving the first part of January. We need to be in touch with him.

NEXT MEETING
We will meet Dec. 30, at Mary McAnally's apartment.
The next meeting is January 7, at 12:30 in the 5th floor conference room.