

ALSC Completes Southern Conf.

The first ALSC Southern Regional Conference since the historic Frogmore meeting, was held Saturday, Nov. 24, in Nashville, Tenn. There were people participating representing 8 delegations in the Southern region. These delegations included Atlanta, Austin, Durham, Greensboro, Houston, Nashville, New Orleans, and Winston-Salem. Some of the major agenda items covered included the history of ALSC, a discussion of the ALSC Statement of Principles, and reports on the local efforts around the national programs (specifically the Repeal the Byrd Amendment Campaign and the Week of International Solidarity To Defeat Portuguese Imperialism.

The history of ALSC was discussed to provide general information for everyone and to add clarity to some aspects of the Committee's history, that have become clouded or distorted. With the aid of a study guide, developed by the research and development committee, the delegates discussed the ALSC Statement of Principles to get a clearer understanding of its historical development and content. A decision was made that each local committee would take the Statement of Principles and apply the analysis to their own local area of work and in that way, sum up the concrete conditions of the area. These

reports will be included as a major agenda item for the next regional meeting.

Local work around the Repeal the Byrd Amendment campaign, has produced some favorable results throughout the South.

Demonstrations and petition campaigns were organized in July and or September in Austin, Greensboro, Houston, Nashville, And Durham, and Nashville.

A petition campaign was also started in New Orleans.

Educational and forums were held in Greensboro, Houston, Nashville and Durham.

A demonstration against Portuguese Imperialism is scheduled for Dec. 1st in New Orleans.

Atlanta ALSC successfully organized a protest demonstration against Rev. Ralph Abernathy's acceptance of a \$50,000 check from Gulf Oil Co.

Each local committee agreed to put forth efforts around the petition campaign to support the recognition of the New Republic of Guinea-Bissau. The minimum amount of signatures for each local is 2,500 and the deadline is set for Jan. 12th. The next regional meeting is to be held in Atlanta. Time and place to be announced.

ALSC regional conferences have already been held in the Midwestern and Northern regions.