

END U.S. RACIST WAR IN ANGOLA!

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS, NOT FOR WAR!

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Under the guise of fighting communism the U.S. government is attempting to make Angola its next Vietnam. The U.S. claim to support the right of the Angolan people to decide their own future is simply a warmed over version of defending democracy in Vietnam. During two decades of resistance against Portuguese colonialism the U.S. aided Portugal with guns, napalm bombs, and other material. U.S. companies such as Gulf Oil provided "technical" assistance to Portugal in the form of large financial sums used to finance its colonial wars.

The U.S. claim to defend the rights of Angolans is as hollow as its claim to defend the democratic rights of Afro-Americans. As the U.S. government sends arms and money to South Africa to kill Angolans it also fans the flames of racist violence in Boston, Louisville, and Detroit against Black schoolchildren. In New York City and across the country Afro-Americans and other oppressed minorities are hit hardest by the cuts in social services. We are the first to join the unemployment lines. And those Blacks who have stood up for their rights such as Joanne Little, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, Robert F. Williams, J. B. Johnson and H. Rap Brown are railroaded into America's jails.

The U.S. government seeks to continue and broaden the war in Angola as it did in Indochina by aiding South African military intervention in Angola. The New York Student Coalition Against Racism calls upon all those who opposed the war in Vietnam to mobilize against U.S. intervention in Angola. We must organize forums, rallies, and teach-ins to educate the American people on the role of the U.S. in Angola. We should build massive actions, like the May 27, 1972 march of thousands of Afro-Americans against Portuguese wars in Africa. We must build actions that say loud and clear NO MORE VIETNAMS! U.S. OUT OF ANGOLA!

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