Minutes of January 2, 1969, Southern Africa Committee meeting

Attended by: Janet MacLaughlin
Ken Carstens
Chris Queen
Gail Morlan
Marcy Kerr

Gail reported that on a recent program of the Sunday morning "Inquiry" TV show Paulist priests interviewed the head of the South African information service. She and Stephanie protested to both CBS and the Paulist press. Gail also commented on a ten-minute section of the 7:00 news devoted to Blaiberg's re-birthday.

January 6 was set as clean-up day in the UCM office, with Chris, Gail, and Ken the primary workers.

Ken plans to see Gay Wilmore of the Presbyterians after he returns from Africa and to discuss the bank campaign with him. Ken hopes to make available the Presbyterian "Black" channels for information concerning South Africa.

Gail has written Tracey, one of the Methodist Board of Missions encouraging him to document Methodist action in the bank campaign and send information to the other denominations, requesting similar action.

Gail and Alex Boraine are to attend the Oklahoma City Methodist meetings as guests of the World Division of the Board of Missions.

Jan Van Hoogstraten and Reginald Helferich of CWS have been refused transit visas through South Africa. They should be consulted when demonstrations are planned for the February flight to JFK of South African Airways.

SDS at Princeton has become interested in southern Africa and have been in touch with this committee. Ron Butler (609-466-3209) is our contact person with SDS. Gail has also received inquiries from groups at the University of Wisconsin and in California.

Tom Odetzky is opening "the alternate university" on 126th Street and is looking for an instructor for a course on Africa. Harold Head, the Minters, and Solly Lefakane were suggested as possibilities.

Mr. Khan has left New York. His plans at this time are indefinite.

Ken will check with Mr. Ready of the UN about whether he would like SAC (i.e., Harold Head) to research the UNCEAD-South Africa issue or the South African student issue.

The Minters will need an apartment from February to September. Anyone having information about one should talk with Gail.

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 - 7:30 p.m. at Union Theological Seminary