

MOZAMBIQUE SUPPORT NETWORK/LOS ANGELES
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April 10, 1989

Dear MSN members and friends,

Next week Los Angeles will be host to Marcelino dos Santos, a founder of Frelimo, an official in various governmental positions in Mozambique, and revolutionary intellectual. He is currently the president of the People's Assembly.

You are invited to an informal gathering on **Monday, April 17, at 7:30** to meet with Marcelino dos Santos. The meeting will be held on the campus of the University of Southern California, in the International Studies lounge, room VKC 300. To reach this room, enter at Gate 3 on Figueroa, south of Jefferson (parking will cost \$3.75). From this entrance, the building is straight ahead, marked by a tower with a globe in a central plaza.

I hope you will join us for an informative discussion; I apologize for the late notice. For further information please call (213) 451-8934.

Sincerely,

Kathie Sheldon

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for the Mozambique Support Network/LA

Please join! \$10 to MSN for a
one-year membership.

Biographic data of His Excellency Marcelino dos Santos

Marcelino dos Santos is the most senior member of Politburo of Frelimo Party and President of People's Assembly (corresponding of Parliament). His long experience and hard work have made him one of the most prominent strategists and leaders of FRELIMO since the struggle for national liberation where he held positions such as member of the Presiding Council and later Vice-President of FRELIMO. After Mozambique's independence in 1975 he had important assignments such as Secretary of the Central Committee of Frelimo Party for Economic Policy and Minister for Economic Planning and Development.

Apart from being a politician, Mr. dos Santos is a poet. His works have been published in several foreign languages such as Chinese, Russian, German and French and he received awards such as Lotus from the Afro-Asian Writers Association and Mirsu Tursum Zade from the Soviet Writers Association.

H.E. Marcelino dos Santos was born in Lumbo, Province of Nampula, on May 29, 1929. His father was an employee of the Mozambique National Railways.

His primary education started in Lumbo and continued in Maputo where he later completed his secondary education. In 1947 he went to Portugal to study engineering. In 1951 he left Portugal and went to Paris to study political sciences and sociology at University of Sorbonne.

His political activities started at 'Casa dos Estudantes do Imperio' and 'Casa da Africa', both in Portugal, where he participated in the creation of a nationalist and anti-colonial students' organization.

The decision to leave Portugal came from student organizations and Marcelino dos Santos was assigned to represent them in France until 1959, where he was ordered out of France because of his political activities against the Portuguese colonialism. From France he went to Belgium and later to the United Kingdom.

In 1960 he went to Morocco to organize the meeting of the Nationalist Organizations of the Portuguese Colonies. In the meeting held in Casablanca in April 1961 it was created the Conference of Nationalist Organizations of the Portuguese Colonies (CONCP) of which he became the Secretary General. In the same period he was elected Secretary for External Relations of the National Democratic Union of Mozambique known as UDENAMO.

He is one of the founding members of the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO) that was created in its First Congress held in Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania) in June 1962 in which he was elected Secretary for External Relations. Dr. Eduardo Chivambo Mondlane was elected President of the Front.

In April 1969, after the assassination of Dr. Mondlane, he was elected member of the Presiding Council of FRELIMO together with the late Samora Machel and with Urias Simango.

He was elected Vice-President by the Central Committee of FRELIMO in November 1969 continuing to hold the position of Secretary for External Relations which he would only leave in 1977.

When the Frelimo Party was formed in the III Congress in 1977, Marcelino dos Santos was elected member of the Standing Political Committee, a body that was later called Politburo with the assignment as Secretary for Economic Policy. During the same year he is elected member of the People's Assembly (M.P.).

At the Government level, in the first Cabinet after independence he was appointed Minister of Economic Planning and Development and in a reshuffle in 1977 this Ministry was dissolved. The National Planning Commission was created and Marcelino dos Santos was appointed Minister of Plan to lead it.

In 1980, when ranks were introduced in the Army he became Major General of the Armed Forces (FPLM).

In 1983, he was appointed leader of the Sofala Province, assignment that he held till 1986.

Marcelino dos Santos is decorated with the following honors:

- Medal of the 20th Anniversary of FRELIMO
- Medal of the Veterans of the National Liberation Struggle
- Labor Hero of the People's Republic of Mozambique.
- Eduardo Mondlane Order, Grade 1.
- The 25th of September Order, Grade 1.

Marcelino dos Santos is married to Pamela dos Santos and is father of a daughter.

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