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Dear Friends of Mozambique:

On December 10 of last year the U.S. and Portuguese Governments signed an agreement which will grant Portugal $436 million in Export-Import backed loans and material aid in return for continued U.S. use of air and naval bases in the Portuguese Azores. The enormous aid pact comes at a time when Portugal is desperately trying to hold up a faltering economy, control widespread domestic unrest, and keep up its three front war in Africa.

The Committee for a Free Mozambique has just received a letter from the President of FRELIMO which describes the U.S.-Portugal pact as the latest escalation of U.S. Government agression against the people of Mozambique. At the same time President Samora M. Machel notes that "the Mozambican people make a clear distinction between American imperialism, which is our enemy, and the courageous and democratic people of the United States, towards whom we feel the warmest sentiments of friendship and solidarity." He also says of CFM and other solidarity groups:

> Your anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist action is a great help to us: it permits us to present to our people the fraternal side of the people of the United States, . . . it is a great stimulus for us to know that we are not alone, that everywhere honest men and women understand and support our struggle.

This month's News and Notes will be devoted to an explanation of the new agreement which heralds the latest and most significant contribution of the U.S. to Portugal.

A luta continua,

The Committee for a Free Mozambique

FLASH: GULF OIL REJECTED BY DAYTON OHIO CITY COUNCIL (over)

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DAYTON ANTI-GULF ACTION: In a major victory for the Gulf Boycott Coalition, founded in Dayton last July, the City Council of that Ohio city, rejected a bid from Gulf Oil to sell gasoline. The contract worth $56,000 was on the first level turned down because of Gulf's bad minority hiring record, but the role of Gulf in exploiting Angola was part of the general debate. For more information contact: GULF BOYCOTT COALITION, Box 123, D.V. Station, Dayton, Ohio 45466.

FRELIMO TACTICS SUCCEED: FRELIMO mining techniques have proved successful in Tete Province wrecking railroad tracks and supply trains going to Cabora Bassa. The activity is reportedly affecting Malawi as Portuguese reprisals on civilians have forced people to enter that small state (Guardian/UK, 12/17/71). In Niassa Province FRELIMO was able to stop short a Portuguese dry season offensive. 60 Portuguese soliders were killed in October and after 17 days the colonialists withdrew. In Cabo Delgado Province FRELIMO has exposed an enemy tactic of using African agents disguised as FRELIMO guerrillas.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A FREE MOZAMBIQUE FOR 1971

1) CFM INCOME

Balance 1/1/71	$ 383.95
Literature Sales	74.16
Poster Sales	442.40
Monthly Pledges	2105.00
Donations-General	1452.37
Donation-Seeds	40.00
Project Transister	412.00
Loan Repaid (from CRV)	100.00
Bank Interest	22.67
TOTAL INCOME	4648.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4817.39
Balance 1/15/72	215.16

2) CFM EXPENDITURES

FRELIMO SUPPORT	
UN-US Representative	$ 1625.00
Direct	1000.00
Funds for Seeds	40.00
Project Transister	412.00
Poster Printing & Costs	520.30
Postage & Office Expense	425.29
Office File	49.00
Printing Costs	395.25
Literature (from other groups)	117.00
NAAIC DUES	25.00
Africa Today mailing	160.00
Bank Charges	31.26
Petty cash on hand	17.29