

MINORITY RULE AND REFUGEES IN AFRICA (The Role of the All Africa Conference of Churches)

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1973

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 2:10 p.m., in room 2200, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. Diggs. The subcommittee will come to order.

Today the Subcommittee on Africa has seized the opportunity presented by the presence in the United States of the Reverend Canon Burgess Carr, general secretary, All Africa Conference of Churches, Nairobi, Kenya, to hold a hearing on refugees in Africa.

Canon Carr in connection with his duties travels the entire continent of Africa, and is conversant in a myriad of problems relating to the African scene. He is visiting the United States to establish contact with church leaders and to inform them about the All Africa Conference of Churches.

He served as Secretary for Africa in the World Council of Churches, and was deeply involved in the reconciliation efforts during the Nigerian war, and was awarded the distinction of Grand Commander in the Star of Africa by the late President of Liberia, William Tubman, and he is formerly a canon in residence at Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia. At present his office is in Nairobi.

The canon has been to school in Liberia, and then came to the United States, is a graduate of Harvard University, with a degree of master of theology.

That is just a summary profile of our distinguished witness. The remainder of his profile will be placed in the record at this point. I would also like to include in the record the contents of a pamphlet which summarizes the general objectives of the All Africa Conference of Churches.

[The material follows:]

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