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1. With further reference to my report of 12th November, 1969 regarding the Annual General Meeting of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, held at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall, London, on Sunday 26th October, 1969.

2. The following details of the conference have, since the above mentioned report was submitted, been obtained. Although a number of the following persons, who were present at the A.G.M., were mentioned in an appendix of the previous report, a more detailed description of their activities can now be added. The details obtained also include particulars of discussions and names of speakers.

DISCUSSION

In the debate on British capital investment in Southern Africa and Rhodesia, the following took part:-

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| Mr. Kenny Parker, | Miss Doris Lessing, |
| Mr. Albie Sachs, | Miss Ruth First, |
| Miss Jean Middleton, | Mr. Paul Hodges and |
| Mr. Peter Kellner. | |

The latter made the most interesting contribution and said that as a research journalist on the staff of the "Sunday Times", he was responsible for its feature article on the Cabora Bassa Dam project, and had interviewed Lord Nelson, chairman of the General Electric Company, who made it clear that he did not want any adverse publicity which might possibly prevent him getting the contract for supplying "transmission terminals". It was decided to word a motion on the whole of this subject and Mr. Kenny Parker, Miss Doris Lessing, Mr. Albie Sachs, Mr. Peter Kellner and Miss Ruth First were asked to go into committee and bring back to the meeting a suitably worded motion. This they did, and 30 minutes later the following motion, moved by Miss Ruth First, and seconded by Mr. Albie Sachs was passed unanimously.

This A.G.M., concerned at the close convergence of South African and international capital in the bolstering and expansion of the white minority regimes in Southern Africa; convinced that the Cabora Bassa Dam project in Mozambique represents not only an attempt by the Portuguese government to harness the force of international capital in its war against FRELIMO, but also a major threat to world attempts to isolate the Smith regime in Rhodesia; notes that Lord Nelson, Chairman of GEC,

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has committed his company to applying for the contracts to supply transmission terminals for the dam project, after the Swedish firm ASEA had been forced to withdraw; calls upon HMG to prevent any British involvement in the project; and further instructs the National Executive:

- (1) to campaign against the supply of British capital equipment and skills, as a breach of UN sanctions against Rhodesia;
- (2) to campaign generally - by direct action if necessary - against the involvement of international, including British capital, in the support and consolidation of the regimes and economies of South Africa, Portugal and Rhodesia.

"STOP THE SEVENTY TOUR"

Dealing with the Anti-Apartheid's Movement's activities in sport, Mr. Paul Hodges, spoke of the formation of "Stop the Seventy Tour" and said that detailed plans had already been made to harass the Springbok's Rugby Tour that was due to start at Oxford on November 5. He said he appreciated that the Anti-Apartheid Movement could not be linked officially with the protestors because of the possibility of its leaders being charged with conspiracy to commit a public disorder.

He also said that while he would welcome them serving a prison sentence for a sit-down strike, or some other peaceful form of protest, he would not expect them to face similar penalties for being engaged officially in the sort of protest he and his friends were organising. But, he emphasised, the officers of the AAM were aware of their plans and, later in the debate, in answer to a question from the floor, the chairman, Mr. John Ennals, stated that they were aware of planned activities to stop the Rugby Tour, but it was important that there was no publicity on the issue from the meeting, involving the AAM. (In view of the chairman's remarks, it is of interest that for the first time for many years, a report of the AAM's annual general Meeting did not appear in the "Morning Star", the Communist daily newspaper. In addition, the name of Mr. Alan Brooks, the AAM's full-time organiser, was crossed out on the Agenda from the names of those sponsoring a motion on this subject and circulated among delegates prior to the meeting.

Among other speakers, Peter Hellyer appealed to young people to assist them in the public disorder planned for the next few weeks, saying that you just cannot wait for other people to take part, you must help to create it yourself. Miss Ruth Bunday, said that this sort of activity should increase membership and the National Union of Students were officially supporting the "Stop the Seventy Tour" committee. Miss Ethel de Keyser said that they were fully aware of the activities planned and would

be discussing them at the next meeting of the AAM executive committee.

Of the 74 who attended the meeting, it was obvious that the following were the core of the coming protest movement.

Mr. John Sprack, Miss Christabel Gurney,
Mr. Peter Kellner, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hellyer,
Mr. Paul Hodges, Mr. Alan Brooks,
Mr. Jonathan Rosenhead, Mr. Peter Hain and
Mr. Roy Heath.

Mr. Paul Hodges then moved the following two motions which were seconded by Mr. Peter Hellyer and carried unanimously.

- (1) This Annual General Meeting, aware of the effectiveness of direct action in the sphere of sport, urges an extension of this kind of activity to other fields.
- (2) This AGM of the AAM believes that the continuation of sporting ties between Britain and South Africa bolsters the morale of the apartheid regimes and their supporters. It notes that the visit by the Wilfred Isaacs XI in July and August and the Davis Cup match were disrupted by anti-apartheid demonstrators and that the Springbok rugby team has been routed before its first match. It emphasises that the campaign against sporting links with South Africa must grow. It therefore:
 - (1) calls upon members of the AAM and others opposed to apartheid to take action against the Springbok rugby tour this winter;
 - (2) calls upon the MCC to cancel its invitation for a South African cricket team to tour in 1970 and upon the officers of the AAM to put pressure on the MCC to this end; and
 - (3) warns the MCC that if it does not withdraw the invitation the matches will inevitably be disrupted.

WORK WITHIN TRADE UNIONS

Discussing the AAM's work within Britain's trade union movement, Mr. Roy Heath said that more would have to be done to alert dockers and those who handled South African goods. Mr. Peter Jones said that the Trade Union Action Committee held regular meetings and he appealed to other trade unionists to go along to their meetings. Mr. Andrew Neale said that they should not be disheartened by the right wing trend of trade union leaders because the

recent Trade Union Congress and Labour Party Conferences showed a swing in the other direction - towards a new left.

Miss Joan Hyams, said that she was very active in the Movement for Colonial Freedom and knew the apathy within the trade union movement, due to right wing leadership, but, she said, there was a change coming. Mr. Dave Shipper thought that the AAM should be in direct contact with the ICFTU and thereby help to influence trade union international policy. Mr. Peter de Wit drew attention to a speech by Mr. Tom Jackson, the Left-wing general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers (UPW), at the annual congress of the Postal, Telegraph and Tele-communications International (PTTI) held in Frankfurt in July.

A report of Mr. Jackson's speech appeared in the August issue of the UPW's bi-monthly journal "Post", in which it was stated Mr. Jackson appealed for postal and tele-communications staffs to break contact with Rhodesia and Southern Africa if sanctions fail. It was then suggested that a motion be put before the meeting on this question, and the chairman asked Mr. Roy Heath, Mr. Andrew Neale, Miss Joan Hyams, Mr. Peter Jones, and Mr. Peter de Wit to go into committee and formulate a motion along these lines. This they did, and subsequently the following motions were carried unanimously, after being moved by Mr. Peter de Wit and seconded by Mr. Peter Jones:

- (1) This meeting welcomes the recent speech of Mr. Tom Jackson, General Secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers to the Postal, Telegraph and Telephone International 20th World Congress, and:
 - (a) demands that HMG suspend all postal, radio and tele-communication with the illegal regime in Rhodesia, and raise the matter in the appropriate form in the Universal Postal Union and the International Tele-communications Union;
 - (b) appeals to the Union of Post Office Workers and all other workers affected to support this demand in every possible way.
- (2) The AGM of the AAM welcomes the resolution on South Africa adopted by the 1969 Trades Union Congress and calls on all members of the Anti-Apartheid Movement to undertake more action within the Trade Union Movement at local, national and international level and at the level of shop steward committees, and to prepare pamphlets relevant to different industries, wherever possible.

ELECTIONS TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE 1969/70

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
✓ Miss Ethel de Keyser	73

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>	
+* Mr. Alan Brooks	72	
+ Miss Ruth First	70	
* Mr. John Ennals	69	
* Mr. Abdul Minty	66	
+* Mr. John Sprack	66	
+* Mr. Peter Kellner	64	
* Mrs. Stephanie Sachs	63	
Mr. Peter Hain	63	
* Miss Anne Darnborough	53	Journalist on "The Sunday Times", Editor the AAM's monthly journal "AA News" and active with AAM since 1964.
+ Mrs. Sonia Bunting	57	
+ Miss Jean Middleton	57	
* Mr. Anthony O'Dowd	56	
* Mr. Peter Hellyer	56	
+ Mr. Idris Cox	56	
Mr. Frank Judd, M.P.,	56	Left-wing Labour M.P. for Portsmouth, West, former Secretary General Internal Voluntary Service.
* Mr. Peter Jackson, M.P.	55	Left-wing Labour M.P. for High Peak, Yorks.
+ Mr. Raymond Kunene	53	Black exiled South African and an official of the exiled African National Congress (ANC). Has attended Moscow-inspired international Communist front conferences.
Miss Nancy White	51	
+* Mr. Vella Pillay	51	
Mr. Douglas Marchant	50	
+ Miss Caroline de Crespigny	50	
Mr. Dave Shipper	48	
Mrs. Dorothy Robinson	47	
Mr. Paul Hodges	46	
Mr. Hugh Geach	43	
+ Mr. Peter Jones	41	
Mr. Michael Gerrard	41	
+ Miss Rosalind Ainslie	39	
Mr. Bob Davidson	37	