Political discussion--there was some confusion over what we had decided to discuss. Consensus was that the decisions to broaden our work beyond the territories of AMG and to try harder to reach workers and working class students were standing, and that we did not need to rediscuss these decisions.

What needed to be discussed, though, was our relationship to MPLA, i.e. what does it mean that we "support" MPLA? We felt that this was a very important question, and so we did not want to make any real decisions. After some consideration, though, we decided to make the following proposal for a temporary policy in our material support campaign: For the time being we should emphasize the victories--Guinea, and specifically, with regard to the transistor fund, Mozambique. We should emphasize the need that FRELIMO has now for improved communications in this time of nation-building. If 3 people ask us about Angola, we should be honest about our questions and doubts, and go into detail with people depending on how sophisticated their understanding of the situation is. As far as the money goes, we recommend that we save a certain percentage of the transistor fund to send to MPLA if and when we figure out whom we support, but that we would go ahead and send a sum to FRELIMO whenever we think we have a suitable amount. (We would not at this time refrain from distributing the transistor leaflet, the OMA booklet, etc.) We also recommended that we try to keep up on the developments in Angola as well as in Southern Africa as a whole and that we be ready to comment on all these things, but that we not devote an out-of-proportion effort into trying to understand all the developments of the struggle within the movement in Angola as it develops.

We would like to open this proposal up to discussion and clarification at the next meeting.

Evaluation

Leafletting--generally a good move for CCLAMG. We learned quite a bit: e.g. to better estimate numbers of leaflets, to try to get more into relationships between workers struggles here and in Africa and emphasize the unity of the struggles. Nancy will explore with contacts possibilities of follow-up. Stacks of left-over leaflets were divided up; we should try to give them out at L stops, etc. Why waste good propaganda?

Party--(!!!) Two observations: the slide show was a real attraction that many people came specially for; some people even thought it was too short; and--the next time we have a party, maybe we should look for a bigger place, although this time it worker perfectly.

Other Items

Sue has CFM filmstrip. We will view it at the meeting after next (we hoped that the filmstrip would be included in EH's new resource list)

Comb Back Africa showing at NWRC--to be Oct 18, 19. Carole will definitely be on on Friday and Sue Sat. The rest of us will sort ourselves out at the meeting preceding the event. Our study of workers in SA should help with the discussion, though we should also try to be especially up on current happenings. Sue will write up pub. in the newspapers.

Study--Carole and Carolyn and all of us on workers in SA at next mmgink meeting.

Sum of our Freedom--Cynthia will read over--see if any changes would be necessary in order to reprint; GF Press is interested in distributing it and OMA booklet.

ASA meeting--Oct 30-Nov 2 (?) Will have minimum of table there (EH and ?). Also expanded CCLAMG mtg (supper too?) with Jen Davès, Richard Lobben, etc. Oct 30.