

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor:

Mr. Berman's directory published in our last issue of UFAHAMU (Vol. III, No. 2) should serve as a useful beginning in fostering greater communication among all concerned with Southern Africa. However, since you do plan to print a supplement, I would like to offer a few suggestions with reference to six support groups which I think deserve mention; particularly since all (except one) involve, in participation and leadership capacities, Black Southern Africans and Black Americans. Among these groups, I am including the House Subcommittee on Africa, which most definitely operates in a support capacity, and, at least as far as this country is concerned, is probably the most key group with the most clout under its present leadership. Although obviously a part of this country's institutionalized political establishment, under Congressman Diggs, the House Subcommittee on Africa has assumed, at least *de facto*, leadership of what anti-Apartheid constituency there is presently within the U.S. The hearings it has held and published are of unquestionable value. Recently, it has published its hearings on "U.S. Business Involvement in South Africa, Parts I & II." The Subcommittee under Diggs' leadership was also behind last May's African-American National Conference on Africa held at Howard University, and sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus, which has just published the "Strategy Workshop Reports" from that conference. Obviously, if and when this subcommittee passes under less activist and sympathetic leadership, it will cease to serve as a support group. However, until that time, it will be hard to ignore its being in the forefront. The other groups are as follows:

United States

MOZAMBICAN STUDENT UNION (UNEMO), Luis B. Serapio, Publicity Secretary, 1828 Metzert Road #58, Adelphi, Maryland 20783.

WASHINGTON OFFICE ON AFRICA (WOA), Edgar Lockwood, Director, 110 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Washington branch of ACOA, combining representation with United Presbyterian Church and United Church of Christ. Issues legislative and congressional information and alert bulletins on Capitol Hill developments; publishes *Washington Notes on Africa*.

WASHINGTON TASK FORCE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS (WTFAA), P. O. Box 13033, Washington, D.C. 20009. An umbrella organization of groups and individuals interested in U.S.-Africa policy in the Washington, D.C.

area; operates as an information clearing house with other organizations and the news media on Southern African issues; publishes *Habari* newsletter and *Task Force Special Reports* as occasional publications on U.S. foreign policy towards Africa and pro-Africa constituency development.

United Kingdom

EUROPE/AFRICA RESEARCH PROJECT, Chenhamo Chimutengwende, Director, The Basement, 101-103 Gower St., London WC 1. Has established the Kwame Nkrumah Institute (KNI) of Writers and Journalists, which publishes *Liberation Struggle*, "an international anti-imperialist monthly forum, mainly for and by militants in the overseas communities in Britain and Europe . . . with special focus on Africa . . . "

YOUTH ORGANISATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (YOSA), The Basement, 101-103 Gower St., London, WC 1E 6AA, England. Formed to function as "a political, educational, and cultural body" and to "serve as a machinery through which the youth and students of Southern Africa can make an effective and direct contribution to the struggle for the liberation of Southern Africa."

One other organization which deserves mention operates within South Africa; namely the South African Students' Organisation (SASO) which is militantly anti-Apartheid and seeks to foster "Black Consciousness" through uniting Africans, Asians, and Coloureds under one front. Currently, SASO is seeking materials to resource library on Black World themes. Its address: 86 Beatrice St., Durban, Natal, Republic of South Africa.

Hopefully, you will find these suggestions of some use in your forthcoming supplement which we eagerly look forward to.

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Dear Friends:

Enclosed is our 1973 Liberation Calendar. This is the third year in which we have produced a calendar on the movements in Southern Africa and Guine. It is also our biggest "money making" project, funds from which go into continued support work for MPLA, FRELIMO and PAIGC. Last year we were able

to purchase a \$1250 printing press for MPLA, largely out of calendar funds.

This year, besides a material support project, we will be sending 500 copies of the calendar to the above mentioned movements.

We would appreciate your "spreading the word" about the calendar to organizations and people with whom you have contacts and who might be interested in the calendar. Thanks.

Looking forward to the next UFAHAMU --

Yours in the struggle,

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Dear Friends:

We would like to acknowledge receipt of the three copies of UFAHAMU you sent us.

We of the Caribbean Unity Conference are now at work doing what is necessary to enable us to fulfill our objectives. We are currently working towards three things:

- Publishing a monthly statement the first of which is scheduled for March, 1973.
- Publishing of a multi-lingual quarterly the first of which is scheduled for April.
- Publishing a complete conference's transcription which also is due for April.

Our objective with UFAHAMU is to build a viable working relationship and we will have to keep you posted on developments by mail.

In Unity and Justice,

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Dear Editor:

The Africa Information Service (A.I.S.) is an organization of Africans and Black Americans who share a commitment to Third World anti-imperialist struggles. Upon the disbanding of the Africa Research Group (A.R.G.), that organization's files and library were turned over to us with the understanding that some of our work would be a continuation of former efforts by the A.R.G.

We plan to prepare, catalog and distribute information on African liberation movements and on the struggle to achieve economic independence, by the people in those parts of Africa which are recognized as independent political states. In addition, we plan to provide the people of Africa with information on various struggles being waged by Third World peoples in the Western Hemisphere.

Our primary responsibility is to distribute this information in such a way as to assist in the growth and development of a broadly based anti-imperialist movement within the United States. Africa will be our focal point, but we recognize that the African struggles do not exist in isolation. They are themselves part of a larger movement by Third World peoples. We expect in time to fulfill an informational responsibility which will reflect this reality.

At this stage we see ourselves as having the following external functions:

Research: We intend to organize independent research projects.

Publications: We will publish periodically pieces of special interest, researched either by our own staff or by others whose concerns parallel ours.

Communications: Will include distribution of published materials, as well as the establishment of external communications.

Special Projects: Film, photographic, and written treatment of liberation struggles, as well as other types of projects.

Organizational: Establishing ongoing links with those who wish to use our services and have access to our materials.

We see ourselves as custodians of the materials and resources which have been placed at our disposal. Accordingly, we intend to make all of these materials available to concerned individuals and organizations. In this respect, we expect to establish firm working relations which will make our distribution both extensive and effective.

Members of the A.I.S. are now cataloging various materials and within the next few months we will advise you of specific projects that we will be undertaking.

The struggle continues,

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[The A.I.S. is preparing a collection of Cabral's speeches in book form. Ed. note]
