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ACTION SHEET  
AC/52-R(63)7

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

Meeting held on 28th February, 1963

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I. ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST "FRONT" ORGANIZATIONS

(a) International Congress of Africanists, Accra, December, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of the United Kingdom, United States and French Delegations' notes on this Congress - AC/52-WP(63)5-5/2;
- (2) noted the expression of gratitude by the Belgian authorities for the exchanges of information about this Congress.

(b) Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization Conference

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them a note by the United States Delegation about this Conference - AC/52-WP(63)8;
- (2) had distributed to them by the United Kingdom Delegation a non-attributable brief about the Conference, entitled "Afro-Asians find 'Solidarity' Illusive" / "Les Afro-Asiatiques Trouvent la 'Solidarite' de plus en plus precitaire".

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- (3) agreed to revert to this question at the next meeting on the basis of reports which the Canadian, French and the United Kingdom Delegations hoped to make available.

(c) Afro-Asian Students in the Soviet Bloc

(i) Departure of African Students from Bulgaria

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that if the United Kingdom authorities were approached by these students for assistance in entering British education establishments, careful consideration would be given to this request, although difficulties could arise because of the possible lack of educational qualifications of the Africans concerned;
- (2) with respect to the publicity about this question, noted that the United Kingdom authorities felt that it could best be handled through the press, possibly aided by discreet non-attributable guidance, and the United States authorities supported this view, feeling, in particular, that the African information media might give more publicity to these incidents;
- (3) noted that the Turkish Legation in Sofia had reported that these incidents were the culmination of a long series of difficulties between the Bulgarian authorities and African students; the Turkish Embassy in Accra reported that the incidents had made a bad impression on the Ghanaian population and press;
- (4) noted that the French authorities had had information that all Guinian students in Bulgaria had wanted to leave that country but that the Guinian Ambassador in Sofia had forced all but three of them, who had been expelled, to remain at their studies.

(ii) African Students in Roumania

The COMMITTEE:

heard from the French Representative that a Cameroon student in Roumania had asked the local youth authorities to grant the right

of free association to all African students in Romania; this request had been supported by the Ghanaian Ambassador and other African Embassies who had encouraged African students to leave Romania if the request was not accorded.

(iii) Afro-Asian Students in the Soviet-Occupied Zone of Germany

References: AC/52-WP(62)53  
AC/52-R(63)3, Item I(a)(1)

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United Kingdom authorities agreed that the Soviet Zonal authorities had not made sufficient preparation for the reception of foreign students and that the students were disgruntled at not receiving the status they expected; at the same time the United Kingdom authorities thought that it would be difficult for the Soviet Zone to correct these mistakes and, in time, there might be a possibility that the Soviet Zone would be regarded as a bad choice for the indoctrination of Afro-Asian students.

(d) Soviet Activities in the Cultural Field

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard from the Netherlands Representative that his country's Embassy in Moscow had reported an apparent increase in the activity of the Soviet Friendship associations;
- (2) noted that the United States had noticed what appeared to be a new departure in this field, namely the decision to send three groups of four women from the Soviet Women's Association to the United States;
- (3) noted that the French Delegation would make available any detailed information it received relating to the formation of a Franco-German Friendship Society in East Berlin;
- (4) agreed to keep under review the question of possible increases in the activities of Soviet Friendship associations.

(e) International Transport Workers' Meeting, Diakarta, March, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before them an informal note by the United States Delegation concerning this meeting - Annex to MEMO(63)7;
- (2) noted that the Canadian and United Kingdom authorities believed that this meeting might be one organized by the Transport, Port and Fishery Workers TUI which was a trade department of the Communist Front World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU).

(f) Soviet-Japanese Journalists' Conference, Diakarta, 10th February, 1963

The COMMITTEE:

heard a preliminary report on this conference from the French Representative; this conference had a definite anti-Western bias, as manifested Mr. Subadrio's opening speech.

N.TO CONFIDENTIALII. PUBLIC POSITIONS OF N.TO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING WORLD EVENTS(a) The Crisis in Communist China

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States Delegation's paper - .C/52-WP(63)6 - on this subject contained documentary material which could be discreetly used on a non-attributable basis for the education of contacts, particularly in the under-developed areas.

(b) Problems of Communist Agriculture

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the United States Delegation's paper - .C/52-WP(63)9 - on this subject contained documentary material which could be discreetly used on a non-attributable basis for the education of contacts, particularly in the under-developed areas.

(c) Sino-Soviet Conflict

The COMMITTEE:

received from the United Kingdom Delegation  
a non-attributable brief about this question  
entitled "The Two Faces of Communism".

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III. VISIT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TO THE UNITED STATES

The COMMITTEE:

heard a report from Graf Adelmarn on his recent  
visit to the United States.

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IV. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 7th March, 1963 at 3.15 p.m.