CCAL Minutes - Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1977
Present: CC, CS, MF, DB, BV, PF, WK

News Update: Corporations in SA have been put on a wartime footing, could be required to make war material; Two articles in the NY Times praising Mozambique (CC to reproduce) - does this presage US policy swing?; More arrests in SA (600 near Botswana); SA airforce dropped leaflets on Soweto announcing utility rate hikes, warning against demonstrations; arms embargo backed by UN, but weaker than other resolutions wanted by African UN members; Sadat going to visit Israel; France sent 200 troops to Senegal, with possible plans for their use in the Sp. Sahara against the Polisario; NY TV networks took Krugerrand ads off; Somalia broke diplomatic relations with Cuba and the USSR Biko autopsy released (died as result of beatings).

CCSA: Want to have internal educational so can handle external educational events like Jan-Feb teach-in at Kennedy-King; had good discussion on constituency-reaching, problem of outreach to black church constituencies. Planning internal educational on Zimbabwe for CSA members and friends for Dec. 9, Friday, at 7:30 PM (Place to be announced; either across from 8th Day or at Christ the King Church). Will deal with white settler interests, development of liberation movements (CCAL), discussion of SA interests, sanctions (and breaking them), Carter/Owen negotiations and neo-colonial solution they envisage. Want to get a sense of probable developments, and to understand proposals - hope to come up with short (2 side) Coalition paper on Zimbabwe and the US role. DB, PF, MF and CC will help put together our part. DB will be responsible for getting sheet cake for the event.

NWRC program on Saturday: Greg Skiba of CSA will show slides, discuss white SA community; WK will discuss black consciousness movement and black community in SA; CC will pull together a chronology of events in SA; DB and CS will pull together a two-side sheet on what people can do, with contact addresses. PF will pull together quotes people can read in audience. Sat. 8-10 PM. CC will call Glen (done) and PF Gabe to see if they can come & help.

CCAL may try to pull together short-term Krugerrand Task Force to operate esp. before Xmas.

Material Aid Campaign: Only proposal on floor now is to support SACTU's Workers Unity paper, try to use to reach out to unions. Decided this does not necessarily mean that we support SACTU to exclusion of all other worker/union groups in SA (until we learn more about them). Felt they were a good group to relate to, support, within those close to ANC. Decided to initiate campaign to raise funds for Workers Unity paper. CC may also raise campaign within national coalition. CC will set up meeting with Dray Koka of BAWU (Black Allied Workers Union) Thursday-Sat. (he's in town; their union supports sanctions against SA, though he is being sponsored by African-Am. Institute and State Dept.). ((CC and WK will meet with him Friday PM, as he must leave early Sat.))CC to contact SACTU on this.

Amandla: MF had felt pressed for time, discouraged that articles hadn't come in, recommended that Amandla be discontinued. Others felt it shouldn't be dropped in middle of issue or a decision made de facto by an individual. Still others felt Amandla, despite lack of explicit positive reaction or subs (and felt these hadn't been actively solicited), could serve need for local newsletter in Chicago re southern Africa doings. While MF favored occasional papers, CC and BV thought it important to have regular contact with constituency. Problem is we haven't actively developed our mailing list; question who is on it now. But need to build network. Shouldn't be immobilized by dichotomy of needing in-depth analysis vs. quick info items now. Two issues confused initially in discussion: personal handling of this issue of Amandla, and purpose/effectiveness of Amandla. Decided to produce this issue; CC to type copy Monday-Tuesday; MF and CS to help with layout over long weekend. BV will get ML from MF and update, code re teachers, other
groups (CC to get dots to BV). BV will do current events, pass to CC and others for corrections. Have 8th Day, US at the UN pieces; DB to get Eritrea/Eth bibliography to CC; maybe add in Biko interview. CC, to do new sub/response box. No response from Sr. Janet McLaughlin if she'll be able to come.

Re MF recessing from CCAL: Wants to do personal study, over long period maybe one year, of US history, political movements, etc. Felt, out of his understanding of southern Africa issues better, a pressing need to do this. Will be willing to be called on to do specific tasks in future, as his time permits. Some concern expressed over whether MF will remain active politically at some level. Regrets at his going, hopes he may come back, sometime in the future.

Education in CCAL: Copies of Colin Leys book have been ordered by PF, haven't yet arrived. Samir Amin article passed around, will be discussed at next CCAL meeting.

Report on CC trip: Visited, talked with groups in Seattle, Portland (met Eugene group there), Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles (excellent work by AFSC along the way); Houston/conference -- made good contacts, on two panels. Felt we blew our chance to sell lots of literature as WE didn't coordinate with WK. Call on this (let's not do that again, folks). Discussion of whether WE/other CCAL folks should be doing this kind of speaking to groups in Chicago. Decided by mid-January to develop plans for outreach to high schools, community colleges, churches (perhaps develop brochure to facilitate, list what we can give talks on). BV will develop prelist, list of teachers via updating mailing list, color coding; CS, DB and CC to complete.

On Dec. 3rd, will be meeting in E. Lansing to discuss possible Midwest Conf., would like CCAL's ideas. CCAL to discuss at next meeting.

CC will update Southern Africa list list for NWRC, by Thanksgiving.

Have order for 300 booklets from ACOA; booklets misplaced at Salsedo. CS to follow up on this, get to CC.

Naimal fund-raising: Dec. 10, John Makatini of ANC to be there. CCAL will buy one ticket ($12.50), CC to go as has met Makatini.

Absent members: Must remember to call, follow up on. Cabe may be in position to come back if school pressure off (PF to call); CC to call Glen. Invite both to NWRC program. Need to recruit new members.

Next meeting: Monday evening, Nov. 28, at Cynthia Schonberger's house, 3711 No. Lakewood, at 7:30 PM (we will start with study, so be on time).

CS passed around notes with what people owe re dues.