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ACTION SHEET  
AC/52-R(61)1

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

Meeting held on Monday, 9th January, 1961

ACTION SHEET

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I. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON COMMUNIST "FRONT" ORGANIZATIONS

(a) 8th World Youth Festival

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted that the United Kingdom Delegation was circulating the text of a statement by the Finnish National Union of Students regarding the 8th World Youth Festival; (circulated as AC/52-WP(61)4)
- (2) heard a statement from the Norwegian Representative confirming the United Kingdom's information that the organizers were still considering Helsinki as a possible site for the Festival, and that a decision on this matter was expected to be taken next month.

(b) World Peace Council Meeting, Denmark 1961

The COMMITTEE:

noted that the Danish authorities would not grant visas to participants in a World Peace Council meeting to be held in Denmark in 1961.

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II. ACTION TO COUNTER COMMUNIST MOVES DIRECTED AT THE YOUTH OF UNCOMMITTED COUNTRIES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had a preliminary exchange of views on the United Kingdom Delegation's paper on this subject (AC/52-WP(60)52);

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- (2) noted that Norway doubted the value of obtaining and exchanging information of the type suggested by the United Kingdom, fearing that the disclosure of NATO's interest in this subject could outweigh the advantages which might result from the proposal; consequently, Norway would prefer discussion of this question to be terminated, although, on the other hand, she would not resist exchanges of information between those countries able to do so without the risk of disadvantageous effects;
- (3) noted that the United States and Belgium favoured the exchange of information on an ad hoc basis concerning specific activities of interest;
- (4) agreed to resume discussion at its next meeting and to consider a decision on the following lines:

"The COMMITTEE:

- (1) accepted with gratitude the offer of the United Kingdom to submit regularly in the future a list of forthcoming multilateral meetings of international interest organized by the bodies specified in paragraph 4(b) of AC/52-WP(60)52 and similar bodies which NATO Governments may wish to encourage their national organizations to support;
- (2) agreed to exchange where appropriate the suggestions of other delegations regarding additional meetings of a similar type deserving support and encouragement which might not have come to the notice of the United Kingdom Delegation;
- (3) agreed to bring to the attention of Governments the paper circulated by the United Kingdom Delegation with the request that national authorities determine how best they could follow up the suggestions made in that paper or put forward in discussion."

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### III. THE ANTI-COLONIAL CLAIMS OF MR. KHRUSHCHEV

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted with appreciation the United Kingdom Delegation's paper on this subject (AC/52-WP(60)53);

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- (2) further noted that the content of this paper could be used by Governments in their publicity, although without attribution, and that the United Kingdom would confirm whether it could be released for use in the "NATO Letter";
- (3) invited delegations to circulate any additional material that they might possess on this subject.

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IV. CONFERENCE ON THE POLITICAL WARFARE OF THE SOVIETS

The COMMITTEE:

heard a report from Mr. Delmas, Information Service, who was the International Staff's observer at this recent Conference.

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V. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING NATO

(a) Financial assistance to voluntary organizations

The COMMITTEE:

took note of a statement by the United States Representative on the practice followed by her Government with respect to the assistance it granted to voluntary organizations in support of NATO.

(b) Students Seminar in Norway

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the Norwegian Representative the draft programme of the Seminar for youth leaders from NATO countries planned to be held in Norway in late Spring/early Summer 1961.

(c) Project for the exchange of Secondary School teachers

The COMMITTEE:

invited the United States Representative subsequently to report on the practical results of a project for the exchange of secondary school-teachers between NATO countries initiated by a United States' teacher as a result of the ATA Luxembourg Conference.

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VI. NATO LETTER

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had before it a note on the "NATO Letter" (AC/52-WP(61)1);
- (2) noted that the United States authorities, like those of the Netherlands, were impressed at recent improvements in the "NATO Letter" and, in addition, had indications of increased interest in the publication;
- (3) invited the Director of Information to circulate a note detailing the broad categories of readership of the "NATO Letter" as of December 1960 prior to the next meeting;
- (4) agreed to defer substantive discussion of this item to its next meeting.

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VII. JOURNALISTS' TOUR OF TURKEY

In the absence of the Turkish Representative, the COMMITTEE:

agreed to defer discussion of this item to its next meeting.

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VIII. TOURS AND VISITS: BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURES MADE IN 1960

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) took note of the Director of Information's paper (AC/52-WP(61)2);
- (2) invited the national authorities of neighbouring countries to inform the NATO Information Service in advance of the visits of important journalists from the non-committed nations so that consideration could be given to their invitation to NATO.

IX. EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND RUMANIA  
CONCERNING CULTURAL AND OTHER EXCHANGES

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it the texts of the notes between the United States and Roumania concerning cultural and other exchanges.

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X. UNIVERSITY SPORTS COMPETITION IN BULGARIA

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted an enquiry by the Portuguese Representative (originally posed to the Committee of Political Advisers) as to whether university students in other NATO countries had been invited by an organization in Bulgaria to compete in sports events in Sofia, 25th August - 3rd September, 1961; if so what reply did they intend to give?
- (2) noted that the United Kingdom view was that there was no justification for official or unofficial discouragement of United Kingdom participation at these games (see AC/52-WP(61)5).

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XI. CURRENT TRENDS IN SOVIET POLICY AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR  
OUR COUNTER-PROPAGANDA

The COMMITTEE:

at the request of the United Kingdom Delegation, agreed to defer consideration of this subject until such time as that delegation had circulated a revised version of their paper circulated informally on 26th August, 1960.

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XII. NATO MOBILE INFORMATION CENTRE

The COMMITTEE:

expressed the desire for reports on the tour of the new NATO Mobile Information Centre to Gibraltar and Portugal, indicating inter alia:

- the centres visited, together with their populations;
- the size and composition of the audiences attained;
- the number and nature of the shows given.

XIII. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday, 23rd January, 1961, at 3.15 p.m.

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