



committee for a FREE MOZAMBIQUE

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Dear Friend of Mozambique:

Two important events have occurred in Mozambique since our last letter.

On February 2, the New York Times carried a Portuguese report that FRELIMO guerrillas had penetrated south of the Zambezi and also into the Montepuez area. That report confirms our suspicions: the large Portuguese offensive of 1970 was a dismal failure - FRELIMO is alive and well in Mozambique.

In mid-January, a cyclone hit the Zambezi region of Mozambique, flooding and killing hundreds of people. We do not know if the cyclone affected the liberated areas. At best it destroyed many of the Portuguese military communication lines. At worst it disrupted tragically the lives of many Mozambican people and interrupted FRELIMO's progress.

What this means for us is that we must intensify our efforts to gain sympathy and support for the growing needs of FRELIMO and the Mozambique liberation.

This week, the New York Working Committee is sending out over 75 letters to American drug companies appealing for donations of drugs to FRELIMO. We are following up each letter with a phone call or visit to the company. In fact, we may be asking you shortly to call or visit your local drug company on our behalf.

The New York Working Committee is selecting a campaign with a specific item as a goal for material support for FRELIMO. Suggestions for the campaign have been blankets, sewing machines, tennis shoes, or transistors. Before coming to a decision we ask you to consider such a campaign and let us know if you have any particular biases or even resources or sympathetic contacts which would affect our choice of the project item.

In addition, we have set a 1971 financial goal of \$10,000 to be raised through our growing numbers of pledgers and contributors and through the sale of the FRELIMO poster and eventually buttons.

Our continuing effort in unity is important.

Venceremos,

Committee for a Free
Mozambique