Lee to offer critique of apartheid

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Franz J. T. Lee, a South African Freedom fighter and one of the founders of the Alexander Defense Committee which aids victims of oppression in South Africa, will speak in the Hanszen Commons on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 pm.

Lee will discuss “Apartheid Policy in South Africa,” and he will include observations on the roots of apartheid and its human cost; on the implications of the recent assassination of South African President Hendrik Verwoerd; and on the growing mass movement for liberation.

Political Persecution

The Alexander Defense Committee is an international organization formed to provide aid for Dr. Neville Alexander and other victims of political persecution in South African concentration camps.

Dr. Alexander, a non-white South African who holds a PhD in German literature, was one of 11 men arrested in 1963 and held eight months in solitary confinement on charges of sabotage. The charge was levied because the men had formed study groups to consider various methods of conducting the struggle against apartheid. Dr. Alexander is now serving a sentence of “indefinite length.”

Committee Founder

Mr. Lee has recently appeared before the United Nations Committee on Apartheid. In 1965 he became the European Representative of the African Peoples Democratic Union of Southern Africa, as he was a doctoral candidate at the University of Frankfort, Germany.

While in Germany he formed the Alexander Defense Committee and lectured extensively on African affairs.

Dr. Lee’s speech is being sponsored under the joint auspices of Brown, Hanszen, and Wiess Colleges.