



THE PEOPLE AGAINST FASCISM

PLUNGED into crisis by the general offensive of the armed revolutionary forces that have inflicted increasingly numerous defeats, and faced with imminent destruction, Portugal is frantically preparing to use in Guinea-Bissau one of the most ignoble forms of warfare, condemned by all peoples: the use of poisonous chemicals to destroy crops and vegetation, in an evident attempt to crush

the just armed struggle of the valiant people of Guinea-Bissau by means of hunger, since it is impossible to do so in the politico-military field.

The world knows that fascist Portugal, convinced for a long time now of its own impotence face to face with the freedom fighters, has steadily escalated its political and military strategy only to be defeated, thus provoking violent mutinies and spec-



tacular desertions from within its own rank and file troops to join the Guinean combatants or flee to other countries.

As usual, NATO, of which Portuguese fascism is a part, has increased its assistance in the face of that country's imminent defeat, and is providing bombers and high-quality automatic weapons which are used today on a broad scale against Guinea-Bissau and the other peoples of the African Portuguese colonies.

The great failures accumulated, have led Yankee and West German imperialists and their allies, sworn and cruel enemies of the peoples, to supply chemical weapons — among them napalm — to Portugal, directly or through NATO, which are being used indiscriminately against the peoples of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau. But none of these atrocities has been able to thwart the offensive of our brothers in arms nor their decision to oust with fire those who try to deprive peoples of their most basic and sacred right: to decide freely on their own destiny. Thus, the barbarous armed aggression against the revolutionary people of the Republic of Guinea was cynically contrived, studied and carried out because of that people's unconditional and full support to the strug-

gle of their brothers in arms in Guinea-Bissau. This aggression, one of whose immediate objectives was the annihilation of the rear guard of the PAIGC combatants, was smashed, just as any other that follows will be smashed.

In the face of these barbarous actions which once again lay bare the bloody and cruel character of the inhuman war of the ultrafascists of Lisbon, the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America wholeheartedly appeals to all member organizations and to world public opinion, to use every means possible to denounce and condemn these actions to prevent genocide from being carried out. We firmly condemn all States allied with Portugal, members of NATO, for providing their economic, political and military assistance to this dirty war which is universally repudiated, and demand an immediate end to this assistance.

We call on all our organizations and all progressive forces in the world to intensify their assistance to and their solidarity with the peoples of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau, in their just struggle against the most cruel and anachronistic colonialism known to Africa: Portuguese colonialism.