

Meeting of the Committee on Africa on January 12

The Committee on Africa met following the meeting of the whole group. Several administrative tasks and a limited amount of time made it necessary to restrict discussion. Don Goodyear repeated a brief report he had given to the whole group on a meeting he had attended with representatives of several student groups concerned with Southern Africa, called by an Indian affiliated with the U.N. Mention had been made at this meeting of the existence of a U.N. Trust Fund for Families of South African political prisoners to which the U.S. had failed to make a promised contribution. The representative of S.D.S. had spoken about the possibility of a teach-in at Town Hall in commemoration of Sharpeville in the end of March.

The problem of establishing functions of the group which would make it distinct from other such groups was again mentioned. The need for research and self-information was stressed; Peter Schwab suggested that we read a student paper on Apartheid and Steve Kraemer spoke about the need for work on economic questions. Janet MacLaughlin mentioned a U.N. report on Bantu Education which might raise some questions for research. It was also suggested that attempts be made to get a letter on South Africa published in the New York Times.

Don Goodyear and Lisa Forbes volunteered to work with the committees of the whole on coordination and naming of the group and Peter Schwab offered to act as convener of the Committee on Africa. Concrete action proposed for the near future included attendance at a meeting of the Consultative Council on South Africa at the Church Center for the U.S. on Jan. 24 by Tarna Lunce and Suzy McKee and participation in another meeting of the student groups by Don on Jan. 20. We also decided to write to other groups concerned with the issue of Southern Africa to find out what work they were doing and to meet again on February 4 at Peter Schwab's.

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