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REPORT OF THE SIERRA LEONE

FOREIGN STUDY COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Sierra Leone Conference was held at the Education Office, 146 Circular Road, Freetown on August 22, 1968, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. A Foreign Study Plan For Teacher Education was presented to the Board of Christian Education. After discussing the Foreign Study Plan, it was approved by the Board. The following members were elected to work out the details of the plan with M. Stauffer:

Rev. T. S. Bangura, Education Secretary of the Sierra Leone
United Christian Council

Dr. W. H. Fitzjohn, Principal Harford School for Girls

Mr. A. M. Bailor, Education Secretary

Mr. M. A. Bailor, Principal Albert Academy

Rev. E. L. Renner, Director of Christian Education of the
Sierra Leone Conference of the United Methodist Church

The first meeting of the Foreign Study Committee was held at the United Christian Council Education Office, No. 1 Kingharman Road, Freetown on August 23, 1968 at 11:00 A.M. The following procedure was agreed upon:

To obtain accomodations for nine students and the college
supervisor at Njala University College, Njala, Sierra Leone

To obtain accomodations for six students (four male, two female)
at Moyamba, Sierra Leone

For Rev. T. S. Bangura to assign the secondary students to schools

For A. Max Bailor to assign the elementary students to schools

To place the participants in the following schools:

Taiama Secondary School

Njala Primary School

Mano FUB Primary School

Moyamba Boys Secondary School

Harford Girls School

Moyamba EUB Primary School

To inform the Ministry of Education of the Foreign Study Plan

To provide for one-week of orientation for students in Freetown before participation in the schools in the Njala and Moyamba area

To obtain accommodations for the fifteen students and the college supervisor at Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone during the orientation period in Freetown

That the Sierra Leone members of the Foreign Study Committee are to provide the orientation program for the participants

Appointed M. Stauffer to contact colleges to arrange for accommodations and to visit the schools where the students will be assigned

On August 26, 1968, the committee met with Dr. W. F. Conton, the Chief Education Officer of the Ministry of Education. Mr. Max A. Bailor presented our Foreign Study Plan and Dr. Conton approved it. The Chief Education Officer stressed the importance of placing the students in schools with competent head masters and principals. He requested the names of the participating students and the college supervisor three months in advance of their arrival in order to obtain visas for them. He was also in favor of starting a student and/or teacher exchange program.

August 27-30 - Conferences with Dr. Joe Kennedy, Head of the Peace Corp in Sierra Leone and Mr. Tutman regarding health and housing. Also conferred with Ambassador Miner and Mr. Edwards of the American Embassy. Investigated possibility of car rental and insurance coverage (See budget for cost).

August 31 - Toured the Njala University College campus and inspected housing facilities (Mr. Lloyd O. Bailor '60, Sr. Administrative Assistant of Njala University College, served as guide).

September 2, 1968 - Met with the Administrative Council of Njala University College (Dr. D. E. B. Chaytor, Vice Principal was chairman.).

Presented the Foreign Study Plan. After discussion of the program, the Council approved it and agreed to provide room and board for nine students and the college supervisor (See budget for cost). The Council requested that the college supervisor cooperate with the Dean of the Education Department in planning to give a series of lectures (3) to the teacher education students at Njala University College. The Council was also in favor of working out a student and/or professor exchange program. (Dr. Roger Brown of the Illinois A.I.D. Team at Njala University College and Head of the Department of International Education, College of Education, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801 said he would be glad to speak to the student body at Otterbein about his experiences in Sierra Leone.)

September 3, 1968 - Visited the designated schools in Tajama, Moyamba and Mano. Met with Dr. W. H. Fitzjohn at the Harford School. Accomodations to be provided for six students (4 male, 2 female) at the Parsonage and the teachers' house adjoining the Harford Campus (See budget for cost).

September 5-7 - Visited schools and teachers at Shenge and visited with the Paramount Chief, Madam Bailor-Caulker.

September 10, 1968 - Met with The Rev. Canon H. A. E. Sawyerr, Principal of the Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone and Dr. M. R. O. Garber, Registrar (Dr. Garber is scheduled to visit thirty colleges in the U.S.A. He is interested in studying alumni relations and development procedures. Otterbein is on his itinerary). Dr. Sawyerr approved our Foreign Study Plan and agreed to provide accomodations and transportation for the fifteen students and college supervisor during orientation week in Freetown (See budget for cost). He would also welcome a student and/or professor exchange program.

On September 13, 1968, the Foreign Study Committee met at the Brookfields Hotel, 12:30 - 2:30 P.M.

Present:

T. S. Bangura, A. M. Bailor, M. S. Bailor, E. L. Renner and
M. Stauffer. (Dr. Fitzjohn sent his apologies as he was unable
to attend because of illness.)

The educational leaders of Sierra Leone expressed the desire to establish
closer relationships with Otterbein College and look with favor upon the
Foreign Study Plan for Teacher Education.

Respectfully submitted by

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