CCAL Minutes -- September 7, 1977
Present: CC, DB, OC, GW, WK, FF, MF, RV, BL, CS

1. **News Update**: breaking of Ethiopia/Somali diplomatic relations; reports of ELF civil war; arrest of American for revealing torture in Rhodesia; US-USSR cooperation in pressuring South Africa not to explode nuclear bomb; Owen/Young diplomacy and Smith electoral victory; Musorenw and Sithole seemingly more open to negotiating with Smith; report white Rhodesians getting divorced so they can take more money out of Rho when they leave.

2. **Outreach Discussion** (summary of different points made)
   a. Re **purpose** of outreach: to produce a dependable constituency via education, so they can be called on later; to move people to action; question of how much info people need before they can get involved in action—too often action proposals don't come soon enough; already lots of people in Chicago prepared to demonstrate against US govt actions in southern Africa; need to participate in demos, help distribute Amcania better—need education (but—are we then just putting out information?); how do we move people into action faster; how can we define more specifically what our goals are currently seems to be: study of neocolonialism, Amcania, bank campaign via work with Chicago Coalition, distribution of resources; perhaps could add material aid project.

   How do we allow different levels of involvement? Need more delegating of tasks—now all business takes place at meetings; some people want to work on specific tasks, but not participate in making policy decisions; but problem of too small a group making decisions—problem of division of labor, not forcing someone to do everything in order to do anything; function of a central group could be coordinating other task-focused groups; seems a defined core group of four—could be used to produce ideas & proposals—but problem of staleness; how involve new people in those decision-making functions; can probably develop a new organizational format on an ad hoc basis as we go; have to think how organizational structure will help us do organizing, actively draw people into action.

   b. Re who we want to recruit to work with CCAL: need recruiting people who can influence others, help us more effectively reach others. Three particular groups: (1) people with strong church connections; (2) students and (3) people with links to the Trade Union movement. May need two-stage program: recruit few from above categories to recruit others into specific projects. Full members of CCAL to draw in others. Shd use Amcania more consciously as a tool.

   c. **Assessment of current outreach**: most current members recruited via NWRC—and some via personal contact; do not use fully the other outreach we do: speaking programs, lit tables, Amcania for active recruitment.

   d. Re organizational implications: Dealt with partly in 2nd paragraph of (a) above—need to discuss at next meeting more in detail; people don't know present structure very well (responsible for: Finance, External Relations, Secretary, Resources, Material Support); need principles of support (to be distributed before next meeting) and criteria for membership—question of whether they shd/shd not be charged (and how); in what ways) to facilitate outreach we want to do; how big do we want to be—depends on what we want to do.

   e. Re questions of **security** (only discussed 7 minutes; to be continued at next meeting): question of political/security; protecting contacts with liberation movements; also how to combat disruptive attempts by sectoral leftists/agents; question of political stance of CCAL.

**Decided**: To continue discussion of security questions/organizational implications at next meeting (approx. 45 minutes)—will discuss possible strategies for reorganizing CCAL; ways to recruit people; criteria for bringing people into CCAL; statement of principles of unity; questions of security—practical ways to deal with them.
3. September 16 program: PF & BL to do lit table; will get records from the NWRC; CC will get EH record; will bring people we invite to program to Gabe's house afterwards for beer (easy walking from Wellington); CCAL will provide slide projector; need help with setting up/clean up (CC to help) invite your friends!!!

4. Bank campaign demonstration: Coalition decided, with some discussion, that Oct. 3rd too soon to have successful demonstration; changed to (tentatively) Nov. 1 (DB to check with bank friend on best date) -- need to get rectify earlier publicity via NWRC calendar***
Letter is being sent out to get endorsers for campaign and demonstration; should be ready by early next week; CC and DB will approximately develop plan of what needs to be done (GW and PF have volunteered to help re contacts)

5. SWAPO pamphlet: Final cost of book is $675 -- need to borrow from ourselves (CS gave financial report of who owed dues/sedges for Aug. and Sept., which was most people); will collate next week (CC to check on time); let folks know -- looks great!

6. Amanda critique: underestimated mailing list; took us a long time to get out; should print more (CS and PF will do); people worked well together once it was into production--lots more help than last time; question of policy re editing length, how scholarly we want it (should not duplicate work of Southern Africa magazine/Africa News; should be interpretive, relate to action); would have been good to include bibliography on Eritrea articles (perhaps put in next issue); need to list resource availability; need more graphics; looks nice.

7. Milwaukee group: to come to CC program on Friday eve; brunch on Sat. 10:30AM (CC; W; CC will try to be there) and discussion of how we can help them--DB & MP will provide place for them to stay and basic brunch. (They came--four of them--very enthusiastic; WK will help with Oct. 11 program on Separate Dev't; CC to help with Nov. 8 program on 'Since Soweto '76' (they will also arrange other speaking/interview) and Dec. 6 program on Zimb.; we will send up slide show on US corporations for Oct. 25th program; suggested they get MACSA person to talk with slide show.)

8. Education: GW will work on presentation on recent political events in Zaire

9. Discussion of changing day of CCAL meeting: CS will have difficulties making Weds. after next meeting; RV has partial conflict with class, can only come late; conflicts on other days except Fridays; to be discussed next meeting again.

10. National coalition: (Not really discussed) -- staff person will not be located on East Coast; have gotten some funds for travel.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Gabe's (Bob Clarke's apartment, 3442 No. Elaine Place betw. Broadway and Halsted, just north of Roscoe) at 7:30 PM CS to chair

Self-criticism: Excellent chairing kept meeting going well; all of us should be criticized for setting up an early dinner time to meet with WK and then coming late or not until 7:30; kept within meeting times; eats, though late, were good, as was wine.