

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1. Talked with MPLA rep de Figaredo - probably can't come to Chicago now - waiting word from Angola on when he has to return. MAY be back in the country after Nov 11. I told him about Solidarity day Nov 22 and invited him to come if possible.
***He said South Africa had again invaded the south, in conjunction with FNLA and UNITA. Flew in with helicopters. took town formerly controlled by MPLA. MPLA calls on all supporters to denounce this action of aggression by South Africa. They are working to get UN to take some action. What can we do here???
 2. MPLA solidarity committee has formed in New York - individuals from different support groups. Talked with Stephanie and MIMI about it. They are sending us materials and plan to be in closer touch with developments in Angola via telex and to send out information to various areas which we could use. They would like us to send a little money
***Suggest we send them \$25 for a start. How can we use the information here?
 3. Stephanie willing to come out here after Nov 11. The NewWorld Course and Joan Berman want her to speak. Joan said she would try to find other engagements. I am trying to call Normal - they offered last year but couldn't get it together.
 4. I attended coalition meeting RE: teachin on Spain and Portugal. Groups represented: Chicago Red Circle, YAWF, CP, Peace Council, URPE, New World. Program has broadened to include Angola as a primary focus. We have agreed to be on panel. Now they would like us to also do a workshop on Angola after panel. Also want us to sponsor. Date: Nov 15 (Saturday, Afternoon), hopefully a Loop location.
***need to decide sponsorship and panel question
 5. Received report from Madison conference. Need to decide if we are going to join.
 6. Received statement on Angola/MPLA from group in Lisbon (see attached)
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7. Important demonstration to free the 5 Puerto Rican Political Prisoners This Saturday...see attached.
 - 8 - *** CCLAMG is invited to send a representative to Puerto Rico to participate in the final session of the PSP Congress Dec 5-8. Two tours for N. Americans: Dec 5-8 and a longer one Dec 5-14. Group airfares from here and meals there would be main expenses.