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POLITICAL EDUCATION

Tom Tlou will lead a discussion of interested MACSA people on Revolution in Guinea by Amilcar Cabral on Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m. Come to the office in the YWCA to buy your copy and browse. Then come and discuss. *YW Lounge*

NOW READY--Is Southern Africa Wisconsin's Business?--45¢

REVISION of Israel and Southern Africa now in progress and it is expected to be ready this spring. Anyone willing to help call Bill Minter at 241-1137.

FUND-RAISING DANCE

A dance is planned close to the anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre to raise money for the liberation movements. We are planning to dance to African records and charge only 50¢ so prepare to alert your friends. Anyone willing to loan their favorite African records and anyone willing to coordinate the collection of records please call Marcia at 257-2534.

Flash ~ March 6<sup>th</sup> in Tripp Commons (Union)  
8:30 P.M.

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JANUARY MACSA MEETING DISCUSSES PLANS  
AND ROUX'S TIME LONGER THAN ROPE

The January MACSA meeting, held January 24 in the YWCA lounge, featured a discussion of Edward Roux's book Time Longer than Rope and formulation of plans for Spring activities.

Revolution in Guinea, by Amilcar Cabral will be the subject of discussion at the MACSA meeting of February 29. Copies of the book are available for \$1.50 at the MACSA office. Tom Tlou has offered to lead the discussion of the book.

During the business meeting which preceded discussion of Time Longer than Rope, Marcia Halligan discussed the state of MACSA's finances (over \$200 in outstanding bills, but also that amount in unsold literature) and her proposal for a party to raise money for Liberation groups. A committee was formed of Marcia Christiane Makward

to look into the possibilities of a fund raising party.

MACSA members discussed ways of commemorating the anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre. The Makwards were to contact WHA,

and Bill Minter, rapa hamoone, about programs or articles on radio and in the press. Wandile Kuse was to check with AAPU about a campus observance of the day.

News item

SOUTH AFRICAN ANGLICAN DEAN  
CHARGED UNDER  
SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT

The Very Rev. Gonville Aubie French-Beytagh, Anglican dean of South Africa was released on bail after being charged under the Suppression of Communism Act.

The state charged he had taken part in activities of the banned South African Communist Party and the African National Congress. Specifically, the prosecutor charged the dean had been involved in receiving, safekeeping, distributing (or assisting therein) a quantity of pamphlets issued by the banned parties. MACSA too sells such pamphlets -- see page 77

News Item:

POLAROID CORPORATION  
REFUSES WORKER'S DEMANDS

The Polaroid Corporation refused recently to bow to the demands of the Polaroid Revolutionary Workers Movement, who wanted Polaroid to announce a policy of complete disengagement from South Africa, and to contribute its South African profits to the recognized African Liberation movements.

Instead, Polaroid made "liberal" overtures to the workers by sending a four-man team to South Africa to "examine conditions first hand." Their conclusions, and the resulting Polaroid policy were given wide publicity through full-page New York Times ads.

Polaroid agreed to use part of their profits to grants for educating blacks, and set up a fund to underwrite the education of about 500 black students. The company's South African distributors will be required to improve salaries and benefits of non-white employees, and businesses affiliated with Polaroid will be required to initiate a program to train non-white employees for important jobs. (Continued page 4)

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ABBREVIATIONS USED ON MACSA  
LITERATURE LIST  
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- ACOA = American Committee on Africa
- ARG = Africa Research Group
- CRV/NY = Committee of Returned Volunteers/ New York
- IDAF = International Defense and Aid Fund
- LSM = Liberation Support Movement
- SWAPO = South West Africa People's Organization

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February 4, 1971, marked the tenth anniversary of the beginning of the armed struggle in Angola. In this newsletter readers should note the announcement of a special commemorative issue of Motive magazine, the pamphlets on Angola available from MACSA, and the urgent appeal and report from MPLA on Portugal's use of herbicides and defoliants in Angola. For an analysis of the present situation of the liberation struggle, see the articles by Basil Davidson in West Africa (August 29, September 5, 1970) and Africa Report (December, 1970), written after his return from an extended visit to the liberated zones of Angola.

#### URGENT APPEAL

Unable to halt the expansion of the MPLA's liberated areas in Angola, the Portuguese war criminals have once again begun to spray herbicides and defoliants on our people's crops.

From the effect of these chemicals, they can be identified as:  
--2, 4 D (2, 4 dichlorophenoxyacetic acid)  
--2, 4, 5, T (2, 4, 5, trichlorophenoxyacetic acid)  
--cacodylic acid  
--picloram (made by the Dow Chemical Company under the commercial name of Tordon.

Considerable acres of cassava, maize, sweet potatoes and fruit trees have already been destroyed. Furthermore, cattle and wild life in these areas show signs of poisoning. Fish in the rivers and lakes die in the first few days after the chemicals are sprayed.

These chemicals also have very harmful effects on human beings, causing pulmonary constriction, digestive disorders and mouth bleeding. 2,4,5, T caused congenital malformations in children born of affected pregnant women. Cacodylic acid is particularly poisoning since it contains arsenic, the lethal subcutaneous dose of which is one gramme per kilo of body weight. As for picloran, not only does it destroy vegetation, but it completely stops all growth in the soil for a period of about two years.

As a result of these new crimes, thousands of Angolans in the liberated areas are now in an alarming state of hunger and none of the measures taken to counter this situation can have any immediate effect.

Without urgent assistance, thousands of human beings--men, women and children--will remain in a state of terrible distress while the colonialist criminals intensify their continuous bombing raids.

The MPLA Medical assistance Service (SAM) urgently appeals to all support committees, organizations and people of goodwill to help mount an immediate and massive campaign for food and seeds for the victims.

SAM also calls upon international organizations, particularly the UN and the OAU strongly to denounce and condemn this new crime perpetrated by Portugal and to seek ways and means of preventing continued use of such methods.

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ANGOLA (Continued)

Food, clothing, blankets and medicines should be sent to the following address: MPLA Medical Assistance Service  
P.O. Box 20793  
Dar es Salaam  
Tanzania

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POLAROID (Continued)

Margaret Marshall, a former President of the National Union of South African Students, exposed the fallacies in Polaroid's arguments:

"The Polaroid Corp., in support of its decision to continue a business relationship with the Republic of South Africa, cites the fact that they 'talked to and listened to more than 100 black people of South Africa' and to 'a broad spectrum of whites.' What Polaroid and so many Americans fail to realize is that it is a treasonable offense for any South African inside or outside the Republic to advocate a policy of economic withdrawal. In terms of both the General Law Amendment Act No. 76 of 1962, Section 21 (2) and the Terrorism Act No. 83 of 1967, support for economic sanctions is illegal and carries a possible death sentence (minimum penalty five years). In both acts the accused to guilty until proven innocent. No one inside South Africa would be foolish enough to openly advocate a policy of economic withdrawal--not even to Polaroid's visiting team.

Polaroid's 'experiment' in South Africa is to train non-whites for 'important' jobs in Polaroid-connected companies. No matter what, Polaroid cannot bypass the mass of discriminatory labor legislation that makes it illegal for any black man to occupy a position senior to any white man in a company. Industrial Labor Acts specifically confine blacks to certain jobs, while white government spokesmen from the Prime Minister and Cabinet members down the line have constantly reiterated that they will never allow blacks into responsible position over whites. What a farce the 'important' jobs become when every white in the company has to occupy jobs senior to every black.

Polaroid states that 'education' is the 'key to change in South Africa.' All education for black South Africans is under government control through the Bantu Education Department. Private education for blacks is illegal. Bantu (black) education is based on the premise that 'the Bantu must be guided to serve his own community. There is no place for him in the European (white) community above the level of certain forms of labor.' This premise is rigidly enforced in all black schools. This is education for servitude. Polaroid, by stating that education is the 'key to change' calmly ignores the years of struggle against apartheid--including Bantu Education."

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NOTE

DONATIONS NEEDED--MACSA has borrowed \$200 which enabled us to purchase literature and to publish Is Southern Africa Wisconsin's Business? Donations are welcome to help us to repay these loans. When Israel and Southern Africa pamphlet is ready to be reprinted we will again need to be able to cover printing costs.

Attention Please

# Farewell at the Hour of Parting

**My Mother**

(all black mothers  
whose sons have gone)

you taught me to wait and hope  
as you hoped in difficult hours

But life  
killed in me that mystic hope

I do not wait now

I am he who is awaited

It is I my Mother

hope is us  
your children

gone for a faith that sustains life

**Today**

we are naked children in forest villages

school-less children playing with a ball of rags

in the sands at noon

we ourselves are

contract workers burning lives in coffee plantations

ignorant black men

who must respect the white man

and fear the rich

we are your children

in the black neighbourhoods

beyond the reach of electric light

drunk men falling down

abandoned to the rhythm of the batuque of death

your children

hungry

thirsty

ashamed to call you mother

afraid to cross the streets

afraid of men

**We ourselves**



photo by Kamea N'Goula, Havana

**Tomorrow we shall sing anthems of freedom**

when we commemorate

the day of the abolition of this slavery

**We are going in search of light**

your children Mother

(all black mothers

whose sons have gone)

**Go in search of life.**

Antonio Angostinho Neto

President, Movimento Popular da Libertação de Angola (MPLA)

Kapiassa N. Hussein, free-lance photographer/journalist, spent some 65 days on foot in Angola recently. At the invitation, and with the cooperation of the officials of the Movimento Popular da Liberação de Angola (MPLA), he photographed both the military and nation-building efforts of the freedom fighters there.

We are publishing in the February issue of motive a 20-page celebration of the struggle for liberation in Angola, featuring Hussein's photos and history of MPLA, an interview with Agostinho Neto, president of MPLA, and poems by Neto as translated by the English poet, Adrian Mitchell. In this way, the February motive observes the 10th anniversary of the armed struggle in Angola.

Do send for this issue of motive. It also includes a 22-page photo-essay by Charlotte Bunch-Weeks and Frank Joyce on a recent trip to Hanoi and environs. Text and photos are a vivid presentation of the spirit and determination of the North Vietnamese.

We've also put together in poster form a poem by Neto and a photo by Hussein which is reproduced on the other side of this page. Printed in brown tones, this poster is available in bulk at special rates, on request.

motive will become an independent magazine in July, 1971, having been published for the past 30 years by the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church. We'll continue to publish art and poetry and to explore the liberation of different peoples. If you'd like to see more of what we're doing, subscribe for a year at our reduced rate of \$4.



Please send -

- \_\_\_ copies of the February issue \$.75 each
- \_\_\_ Angola posters (2'x3'), \$1.00 each
- \_\_\_ subscription to motive, 8 issues/\$4 (reg. \$5)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

MOTIVE Box 871 Nashville, Tenn. 37203

## M.A.C.S.A. LITERATURE LIST

(All items listed are available  
at the MACSA office, UYWCA,  
306 N. Brooks Street, Madison,  
Wisconsin, 53715)

### ANGOLA:

- "Medical Assistance Services of MPLA," LSM, 50¢
- "MPLA 1970," LSM, 75¢
- "With the Guerillas in Angola," Don Barnett, LSM, 50¢

### GUINEA-BISSAU

- Revolution in Guinea, Amilcar Cabral, \$1.50.
- "The Struggle in Guinea," Amilcar Cabral, ARG, 25¢

### MOZAMBIQUE

- "Mozambique Will Be Free," CRV/NY, \$1.50

### NAMIBIA

- "South Africa Has Robbed Us of Our Country," ACOA, 10¢
- "Southwest Africa: Information Sheet," ACOA, 10¢
- "Statement by Toivo Herman ja Toivo," SWAPO, 10¢

### PORTUGAL AND COLONIES

- "Allies in Empire: The U.S. and Portugal in Africa," Africa Today, ACOA, 60¢
- "Portugal and NATO," Angola Committee, 50¢

### SOUTH AFRICA

- "American Corporate Investments in South Africa" ACOA, 10¢
- "Apartheid in Practice," U.N. 25¢
- "Foreign Investment in the Republic of South Africa" U.N. 50¢
- "Forward to Freedom," African National Congress, 20¢
- "The Powers Behind Apartheid," F. Fasulo, ARG, 25¢
- "The Simonstown Agreements," M.J. Christie, Africa Bureau, 50¢
- "South Africa: The Boss Law," IDAF, 25¢
- "South Africa: Racism in Sport," Chris de Broglie, IDAF, 25¢
- "South Africa: Resettlement -- the New Violence to Africans," IDAF, 25¢
- "South Africa: The Violence of Apartheid," IDAF, 60¢
- "South Africa: Workers Under Apartheid," A. Hepple, IDAF, 50¢
- "South Africa's Defense Strategy," Abdul S. Minty, Anti-Apartheid Movement 60¢
- "U.S. Economic Involvement in South Africa," Richard Thomas, ACOA, 10¢

### ZIMBABWE

- "Prison Conditions in Rhodesia," Amnesty International, 75¢
- "Rhodesia or Zimbabwe: No middle Ground in Africa," ACOA, 8¢
- "Rhodesia: Why Minority Rule Survives," IDAF, 50¢

### SOUTHERN AFRICA \*\* General

- "Sharpeville and After," ACOA, 5¢
- "A Smuggled Account from a Guerilla Fighter," ARG, 10¢
- "Southern Africa," ARG, 25¢
- "Southern Africa, A Time for Change," Friendship Press, \$1.25
- "The U.S. and Southern Africa," ACOA, 5¢
- "Wisconsin Corporate Involvement in Southern Africa -- New Revised edition, MACSA 50¢

### OTHER

- "The Class Struggle in Africa," Samir Amin, ARG, 25¢
- "A Radical Study Guide," ARG, 50¢