Minutes - UGM Southern Africa Committee

March 7, 1968

Members attending:  Bob Maurer
                   Mary McNally
                   Tim Smith
                   Marcy Kerr
                   Nancy Frehafer
                   Janet McLaughlin
                   Dee Dee Vallenga
                   Gail Morlan
                   Winsome Monroe
                   Stephanie Boyd
                   Veleskayah Nongauza (President, South African Students' Union in the Americas)
                   Arnold Madoda (Vice-President, SASUA)

Bob Maurer introduced Gail Morlan, who is embarking on a two-month speaking tour of the U.S. as a UGM representative. She will include in her presentations an analysis of the relationship between the black power movement in the U.S. and revolutionary movements in Africa.

Janet K. reported that ACCA has called for a boycott of the Olympics because of the IOC's decision to permit South Africa to participate. Avery Brundage has been forced by the threat of boycott to hold a meeting of the IOC executive committee; the future is uncertain. Certain American Negro athletes have said that they will boycott.

Bob has yet to receive written replies from Joe Short of AAI about the situation of South African students here on AAI programs. He will continue to pressure for a response.

Bob reported that the newsletter has magically appeared once again — this time in canary splendor. It has received heaps of praise and money as well, with 25 or 30 people sending a total of $70.00. Mrs. Bender of the Methodist Board of Missions has agreed to pay the cost of postage for the newsletter.

The World Student Christian Federation plans, Bob announced, to end its accounts with First National City Bank. A rationale for withdrawal will be distributed; copies are available from UGM.

Bob requested pickets for the March 15 COEIAA meeting, which presumably will deal with the withdrawal question.

Janet K. announced that the March 21 Community Church observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination/Sharpeville Day
will include Bishop Crowther, Dr. Aaron Henry (president of the Mississippi
NAACP), Peter Molotsi, Gladstone Ntlabati, Ambassador Achkar of Guinea, and
other assorted notables. Velehayah Nongauze, president of the South African
Students’ Union in the Americas, mentioned that SASUA is interested in workin
with any anti-apartheid groups in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. Started
as a relief agency in ’66, SASUA is in the process of developing a program of
both social services and political activities.

Arnold Madoda, SASUA veep, mentioned problems South African students
encounter here — a melange ranging from financial difficulties to problems
of acquiring travel papers and including the matter of draft status. SASUA
would like to have a publication, a monthly newsletter, resources for social
needs (money to meet emergency health problems, funds for married students, etc.).

Your chairman adds: “SASUA wishes to enable one of their students to make
contact with summer employment possibilities for South African students in the
U.S. A list of those opportunities would be gathered and distributed to those
interested students. The funds needed for stipend and travel is estimated at $1600.

We have been asked to raise part or all of this amount. So it is hoped that each
member of the committee will take steps to contact those with break and to inform
the chairman of your progress.”

Other items of note: 1) May 1 is the date set for Inglehard’s Minerals
and Chemicals stockholders’ meeting, to be held at 50 Park Place, Newark. 2) A
series of meetings will be held at Union, beginning April 1, to discuss actions
to be taken should riots occur. Committee members will receive information about
the meetings.

Next meeting: March 19, Tuesday, 8 p.m., Union Seminary