

COMMITTEE FOR A FREE MOZAMBIQUE (CFM)

CFM members in New York joined some 200 others at a FRELIMO Day meeting on September 25 at the U.N. Church Center to mark the 8th anniversary of the start of the armed struggle led by FRELIMO (Mozambique Liberation Front) against Portuguese colonial rule. There were more than 20 U.N. delegations represented and among the speakers were Zambian foreign minister Mudenda and Tanzanian U.N. Ambassador Salim. The high point of the evening was the news from FRELIMO representative Sharfudine Khan that FRELIMO forces have started operations on a fourth front, in strategic Manica e Sofala Province in central Mozambique.

Manica e Sofala is an important agricultural and industrial area, as well as having strategic rail and road links between Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and the port of Beira. Also, the Portuguese central command for Mozambique is located in Manica e Sofala. The full text of the announcement of the opening of the new front by FRELIMO President Samora Machel is reprinted in CFM's *News & Notes* #15 September, 1972.

CFM is producing a FRELIMO button with a picture of the late Dr. Eduardo Mondlane, the first president of FRELIMO, with the words "FRELIMO Vencera." Buttons are being sent to FRELIMO and will also be available for sale here at 25¢ each.

A new film on the liberation struggle in Mozambique called *A LUTA CONTINUA* is now available. It is a 30-minute, 16mm color film made by Robert Van Lierop and Robert Fletcher in liberated Niassa Province in northern Mozambique last year.

The film gives both background information on the history of Portuguese colonialism and on western backing of Portugal, as well as showing life in the liberated areas. *A LUTA CONTINUA* is being distributed by Tricontinental Films (NAAIC members) and CFM will have a print as well.

NAAIC groups might want to be in contact with a new Black American and African group, the *African Information Service*, which is engaged in anti-imperialist work concerning all of Africa. AIS is located at 112 West 120th Street, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Other news from Mozambique is that Firestone Rubber has reportedly backed out of a plan to start a tire factory in Mozambique because of pressure from a Portuguese tire company.

CFM members have been participating in the joint efforts of the New York NAAIC groups, including work in setting up the loft on 27th Street, distributing literature at demonstrations and meetings, and putting out the NAAIC newsletter.

CFM is awaiting information and flyers on the MPLA printshop project of LSM.

Finally, we would like to remind NAAIC readers that CFM produces a 4 to 6 page newsletter, *News & Notes* 10 times a year. *News & Notes* is sent to those who contribute to or pledge regular monthly sums for CFM's main task—providing financial support for FRELIMO. *News & Notes* provides news and analysis on the struggle in Mozambique and the rest of southern Africa, as well as information on the work of CFM.



MADISON AREA COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA (MACSA)

This fall MACSA organized into four working subcommittees that are planned to function as continuing groups: one for fund-raising for support for liberation movements; one for ongoing political education; one "troubleshooting" committee for responding to short-term things such as Polaroid cameras being given away in a contest by a local store (it turned out these were cameras left over from several years ago when in response to our boycott they stopped selling Polaroid products; they say they still support the boycott, do not sell Polaroid products, will say so publicly in an article in the campus paper, and anyway the cameras they are giving away are no longer being produced by Polaroid. They are also buying copies of the Polaroid Revolutionary Workers Movement pamphlet from us, to give away with each camera. At least that is where things stand now); and one subcommittee for anti-corporate action. Except for some cooperation

with CALA and other groups around Honeywell next month, the anti-corporate subcommittee has yet not moved very far on the project planned for dealing with a local Madison company.

The principal special focus so far, and in October, will be on a fund-raising campaign for support of PAIGC, the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde. The campaign will involve showing of two films on the struggle in Guinea (Madina Boe and West Africa: Another Vietnam?) to as many different groups as possible over a period of about 10 days, canvassing of people on the MACSA mailing list, a benefit dance-concert, articles in local press (campus, city, rank-and-file labor, underground, etc.). We plan to emphasize the progress that the liberation struggle has made in Guinea-Bissau, the development of international solidarity and the prospect of PAIGC application for UN membership, and the military ties by which U.S. imperialism helps to maintain the Portuguese colonial presence.

An ad hoc subcommittee has also emerged to push a boycott of South African goods sold in local stores, prompted especially by the discovery of "Kaffir tea" in health food stores ("Kaffir" in South African usage is approximately equivalent to "nigger"). Other South African products found in local stores included "Gant" guavas, rock lobster tails, South African wine, and, of course, diamonds.

