

For Executive Board Meeting, September 11, 1961:

PROPOSAL ON ANGOLA COMMISSION

1. Appoint commission to study and report on conflict in Angola. Members to include: Norman Cousins, A. Philip Randolph, Joachim Prinz, Fowler Harper, Telford Taylor, Malcolm McVeigh, James Duffy, Thurgood Marshall, Roger Baldwin. (Who should be Chairman?)
2. Objective of Commission: To Take available evidence on the Angolan conflict and to issue a report with recommendations for U.S. policy
3. Method of working:
 - a) Available material in readable proportions will be assembled and made available to Commission members.
 - b) At least three Commission members will apply for visas from Portuguese to go to Angola.
 - c) One staff and one Commission member will go to Leopoldville, Brazzaville, and go across the line into northern Angola with the rebel forces. All of the information growing out of this to be made available to the Commission. Special money would have to be found for this.
 - d) The Commission would have hearings for leaders of Angolan organizations here for U.N. sessions, with recently returned missionaries and others.
 - e) Draft of report would be written and submitted to Commission members.
 - f) Proposals for action by U.S. would be publicized and circulated as widely as possible.