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# PAIGC FOILS MURDER ATTEMPT

On nearing that the UN Decolorisation Committee was sending a team into the liberated area of Portuguese Africa. Its Listen daily <u>Diardio de Noticita</u> stated. Ilet us imagine middle of an exchange of fidently find themselves in the ended the sender of the sender area. What a responsibliky for the Government of Ecuador if the eminent Sevilla-Borja were to be struck down in an anonymous corner of the African jumple... (24 March) PAIGC has now published a detailed account of Portugal's efforts to climinate the UN mission.

In all, some 30,000 men were deplayed in the action, As soon as it became clear that the UN team intended to visit Guine, 10,000 troops were sent from the capital, Bissau, to,reinforce the 15,000 already there. Night and day the border regions were bombed with mapalm and fragmentation bombe; helicopters landed troops in the liberated areas to carry out swyprise terrorist raids; frigates and corvettes patrolled the coast earnor provide the posterior and the uncertaint areas and the routes that might be used by the UN mission the most populated villages were attacked and any

The most populated villages were attacked and any forest zone suspected of harbouring the UN team bombed indiscriminately.

This operation was the most intensive undertaken since the war began. For 22 days [18 March-19 April] the colonial forces mobilised all their resources against the border areas of southern Guine. There was all landings of holicopter is goly and all landings of holicopters than ever before. These raids aver a simed at

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terrorizing the population, destroying PAICS schools and crops, laying misme in the liberated areas and esting key positions on routes which the UN mission might use, Although in some instances, the Portugues remained on the ground for some days withour being discovered by PAICS forces, in generative sorties to their helicopters with serious losses, Similarly, when Portuguese troops disembarked from patrol boats.

But despite this vast concentration of troops and air power the Portuguese were unsuccessful. PAIGC recconnaissance enabled the UN mission to slude its hunters. PAIGC harrassement of the invaders on the ground meant that they were forced to rely on their undisputed control of the mir to destroy the UN diplomats. But while a Fiat G-91 may be very good at blowing up substantial, fixed structures - schools, huspitals, etc. - it is not much use for locating half a dozen people in an area of several thousand square miles. Even the limited objective of demoralising the population was not achieved - the people in the liberated areas of Guine know that they are winning their war; the brutal actions of the Portuguese merely strengthen their determination to throw the colonialists out.

The UN mission was thus given a firstclass lesson in she, then people of Guine have taken up armed struggle. They witnessed the indjectiminate beabing and photographed the results, they are the copter troops, but most by hellcopter troops, but most by hell-Guinean people in the Unberation of the Guinean people in the Unberation struggle At a meeting in the Cubucare sector, one peasant assured them that: 'Despite all the sacrifices that we have to bear we would like to declare that we feel happy and proud at the presence of your mission of people in the Unberate our country from the heimous Pertuguese colonialist domination'.

The failure of the Portuguese army to kill or capture the UN mission was a serious humiliation | for Caetano's government. The Portuguese Minister for Overseas arrived in Bissau in April in order to receive, as the 'Diario de Noticias' indiscreetly suggested, 'with all their due honours, the illustrious UN delegates who have come illegally to Portugal', (Guine is, according to Lisbon mythology, s province of Portugal) He was unable to do so, and so the Portuguese people were treated to the spectacle of one of their ministers travelling 3,000 miles to inaugurate three sections of a tarred road, and a broadcasting station which had been in operation since January. One month later this radio station, at Nhacra, was blown up by PAIGC.



Castado himefif reacted to the success of the UN mission in a repeach made on 11 April; Speaking of the Portuguese President's visit to Brasil; be asid: "If the UN had existed in 1832 what would have become of Brasil; Bee yidiculous to count the number of Indians, negrose and whites to inscriminate by race and colour and to acheme against a minority government and demand one vote for every people, one vote for each man! If the UN had existed in 1832 and it had become involved in the problem, it would have taken into consideration the first phanton movement and demanded that the Portuguese should, leave. A countision of delegates from would probably visit the Amacon to find vot if the maives agreed or not, and the vote of the savages would prevail over

Caetano continued: "There exists in the way a false conception according to which each continent belongs to the races which are considered as indigenous. This is why the UN tries to enforce the principle by negroes. The case of Rhodesia could be a good example. Despite all the constitutional guarantees given to the black population, the United Nations refuses to accept the independence of Rhodesia, because the government, as of now, does not serve mainly the coluved people. The not have any right to orient and lead the people of Southern Africa.

# ANGOLA

### Military Activity

Events in the far south of Angela where armed struggle began in January, have forced the Portuguess into precipitate activity. Not only have ten thousand troops been rushed to the area, but Portuguese experts in 'psycho-social' warfare have also been imported to help install a broadcasting station in the town of Pereira d'Eca. Already the situation in the south has forced in a situation in the south has forced in or statistic and the commendiation of a solid state of the solid state of the have heen abolished altogether, and the obligatory 'soversignity tax' has been reduced from 380 to 75 secudos.

Further morth, after a lull of some months, the Portuguese have again resorted to chemical warfare. Since 39 March herbicides and defoliants have been dropped and bombing raids intensified in WhA's Fourth region [THE] particularly in the Casaji area, uses the Benguela railway. In a recent communique WhA's railway. In a recent communique WhA's recompute the likefaid signet, has intensified the massarf of our people by poisoning big rivers that cross the area

The Portuguese can drop bombs and chemicals from the air with impunity, but on the ground, throughout March, they cont-inted to suffer heavy casualties on the eastern front, On 3 March two military Vehicles proceeding from Gago Coutinho entered an MPLA minefield and were completely destroyed. All their occupants were killed. In three clashes on the banks of the Chikului river on 9-10 March the Portuguese suffered heavy losses. Also on the 10th, three Unimogs were destroyed and their occupants killed by an MPLA ambush near the Mussuma river. MPLA mines blew up another troop-laden lorry near the Mussuma On the same day a further Unimog was destroyed on the Vinda-Gago Coutinho road. At the beginning of April mines on the Kaianda-Massivi road destroyed two Portuguese vehicles -

But the most important MPLA success came on 20 March, when an MPLA squadron using mortars and bacookas, completely destroyed the Linyconde barracks. The Portuguese suffered 30 dead and 18 wounded. This barracks was strategically posifioned and had been presenting difficulties to MPLA units heading for Lunda and Malanje, MPLA's Fifth politicomilitary region. In reprinal, Portuguese troops seized the chiefs of Linyconde and Fhimbil and imprisoned them in Kuete post. (The fact that the chiefs had helped to build the barracks in the first place did not mitigate in their favour). In addition, the following day Portuguese troops murdered five peasants in the area.

According to deserters from the colonial army, Portugal has now enlisted the help of American Green Barets in Angola. Despite denials from the American ambass ador in Zambia, MPLA estimates that there might be as many as 40 Green Berets advising the Fortuguese troops. The South Africans are also increasing their military commitment in Angola - a company of South African troops is stationed in the eastern front at Luso, and the Portuguese make extensive use of South African pilots and war materials. Ex-Katangese mecenaries - about 2,500 of them - also fight for the Portuguese. They earn about \$600 a month - not paid. however, by the Portuguese exchequer, but by the South African De Beers corporation, anxious to protect its holding in Angola's diamond industry.



### Explosions in Luanda

Parallel to the gwerila struggle in the rural areas, WPLA is intensifying its urban operations, carried out by its Urban Centres Action Groups. In Pebruary a Portuguese military vehicle in Laanda, between the structure of the structure of Portuguese of ficials. A lining two and two soldiers. The explosion followed a number of demonstrations in the city.

Made up of workers and students, the action groups have also scattered leaflets bearing MEA slogans calling for the mobilisation of all Angolans in the struggle and the 'generalisation of the armed struggle over the whole of the mational territory'.

The enemy's response to these activities is to constantly equip itself with better arms. Today every Portuguese settler is armed and an MMA communique describes how six Angolan children were killed during a carrival, when a handgrennde was thrown from the building of errs and of the Gigal mation of Volunt. a terrorist organisation of armed settlers.



Over the past few months much of Mosambique's Tete province has slipped from Portuguese control. As in northern Mosambique, the Portuguese army in Tete is finding itself increasingly restricted to the towns, to its fortified posts and is only able to move along the main roads. The continuing FRELIMO offensive in Tete is taking a high toll in Portugese lives. In the 3 months December to February Portugal lost at least 197 men. In addition six trains were wrecked in the province, 22 vehicles were destroyed, two bridges were blown up and nine posts and two concentration camps attacked and partially or totally destroyed. Twentysix major ambushes were launched and an aircraft shot down in the region of Mague.

A Malawian, returning from Rhodesia through Tete, has given an eyewitness account of a battle on April 10 between FRELIMD and the Portuguese army. The convor with which he was travelling came under FRELIMO artillery fire some 20 miles morth of the town of Tete. For the 3 hours and 45 minutes that the firing continued, the Malawian and his wife sheltered under their car. Finally Portuguese helicopters arrived to carry off the 25 dead and over 160 wounded. A the convoy continued towards the Malawian Portuguese trucks and buses lying on the roadside.

Kaulsa de Arriaga, Portuguese C. in C. in Mozambique, has tried to put a cheerful face on all this. According to, him the Portuguese army in Tete thas achieved a greater degree of security in important areas and on important roads, have taken the population from the control or influence of FRELIMO, and have promoted the "regression of subversion" '. Arriaga then boasts that he has convinced FRELIMO 'of the impossibility of winning a military victory'. FRELIMO disagrees: 'This offensive aims at dislodging the enemy from our zones, at cutting the means of communication (through the intensification of ambushes and sabotage operations against cars, trains, boats and bridges) and at destroying the few posts which the enemy still holds. The offensive is being carried out with complete success'. (FRELIMO communique 1 May 1971).

Also disagreeing with Arriaga's estimate of the state of the war is Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front government. The Rhodes-iang have viewed FRELIMO activities in Tete - in particular the sabotage of the Salisbury-Malawi highway - with undisguised alarm. Nothing could be more unwel-come for the Rhodesians than a revolutionary power on their frontier - and Mozambique is not protected by a vast river. Accordingly, Rhodesian troops previously stationed on the Zambezi have been moved to the frontier with Tete. Admitting this for the first time on 16 May, J.A.Fleming, Secretary for Law and Order, said: 'The presence of Portuguese terrorists on our border, even though their attacks are not directed against Rhodesia, must be regarded as a potential threat to the security of this country. Accordingly it has been necessary for us to maintain a watch on this border which in effect means a further extension of border areas which need constant supervision. !

Rhodemian troops have bitterly criticise their Portuguese allies for their apparent unwillingness to fight FRELIMD. The standard Portuguese tactic of operating from fixed positions, emerging for eporadic raids, then withdrawing again and claiming great victories has been condemed as worthless. The Rhodesians have lent General Arrisgs certain military assistance. A year ago, for example, four thodesian soldiers entered Tete to help relieve a Portuguese garrison under FRELIND attack. Their truck hit a mine, and three of them were killed. Since then there have been several engagements between Rhodesian troops who have crossed between Rhodesian troops who have crossed Service commands in particular - and FRELIND units.

Meanwhile full-scale economic collab-

### 25 JUNE FRELIMO

The 25 June, 1972, marked the tenth anniversary of the foundation of FREJIMO. The last decade has seen the groups of exiled nationalists who joined together in Dar es Salaam in 1962 awell to a mighty organization that has freed 4 of Morambique from Portuguese rule and now administers a million people in its liberated areas.

FIGLIND's greatest task has not been the purely military one of evicting the Portuguese, but the social one of rebuilding a shattered nation, Prior to the armed struggle, rural Momenbique was devoid of doctors, devoid of teachers. The population was illiterate, diseases such as beribori, scables, ringworm, malaris, bilharcia, smallpox and yaws ran the of the second structure of the second second of the second doctional, and medical infraartucture has been built throughout northern Momenbigue. In Cabo Delgado alone FREJIMO now has i Provincial Central Hospital, 17 Dintrict Medical Forta, 60 First Aid Posts and asmedical and para-medical staff (J 325-340 persons.

A health education campaign in waged throughout the ilbertated areas to teach the people the sciential precepts of preventing common tropical diseases. All FRELMO bodies - the schools, the village committees, the army - take part in this. Mass warctination is now organized, espused the science of the wipere health conditions are particularly bad. The largest such campaign has been against schws, but inoculations against schws, lack of quipment - aspecthat such campaign cannot be as thorough as TRLIMO would wieh.

The high infant mortality rate in morthern Mozambique is being tackled by eliminating two of its major causes - umbilical tetanus and post-matal malaria. But FREJ.MO recognises that other causes, such as malnutrition, can only be overcome by improving the diet of new-born bables and advancing the work of child care centres - not easy under continual threat of enemy bombardment.

FRELIMO's social welfare programmes are aimed not only at overcoming the problems inherited from colonialism, but algo at overcoming reactionary traditions and superstitions. Thus much traditional, oration between Portugal and Rhodesia continues. They are considering the feasibility of developing a major hydroelectric power scheme on the Mstala river some 55 miles north-west of Lourenco Marques. The cheap power thus produced and that from Cabora Bassa will be an invaluable asset for the Smith regime and will draw Lisbon and Salisbury seven closer togethor.

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY

unhygienic African medicine has been abolished, Similarly in the field of education ancient prejudices have to be broken down, Many Mozambicans still prefar to send their daughters to initiation rites rather than to school, After the year home awaiting marriage, thus effectively ending any hope of education. Too often daughters are considered in terms of the dowries they might fetch - schooling is held to lower the market price and is therefore avoided. Both FHELMOV's Political Commissariat and Women's Detochanging the people's conscioumens in this respect, explaining the need for and the advantages of an adequate education.

Colonialist education is contemptuous of the masser; PRELIMO's education stresses the unity of the student and the people, and rejects notions of formal, academic education as the only legitimate learning instead of being isolated from the people the student is encouraged to lisise with them, Broductive activities play a vital mechanics, tailoring etc, are taught as well as back Literacy - and so the schools play an active, produtive role in the community.

What has happened in northern Mozambique, then, is not only that the colonialists have been militarily defeated, but that the colonialist mentality they imposed upon the people is also being defeated. Where there was exploitation - forced labour on Portuguese cotton plantations there are now FRELIMD co-operatives. Where previously colonial taxes robbed Africans of much of what little they possessed, and cheating Portuguese traders took more, now FRELIMO shops ensure a fair exchange of goods, ensure that the villagers are supplied with all they need. Where there was disease, there are now hospitals; where there was ignorance, there are now schools. Despite the harsh conditions of war, FRELIMD has laid the foundations of a new life, a new society for the people of Mozambique.



### INSIDE PORTUGAL'S It's two mottos are:



#### (translated from Jeune Afrique )

'The commander of the military region had sent me out to reconnoitre with a hundred or so men. Our mission was to verify the truth of some information that terrorists - Angolan guerillas, that is - had infiltrated into the area which was nominally under the control of our forces.' The young Fortuguese who is speaking was, until a few months ago, captain of a contingent of colonial troops in the 'overseas province of Angola'. 'According to our orders, we were to go some 20 kilometres into the bush of Bie and return the following day. It was certainly a dangerous mission; we guessed that MPLA guerillas were in the area. For some time now the population had had no normal contact with us: that meant that the guerillas were winning over the district. Personally I had no desire to risk my life and those of my men for the sake of a reconnaissance.

'What was I to do? - what almost all reserve officers do. Say "Yes, sir", strike out from the fortified camp that was our base, go several kilometres into the forest, stop in a safe place, station the sentries, return to camp the next day and note in the report that the reconnaisance revealed nothing - no terrorists, no population, nothing at all.' And smiling, he adds: 'Of course in the forest you hunt and play cards ... '

This officer's remarks are not exceptional, rather they are typical. During my stay in Portugal, I questioned many people who had served in the army: officers, NCOs and ordinary soldiers, All spoke freely when promised anonymity. What arises from the conversations is that the Portuguese colonial army has no belief whatever in its'civilising mission' as the Lisbon strategists pretend, and that consequently it has no desire to fight.

1. 'Bring home all your skin, including that of your heels.' In Portuguese that means not only fight as little as possible but also exert yourself as little as possible

2. 'No heroics'.

'In Guine, Angola and Mozambique, ' another young officer told me, 'it is really very rare to find anyone who seeks an engagement with the guerillas. If you can run away without too many risks - well, so much the better."

Naturally, these considerations only hold good for the ground forces. The airforce, that's different,' explained m informant. 'The strategists of the col-onial wars, as in Vietnam, try to make airpower do what the infantry cannot. Besides, the pilots do not risk very much In fact, MPLA, FRELIMO and PAIGC possess few anti-aircraft batteries, which are altogether insufficient to seriously counter the terrorist tactics of the colonial forces.

A man close to, the Minister of War, who a 'liberal' role (though he still asked me to withhold his name) told met 'We are well aware that Amilcar Cabral could take Bissau this very day. But he could not hold the town because we have the sirforce and he hasn't enough anti-sircraft equipment.' 'But eventually he could be equipment. Joi eventually ac could be provided with this, I pointed out. That's true, he admitted, 'and we know that PAIGC's weaponry is daily becoming more dangerous. But as long as Cabral cannot hold Bissau, Portugal will not leave Guine, !

Everywhere the 'denial of heroism', the indifference to and ignorance of problems suffices to explain how what is at least a military failure, if not already a defeat, is known to everyone in Portugal, but talked of as little as possible.

To understand the deep reasons for this state of affairs, we should recall that Portugal has lived under a dictatorship for over 40 years - a dictatorship which, unlike Mussolini's Italy or Franco's Spain, has never been marked by any attempt at popular mobilisation.Salazar's regime yesterday, Caetano's today, have always been cold and technocratic. Salazar, always entrenched in his office, had no contact with 'his' people, and Cactano's presence among the Portuguese is limited to the inauguration of a few bridges and roads and to two or three televised speeches a year.

Eleven years ago the Minister of Defence claimed that he had crushed the Angolan revolt, led by 'international communism' in three months. The same was said at the beginning of the war in Guine in 1963 and

by Bruno Crimi

of the situation in Mozambique in 1964-65. Throughout this period hundreds of thousands of young men have been sent to the 'overseas provinces' to 'spread the values of western civilisation and of Catholicism'.

WEARY ARM

Portuguese newspapers have only published the official communiques from the commands in Guine, Angola and Mozambique where the war is not meritomed but - strangely enough - Claims of 'wictories' of the given are lists of 'those who died for their country'. They never say precisely where these men fell. Nor do they ever mention aircraft shot down, or boats sunk ny bacokas on the rivers of Angola, Mozambique, or Guine. In this situation hore's Africa African ware? Indeed what is he, illiterate or semi-illiterate, to know about Africa?

Again it is an officer who speaks: "When our men disembark in Angola, it's as if they've landed on the moon. The pergants in particular have sacarchy ever sen a black man, and they are astounded at seeing no many. And if, lor example, they are then sent to the district of Mixico or Cuansa Norte, or Linda, they have no idea where these places are.' They are beeildered: 40 years of dictatorhip, a saday menotonous, totally depaid tigined existing they are district of the saday menotonous, totally depaid tigined existing they are an of the saday of the sample officers (for whom the war, considering 'grand mission of Portugal' in her 'overses 'provinces'.

"To understand the situation in the colonies you should spend several days in a combat some, 'a young worker from Sctubal told me. He had just finished military service in Guine. 'It was enough that in the some of Bafta we lived 1 underground all day. To go for a piss you had to reach a trench some 15 metre away. You knew that there were anipers in the trees round the camp, so that severy time you relieved yourself you risked your life. And there was fear, dense fear. People were silent, no-one just there, you get drunk to overcome your terror.'

This situation leads to a deep racism in the military. The logic is primitive: it's because of the blacks that we're in this situation; it's the blacks who kill and wound us; therefore we must hate the blacks. The boredom and the lack of a polifical consciousness create an spathy among those at the front, who are - with a few exceptions - unable to see that it is the hawks in Lisbon and the government who are responsible for the mess in which they find themselves... The state of morale in the colonial army is not unknown to the white settlers of Angola and Mosembique (in Guiné there are no settlers, only aveval thousand administrative functionaries, concentrated in Bissau). This explains the unease that is growing among the 'Fortuguese resident in the colonies'. Several times, especially and soldiers in the army, accusing them of a lack of determination in defending Portuguese interests (i.e. their own interests) in the overeas provinces.

The commanders in the three territories, the 'famous' Spinola in Guing', Reboho Yow in Angola and Kaulaa de Arriaga in Malifary realities: they prefer to trust illeri tant tasks to the airforca, or to paratroopers, often chosen from the some of settlers.



Detail of a leaflet dropped by the Portuguese in Mozambique and intended to intimidate the population in the liberated areas

When it comes to the crunch, a peasant from metropoitan Portugal doesn't care about 'losing the overseas provinces'. So the systematic worsening of the military situation in Africa has provoked the settlers into forming a veritable reserve army, well-trained and 'conscious of the mission that awaits it', according to a professor who ret returned from Mozambique two years ago. Naturally, the political police, the DGS is increasing its power in the colonies in a geometric progression, Its control is no longer exercised only over politicised black milieux (which as such are always suspected of 'subversion') in the cities, but also over the army itself. It is symptomatic of the malaise that DGS agents are becoming increasingly numerous in the army. And this is the reason why the most politicised cadres who enter the army are completely unable to act. And while the prisons in Luanda,

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in the Cape Verde, in Beira and Lourenco Marques fill up with Africans suspected of mationalist sympathies, the Portuguese soldier courts the days that remain before his return home.

And so one understands why, when they speak of Fortugal, liberation movement leaders only accuse the tyrante in Lisbon and' never the Portuguese people, exploited, deprived of their freedom, and reduced to apathy.

# Portugal: Repression and Resistance

The sabotage operations of Portugal's urban guerilas continue, At the begining of May, a train in the Youga valley was derailed, and power cables in southern Portugal attacked. In an attem attempt to stamp our such activities the regime instituted a savage clampdown in May and June.

According to an official note of 30 May, sabotage is carried out by at least two important groups. One is ARA (Armed Revolutionary Action) said to be the military wing of the Fortquees Communist Party, which has opened up a fourt 'fourth front' in support of the 118eration movements in (the colonies. The other group is a successor to LUAR (United League for Revolutionary Action)



THIS IS AN UNEDUCATED THIRD WIRLD MAN

led by Palma Inacio who is named in the note as responsible for several actions in the past. The note claims that exmembers of LUAR are associated with the 'Revolutionary Brigades' of the Algierebased Front for National Libersion.

While claiming to have found important evidence relating to these groups, the DCS (political police) has been unable to group, acting on a hit and run principle, army desorters, has proved by far the most effective revolutionary group in the 45 years of dirtatorship. Present governential strategy involves making 'preventive' raids where prople are arrested as reads and a state that the struggle as transmo, stated that the struggle as transmo, stated that the struggle as throughout the Portugues empire, from Northern Mozambigue to the streets of Lisbon itself.

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THIS IS A THIRD WORLD MAN EDUCATED FOR FREEDOM

In theory there is no forced labour in the Portuguess colonies - but the Portuguess regime has always had great difficulty persuading world opinion of its varies of the facts. In 1970, however, the International Labour Organization, at Lisbour of 1962 was extremely favourable to the Portuguese - so much so that it now forms a valuable part of Lisbour's propaganda areenal. It is therefore worth streaging the following: Juvigny spent a very short time in Angola and Mosambique - ten days, to be precise. In Angola he visited two cities (Launda and Lobito), a small village (Portugalia) and the auroundings of Nova Lisboa - a small fraction of a huge country. Despite the fact that most reports of forced labour specifically refer to Angola's coffee plantions, not one of these was visited (Juvigny was told that the coffee area was 'unsafe'). And the Portuguese knew well in advance the details of Juvigni's litierary, and were therefore was listed angues from view.

Juvigny was accompanied in Angola by Dr. Afonso Mendes, director of the country's Labour Institute, As Juvigny could not understand Portugenes well, and the African languages not at all, Mendes acted as interpreter for hims and on leaving Angola Juvigny flusomely thanked, Mendes for his assistance. No-one could know better Mendes the real conditions obtaining in Angola: the bureau over which he presides is responsible for the engire Angolan labour system.

In 1969 the Portuguese government decided to make use of Mendes' knowledge and asked him to write a condidential report on Angolan conditions, as a contribution to the 'psychological' side of the colonial war. A copy of this report, entitled 'Relevant aspects of Counter-Subversion', has now been received from a missionary by the Dutch Angola Countitee who have translated it into English. And the facts and views expressed by Mendes in this report could not be further removed from the information given to Juvigny. What follows is the body of the report:

## 'Relevant Aspects of Counter-subversion'

 In 1960 the population of Angola was estimated to be roughly composed of 95.2% of African origin, 3.5% European and 1.1% Coloured, From 1950 to 1960 the group of African origin increased by 567,675 persons; that of European origin increased by 93,703 persons, and the Coloured pop-ulation decreased by 23,744 persons. As a result of the problem of insecurity cauresult of the problem of insecurity cau-sed by terroriam, between 1960 and 1970 the population of European origin did not increase at a higher rate. In his book Problems of Economic Development in Angola Walter Marques calculates on page 34 that this province will have more than 53 mill ion inhabitants, of which more than 5 million will be of the negro race, which is approximately 91% of the entire population. Thus the large majority of people are of this race and this will become even more accentuated to the extent that medical assistance is improved and the present social advance comes to fruition. Nevertheless, almost all the wealth all the positions of leadership, all the agricultural, livestock, industrial and commercial enterprises, and the real dec-ision making power will remain in the hands of the European segment of the population, which in 1970 will continue to be merely a small minority as has always been the case ... This situation results in a striking economic inequality between the 'white group' and the 'black group'. This leads to social inequality and to the maintenance of cultural inequality.

voking a large polarisation between the two groups of the population. Through the abolition of the Mindigenato' an enormous effoir was made to reduce this polarisation and this effort still continues by means of douction, free labour, the increased appeal to qualified workers of African origin, a better protection of the land property rights, the social elthe land property rights, the social elor discriminery means and actives. But the road is long, difficult and timecommung, and the goal in view, to level the conditions of whites and blacks, remains hypothetical.

It is irrefutable that a wide and deep gap between the two population groups now exists. It is difficult to reduce this gap, due to the problems the Africans have in competing, due to their customs and their low level of education...This panorama of Angolan life, which is sketched very concisely and with the most somber tones, is intended to clarify the existence of the most grave social lags, which university for of cracks through their mission of disruption to win the sympathy of the malcontents and in the case of Angola, these malcontents may constitute more than 90% of the entire population....

 The subversive forces attempt to turn the African masses against our political and administrative authority and against the presence of the white population in

These differences have combined in pro-

the Province, For that reason they do everything they can to agitate these Af-1 rican masses, to dissociate them from the Europeants, to apread black racism among them, and to make them believe in the chance for an easy prosperous and happy future - in short to mobilize the masses to zerve their deology and to pursue their aims. Consequently it seems logical that they make use of:

A. Errors and abuses committed in the very recent past by our political and administrative structure.

Slavery, the pacification wars, the abuses of power, physical violence by administrative authorf ities, forced labour with all the accompanying consequences which are unpleasant to relate, misuse tindi. of guardianship during the genato' regime, administrative genato regime, administration of lands which belonged to the community by customary law and were not destined for individual ownership, the dislocation of the population, the compulsory cultivation, the numerous offen-ces against the traditional laws and the African system of values, etc. etc. cer-tainly form the themes for well-known stories, legends and tales in the long community gatherings which are so peculiar to the black population. Here the white man will always be presented as a bad and greedy creature, as the sole cause of all the misery of the past, and as destined to be the traditional enemy of the black man. And because the white man was like this in the past, it will be considered very probable that he will continue to be so in the present and the future. The population will therefore be susceptible to a large degree to subversive doctrines. This is why we cannot afford to neglect this fundamental aspect of subversion which opens the door to the advance of the enemy.

Suggestion: We must create a doctrine as guickly as possible which justifies the errors of the past and minimizes their consequences. We must strive to project and enlarge our work and emphasize its many positive aspects.



B. The immense discrepancy between the standard of living of the African and European populations

The reality is so obvious that it would merely be a waste of time to try to demonstrate this. The ENEMY will certainly take advantage of this by presenting it as irrefutable proof of the continuation of the exploitation of the blacks by the whites.

Suggestion: We must spread the idea that this discrepancy results from the Africams' lack of education, their smaller desire to work, and their doubtful apiril of enterprise, Various examples must show that the black man, if he desires, has the same opportunities as the white man. The government is now trying to el-

> A DOUBTFUL SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE, OLD BOY

evals the negro population economically through education and by technical and material assistance. But they must co-operate.Finally, we must create a propaganda which guides the population and directs their attention toward the joint task of economic development.

C. Several cases of the abuse of power give the impression that people of African origin do not enjoy the same rights as others and that they are subjected to heavier obligations.

Gertain cases of the abuse of power by officials, the paternalistic tradition of the 'indigenato', and the distrust of the negroes which is dominant amongst a large number of the Europeans underlie the application of special measures to persons of African origin which do not apply to genebers of the white group, As long as these measures are practised and these attitudes are maintained, the ENEMY can always present itself to the indigenug population as a liberator and an ally.

Suggestion: We must try to force the authorlies, expecially those of the adminiatration and the police, to treat the Afri cans as Portuguese citizens, to respect their human dignity and their rights and also to support them in their problems and their needs. These authorities must not act like bureaucrate who take refuge behind formalities and legal regulations that are likely to make it more dificult or even impossible to solve these problems, but must be people who try to win the sympathy of the black population and who try to help them.

D. The increasein agricultural activities

and cattle breeding has always chused the Africans to be driven from to lands which they always considered that own or the property of their community. They comsider this to be a serious offence and a thefr which not only deprives them of the their present means of subsistence but also of all their hope for the future.

This type of abuse committed in the past in Cuanas Sol, Cuanas Norte, Uige, Benguels, and lately in Huila, is a terrible recollection for the Africans, which easily leads to sympathy for the ENEMY and can even lead the Africans to support its activities.

Suggention: In the concession of land we must take the utbot care to respect traditional rights of the Africans and, if these rights must be infringed upon, there must be prior agreement and a fair material componation, with a replacement continue farming. The given compensations and guaranteem must be fully publicized.



E. A large difference exists between the wages of the African worker and the worker of European origin.

The average monthly wage of the rural and similar workers, always of African origin, is 600 escudos whereas the urban workers, predominantly of European origin get six times as much. It must be taken into consideration that the first group represents about i of all the workers, in fally exploited by the ENMAT propaganda this in bound to occur and will place another dangerous weapon in its hands.

Suggestion: The rate at which wages are harmonized, although already in progress, must be increased by the establishment of minimum wages for the agricultural sector by liberalising the freedom of movement of the workers and by extending the activities of the labour inspection.

F. There is a wide range of obstacles to the mobility of the agricultural workers is which is necessary for the desired imprevement of the general tabour conditions Diplacement of urban workers is facilitalest. Aside from the consequences in the widems at for a more distributatory measure against the blacks.

In order to escape from the present un-

satisfactory position it is a "conditio sing qua non" that the rural workers have the possibility to choose their employer and their work, to discuss the working conditions, and to resign from that work if it dees not meet their expectations or the promised conditions, As long as the employers continue to use professional recruiters and contract workers to satiafy their labour needs, marked progress cannot be expected in the improvement of working conditions and in particular, in the type of relationship between employers and employees.

At the present time there are still many obstacles not only imposed by the civil authorities, but by the military and the pretext of defence reasons. Once we understand the importance of removing the argument of the ENDMY that the black workblack workers that conditions are now improving for their benefit, we must recogmise the necessity to consider this point

Suggestion: To encourage a form of populalion control which does not conflict with the freedom of movement of the rural worker. The authorities must be convinced to respect that mobility.

G. Administrative authorities still frequently intervene with repression against sorkers at the request of the representation employers. We can see and werly recently a similar intervention of the police and para-allitary authorities. The cases of extrame physical widence are not a few.

In legal terms this intervention is designated as "forced labuat" and is considered to be workly wrong and punishable by a maxieum of 2 years imprisonment. This extremely bad example by the official has been followed by the employers who do not heeltate to inflict physical punishment for any negligence or irregularity of the workers. Such practices arouse the hatred of the blacks which facoliates the expansion of the subversive action of the ENDM'.

Suggestion: To impose upon the civil, will itary, police and paramilitary authorities that they must abstain from intervention in the conflicts between employers and rural workers, which should be left to the courts. Physical punishments, which are illegal, must be ended for good Maverally, authorsive attitudes of the Maverally, authorsive attitudes of the ialleed organisations and only when proved.

N. The non-payment of salaries and other grave offences committed by the employers are not punished effectively, which gives those workers affected the impression that the white mas continues to do whatever he wants with impurity.

There are insufficient Labour Tribunals and they are often very slow to take decisions. It frequently occurs that workers In remote districts have to wait a long time before their wages for one or more years are paid. This delay is incomprehensible to the workers who conclude that they are still not under any protection. Anywhat is scilous, they apread that oppand the scilous of the scillar oppwhich is advantageous to the activities of the EXEMY.

Suggestion: To enforce more efficiency and rapidlty in the administration of justice either through the establishment of new courts or through the creation of adequate labour legislation.

I, The individuals of European origin del lberately and maliciously insult the  $M_{-}$ rigans in their daily contact with attitudes based on an unmistakeable hostility.

These attitudes make the differences with which the ENEMY intends to separate the whites from the blacks more pronounced, which is bad.

Suggestion: Develop a propaganda campaign directed to encouraging the mutual understanding between both groups.



J. The principle of non-discrimination on grounds of ethnic origin is a legal principle of ours which is not always observed in day-to-day life.

Anyone who is momewhat familiar with the life of our Province knows that this is so. No other argument is used as widely by the SNMAV as evidence of the lack of honesty and sincerity in the Portuguése actions in Angola. With these arguments the SNMAV tries to make that Fitcher and the SNMAV tries to make the snm tries and the SNMAV tries to make the snm tries are of the SNMAV tries to make the snm tries are of the SNMAV tries to make the snm tries are of the SNMAV tries to make the snm tries are of the snm tries and tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries are of the snm tries the snm tries are of the snm tries are

Suggestion: To direct the campaign suggested in the previous paragraph to fight all deviations from the legal principle of non-discrimination. K. The absence of economic ties in the urban centres makes the African population an easy target for abversion. This subversion is reinforced by the supporter of the REWM who great the idea that there is everything to win and nothing to lose.

The housing problem in the urban centres will eventually become a heavy argument used by the ENEMY to the advantage of his campaign of subversion. The fact that the blacks do not participate in commercial and industrial, activities constitutes one more aspect of their lack of economic ties and fixed material interests. This leads to the absence of a black middle class which is conservative by nature and not easily susceptible to revolutionary doctrines and movements.

Suggestion: Creation of a system of credit capable of stimulating the birth of a black bourgeoisie.....

L. There is a social legislation exclusively for Africans (CTR) which is considered to be the legal establishment of a discriminatory regime.

Suggestion: Unification of the social legislation in force.

There are reasons for dissatisfaction, disruption, rivalry and uncertainty for the future within the ethnic minority which consists predominantly of European in which the coloured and the socio-econbecome integrated. The ENEMY seems to be concentrating more effort in disrupting this group through known techniques of propaganda. In this connection it is nec-essary for the public administration to develop a program directed to this group which eliminates the unjust and often unreasonable inequalities. A spirit of hope in a better future must be instilled in this group which will lead them to unify in common defense. It must be made easy for them to purchase real estate which would tie them to the Province. It is therefore important to make a study of the composition of this group and of the reasons for dissatisfaction in order to eliminate them or, if this is not possible. to minimize them.

The numerous problems which lead to internal dispute must be studied in order to find a solution which is not in conflict yeaseful, fruitful and multiracial coexistence in which the value of the individual regardless of ethnic origin, forms the only basis for success. This is not only basis for success. This is not with the permanent consolidation of Angola as a dear and important part of the Pertuguese empire.

4. Contrary to our original intentions, we have considered aspects and suggestions of a general nature which are somewhat difficult to expressin concrete terms. Counter-subversion can only be effective through extensive social, political and administrative reforms. Considerable resources are required in this, as well as in counter-guerrilla warfare, because they both form a fundamental line of defence in the struggle that we are fighting for the integrity of the mation. Unfortunateof the willingness to,mobilize the manpower and the legal and executive power which is indispensable in achieving these aims. And time is on the side of the ENEMY.

We consider local measures to be merely temporary substitutes which, although useful, are far from the global solution which is required.

The publication of this report has already had repercussions - not reast winnn the ILO itself. The Angola Committee used the report to do some highly effective lobbying at the ILO's annual conference in Geneva at the end of June. This resulted in a resolution condeming Portuguess represention in the colonies which was passed by 311 votes to nil with 84 abstentions. The resolution also aked the ILO governing body to consider ways in which representatives from Angola, Mesambique and Guine could attend meetings. The Portuguese delegation immediately left the conference.

# OAU DISCUSSES SUPPORT

The third summit meeting of the Organisation of African Unity took place in Rabat, Morocco, in June. It is never easy to estimate the significance of such an occasion, for the OAM, a loose body of 41 states - some progressive, some very conservative - cannot always be expected to function effectively. All delegates white minority regimes and several utions were passed on the subject.

One resolution declared that all African states should fensure that all arms and other material assistance desined to the Liberation Movements of Mozablyque, Angola and Guine-Blasau are afforded all tacilities to enable them to reach their destination without hindrance". Extensive use of border facilities is crucial for the transport of supplies and a number of problem have been created for the movedenied them. Supplies for MEA's front in Bie, for example, have to travel hundrads of miles further than if they could pass

The Tunisian delegate suggested that Afr ican associate members of the EUC should put pressure on the Common Market to debar Portugal from associate membership until and decolonies. However, this is associates are Francophone countries many of whom have pushed the policy of 'dialogue' with Portugal and South Africa Qually impractical was the proposal that



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African states should approach Brazil's black community with a view to breaking Readil's finks with Portugues colonialism. Relations between these two countries have steadily been strengthesed since the year ago an agreement was reached whereby estimate of each country had automatic citimenship of the other, and Portugal's Peesident Thoman has just completed a highly miccessful state visit to Brazil. Mareover, the latest development is the meet bank format in Mozambique, Angols and South Africa.

Both before and during the conference, some countries advocated the formation of an all-African liberation army, such that <u>The Observer</u> packed of 'the serious possibility of Portugal finding itself a war with African armies committed in support of the liberation movement in Guine-Birsaw, Moxambique and Angola', However, the liberation movements have always made it quite clear that, a lihough they require as much technical assistance and support as possible from outside, the responsibility for the military struggles in Moxambique, Angola and Guine lies solely with the people of these three countries.

Despite the lack of realism of some of the suggestions made at the conference, at the very least they are indicative of Arican governments. They are beginning to see that more active and concrete support than they are beginning to see that more active and concrete ingrease practical and financial support to the libration of financial support to the libration of the concents in containing one of the most encouraging developments to come out of the conference.

# A DAY IN OCCUPIED

This piece is reprinted from an article by a special correspondent in the Morning Star of 27 June.

Lourence Marques is a smallish city and there is not much to the centre: a few hotels and other large business buildings some restaurants and small bars smalt hars is about it. After a good, cheap meal of fresh lobters and pravms (although it was cheap for me I noticed that the clientels was entirely white although there is no colour-bar here), I went to the bar for a drink.

They were all steamy and packed to capacity with white men, some obviously



Water-carrying in occupied Mozambique

Portuguese sailors, each with a black girl on his arm or lap. On entering I was also offered the same services a little too forcefully, so I best a hasty retreat minus my drink, back to the hotel. Probably for quite a number of black families in the city this is one of the few ways of providing for the family.

Early next morning I decided to have a look areand the city and then drive up morth into the country a little. Down at the harbour the small, rather battered looking fishing mmacks were drawn up and acrasl with activity. A toworing grey battleship formed a sinisterly quiet backcloth to this accene.

Young boys, who couldn't have been more than in their early teens, worked next to wisened old men, breaking ice and packing it into the hold. Their clothes had more holes than the nets which were being neally folded and stowed. Everywork neally folded and stowed. Everywork reter trying to make a few seculos solling small carvings, make or bende. Here ; in Momambigue the economy is in a terrible state because of the war. There is little industry and few of the wealthy whites to provide employment as in South Africa.

Near the harbour on a patch of waste land a cluster of shacks with amoke rising from open fires revealed a group of industrious men and women. I wandered over and as I approached was greeted by an oldish man who spoke a little English because he had worked in South Africa.

'Here there is no work at all', he said 'I and my family cook food here every day for the harbour workers in order to keep us going'.

A number of men and women were busy stirring the ubiquitous maise porridge in large, blackened oil drums under the blasing midday sun. Under a rough table a baby in rags lay envreathed in smoke, fits greas a mass of fils which it tried to fend off with half-hearted movements. In other oil drums complete catlia-heads (about 2p) the therboir workers get their (about 2p) the therboir workers get their dimber - a heap of maise porridge and a few scraps of skin.and gristle from the cow's head.

The old man earns about 300 escudos [about 23] a week-in bhis way. This "Altchen-cum-restaurant" implanted in the centre of this expanse of wasteland was like a scient from Darte's Inferno, It was impossible to comprehend that It belonged in this world at all.

Back in the main street, in the cool shadwo of a large department store a few yards from one another, two stores were set up ladem with beautifully decorated home-made cakes and trinkets. Wellclothed white ladies were offering their wares for sale in aid of charity. The one stall represented a Christian organisation planning a hospital for incurable diseases for the poor and the other was raising money for, as the lady put it, 'our heroic boys fighting up north'.

This is Mozambique reality: extreme poverty for the blacks and a curiously incongruous European cultural facade put up by the white Portugese....

I left Leurenco Marques early in the afternon. One is soon out of the city, past the white-washed barracks, through the narrow, dusty, unmade roads of the black ghettos hordered by rows of shacks and little stalls of produce. Crowds of children and women congregated round the ilquid in their old Broil cans and carrying it on their heads back to their shacks.

North of Lourenco Margues the land is

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flat and swampy, vilages and huts are dotted few und far between on the flat terrain. It is incredible the number of blind, crippled or diseased people one sees underway; a young boy crosses the main road on hands and knees, his feet w in the air on stiff, distorted legs; an old woman runs after a bus, with her blind hushand clutching ber shoulder. Pictures like this repeat themschwes regularly. Outside the small hute the childres, their belies swollen, stare wonderingly at a white visitor, their eyes inflamed and runny with matter.

I felt sick and empty, but it was impossible to est swen though I felt hungry I stopped at a small roadside store-cumcafe, like all businesses in Mozambique, run by white Portuguese. It schever werf cluttered with dusty brown paper parkets of flour and beans and a few time with bleached out labels, I drawk a beer which is the best refreaber in that heat.

Outside a Mercedes armoured truck pulls up under a tree. The crew consists of 3 Portuguese and one black. When the officer in command learns that 1 am English he becomes friendly and communicative. The other three open their ration packs (supplied to the army by South Africa).

I ask him how it's going up north, as that is where they've come from.

'Terrible', he mays, 'We're glad to get

out. Everywhere is mined or you're likely to,be ambushed. We only went out in convoys never alone. Only last week the officer in charge of these man was killed and I had to take over.'

'Will you win?' I asked.

He smiles. 'Of course not. It's only a patter of time before they kick us out'.



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### Censorship? What, us!

The following is a quote from the front page of the <u>Diario de Lisboa</u> - a Lisbon evening paper

"The Statute of the Press, published on 4 May, will operate from 1 June, It eets the rules of the new press law (Act No. ' -71 of Nov 5, 1971) and establishes as a rule the freedom of the press, "It is legal to all citizens to use the press in accordance with its social function and with respect for citizens' rights, social demand and moral principles". There is a proviso, however, concerning a new 'previous examination' system, "The publication of texts or images in the periodical press will be dependent on previous examination should a state of emergency or martial law be decreed". Given that we are now officially in a state of emergency, after Government decree of 20 December last, the periodical press will therefore not be subject to censorship but to previous examination Therefore what until 31 May was a general rule, namely the previous administrative permission for the publication of texts and images, is an exception from 1 June'.

## Visit of PAIGC leader

Between 29 May and 9 June, Gil Fernandes, a member of PAIGC's Superior Council, made a highly successful tour of this country. He adressed meetings in Lodon, Coventry, Hull, Oxford, Reading, Swanzea, Brighton, Southampton and Nottingham. His tour has helped sustain the increased int interest in and swareness of the struggle Cabrel last Autumn. It is to be hoped that this growing sympathy will shortly be manifested in concrete acts of solldarity.

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## AGGRESSION AGAINST SENEGAL

Sengal has suffered from sporadic incursions into her territory throughout the past year. The latest border incident took place on 26 May. Weing as their pretext a dispute over a rice-field which straddled the border. Portuguese troops threatend Senegalese peasants working in the fields near the village of Santhiaba-Manrak. They withdrew when Senegalese troops arrived, only to return a few hours later, An estimated 200 Portuguese troops attacked the village and in the battle six Senegalese soldiers were killed and five wounded. In retalision, on the night of 30/31 May Senegalese troops crossed the border and raided a Portuguese base. No figures were published but a communique from the Senegalese armed forces remarked that the reprisal had achieved 'particularly positive results'. This was the first time that a Senegalese soldier had crossed the border into Guine. The UN November could a resolution ha on Senegal. The new incident coincided with the Secretary-General's reporting to the Council that Lisbon had made no response whatever to this resolution.

### New Literature

Three new books are now available from the Committee. One is a Cuban publication entitled Portuguese Coloniest Victory or Death (60p) consisting of a collection of liberation movement writings over the past eight years, The second, Revolution in Angola (60p) comes from the Herlin Press. Written by members of MPLA this short introduction to Africa's longest generills wer is dedicated commander Heji Ana Benda, who didd In battle in 1968. Finally, No Pintchni (1.25) is a beautifully produced booklet of photographs takes by the Japahese cameraman T, Ogava during a visit to liberated Guine last year.

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