

AFRICAN STUDENTS FOR ANGOLAN LIBERATION —
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

We African Students for Angolan Liberation hailing the heroic victory of the African People of Angola, culminating in independence and cognizant of subsequent crisis, hereby issue the following statement...

Once more, the African people of Angola find themselves in a serious military confrontation with the reactionary forces that have always denied them the right of determining and shaping their own destiny. As if 500 years of slavery, oppression, exploitation, repression and indignity were not enough, the imperialists, whose only interest in Africa lies in the precious raw materials of African soil, pursue and intensify their acts of sabotage, repression and killing of the African masses of Angola.

The defenders of Capital — mercenaries from Portugal, South Africa, Israel, West Germany (former Nazi militants), U.S.A. and France — relying on their local (R. Holden, Joseph Savimbi, et al) and regional (Mobutu) lackeys, are working, as they always have done, hand in hand to push for the neo-colonization of Angola in favor of the Western bourgeoisie.

In Angola, the American policy of intervention through sub-imperialist states (e.g., South Africa, Israel, Zaire, etc.) is being materialized. Once more the African masses in Angola are engaged in a struggle for people's power. What we are witnessing is, in the last analysis, a politico-military concentration of class struggle.

The ruling circles of the West bombard us with all forms of propaganda about democracy, freedom, rule of the majority, etc., but the same tom-toms of democracy fail to practice what they preach when it comes to the support of the masses of people in Angola, who regroup themselves around MPLA, the sole organization that stands for the real liberation of Africa.

The MPLA, under the leadership of Agostinho Neto ("the beloved Doctor of Luanda") has always stood for real independence and for the state's relations to the masses in favor of the masses. Since its creation (1956) the MPLA has always opted for real liberation of Angola, i.e., for the seizure of the colonial state power followed by its being smashed and the creation of a new state that would actualize the interests of the masses. To heal the wounds created by the most backward, anachronistic Portuguese colonialism, MPLA has always opted for a form of

socialist transformation of Angola — which is, as we know, the only possibility for real liberation in Africa.

Beneath the struggle between leaders (Chipenda-Neto-Savimbi-Holden) lies the real struggle between opposing social forces (nationally as well as internationally); those which stand for neo-colonialism in favor of either U.S.A. (Holden-Mobutu) or of Portugal, South Africa and the Common Market (Savimbi) and those which stand for the right for self-determination of the people of Angola, i.e., for real independence. In Africa today, real independence can only mean a socialist transformation of the existing relations of production.

Since its creation (1962) the FNLA (Angolan National Liberation Front) under the leadership of Roberto Holden, a CIA functionary, has always stood for neo-colonialism in Angola, as an extension of Mobutu's Zaire (Mobutu and Holden even agreed, with the benediction of de Spinoza to have a Federation Zaire-Angola after Angolan independence). In Kinshasa where Holden really grew up (he came to Zaire at the age of 4), he is a full member of the ruling class of Zaire and thrives on the backs of the Zaire working classes. He has built for himself — in the same way the

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nouveaux riches of Zaire's comprador bureaucratic leading class are doing, a big palace in the richest section of Kinshasa (Binza).

As is well known, U.N.I.T.A. under the leadership of Joseph Savimbi, the former right hand man of Roberto Holden, is a Portuguese creation (1966) intended for destroying the increasingly successful Movimento Popular de Libertacao de Angola (MPLA). As its class allies indicate — South African, Portuguese, Nazi German, French — mercenaries — it always has stood for neo-colonialism in Angola. This Tshiombe of Angola seems to have inherited the allies of the Tshiombe of Zaire, that stooge of imperialism who has been one of the most important obstacles for the emancipation of Zairean masses.

In brief, Holden, Savimbi and perhaps Chipenda are of the race of those Africans who have facilitated slavery, colonialism in the past and now neo-colonialism; those who always have stood for the destruction of Africa. They need to be strongly denounced.

Given this conjuncture/crisis like that in Southern Africa, actions are solicited; no one can be neutral. As sons and daughters of Africa, whose genuine independence, liberation and self-reconstruction are in real danger, we fully support the efforts of Angolan people under the vanguard of MPLA.

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VICTORY TO THE AFRICAN PEOPLE OF ANGOLA UNDER
THE VANGUARD OF MPLA.

LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION!

DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND RACISM.