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QUESTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Following upon the release of its report to the General Assembly (A/1901), the Ad Hoc Committee on South West Africa held its sixteenth meeting on 8 November 1951, when it examined four communications which had been received since the adoption of the report.
2. The General Assembly having authorized the Committee to examine petitions and any other matters relating to the Territory of South West Africa that may be transmitted to the Secretary-General, it considered the following communications addressed to the Chairman of the Committee:
  - (a) A communication dated 2 October 1951 from Saint Saviour's Church, Maspeth, N.Y.
  - (b) A communication dated 5 October 1951 from the Oxford City Liberal Association, Oxford, England.
  - (c) A communication dated 8 October 1951 from the Foreign Policy Association of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
  - (d) A communication dated 8 October 1951 from the United Kingdom Council of the Racial Unity Movement, London.
3. In the case of each of these four communications the Committee decided:
  - (a) To accept these communications as petitions;
  - (b) In accordance with the procedure of the former Mandates System, to transmit the petitions to the Government of the Union of South Africa for comment; and
  - (c) To include the petitions in the report to the General Assembly (see appendices I, II, III and IV).

APPENDIX I

SAINT SAVIOUR'S CHURCH,  
58th Street and 57th Road  
Maspeth, Long Island,

2 October 1951

To the Chairman  
Ad Hoc Committee on South West Africa  
c/o The Secretary-General  
United Nations, New York

Be it known to all men by these presents

That we - the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Saint Saviour's Parish, Maspeth, Long Island, New York - being duly, formally and legally assembled for the regular October meeting of the Vestry of Saint Saviour's Parish have unanimously passed the following resolution and authorized the same to be conveyed to you for consideration at the Paris session of the General Assembly on 15 November 1951.

That the nations of the world have now (as never before) the responsibility of rendering effective the repeated decisions of the General Assembly in the face of the continued defiance of international law by the Union of South Africa and in the face of all that this implies in breaking down the confidence of the African peoples in the integrity of our moral system and in the processes of law and order which the United Nations came into existence to establish in all the world - black and white alike.

That the peoples of all civilized nations have an urgent duty to make known to you - and through you to their delegations - their firm determination to resist the extension of the doctrine of racial discrimination in Africa - definitely unchristian and contrary to the laws of God and of Holy Church - and the anarchy which must inevitably follow from it.

That we - the above named officers and officials of the above named Parish - in regular meeting assembled hereby officially petition the Ad Hoc Committee on South West Africa (in the light of the present situation) to definitely and once and for all put an end to the evasive tactics of the Union of South Africa at the United Nations (which cannot but upset the peace of the world either immediately or in the not too distant future), and to definitely and permanently establish the principle of international supervision and right of petition of the inhabitants of  
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South West Africa, for we are our brother's keeper.

That these things now desired and for which we are adding our petition be definitely and permanently established either by continuing the life and scope of the present committee if it be able to accomplish the object in hand, or, in the event of continued non-co-operation by the Union of South Africa, by referring the question of dealing with this aggressive conduct on the part of the Union of South Africa to the Security Council.

That the Secretary-General thoroughly investigate the matter and take definite steps re the same, because every effort so far made to ensure that one or more of the South West African tribal representatives who petitioned the United Nations should be present at the next session have utterly failed in spite of the fact that travelling expenses and hospitality have been provided for here in these United States by those fully cognizant of the vitally important implications of this grave question for the future of good government and the peace of the world in the days to come. The names of these accredited African representatives have already been conveyed to you in your official capacity as the Secretary-General and we trust that in the near future something definite and constructive may be done about the same.

That this petition of the duly elected and qualified officials of this Parish in the United States be given due and proper consideration in connection with the discussion of this very matter when the General Assembly meets in Paris in mid-November.

(Signed) Frederick W. LIGHTFOOT

Rector

" Golden B. CLARK, Sr.

Senior Warden

" Jacob F. WOEHR, Jr.

Junior Warden

" William J. BOTH

Clerk of the Vestry

APPENDIX II

67 Lonsdale Road,  
Oxford, England.

5 October 1951

To The Chairman,  
Ad Hoc Committee on South West Africa,  
c/o Secretary-General,  
United Nations, New York.

By a unanimous vote of the Oxford City Liberal Association Executive Committee, I am directed to forward to you the following petition:-

"That this Committee earnestly begs the United Nations to take whatever steps are deemed necessary to give effect to the findings of the International Court of Justice, and to prevent the native tribes of South West Africa from having their lands absorbed into the Union of South Africa against their expressed will".

(Signed) Mary HARRISON

Deputy-President, Oxford City Liberal Association

APPENDIX III

FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION OF BATON ROUGE

P.O. Box 5096  
Audubon Station  
Baton Rouge, La.

8 October 1951

To the Chairman,  
Ad Hoc Committee on South West Africa,  
c/c Secretary-General,  
United Nations, New York.

We are very much concerned by the flagrant violation of the rights of peoples in South West Africa. We look with much disfavor on the policies of the Union of South Africa in regard to South West Africa and its peoples. We feel that the West is on display now before the world and any unjust actions will redound to the detriment of our case before the world.

We appeal to you to formulate a blue-print for constructive action on behalf of the peoples of South West Africa. We appeal to you to hear impartially the case of the peoples of South West Africa against the Government of the Union of South Africa.

We know that justice will triumph in the long run and that these peoples will one day be able to face the future as free men, as a confident, sovereign, and dignified nation in the family of nations.

Be assured of our continued interest in these affairs. We will be ever ready to appear before the Committee to state the case of JUSTICE AGAINST INJUSTICE, OF FREEDOM AGAINST TYRANNY, AND OF DEMOCRACY AGAINST TOTALITARIANISM.

(Signed) Ashton GREENE

APPENDIX IV

RACIAL UNITY MOVEMENT  
United Kingdom Council  
Tavistock House South  
Tavistock Square  
London, W.

8 October 1951

To: the Chairman,  
Ad Hoc Committee on South West Africa,  
c/o The Secretary-General  
United Nations, New York.

On behalf of the United Kingdom Council of the Racial Unity Movement, we beg to present, for your earnest consideration, the attached petition on the case of the indigenous population of South West Africa.

The matter is one of deep concern to all those of us who are striving to alleviate the frictions and discords arising from differences in race, in whatever country they may appear, and who look to the United Nations to extend its protection to those peoples who are unable to defend themselves.

(Signed) Mary A. B. ATTLEE  
Founder

" John F. SHAW  
Hon. Secretary