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ACTION SHEET
AC/52-R(63)8

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

Meeting held on 7th March, 1963

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I. ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS

(a) Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization Conference, Tanganyika, February, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them assessments of this Conference by the United States, French and United Kingdom Delegations - AC/52-WP(63)8-8/2;
- (2) heard further assessments by the Canadian, French and Netherlands representatives;
- (3) agreed to continue discussion at a future meeting, in particular on the question of the extent that this Conference and the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization had come under Chinese Communist domination.

(b) Second Latin American Youth Congress

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United Kingdom Delegation would circulate a note on the preliminary arrangements for this Congress (subsequently circulated as AC/52-WP(63)13)
- (2) noted that the United States authorities were as yet unable to confirm that this Congress would be held in Chile, as originally planned, although a Spanish language broadcast by Radio Havana had indicated that it would be.

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(c) Latin American Continental Congress for Solidarity with Cuba, Rio de Janeiro, 28th-30th March, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United Kingdom authorities would be grateful to receive any detailed information about this Congress concerning which the United Kingdom Representative gave a preliminary report;
- (2) heard that the United States authorities had received reports that the Brazilian Government would deny visas and facilities to Delegates wishing to participate in this Congress.

(d) Departure of African Students from Bulgaria

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed that the Netherlands Government had decided to grant scholarships for one month to eleven of these students;
- (2) heard from the German Representative that his authorities were in close contact with various diplomatic missions concerned with these students and that the German Association of Students' Unions would receive those students who arrived in the Federal Republic and would decide whether they should be granted scholarships or repatriated;
- (3) noted that the Turkish mission in Sofia could confirm the report given by the French Representative at the last meeting;
- (4) had its attention drawn to the USIS Daily Radio Bulletin of 6th March, 1963 which printed the first of a series of background articles on the situation of foreign students in Communist countries;
- (5) with respect to the public information aspects of this question, noted that
 - the Netherlands authorities believed that any information efforts should be played in a low key;
 - the United States Embassy in Moscow had reported that African students there listened with great interest to

reports on these incidents carried
by Western broadcasting stations;

- (6) agreed to discuss at a future meeting the question posed by the Belgian Representative, namely the psychological and political effects on Afro-Asian students in Soviet Bloc countries of Communist education and training programmes.

- (e) "Novosti"

The COMMITTEE:

was informed that this agency had not established an office in Belgium.

- (f) Afro-Asian Journalists' Conference, Djakarta, February, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the French Representative that this gathering on which he had reported last week was a preparatory meeting for the Afro-Asian Journalists' Conference due to be held in Djakarta from 24th April, 1963.

- (g) Possible meeting of the World Peace Council of Churches

The COMMITTEE:

heard from the Netherlands Representative that the two Soviet Bloc Church leaders - who were members of the World Peace Council of Churches - had visited Addis Abbaba to discuss the possibility of convening a meeting of the Council in that city during 1964.

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II. PUBLIC POSITIONS OF NATO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING WORLD EVENTS

- (a) Nuclear Tests

The COMMITTEE:

had distributed to them by the United Kingdom Representative the text of a statement on this subject issued by Mr. Godber on 6th March, 1963.

(b) Discussion of a NATO Multi-Lateral Nuclear Force

The COMMITTEE:

agreed that reports should be made by any representative whose delegation gave a detailed or substansive reply to the letter addressed to most delegations by a correspondent of the Washington Post.

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III. DISTRIBUTION OF WESTERN INFORMATION BULLETINS IN MOSCOW

The COMMITTEE, continuing discussion:

- (1) were informed of the reaction of the Turkish Embassy in Moscow to the proposals for the distribution of Western information bulletins and for making greater use of information show-cases;
- (2) noted that the United States authorities found their use of information show-cases in Soviet Bloc countries had been relatively successful;
- (3) had reaffirmed to them the positive reaction of the Netherlands authorities to the United States proposal in AC/52-WP(62)48;
- (4) noted that as an experiment the Italian Embassy in Moscow would distribute information material in English and French to organizations and private individuals with whom it was in contact through the framework of cultural and scientific agreements;
- (5) noted that the German authorities were favourable towards the United States proposal and that discussions were continuing, although no final decision had yet been taken; the German Delegation believed that it would be a good idea for a German-produced review in the Russian language (like Anglia or Amerika) to be distributed in the Soviet Union on a contractual basis;
- (6) agreed to revert to this question in a couple of months time.

IV. NEW EMERGING FORCES GAMES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the Danish authorities would be grateful for further information concerning these games which the Indonesian Government was proposing as a sort of rival attraction to the Tokyo Olympic Games, as a result of the decision to exclude Indonesia from the International Olympic Committee;
- (2) noted that according to information available to the French authorities a proposal for such games had been made and a decision would be taken upon it at the Afro-Asian Journalists' meeting to be held in Djakarta on 24th-30th April, 1963(1).

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V. INFORMATION SERVICE ACTIVITIES - 1962

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a summary report of the activities of the Information Service in 1962 - AC/52-WP(63)12;
- (2) noted that the Director of Information's oral introduction of this report would be circulated (to be circulated as MEMO(63)10);
- (3) heard the Chairman's suggestions for the procedure to be adopted in discussing this question and the 1964 information programme;
- (4) agreed to continue discussion on AC/52-WP(63)12 at the next meeting.

(1) See also Item I (f)

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VI. DEPARTURE OF THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE

The COMMITTEE:

expressed to Dr. Müller-Chorus their appreciation for the valuable and active contribution he had made to the Committee's work, and their best wishes for his future happiness and success.

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VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14th March, 1963 at 3.30 p.m.

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Paris, XVIe.

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