

Annual Meetings	1,284.37
Health Insurance	483.90
Repair of Equipment	47.77
Computer	1,179.36
Grants	6,673.00
Publications	4,325.12
Manuscript Reading	201.50
Equipment	2,550.00

41,161.26

LETTER

[The following letter refers to a list of "Liberation Support Groups in Europe," compiled by Julian Witherell and published in the December issue of the *African Studies Newsletter*, Vol. X, No. 6. The list originally appeared in the *Africana Libraries Newsletter*, No. 11, May 1977.]

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Lectori Salutem,

I only received the December, 1977, *Newsletter* (Volume X, Nr. 6) a few days ago. I was rather surprised and amused to discover that Julian Witherell has seen fit to rescue the Nederlands-Zuidafrikaanse Vereniging from its conservative role and accord it full revolutionary status. This particular organization acts as the cultural arm for South African whites (Afrikaners) and until fairly recently, only provided scholarships for Afrikaner students who wanted to come and study in the Netherlands. Of late, the organization has also provided scholarships for Black students but this is largely a face saving gesture in Holland where many groups have fought for the complete breaking off of cultural ties with the Afrikaners. Incidentally, the full name of the organization is *Nederland-Zuidafrikaanse Vereniging Stichting Moederland* (lit. Dutch South African-mother country society). The main emphasis is on the cultural and blood ties which exist between the Afrikaners and the Dutch. A scrutiny of the names of some of the office bearers and members will reveal a horde of reactionary Dutchmen. The South African embassy and Afrikaner students in Holland regularly meet in the N.Z.A.V. building in Amsterdam for "koffietafels"—i.e. afternoons where blood brothers get together to break bread and drink coffee. The compiler should have checked her sources more carefully.

As a South African in exile, I would not want some unsuspecting American Ph.D. candidate to fall into the trap of using her list uncritically. Moreover, I strongly object to the N.Z.A.V.'s inclusion in her list.

As a member of your organization, I would appreciate publication of my letter. I happen to live and work in Holland and am at present teaching in the Afro-American Studies Department.

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