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OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!

The Patriot is printing and re-printing articles on the struggles against racial discrimination waged in this country by Afro-Asian-Latin American compatriots.

Struggles against racial discrimination are sweeping across the US in almost all major cities, as national minorities resist the attempts of the US monopoly capitalist class, the root source of racial discrimination, to intensify the double load of oppression and exploitation already placed upon them.

US imperialism, beset by a deepening economic crisis and suffering setbacks all over the world, is trying to place the burden of these crises onto American working and oppressed people. This has resulted in widespread resistance, particularly among national minorities, who not only face exploitation as part of the American working class,

but racial discrimination as well.

These mass struggles are an important part of the struggle of the world's people against the two greatest enemies they face, US imperialism and Soviet social imperialism, and are concrete aid to the national liberation struggles in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Our great teacher Chairman Mao Tse-tung pointed out in 1968 that the struggles of the Afro-American people in the US was "a storm such as never taken place before in the history of that country" and that they were "a tremendous support and inspiration to the struggle of the people throughout the world against US imperialism and the struggle of the Vietnamese people against US imperialism....The struggle of the black people in the United States for emancipation is a component part

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Victory To The Struggle Of The Zimbabwe People!

The African people of Zimbabwe ("Rhodesia") have been waging an heroic armed struggle against the racist and fascist Ian Smith regime for over 12 years. The national liberation struggle of the Zimbabwean people has surged forward in recent months and years which has caused Smith's white-settler government and his backers U.S. and British imperialism to become ut-

erly panic stricken. Zanu (Zimbabwean African National Union) and its military arm ZANLA (Zimbabwean African National-Liberation Army) has the full support of the oppressed people and has liberated a base area as large as the state of Mississippi (50,000 square miles with 3 million people) in the northeast of the country. Chemurenga (the War of National Liberation) is certainly advancing!

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of the general struggle of all the people against U.S. imperialism, a component part of the contemporary world revolution." (Statement by Comrade Mao Tsetung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China In Support of the Afro-American Struggle Against Violent Repression, April 16, 1968)

Anti-imperialist Afro-Asian-Latin American compatriots in the U.S. have a duty to resolutely support these struggles in any way that they can, especially in this period when the struggle between the world's people and U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism are becoming extremely sharp. In the main, anti-imperialists Afro-Asian-Latin Americans have provided a militant example in opposing racial discrimination.

But compatriots must be vigilant; there are two lines on the question of opposing racial discrimination in the solidarity movement in North America and great confusion and division as a result.

This confusion and division, rather than being a bad thing, is actually a very good thing, for we can see who is truly working to build the unity and solidarity of working and oppressed people against our common enemy.

It is part of a larger process of contrast and differentiation in the revolutionary movement and it reflects the sharpening of contradictions all over the world and the intensification of the struggle between old and new. The current confusion and division over the question of Angola is a good example. Soviet social-imperialism is intensifying its aggression in that country and both the social-imperialists and U.S. imperialists are spreading massive amount of lies and slanders about the struggle of the Angolan people for their own ends. The stand which those in the revolutionary movement take on the question of Angola lays bare the extent which one is committed to opposing the enemies of the world's people. Supporting the Soviet social-imperialism or U.S. imperialism in any way means to oppose the working and oppressed people.

The confusion and division in the revolutionary movement on the question of Angola is a very good thing, because it allows genuine anti-imperialists to draw clear lines against revisionism and opportunism and thus move the world revolutionary movement forward.

The anti-imperialist solidarity movement in North America of which AALAPSF (S) is a part, must also draw lines on the question of fighting racial discrimination.

The Afro-Asian Latin American People's Solidarity Forum (Seattle), which has as one of the three points in its program - opposition to racial discrimination, as well as supporting national liberation struggles in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the anti-fascist struggle of the American working class and oppressed people, on its part has always consistently participated in fighting racial discrimination.

But hanging on to the tail end of the solidarity movement are certain "free-lance" anti-imperialists who care nothing about building the anti-imperialist struggle but are only interested in finding a comfortable little corner to sit and intellectualize.

To hear these people talk, they uphold the three point program of AALAPSF (S) even better than the comrades and supporters of AALAPSF (S).

However, nothing can hide the fact of their non-participation in regards to the last two points of the program, i.e. opposing racial discrimination and supporting the anti-fascist struggle of the American working class and oppressed people. This is not even to mention intellectualizing the first point of supporting national liberation struggles. To cover this lack of activity in fighting racial discrimination, they have put together a set of profound "theoretical" utterances: Since they were not born here in the U.S. and came here within the last few years, they do not know the "conditions" in this country, therefore have no "basis" to participate in fighting racial discrimination. However, national minorities born in the U.S. do have this "basis". But of course, since these free-lancers were born in Africa, Asia, or Latin America, they have the best "basis" to organize in support of national liberation.

Now this is an odd theory these windbags have come up with! Apparently, the ability to fight racial discrimination is based upon whether or not anti-imperialists have a U.S. birth certificate!

This is the only conclusion one can come to, as it is obvious to anyone that people from Africa, Asia and Latin America are discriminated against regardless of when they came to the U.S. and they have never hesitated to fight against racial discrimination.

There are countless examples throughout history: One is the case of Kamara Kabil, an African worker, whom the Seattle Police murdered in 1971. The fascists did not bother to hold their fire on account that Kabil was not an American citizen.

Foreign students from Africa, Asia and Latin America are also no exception. Often, U.S. imperialists bring these students to this country, hoping to make them into "goodwill" agents so that they will aid in the imperialist plunder of their countries when they return home. However, this does not make the imperialists treat them any more kindly. They, along with American born national minority students are often faced with harassment and arbitrary University administration racist decisions which make continuation of their schooling difficult if not impossible; not to mention the forms of discrimination normally found in the capitalist society. On top of all of this oppression, they face up to the racist and fascist U.S. Immigration Service, for whom Afro-Asian Latin Americans harbour deep hatred.

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AFRO - AMERICAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE IN SEATTLE - 1890 TO PRESENT

(REPRINTED FROM NEWSLETTER OF THE AFRICAN-AFRO-AMERICAN STUDY GROUP, DECEMBER 31, 75)

The talk presented on the Afro-American people's struggle in Seattle from 1890 to the present contained detailed and extensive analysis of the fight against racial discrimination and violent repression and for emancipation and equal rights. As elsewhere in the country, Black people in Seattle faced cruel capitalist exploitation as the lowest paid-workers and also suffered national oppression as a people. On both these fronts- the class and national struggles- Afro-American people have a history of bold and inspiring resistance. It was only on the basis of the struggle against the local ruling circles and its racist hirelings that Black people have advanced; and this advancement must be realistically measured as meager. The speaker emphasized from the outset that the decisive task facing the Afro-American people and the American working class is the struggle for complete emancipation from the criminal rule of the monopoly capitalist class.

Dividing the historical presentation into four parts (1890-1916; 1916-1940; 1940-1960; and 1960 to the present), the speaker concentrated on analyzing the living conditions and the actual struggles of Black people here and the organizations that came up to serve these struggles.

The analysis summed up the lessons learned and the accomplishments of the Afro-American struggle in Seattle. Five main points were made.

First, the Afro-American people, the vast majority of whom are workers, have continually defied hardship and death in fighting national and class oppression. Through struggle, Black people here formally broke down the shameful Jim Crow segregation system that faced them. This encouraged and inspired the struggle to move forward. Examples of this struggle are as follows: The Black miner's fight in the Cascade region in the 1890's; the struggle against segregated public facilities in downtown Seattle in the 40's and 50's; and the struggle against Boeing's discrimination against Black workers during WWII; and the fight for integrated housing and schooling over the past thirty years. Also, Blacks served as a militant contingent of the working class in the fight against capitalist exploitation, as witnessed in the waterfront strikes in 1934 and 1936 and the CIO organizing drives. The 1960's especially revealed the fighting spirit of Black people as the revolutionary movement developed by leaps and bounds. National and class oppression still exists and is being intensified by the deepening economic crisis of U.S. capitalism and the move toward fascism. This fighting history shows the Black people's struggle must be a revolutionary struggle against the monopoly capitalist system in order to achieve real emancipation.

Second, the source of racist and fascist attacks against Black people is the reactionary ruling circles and their government authorities. This history particularly shows that the government is no "friend of the Black people" but instead is used only to repress Black people. In the 1960's, under the inspiration of Malcolm X and the militant Black organizations, it became increasingly clear that the force and violence of the state must be countered by the force and violence of the people.

Third, every nationality is divided into classes and a tiny exploiting "respectable" section of Black people in Seattle connived at oppressing the Black masses along with the rich white rulers. Many examples of these were given, as witnessed by the role of the "Black bourgeoisie" in supplying cheap labor (mainly domestic slaves) to the monopoly capitalists during and after WWII and their attempts to stifle the revolutionary initiative of the masses in the 1960's and early 1970's.

Fourth, the fate of the Black masses is tied to the working class, thus making it crucial to forge the deepest unity in struggle against the capitalist system. The degree to which this unity is developed depends primarily on the advanced workers of all nationalities following the Marxist-Leninist line of merging the Afro-American struggle with the American worker's movement in order to end the criminal rule of the bourgeoisie. Analysis was given of merging the two movements and the key role of the communists in leading this process. This was reflected in the 1930's in particular; the anti-lynching movement, the defense of the Scottsboro Boys, and the CIO organizing drives. In the struggles against violent police repression in the late 30's, the communists followed the erroneous line of reformism-- relying on the capitalist state to become "sensible", tailing behind the "liberal" oppressors and their agents who had no intention of carrying out bold and militant resistance. These struggles focused on particular policies of the government (as in the Eugene Moszoe Committee for Equal Justice, 1945) and not against the entire system of monopoly capitalism. To this day, especially due to the degeneration of the "Communist" Party USA into a capitalist and revisionist party, the task still confronts the advanced people in the community to build organization that resolutely fights racist and fascist attacks on all fronts.

The fifth and most important lesson was summed up as follows: no matter how heroic, daring, and inspired the Black people's struggle has been, no matter how powerfully they took up arms against their oppressor, the struggle failed as yet to achieve its objectives because the Black people, together with the entire working class and oppressed people of the U.S., lacked a revolutionary party armed with revolutionary theory which could merge the Black people's struggle with the American workers' movement and lead them to victory.

EXPOSE THE MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS' PLAN TO DESTROY THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY!

For the past year and a half, the AALAPSF(S) has pointed out that in order to fight the destruction of the International District, the International District must unite and struggle for low-income housing.

It is even more urgent today, as the local capitalists are exposing and putting into action plans intended to drive out the present community of residents.

These plans of the local capitalists to destroy the International District are part of a larger process of 1) a shifting of the burden of the economic crisis of the US monopoly capitalist class onto the shoulders of American working and oppressed people, and, 2) a bold-faced example of racial discrimination against the Asian community in the International District.

This is nothing new, as the capitalists have leveled attack after attack upon the International District, from 1885, when the capitalists incited mobs to try and drive the Chinese out of Chinatown to 1965 when the monopoly capitalist government constructed the Interstate 5 Freeway through the middle of it.

Today, the US monopoly capitalists are in deep trouble. Besides suffering economic crisis, the US imperialist-monopoly capitalist class are finding it more difficult to plunder and exploit Africa, Asia, and Latin America under the blows of national liberation struggles. The rabid expansion of the Soviet social imperialists is forcing the US imperialists into huge war preparations. The US monopoly capitalists are trying to find new ways to shift the burden of these crises onto working and oppressed people, including Asian national minorities. This results in even more vicious attacks upon their communities by the monopoly capitalists.

The latest and most destructive attack was the construction of the \$60 million King County Domed Stadium ("Kingdome") right next to the International District. The attack is focused at the International District's low income housing.

Frederick Engels explained almost 100 years ago why the capitalist class destroys communities such as the International District. He pointed out that as cities expand in size that land values in the central part of them skyrocketed. The buildings on them, particularly if they contain housing for working and oppressed people, who can afford to pay only a certain amount of rent, are torn down to make way for buildings which would be much more profitable for the capitalists (ie, shops, office buildings, expensive apartments, etc.). As a result, Engels pointed out, working and oppressed people are forced out of these areas. Living space that they can afford becomes more and more scarce, as construction capitalists can then make much more profit building expensive dwellings rather than low income housing.

It is the monopoly capitalists' desperate search for profit which is behind the destruction of the International District community.

But this attack on the International District is only part of a larger scheme by the capitalists to develop the entire central core of Seattle into a immensely profitable, giant entertainment-business-high income residential complex. The Pioneer Square, Domed Stadium and International District are at the southern end, Denny Regrade is the northernmost section, with the I-5 freeway to the east of this complex. The City of Seattle, government arm of the monopoly capitalists, are working hand in hand to help the capitalists create their dreamland, and rid the area of the "troublesome" residents.

We can look at a brief sketch of the development in the central core to get a picture of this "paradise" the capitalists are planning for themselves:

---Several large skyscrapers in the downtown area have sprung up in the last few years, with several still under construction.

---Many more old buildings are being considered for, or have undergone, "historical

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PARTIAL VICTORY OF THE STRUGGLE OF 1971-1972 IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

(Excerpt from AALAPSF(S) pamphlet titled OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION! UNITE AND FIGHT FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING TO PRESERVE THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT!)

Although the struggle in 1971-72 did not stop the construction of the domed stadium, did not result in construction of low-income housing and did not prevent the eviction of residents from their hotels as were the goal of the struggle, partial success was achieved: 1) By arousing, mobilizing and uniting the entire community, the city was stopped in its plan to close down all the hotels in the area. At present, there are still 17 hotels in operation. The city still plans of closing them all. 2) The participation of the residents and youth in the actual struggle against the monopoly capitalist government raised their consciousness of class struggle, their consciousness of fighting against racial discrimination and for democratic rights. 3) In the course of struggle, unity was built between the youth and elderly. Another partial success is the lessons learned from the struggle- a. In struggle, always rely on the masses of the people and not on "few experts, bureaucrats and city officials". b. Unity of the entire community is a MUST.

NATIONAL AND CLASS CHARACTER OF THE STRUGGLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

(Excerpt from Oppose Racial Discrimination)

The struggle in the International District is part and parcel of all national minorities, particularly Asians in this case, against the long history of racial discrimination. The struggle against racial discrimination is currently manifested in two ways:

1. Fight for the right to have decent place to live-
Fight for low-income housing
2. Fight for the right to live wherever we chose to live-
Fight for the preservation of the International District.

However, this struggle against racial discrimination does not negate its class character. The Struggle in the International District has a national and class character:

It is a national struggle in the sense that it is a struggle that unites the entire Asian community to struggle against racial discrimination.

It is a class struggle in the sense that:

1. It is a struggle against the monopoly capitalist ruling class who is the perpetrator of racial discrimination in this country, the same enemy of the American working class. The ruling class have always used racial discrimination to divide the workers on the basis of race and nationality in many front, especially in employment and living conditions.

2. It is a struggle of national minorities and national minorities are an important section of the American working class. An attack against the national minorities is an attack against the entire working class and also in the sense of this case; by subjecting the national minorities to the most miserable living conditions, the monopoly capitalist class uses this to bring down the living standards of the whole working class.

The struggle in the International District must be seen in this manner so as to avoid right opportunism of narrow nationalism which negates its class character, and one shade of left opportunism which negates its national character. The struggle in the International District has a national and class character.

UNITE TO OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!
UNITE TO OPPOSE THE U.S. MONOPOLY CAPITALIST CLASS!

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"preservation", ie, renovating them and marketing the space for a high rent. A large number originally were low rent housing. This has proved profitable as construction fees have gone up, and the capitalist profit margins have narrowed, so that renovation of old buildings for far less than constructing new, and selling space at the same rate as in a newly constructed building is good capitalist business sense. The capitalists were so pleased at the success of the "historical preservation" that they called a national conference on it in Seattle last July.

This is occurring wherever there are an abundance of old buildings, ie, Pioneer Square, First and Second Avenue, Denny Regrade, etc.

---A number of parks have sprung up in this area: Waterfront (Downtown), Westlake (Downtown), Freeway (Downtown), Occidental (Pioneer Square), Kobe (International District) and Hing Hay (International District). The Westlake project entails redevelopment of the surrounding area. The Freeway Park is a several million dollar project which consists of a "lid" on the I-5 Freeway with a park and parking garage big enough for 600 cars. The Waterfront Park is part of a general redevelopment of the waterfront (see below).

---Redevelopment of the waterfront along Downtown, including some huge projects: 1) a marine aquarium costing \$5 million at Pier 60 2) renovation of the Pier 66 Bort of Seattle headquarters and construction of a dock for the Victoria ferry Princess Marguerite 3) a huge \$40 million complex on Pier 50 and 51 including a 400 room luxury hotel and a 12 story office building with 100,000 square feet of office space (Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 1/30/76)

--A plan for developing a boulevard through Downtown from the Seattle Center to the Domed Stadium with landscaping, fountains, widened sidewalks, etc. (Proposed Downtown Concept Plan)

---A plan for connecting the Waterfront Aquarium to the Pike Place Market by constructing a \$1.2 million stairway and elevator. (Seattle Times, 1/25/76)

---A campaign begun to promote "in-city living" by downtown businessmen--not for working and oppressed people but for other businessmen who can afford to pay several hundred dollars for living space. Especially promoted as a future residential area is Denny Regrade which the Seattle P-I business editor said "could emerge as a kind of

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new bedroom area rivaling Bellevue." (Denny Regrade has had attention from HUD and the City of Seattle in building new housing). The local capitalists have even gone to the extent of proposing that branches of the already overextended public school and community college systems be established in the Denny Regrade to make the area more appealing to "in-city living" (Seattle Times, 1/19/76)

---Moves to improve transportation connections all over the central core. Investigation is being done by the City on, among other things, linking what it calls the "entertainment crescent"--Lake Union, Seattle Center, Waterfront, Pioneer Square and--the International District (Proposed Downtown Concept Plan, City of Seattle).

This list is far from complete. But all this is enough to make the capitalists' mouth water with delight. The criminal role of the capitalists in redeveloping the area and destroying communities is easily seen.

But standing even more exposed is the City of Seattle, who is nothing but a partner in crime along with the capitalists. Making many empty promises to the residents of the International District since 1972 (which they have not kept), in the meantime the City of Seattle has done many rotten things to help the process of destruction of the International District. A partial list of projects, taken from the above list, which shows how much they are helping the local capitalists build up Downtown into an area which would lure huge numbers of tourists, and creating millions in profits:

---\$2 million in city funds into Pioneer Square in order to help "preserve" it--that is, to help build expensive offices and shops in what used to be low-rent hotels.

---\$5 million for the Aquarium on the Waterfront.

---Tens of millions of dollars to build the numerous parks around the area.

---\$1.2 million for the elevator-walkway connecting Pike Place Market with the waterfront.

---plus undetermined millions of dollars for creation of a downtown boulevard and increased transit services.

Besides these projects, the city government has put together their idea of what changes the downtown Seattle area should undergo--the Proposed Downtown Concept Plan.

In it are the general and specific policies by which the City will help "develop" Downtown. Only three items out of the 78 total policies the city has set have anything to do with helping the International District preserve its community--the City would "encourage" new low, middle, and high income housing construction, and give "financial assistance" to "support" rehabilitation of low and moderate housing. Also, the city would "do whatever is feasible" to lessen the negative impact of the Domed Stadium on the International District community.

There should be no illusions about the nature of the plan, despite the three vague items of "good will" on the part of the City. The other 75 items deal very specifically with making the central core into a busy place where tourists and others can spend money. The International District is included in this scheme, as one of the items points out:

"Functionally, visually and psychologically link the center of downtown to its adjacent areas, i.e. the Denny Regrade, First Hill, International District, Lake Union, Seattle Center, Stadium and Central Waterfront."

There is no other reason for "linking" the International District with Downtown except to include it as part of the entertainment-business complex which would not include the present residents.

To see how the city intends to destroy central communities, all working to preserve the International District must pay attention to the lessons of Pioneer Square. The city has already played a big role in destroying and dispersing the Skid Road (Pioneer Square) community. After encouraging "historical preservation" by forming a city office (Office of Urban Conservation) putting up city funds, and encouraging new businesses and offices to be built there, residents were eventually forced to move out because of rents which have increased fourfold over the past five years. Now, the original small businesses are dying out, and recently the city virtually cut off all money for social services, insuring the death of the community, and an open door for further profit making development.

International District residents know that for years the City has come to them with big promises and no action on low income housing. But the City can no longer cover up the fact that millions of dollars of the money they take from taxpayers is flooding the downtown area for projects which in no way serve the residents in the area, but only the capitalists. The bare facts show that the city government is nothing but an arm of the monopoly capitalist class, who are building up Seattle as a business and a trade center for this region, and are promoting tourism as a major section of the local economy. Both the city government and the U.S. monopoly capitalists are not in the least interested in the welfare of the resident.

Residents, small businesses and activists of the International District: We must have no illusions that the City of Seattle will be "reasonable" and will "come to their senses" before it is too late! The City has made enough empty promises! We must not "beg" them any more to serve our need for low income housing!

In 1972, the City was stopped in its plan to close all the low income hotels in the area when the International District community united, stood up and resisted the City. We must again unite as a community and demand that the city government replace the low income housing they have robbed from the International District!

OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!

UNITE AND FIGHT FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING TO PRESERVE THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT!

EAST INDIAN DEFENCE COMMITTEE

A FIGHT AGAINST RACIST ATTACKS!!

(The Patriot is reprinting this article as an example of how Afro-Asian Latin American people in Canada (in this case the East Indian people) organized themselves into a fighting organization (East Indian Defence Committee) to fight against the racist attacks postured by the Canadian monopoly capitalist class. The significance of the East Indian Defence Committee is that it is organized on the principle of self-defence and not relying on the fascist Canadian state machine and "few leaders of the community" to protect the East Indian people against racist attacks. Afro-Asian Latin American compatriots should learn from the militant East Indian people and organize themselves to fight against racial discrimination and political repression while they are here in North America.)

Comrade Hardian Bains together with Sardar Bola Singh Thandi, President of the East Indian Defence Committee (B.C.), addressed a press conference on March 9, 1975 in Vancouver. Sardar Bola Singh Thandi spoke for a few minutes in Punjabi and Comrade Bains translated these remarks and then answered questions from the reporters.

Sardar Bola Singh pointed out that the only way to defend our community is through self-defence and that the fact the East Indian Defence Committee already exists and that it has protected our people on several occasions from racist attacks, the East Indian Defence Committee (EIDC) is fulfilling its role and should be supported.

Salient points made by Comrade Bains during the press conference were as follows:

1. The racists wish to create an atmosphere of fear amongst our people. These racists are actually promoted by the government and the media. Their technique is to create psychological fear and complement it by actual physical attacks. The role of the EIDC is to counter this psychological fear and provide actual physical defence to racist attacks. This means that while government and media actually practice racism, carry on scare campaigns against our people, persecute our people on the basis of race, the EIDC unites our community against the policy of the government and media, repulses actual physical attacks on our people and opposes persecution on a racist basis. This is the way things stand at this time in Vancouver: On one hand are the government, media, racist hooligans and police, and on the other hand are the East Indian people led by the EIDC. The contradiction between the two goes through many phases, and the most dominant phase is the governmental and institutional discrimination against the East Indian people. The "Green Paper" released by Mr. Andras, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, is the true example of governmental and institutional racism.

2. When an East Indian family is attacked, they first contact the police. The police usually arrive late, vilify our own people (to the extent that the police actually have asked certain families to leave the country), and then do nothing about the case. The usual excuse given on these occasions is: "Catch the guilty party and then we will take the culprits to court". This clearly shows that the police do not want to protect the East Indian community. When the police fail to do something, then the family calls the so-called "leaders" of the community. They usually give the line: "It must be your own fault" and "Further even if it is not your fault, we cannot do very much about it except that you should have faith in the police and the government of this country". Meanwhile, racist attacks go on. Then the family contacts the EIDC. EIDC right away investigates the case, assigns duty to members to guard the place and fight back if any attacks take place during that period. Besides this, the EIDC calls upon the family to participate in self-defence, not to be afraid and to stand up and fight. This is the manner in which EIDC operates at this time and has operated in the past. If there is any court case, EIDC assists the family and looks after the proceedings.

3. During the press conference and after, the question was raised to seek out the racists and hit them hard. Comrade Bains explained that as far as EIDC is concerned it will not participate in seeking out the racists at this time. The policy of EIDC is to encourage self-defence and fighting back. If some individuals seek out the racists and thrash them, that is their own policy and not the policy of the EIDC.

4. There is no antagonism between Canadians of East Indian origin and other Canadians. The problem is not one of "whites" attacking the "coloureds". The problem arises on account of the capitalist system, and racism is inherent in it. During the periods of crisis, the government and its bodies escalate attacks against the people and the worst hit are those who are national minorities. It was pointed out that this ruling class has always used racial discrimination against others, and the best example to illustrate this is that of the people of Quebec. Even though they are "white", the ruling class of this country has always discriminated against them. Comrade Bains gave the example of official propaganda which is used against our people. He said that the mayor of Vancouver has declared himself to be the enemy of the East Indian community. In doing so, he has become the enemy of the East Indian people. Comrade Bains explained that our community makes up less than 2% of the total populace in Vancouver. But whenever the mayor talks about the problems of the city of Vancouver, he singles out our people and blames them for the problems caused by the capita-

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list system itself. This shows the guilty conscience and sinister motive of the mayor.

5. As far as the fascist propoganda unleashed against the East Indian Defense Committee is concerned, that we advocate "taking the law into our hands," - there can be further from the truth. On the contrary, it is the government and its agencies which is using arbitrary methods to persecute our people. Hundreds of examples can be given whereby perfectly legal visitors to this country from India have been arbitrary deported, our people deprived of jobs and discriminated against in housing and education. In short, it is the government and its agencies which is taking "the law into its hands" against our people. What the EIDC advocates is the basic and inviolable right of all East Indian people and all Canadians to defend themselves against any threat to their person, property, family and community. This is not "taking the law into one's hands", this is defending ourselves in the face of the governmental and institutional attacks. And it is confounding right and wrong to suggest that those who are victims of racist attacks are the ones "taking the law into their hands."

6. As far as the EIDC is concerned, it is the responsibility of the police to defend our community. But neither the government, nor its institutions, nor the police is providing any protection. Nay more, they are the source of attack on our people. If the government and its institutions protects our people from racist attacks, then the EIDC will cease its activities on this front but NOT UNTIL THAT TIME! Here is a challenge to those who believe in the "law" to get the law working against the racists. We also believe in that law which protects our people and works against the racists, but we do not believe in the law which is responsible for attacks on our people. We will always oppose such a law.

7. Those "leaders" of the East Indian community who issued a statement denouncing Comrade Bains for defending the community are the creation of the government and its institutions. These individuals are bribed and are agents of our enemies in our community. One can only pity them to see their disgusting performance on radio, and TV prostrating in front of the racists, begging mercy and promising them they will themselves oppose the East Indian people, will do their best to split the community and liquidate their anti-racist struggle. These people are like Thieu of Vietnam, and Lon Nol of Cambodia, and Indira Gandhi of India. For a few cents they have sold themselves and their people. We can only say this much to them: you will not go unpunished. You will certainly pay for your crimes. These individuals were just a few months ago denying that racist attacks take place, and now they have compared the East Indian Defence Committee with the racists and equated the two. What treacherous activity against our people. These Individuals cried hoarse on radio and TV that EIDC has no support amongst the people, then why are you moaning and groaning, beating your breast in order to serve the enemies of our community? But these claims are not the facts of life and prove the opposite, which is leading you into hysteria. You know very well that the East Indian Defence Committee is the only organization with over 800 members in Vancouver area alone and which has branches all across Canada.

The East Indian Defence Committee takes this opportunity to reiterate its firm resolve to mobilize our people against the attacks of the government and its institutions on our people and the racist attacks of their agents on our homes, property, Children, old people and women.

WE CALL UPON ALL OUR PEOPLE TO FIGHT EVER MORE SO VIGOROUSLY AGAINST THE RACIST
ATTACKS ON OUR PEOPLE!

WE CALL UPON ALL THE CANADIAN PEOPLE TO SUPPORT OUR STRUGGLE!

RACIST ATTACKS ON OUR PEOPLE WILL BE DEFEATED!

OUR PEOPLE WILL WIN!

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NO BLOODY REPRESSION WILL STOP THE VICTORIES OF THE HEROIC FILIPINO PEOPLE

A revolutionary storm is presently brewing all over the Philippines, particularly in the Manila-Rizal area where workers strikes, demonstrations and other forms of struggles are developing with great vigor against the U.S. Marcos fascist dictatorship. The year of 1975 ended with massive strikes and demonstrations and the year of 1976 began with more of these struggles by workers, students and other sections of the society. December of 1975 is marked by massive economic strikes of thousands and thousands of workers in key industries such as textile, transportation and utility. Also in this month, Dec. 5, 1975 over 6,000 students, workers and other democratic people staged a demonstration against the fascist decree (823) banning all strikes. In January and February 1976 workers continued to heighten their struggles.

In the countryside, the New Peoples Army is scoring more and more victories against the U.S. Marcos fascist troops. Even the reactionaries can no longer hide the victories. A current remark of Marcos's Aide Jacob Clave will suffice to point out

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how scared the reactionaries are. He says "The enemies (meaning the people and the NPA-ed) of the republic are still winning a mass base and the support of the barrios". Also in the conference attended by top military commander of the fascist regime, it was admitted that subversive elements in the region are gaining a mass base and support in rural areas because of propaganda works of the NPA. (Phillipine News)

Just to point out our few victories: In Eastern Samar, in the province of Barongan, the NPA annihilated 52 and wounded many of Marcos' puppet troops in its 8 month campaign against Marcos' "encirclement and suppression" campaign. In Barrio Panay, 6 civilian Home Defence Forces (CHDF) soldiers surrendered to the NPA and in other areas, more and more CHDF are defecting to the side of the NPA.

In an attempt to stem the tide of revolutionary movements, the fascist regime is intensifying its bloody repression, arresting over 500 workers and other democratic people in Manila-Rizal area, harrasing and murdering barrio people and launching more and more encirclement and suppression campaigns and deploying more and more troops in the NPA operated areas.

But these types of Fascist bloody repressions have only aroused the hatred of thousands and thousands of Filipinos against the hated fascist dictatorship and are daily taking up the banner of armed struggle for national liberation and freedom.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines which is solid ideologically, politically and organizationally, and its steeled New People's Army and the developing National Democratic Front, no amount of bloody repression will stop the victories of the brave Filipino people.

The hatred of the Filipino people has spread far and wide in the Philippines as well as abroad. In the U.S., particularly in Seattle, the Seattle Anti-Martial Law Alliance launched a campaign on February 6, 1976 to denounce the bloody repression and arrest in the Philippines by picketing the Seattle Philippine Consulate office and by holding a militant rally at King Hay Park, with speeches and militant solidarity messages from many organizations. The Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Forum (Seattle) was invited to give a solidarity message. The Patriot is reprinting this message:

Comrades and Friends:

The AALAPSF fully supports this campaign today to denounce the fascist and brutal repression of the U.S. Marcos dictatorship against the Filipino people, particularly the recent arrest of 500 Filipino patriots.

This type of repression has been going on since the 1500's under foreign and puppet rule, from 1500's to the end of 1800, from the end of 1800 to 1940's until the present, from the U.S. imperialists and its local puppets, the Filipino sell-outs and traitors. In the 1940's under the Japanese militarist invasion of the Philippines.

But looking at the other side of the coin, did not the brave Filipino people defeat the Spanish colonialists and the Japanese militarist and overthrow them thru the might of the Filipino people's war. The same will happen to the U.S.-Marcos dictatorship in the near future, also thru the might of the Filipino people's war combined with all other forms of struggles.

This latest repression of the U.S. Marcos dictatorship marks its step deeper in to its grave, because this latest repression has further aroused the hatred of the Filipino people for the U.S. Marcos fascist regime. A great storm of revolutionary movement is brewing in the Philippines. As the Communist Party of the Philippines pointed out in its latest statement: "A STORM FAR LARGER AND STRONGER THAN THE FIRST QUARTER STORM OF 1970 AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS IS BREWING IN THE MANILA-RIZAL REGION AND OTHER URBAN AREAS. CURRENT MANIFESTATIONS SHOW THAT THE PROLETARIAN MASSES AND THE URBAN PETTY BOURGEOISIE WILL SWELL THE RANKS OF THOSE IN DEMOCRATIC MASS ACTIONS BUT UNLIKE BEFORE THE FORMER WILL FAR OUTNUMBER THE LATTER. THE PARTY MUST WORK HARD TO UNLEASH THE STORM IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION."

The Fascist and brutal repression of the Filipino people is a last ditch effort of the U.S. Marcos dictatorship in its attempt to maintain its dictatorial regime, but with correct leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines, its army the New People's Army and the developing National Democratic Front, no amount of bloody repression will stop the victories of the brave Filipino people.

Comrades and Friends: Asia, Africa and Latin America is the storm center of the world revolution today and the Philippines is within this storm center, to wipe out the 2 enemies of the world's people, U.S. imperialism and Soviet Social imperialism. The victories of the Vietnamese, Cambodian and the Laotian people in Asia and other countries in Africa gives us a preview of what is scheduled for these two enemies and the bright future for the Filipino people. The AALAPSF militantly and vigorously supports the National Democratic Revolution in the Philippines and vehemently denounce the fascist and bloody repression of the U.S. Marcos Dictatorship. **DOWN WITH THE FASCIST AND BLOODY REPRESSION OF THE U.S. MARCOS DICTATORSHIP!!!**
NO BLOODY REPRESSION WILL STOP THE VICTORIES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE!!!
LONG LIVE THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IN THE PHILIPPINES!!!

SMASH RACIST LIES OF THE U.S. MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS AGAINST MEXICAN LABORERS

The American working class has never created an economic crisis, no working class has. The worker only produces the riches which are monopolized in the interest of a few. It is the monopoly capitalist that cause inflation and unemployment, it is an inherent characteristic of the capitalist system to have economic crisis.

Contrary to what the monopoly capitalists try to propagate, the Mexican illegal is not the reason why there is an economic crisis in the U.S. today!! The Mexicanos who come to the U.S. are hard workers like the majority of people in the U.S., but because their country is exploited by imperialists they are forced to come to the U.S. in hopes of finding better conditions.

Because of U.S. imperialist intervention in Mexico and because of U.S. capital domination the Mexican economy there, is a 48% level of unemployment. By 1910 U.S. corporations owned 3/4 of all the mineral holdings and the U.S. investment amounted to more than all the capital in the hands of Mexicans. U.S. capital and corporations in Mexico do not develop jobs for the people, they only rob them of their rich natural resources and subject them to misery, hunger and inhumane hardships.

Historically the immigration of Mexicanos to the U.S. has been in direct proportion to the need of cheap labor. After the war with Mexico and the signing of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the "open door policy" brought thousands of Mexicanos to work on the railroads, in the mines and as agricultural workers, alongside other immigrants. Many to be discriminated against and brutally exploited. The U.S. imperialists even had railroads built in order to facilitate the movement of Mexicans to the border areas, creating large labor pools. Corporations such as U.S. Steel, Anaconda and Standard Oil consistently fought against any laws limiting immigration for this would be a threat to their cheap labor force. Many Mexican were even brought across as contract laborers through the efforts of these corporations..

Mexicans have always been hired for the lowest wages possible by the U.S. companies and employers, and when they are no longer needed or in times of economic crisis they are deported by the thousands back to Mexico.

By 1928 90% of the field workers in the U.S. were Mexican and unorganized. Forced to work under the most barbaric conditions in temperatures that reached 100 degrees the Mexican farm laborer was the lowest paid worker in the country. The Economic crisis that hit in 1929 meant the end of the need for the Mexican laborer, for a few years. The press in the interest of the monopoly capitalists spent millions of dollars to propagate lies and slanders in order to blame the Mexican workers and other immigrants from Africa and Asia, for the economic crises rather than admit the failure of their system.

Between 1930-34 thousands of Mexicans many of them U.S. citizens were forced back to Mexico, others went to cities to escape the racist policies of the immigration department. An estimated 1/2 million were sent back to Mexico under the Herbert Hoover "send the Mexicans back to Mexico" movement. Half a million dollars was allotted by congress for the expansion of the border patrol. Hoover's administration asked congress for approximately \$400,000 in funds to deport the "illegals". In many cases employers would call immigration agents to pick up the workers before payday.

The illegal is doubly exploited by big business always under threat of being deported the Mexican is put to work for hardly nothing. Mexican illegal is used as a strike breaker when the documented worker is trying to organize for decent wages and better working conditions, this way causing contradictions among the workers.

Due to the economic crisis today the monopoly capitalists have again looked towards the illegals and immigrants to blame for the rise in unemployment and inflation. This is ridiculous!! The masses will not be deceived by this racist propaganda. Under Capitalism the ruling class has always tried to divide working people

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By setting them up to fight for left over crumbs.

Capitalism causes inflation, high prices unemployment, depression and other types of oppression. Workers do not cause these ills!!! Workers must unite to fight any "divide and conquer" tactics the monopoly capitalists use.

The latest attempt of the monopoly capitalists is the Rodino Bill, which is now up before congress. If it is passed it will mean a \$50 million increase in the immigration service budget to cover mass raids and deportation; this is done without the use of warrants to enter factories and farms. It will mean harassment for all documented or undocumented Mexican workers. The homes of the workers will even be subject to raids and those that cannot produce documents will be deported. There are many cases where Chicanos who were U.S. citizens have been deported.

Compatriots we must unite against our common enemy and expose their attempts to divide us. SMASH THE RACIST LIES OF THE MONOPOLY CAPITALISTS AGAINST MEXICAN LABORERS
LOS TRABAJADORES UNIDOS JAMAS SERAN VENCIDOS!!!!
THE WORKERS UNITED WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED!!!

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Seeing that their formulation of "conditions" and "bases" is flimsy and in danger of falling apart, our free lancers feel compelled to shore it up with yet another bit of nonsense to cover their non-implementation of the three point program. This time they go to the length of using a few minor practical problems as insurmountable barriers: "Either we have time to support national liberation struggles or we have time to participate in the struggle against racial discrimination." In other words, the two are opposites and cannot be reconciled.

Strange! The Solidarity Forum is consistent in implementing the three point program, and thus fights racial discrimination here in the US as well as supports national liberation struggles. Why is it that we do not have this problem? Of course, if compatriots are willing to work hard to build a fighting anti-imperialist organization these problems of "time" which the free lancers continually moan about are of little consequence. But if one desires to be a free lance intellectual not bound by the type of organizational principles which the Solidarity Forum adheres to, then "time" to do all these things might be a problem after all.

Not only do the free-lancers oppose fighting the common enemy right here in this country by fighting racial discrimination, but they oppose tooth and nail creating solidarity among American-born and foreign-born Afro-Asian-Latin Americans. They gnash their teeth at the thought of having American-born national minorities in the Solidarity Forum because-horrors!-it further assures that it will fully implement the three point program in practice.

These people come up with all sorts of muddleheaded, reactionary whining to oppose building an organization of solidarity between peoples which the Solidarity Forum is. It was never clear to us why, in a solidarity organization, shouldn't American-born and foreign-born Afro-Asian-Latin American anti-imperialists struggle side by side and provide a shining example of internationalism to their respective communities. All we heard from the free-lancers was an assortment of noises ranging from "National minorities (American born) in the Solidarity Forum will divert from supporting national liberation struggles!" to some mumbling about how American-born and foreign born Afro-Asian-Latin Americans or those of different nationalities wouldn't "relate" to each other in the Solidarity Forum; after all, they have "different problems" from each other.

To say that the Solidarity Forum has been diverted from supporting national liberation is absolutely ridiculous, as one can tell by our last six Patriots, but these free lancers love to spread rumors. And the question to us is not that as peoples we have different problems in the Solidarity Forum but that we have two common enemies, the US imperialists and Soviet social imperialists, who have been able to gain strength in our past disunity. The narrow nationalism of these free lancers would be enough to make the imperialists and social imperialists clap their hands for joy.

How to these free lance anti-imperialists propose to organize the solidarity movement? "WE MUST ORGANIZE OUR OWN PEOPLE!" they scream in chorus. But on what basis? What they mean by this is that they would organize their respective communities into self images of themselves--narrow nationalist intellectual windbags who consider it beneath them to participate in any aspect of the revolutionary movement in this country.

Compatriots be vigilant! Self-cultivation and intellectualizing only promotes passivity or a shallow interest in revolution. Organizing and participating in the lively, vigorous revolutionary movement is the only thing which can move us forward politically.

The Free lancers shout loud and often "organize my own people" only to cover up their nonparticipation in the revolutionary movement in this country. This is demonstrated very well when the Solidarity Forum, along with other organizations, calls upon compatriots to show their support for a national liberation struggle such as in the Philippines or India--these great "supporters of national liberation struggles" are nowhere to be seen. Or when recently the Solidarity Forum united with others into the Angolan People's Liberation Support Committee to deal with the burning question of Angola--the free lancers must have been so busy "organizing their own people" that they forgot how important the situation in Angola is! This is not even to mention their lack of participation in any sort of struggles against racial discrimination

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ation or in support of American working and oppressed people's anti-fascist struggle.

Anti-imperialist Afro-Asian-Latin Americans must organize their own people, and they have a proletarian internationalist duty to promote solidarity amongst all our peoples in as many ways as they can. To simply run off shouting "organize my own people" without even paying the least attention to developing solidarity is nothing but narrow nationalism.

AALAPSF(S) is taking a firm stand against this negative line because we are vitally concerned with the life and direction of the anti-imperialist solidarity movement among Afro-Asian-Latin Americans in North America and of the struggle of the world's people against our common enemies. Through this stand, and through our practice, we are struggling to help the movement go forward at this crucial time in history.

In implementing this three point program, and in actively fighting racial discrimination, the Solidarity Forum has made contributions in three ways: first, AALAPSF(S) consistently promoted solidarity among Afro-Asian-Latin Americans regardless of national origin by calling upon them to unite to fight the racial discrimination which affects all Afro-Asian-Latin American communities. We have always clarified to our peoples who is the real cause of racial discrimination in this country—the US monopoly capitalists. Secondly, by encouraging compatriots in the Solidarity Forum as well as in our communities to participate in struggles against racial discrimination (as well as in supporting national liberation struggles and in support of the anti-fascist struggles of American working and oppressed people) we are encouraging them to participate in objective politics. This will steel Afro-Asian-Latin American compatriots for the struggle against our enemies, the US imperialists and Soviet social imperialists, whether in our homelands or here in this country. Thirdly, by participating in objective struggles, such as fighting racial discrimination in this country, compatriots are striking blows at our common enemies and giving concrete aid and support to the national liberation struggles of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Furthermore, we actively encourage anti imperialist Afro-Asian-Latin American compatriots to organize their own people on the basis of the three point program. The success of the struggles of the world's people against US imperialism and Soviet social imperialism depends upon the united will of all of our peoples—organizing our communities so that they will support other people's struggles and not just their own is a great contribution to this unity.

And contrary to what our "free lance" friends maintain, it is great aid to organizing our peoples when anti-imperialists unite and build solidarity organizations such as the AALABSF(S). The compatriots and supporters of the Solidarity Forum have learned many lessons from the struggles of each other's peoples, lessons which will arm them even further when they go out to their own community to organize. The Solidarity Forum has never hesitated to give aid to compatriots who ~~were~~ sincerely struggling to organize their communities on the basis of proletarian internationalism.

As far as the AALAPSF(S) is concerned, it will continue to uphold the bold declaration it made when it established in 1972: "We Afro-Asian-Latin American people have deep roots in the US. It was the African slaves and Asian coolies who, along with the Native American people and European immigrant workers, built this country with their sweat and blood. Our people have yet to win emancipation in this country; Asia, Africa and Latin America have yet to be liberated from imperialism. It is glorious for us to struggle against imperialism while we are here and struggle against imperialism when we go home!"

OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION!

LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF WORKING AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!

DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM AND SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM!

PAMPHLET

AFRO-ASIAN-LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY FORUM PRESENTS:

LATIN AMERICA: CLEAR ORIENTATION
AND A BRIGHT FUTURE

DOCUMENTS FROM LATIN AMERICAN

COMMUNIST PARTIES

INCLUDING THE
REVOLUTIONARY-COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE

TWO STATEMENTS FROM UNITA:

It is no secret that the Soviet social imperialists have instigated civil war in Angola, in an attempt to undermine the will of the Angolan people for total independence. To cover up for their aggression of sending 11,000 Cuban puppet troops and Soviet advisors, the social imperialists are viciously spreading lies and slanders through their agents in order to provoke confusion amongst the masses. On the other hand, the US imperialists have also attempted to confuse the situation by handing out "pro-Marxist" and "pro-Western" titles to the liberation groups.

It is vitally important for all genuine anti-imperialists to uphold revolutionary principles in order to expose the treachery of the Soviet social imperialists, US imperialists, and their agents.

UNITA has been a prime target for these attacks by the Soviet revisionists and US imperialists because of the principled line that UNITA has consistently called for: unity of all three national liberation organizations, non-reliance on outside aid. UNITA has always condemned any foreign intervention in Angola.

Here in Seattle, the MPLA Support Committee has taken up the dirty work of the social imperialists by supporting one organization and condemning the rest as reactionary, through lies and slanders. These "revolutionaries" have every excuse to cover up for the social imperialist aggression in Angola, while calling for the total independence of Angola. It is obvious that there will be no independence for the Angolan people until the Soviet social imperialists are driven out of Angola.

In order to expose the Soviet social imperialists and US imperialists, and clarify the situation in Angola to the American people, AALAPSF(S) participated in the Angolan People's Liberation Support Committee, which took up many tasks throughout the Seattle area. Thousands of leaflets were distributed, sidewalk marches organized, and a militant rally was held which met with enthusiasm and support from the masses.

The AALAPSF(S) will continue to support the struggle of the Angolan people for total independence and expose the enemies and false friends of the Angolan people in order to clarify the issue to all our compatriots. The Patriot is thus reprinting two statements from UNITA.

UNITA REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES CONFERENCE

ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FOUNDING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN INDIA HELD ON TORONTO ON DECEMBER 27, 1975

Comrades and Friends:

On behalf of UNITA and the combatant people of Angola, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to share details of our revolutionary struggle with you this afternoon. These are perhaps more intensely historic times than most. On the African continent we are now seeing the demise of the last vestiges of overt colonialism with the overthrow of the fascist regime in Portugal. But even so the time to celebrate is not yet come. We face today an even more significant task. UNITA must and indeed UNITA will ensure the people of Angola, the peasantry that made Portugal's defeat a reality, that the sacrifices they have courageously made through 15 years of armed struggle, will not be subverted either by the Soviet Union or by western imperialism or by the racist apartheid regime of South Africa. There is so much which has been said about UNITA from her enemies, so please let me take up a moment of your time to set the record straight. I would like to give you some background on the development of our struggle and the circumstances under which UNITA was born and accepted the responsibility of becoming the party of the Angolan people.

The contemporary history of revolutionary struggles supports Chairman Mao Tsetung's thesis that the establishment of rural revolutionary base areas and the encirclement of the cities from the countryside would be of crucial practical importance. UNITA, founded deep within the interior of Angola in 1966, was the first movement in Angola to correctly analyze that the peasantry would represent the backbone of the revolutionary movement although in alliance with the small percentage of civil servants and intellectuals. UNITA, based its action on an objective analysis of the material condition of Angola. It is a country with 85% rural population. The party program was first presented to the peasantry. Party cadres would enter the villages, live with the local population in order to grasp the real existing problems. At this stage, the party were themselves becoming familiarized with the local situations; they were in fact the students of the masses. Subsequently the party was able to produce a concrete program. And it was at this stage, once the analysis was made that the masses became the students of the party cadres, manifesting the permanent relationship between the vanguard party and the people. The Angolan peasantry responded to concrete facts that affected their daily life under Portuguese Colonialism—forced to labor in mines and coffee plantations, high taxes, no schools. When they consciously and voluntarily accepted the means of fighting against these injustices they would form a political committee and create their own militia along the lines of self-reliance. Step by step political consciousness was created.

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UNITA's decision to launch its offensive from a peasant base enabled the party to avoid the cost in human lives which many revolutionary groups paid due to their incorrect strategy of trying to launch a revolution in a rural country from an urban base. Another significant example of correct ideological position was the establishment of UNITA's headquarters inside Angola. When asked how UNITA was able to achieve impressive territorial and political successes in so short a period and without international recognition, President Jonas Savimbi laid it to one principle: "A revolution against oppressive forces can only be successful when the civilian population supports the guerrillas and will fight with them...if you are prepared to die for your people, ~~set~~ ~~together~~ with your people, fight with them and you will solve many problems you thought were impossible to solve." It is today clear that for reasons of correct revolutionary strategy and tactics, UNITA commands the support of the overwhelming majority of Angola's people a fact which the enemies of the total independence of Angola have gone to extraordinary lengths to cover up. Before the coup d'etat in Portugal, the imperialist press, copying accounts emanating from Moscow, dismissed UNITA as non-existent, and at one point claimed that Jonas Savimbi was not in Angola at all, but selling fish clandestinely in a little market in Livingston Zambia. No, the accusations put out by Tass and repeated across the world are not new to UNITA. The insidious attempts to link the righteous struggle of Angola's masses to the racist apartheid regime of South Africa are also old-hat. But UNITA has a powerful weapon which no amount of Soviet rumour-mongering or MPLA amassing Katangese, Cuban, East European and Russian mercenaries can counter - that is the will of Angola's masses. The Organisation of African Unity acted decisively for the first time in its history by sending to Angola last month a Fact-finding and Reconciliation Commission to determine what was actually happening in our war-torn country. The report which has subsequently been covered up stated that after ten-day mission throughout every corner of Angola, it is clear that four million out of a population of 6 million are in complete support of UNITA. This corroborates in toto earlier assessments taken during the transitional government that were elections to be held, UNITA would have at least 65% support, MPLA possibly 20% and FNLA 15%.

Popular support such as what UNITA has been shown, is a rewarding response of the Angolan people to UNITA's guidance in the colonial struggle. But such support also imposes upon UNITA an obligation to unconditionally defend the interests of this people's majority. Throughout the period of the transitional government, UNITA made every effort to do just that, especially when the fighting broke out between MPLA and FNLA. By early March, 1975 the mutual antagonism between MPLA and FNLA had begun to manifest itself in armed confrontations on the streets of Luanda, marking the beginning of the wanton killing of 20,000 Angolans. UNITA tried in vain to stop the escalation of this conflict from January to August 1975. But by then it became clear that those with no popular base among the people, had everything to lose with elections. Even in Luanda, MPLA's BIRTHPLACE AND STRONGHOLD, President Savimbi was joyously received by a widely cheering crowd of 250,000 waving UNITA flags and banners. Comparable crowds greeting Comrade Savimbi and other UNITA leaders were occurring in other villages, towns and cities all over Angola during this same period. It thus became crystal clear to MPLA and ominously clear to the Soviet Union which all along has held imperialistic and neo-colonialist designs on Angola, UNITA would win, hands down. MPLA subsequently began to attack only UNITA militants, but also more civilians. On June 4 even as the Nakuru unity meeting organised by UNITA was getting underway, UNITA's office in Luanda was virtually destroyed by an MPLA armed attack in which men, women, and children were murdered; on June 10 a similar attack occurred in Gabela in the province of Cuanzo-Norte; on June 30, in Cassamba; on July 15, in Henrique de Carvalho, July 22, Kalabo; and July 30, Lukusse. Finally, MPLA's war acts against UNITA climaxed in the August 5 firing upon President Savimbi's plane in the southern city of Silva Porto. We took the shooting upon our President's plane as a sign that UNITA must however regretfully, declare war on MPLA and enter the fighting. To do less would have been a betrayal of the masses of Angolans who see UNITA's revolutionary principles and deeds as the hope of justice, and substantive progress in our country.

At the time UNITA entered the civil war in August, MPLA was already heavily by the Soviet Union, and thousands of Cuban infantrymen were already seen fighting with MPLA forces. They were equipped with tons of Russian AK-47 automatic rifles, Kalashnikov sniper rifles, Tokarev pistols, SAM-7 heat-seeking missiles, wire-guided missiles, 122mm rockets and rocket launchers, amphibious tanks, etc.

UNITA was therefore driven into war with two basic goals: a) to protect its popular base against ruthless attacks, harassment and humiliation by MPLA's armed gangs and b) maintain enough strength for effective promotion of dialogues for an eventual political solution.

The present situation has now been further complicated by South Africa's invasion of Southern Angola in July, 1975. Both UNITA and MPLA troops attempted to repel this invasion, and both were militarily defeated in the Cunene. Later MPLA tried to use this tragic instance of yet more foreign intervention, to accuse UNITA of fighting with South Africa. Their argument was made even more ludicrous by the reality that guerillas from SWAPO, the Namibian independence movement were in fact operating with UnitA against South Africa, and not MPLA as they had tried to convince the world.

On the home front, though even during this tragic period of civil war, the vital process of national reconstruction is carried on. Education is now a right and medical care the obligation of the state to the people. The schools are ill-equipped although exceptionally well attended. The academic (continued on page 19)

THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR

UNITA STATEMENT

The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) would like to appeal to all freedom and peace loving people of the world to give all political and moral support to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) currently meeting in Addis Ababa to decide upon the fate of the Angolan people.

We might all too optimistically rejoice over this fact that at last the OAU, the responsible Africans, are now meeting to predipitate an African solution to an African problem. But we should be sober enough to understand the complexities of the Angolan crisis and to exercise caution in assessing any possible solutions. FACTS:-

1. The Angolan civil war was triggered by the massive intervention of the Soviet Union, to which other foreign powers have responded by aligning themselves on opposing sides. By July 1975, for example, the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola), by sheer military strength wielded from Russia, violated each and every cease-fire agreement; MPLA swiftly and systematically occupied all strategic towns in the Country, and it became a mockery to try to uphold and imploment the Alvor Agreement tonet on the realization of general elections which were scheduled to take place last October. The FLNA (National Front for the Liberation of Angola), the traditionally pro-Western faction, did not have enough weapons to withstand the MPLA's offensive -- Western support was all too weak to match Russia's. UNITA had the population and the political and moral strength of the peasant masses, controlling 55% of the Angolan population --and an army of 40,000 men. This could have been the largest of the three armies, but, unfortunately, only a fraction of its men were armed, for UNITA never had the support of any superpower; so in practice UNITA's army was the weakest of the three and had no means to resist the Soviet Unions highly sophisticated weaponry. There was no western ally on UNITA's side. UNITA, however, managed eventually to get enough support to ropel the invasion and arrive at the present military stand-off with MPLA. We perfectly understand that the forces engaged in the war are essentially foreign both in motives and in naterial resources. It is a very big war now, demanding the deployment of missiles, rockets, helicopters, armoured vehicles and skills and showmanship that guerilla armies simply could not master. Naturally, the motives of the foreign people are not philanthropic or humanitarian on behalf of the Angolan people! Because of such massive involvement of external forces, the solution of the Angolan problem now largely transcends the ability of the Angolan leaders to resolve the conflict internally.

2. The foreign forces involved in Angola are essentially non-African. The conflict, therefore, surpasses the ability of the African states who are, at most, being manipulated and used by non-African powers. Much is being said about the Soviet Union's arm-twisting and bribing of certain African heads of State to induce them to recognize the MPLA. Soviet pressure started as early as last October; we know how last November President Idi Amin of Uganda vehemently denounced such high pressure tactics by the Soviet Union. Of course many African countries have already buckled under such pressuros and other did not resist the money bribe. But there are also many who are fully and genuinely committed to the search for a stable, lasting solution to the Angolan problem; some of Angola's neighbouring countries suffer with us in the flesh, and they could not take the Angolan crisis lightly or emotionally.

3. Politicians the world over are failing to distinguish cause from effect in the Angolan war. Therefore, instead of condemning all foreign intervention, the issue has become clouded by South African troops on Angolan soil. UNITA has, and continues to categorically deny any collusion, alliance or support with the racist South African forces. It is necessary to continue to state the nature of South African involvement in Angola simply because the Soviet propaganda machine has used the South African invasion of Angola to brand the rival movements of the MPLA, namely UNITA and FLNA as the agents of racist imperialism.

Since UNITA's leadership returned to fight on Angolan soil the guerrillas of the Namibian liberation movement, SWAPO, have always found sactuary, arms, supplies and brotherhood in UNITA liberated territory. This alliance of giving blood with blood to our SWAPO brothers enabled SWAPO guerrillas to intensify their attacks on the illegal racist government of Namibia. The escalation of SWAPO guerrilla attacks in Namibia over the past months conclusively confirms UNITA's stand against apartheid South Africa. Where then is the logic which associates UNITA forces with the invading South African forces? The aim has been to undermine the joint command of UNITA/FLNA while attracting African support to the so-called Russian alternative. UNITA's main objective is the total independence of Angola for which we must never tolerate the expansionist patronizing presence of any imperialist force in the Country. Russia must therefore be denounced for its imperialist adventure in Angola along with all other foreign armies now on Angolan soil. No rule should, by sheer military force, be imposed upon the people, for that could only be contrary to the very goals for which we fought the Portuguese colonialists. South Africa is anathoma to Black Africa, and UNITA is determined to continue to give its support and fight it to the very ond. There could be no possible ground for accusing UNITA of cooperating with South Africa unless there is open malice. UNITA's solidarity with the peoples of Azania, Zimbabwe, and Namibia is firm and total for we believe that the total independence of Angola

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SOCIALIST IN WORDS, IMPERIALIST IN DEEDS—WE WILL KILL YOU JUST THE SAME!

"In defence of socialism"
That's the signboard of your aggression
Against the people of Angola
But your mask is falling off
You're exposed for what you are
Socialist in words, imperialist in
deeds
Soviet Social Imperialists
You are digging your own grave.
Mr. Brezhnev and Co.
You think you can sneak in
Through the back door
After the US Imperialists
Have been thrown out the front
But the people of Angola
Are freedom loving people
With Liberation on their minds
Independence in their hearts
And Revolution is their soul

So don't go to them with a
Hammer and sickle on your chest
And fascism in your heart
Because they will kill you just the same!

Political power grows out of the
barrel of a gun
With the the gun the colonizers
conquered
The gun is all they understand.
A people that have blessed their
homeland
With their own sweat and blood
Who with gun in hand
Freed themselves from the puppets of
US Imperialism
Will never lie down before your puppets
But Messrs. revisionists, you will
never learn.
A weak nation can defeat a strong,
The people of a small country
Can certainly defeat the aggression of
a big country
When they dare to rise in struggle
Take up arms
And seize their destiny firmly in their
own hands.
Soviet Social Imperialists, you have
lifted a big rock
Only to drop it on your feet.

So don't come to us with a
hammer and sickle on your chest
And fascism in your heart
Because we will kill you just the same!

You have robbed us of the victories
Of the 1st Dictatorship of the
Proletariat
Of the workers and peasants of
Lenin's and Stalin's homeland
And now you are trying to rob us
Of the victories of the people
Of Asia, Africa, and Latin America
But we will not be deceived
We will not be defeated
And you will pay for your crimes.
With Chairman Mao at the helm
And the People's China as our reserve
The tide of revolution is rising
The east wind is prevailing
The people of the world are marching
forward
With gun in hand
We will never be your slaves
We will put you in your graves
Along with your class brothers.

So don't come to us with a
Hammer and sickle on your chest
And fascism in your heart
Because we will kill you just the same!

(Editors Note: This poem is reprinted
from People's Canada Daily News, Jan.
13, 1976. The poem was accompanied by
a letter which concluded as follows.
"Enclosed is the first poem that I
have ever written. It attempts to
express the contempt and class hatred
revolutionary people around the world
share for the revisionists who have
seized control of the Party of Great
Lenin and Stalin, and the crimes they
have committed under the banner of
'Socialism'.")

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(ZIMBABWE...continued from page 1) We are living in the era of the complete defeat of imperialism, when the people all over the world are seizing control of their destiny away from all reactionary, exploiting classes. Today, revolution is in a very high tide in southern Africa and Africa as a whole. Besides Zimbabwe, the people of Angola led by UNITA are fighting for total independence and are heroically resisting the blatant aggression of the Soviet Social-Imperialists and their Cuban puppets. The people of Namibia, (South West Africa) led by SWAPO (South West African Peoples Organization) are waging a national liberation war against the illegal, racist domination of John Vorster's racist and fascist South African government, with assistance from SWAPO's UNITA comrades to the north in Angola. The black masses of Azania ("South Africa") are also developing their mass movement against the fascist apartheid Vorster regime. Not only this, but all over Africa the peoples' revolutionary struggles are raging.

The tremendous advance of revolution in Africa as a whole and in Zimbabwe in particular has put the minority white racist regimes of Smith in "Rhodesia" and Vorster in South Africa in an ever-tightening noose. To prevent the complete collapse of the "Rhodesia" illegal government, Ian Smith and his senior partner Vorster, have relied on counter-revolutionary dual tactics of (1) "Detente"; (2) increases fascist suppression of the ZANU leaders and the African people in Zimbabwe.

For years, Ian Smith said he would never hold negotiations with the nationalist revolutionaries. But, due to the advances of the people's armed struggle, in December 1974 Smith released the detained leaders of several organizations and initiated with them a series of "talks about constitutional talk." Well! What is this? The fascist Ian Smith regime in "Rhodesia" has been condemned all over the world as a racist clique of white settlers that has no right to dictatorially enforce its authority on 6 million African Zimbabweans. Time and again Smith has stated that he will never allow majority - rule, but will instead smash the anti-colonialist struggle of the black Zimbabweans. This newly acquired "reasonableness" of Smith, this "Detente", was simply Smith and Vorster's attempt to trick the ZANU revolutionaries into stopping the armed struggle in order to have talks about "constitutional changes" that could recognize majority rule "in principle" but not in practice. This "dialogue" and "detente" was Smith's attempt to make ZANU and ZANLA surrender.

Detente in southern Africa also means peaceful co-existence and dialogue between the racist regimes of Smith and Vorster with independent black African states. This scheme of Vorster, Smith, the two superpowers and other imperialists is directed at isolating ZANU from the support of surrounding countries (eg Zambia) and to force ZANU to stop the war of national liberation.

Simultaneous with the detente schemes, the fascists have stepped up their bloody attacks on ZANU and the Zimbabwean masses.. Since the detente exercises were initiated, ZANU has suffered the following;

- 1) the re-detention of Comrade President Ndabaningi Sithole (March 4, 1975)
- 2) the cold-blooded murder of Comrade Chairman Herbert Chitepo and Comrade Silas Shamiso his body guard (March 18, 1975);
- 3) the Black Sunday Massacre of 13 ZANU supporters in Salisbury by the Smith regime's police, soldiers (June and July 1975);" (excerpted from Draft Resolution of the Cross Canada Tour on Zimbabwe containing a longlist of crimes against ZANU)

Ian Smith wears Hitlers shoes. The fascist clique pursues a "scorched earth policy" against the Zimbabwean masses. This brutality and barbarism includes uprooting whole villages and placing them in concentration camps where starvation and deadly disease are fostered; collective reprisals on communities suspected of supporting the freedom fighters; out right robbery of peasants' property; indiscriminate massacre and bombing of African villages; the torture and detention without trials of thousands of people, and many other atrocities. This is all very reminiscent of U.S. imperialism's crimes against the Vietnamese people.

Such constitutes the counter-revolutionary dual tactics of (1) "Detente"; and (2) bloody suppression, pursued by Smith, Vorster and their imperialist backers. ZANU, under the leadership of Comrade N. Sithole never had any illusions about the Smith-Vorster detente fraud. An editorial in "Zimbabwe News", official organ of the Zimbabwe African National Union-Vol. 8; #12 December, 1974 entitled "Zimbabweans Carry the Revolution Through to the End", stated: "Smith's suggested talks and Vorsters detente in southern Africa are nothing but imperialists machinations to wreck the revolutionary movement in Zimbabwe and indeed the whole of southern Africa." "The road that we in ZANU have taken is one of carrying the revolution through to the end. We have committed ourselves to using revolutionary methods to wipe out all the forces of reaction, throughly, wholly and completely. We must unswervingly persist in overthrowing the reactionary regime of Ian Smith on a country-wide scale and set up a democratic government in which all the people of Zimbabwe regardless of race, color creed can participate. By so doing, the people of Zimbabwe will completely throw off settler oppression; the country will be transformed from a settler colony into a genuine independent state; the Zimbabwean people will be fully emancipated, overthrowing imperialism, capitalism and racism, once and for all and create the prerequisites for transforming Zimbabwe from an agricultural into an industrial country and make it possible for her to develop from a society of exploitation of man by man into a socialist society."

While combating the illusions that talks could result in anything, and opposing all attempts to stop the armed struggle and dissolve the armed forces, ZANU correctly pursued the policy of attempting to build (continued on page 18)

(continued from page 17) the maximum unity of all political tendencies of the Zimbabwean people, including with those organizations who were not waging armed struggle and wished a "constitutional settlement" that would establish majority-rule. For this reason ZANU united with other organizations into the ANC (African National Council) so that the Zimbabwe people would be represented with one voice in the negotiations with Ian Smith. On Monday, August 25, 1975 the "preliminary constitutional talks" broke down after only several hours and were disbanded with no plans for their continuation. Smith would not even grant safe passage to all nationalist leaders to attend the proposed "constitutional conference"

After the collapse of the talks, Comrade Sitole stated in an interview on radio Columbia: "The Rhodesian constitutional crisis can only be resolved at gun point through a full scale guerrilla war against the Rhodesian regime." Prime Minister Ian Smith, he said, "should be crushed and brought down on his knees, at Victoria Falls bridge I found Mr. Smith a very difficult man. He was talking to us like kitchen boys and he had no interest in finding a settlement. We've many of our people fighting now who are not interested in laying down their arms. They will only lay down their arms when majority-rule had been won".

Zimbabwe is a very rich country, abundant in natural resources. Chrome is one well known example. Presently 400 U.S. corporations operating in southern Africa. The average wage of a worker at GM, Union Carbide, Ford Motor Co., GE etc. is \$386.00 per year. According to U.N. statistics this would be a living wage for less than four months in "Rhodesia". Trade unions and strikes are illegal. Out of six million black Zimbabweans, 8,000 qualify to vote. Of the 270,000 whites, everybody qualifies. The racist system in Rhodesia is obviously a very profitable set-up for U.S. monopoly capitalist corporations.

The U.S. imperialists are most anxious to stop the revolutionary advance of ZANU and the masses they lead. Since the collapse of the August 25, 1975 talks, the U.S. and its economic managers for southern Africa, Smith and Vorster, have been grooming Joshua Nkomo to establish a black, puppet neo-colonial government in Zimbabwe. Nkomo, leader of ZAPU (Zimbabwean African Peoples' Union) was expelled from the ANC for making secret deals with Smith behind the backs of the ANC executive committee. Ian Smith stated that Mr. Nkomo should be the leader of ANC, agreed to subsidize a phoney "ANC Congress" by as much ("Rhodesian") \$30,000 and to provide the delegates with free food in order to set-up Nkomo as the "legitimate leader" who would then make a deal guaranteeing the continuation of the old system of exploitation in "Rhodesia", but with black puppets at the helm. The Soviet social imperialists are also up to their necks in plots. They have consistently supported the opportunist Nkomo, encouraged him to split from the ANC and gave him \$50,000 to support his bid for recognition by the Smith-Vorster regimes.

Michael Mawema, organizing secretary of ZANU stated: "So far as the people of Zimbabwe are concerned, the continuing support by the Russians of ZAPU and Nkomo, is an act of aggression to the people of Zimbabwe, particularly to the armed forces of ZANU." (Nkomo is the brainchild of the "detente" schemes of South Africa's Vorster. In addition, 10,000 South African troops are fighting ZANU inside Zimbabwe, trying desperately to prevent it from becoming a secure base on South Africa's border from which the Azanian ("South Africa") black freedom fighters can launch people's war against the Vorster regime. If the Soviet Union was so interested in fighting South Africa which is their excuse for their aggression in Angola, why is the Soviet Union hand-in-glove with Vorster in Zimbabwe? Why don't they support ZANU against the South African mercenaries? These are difficult questions for the new tsars to answer.)

Thus, in "Rhodesia" we see the collusion of the two superpowers in trying to arrest the struggle for genuine independence. We also see the Soviet Union trying to ride into control of "Rhodesia" on the backs of a "liberation movement" so as to secure Zimbabwe as a Soviet neo-colony. But the Zimbabwean people have taken ZANU's slogan of "We are our own liberators!" to heart and will never fall prey to the phoney liberation provided by Soviet "assistance". While the two superpowers are cooperating against the revolutionary movement, fundamentally they are at each others throats vying for spheres-of-influence.

The combined attempts of the Soviet social-imperialists, U.S. imperialism and other western monopoly capitalist countries, the Smith and Vorster racist regimes, as well as reactionary black African "independent" states to isolate ZANU and defeat the liberation war will all fail. ZANU has stated: By liberation, we mean the overthrow of an oppressive system, which, unfortunately, is being defended by Ian Smith, a white man. In that way it might look as if we are fighting against a white man as such. That will be very wrong to think so. Zimbabweans are fighting against an unjust political and economic system. Therefore, if a black man is going to inherit the same system from Ian Smith, best be assured that Zimbabweans will fight tooth and nail until the total liquidation of the system."

The Zimbabwean people under the leadership of ZANU are heroically fighting for total independence and are in the forefront of the world's peoples' fight against the two superpowers who are frantically contending for world domination and are preparing for a world among themselves. The Zimbabwean revolution is a powerful obstacle to the threat of world war posed by the two superpowers.

American workers! Support the revolutionary Zimbabwean people! and their leadership ZANU!. We have the same goal-- the elimination of exploitation of man by man!

End item.

OAU....

(continued from page 15) can never be complete until Azania, Zimbabwe and Namibia are free from the oppressive and humiliating apartheid minority regimens. During the 14 year war against the Portuguese the Soviet Union invested a total of about 127 million in aid to the MPLA; but after the defeat of the Portuguese, i.e. during the 12 month period from November, 1974 to October, 1975, the Soviet Union spent about 160 million in aid to MPLA, now obviously having as the only enemy the Angolan liberation movements that did not want Russian imperialism in Angola. UNITA is pan-African Socialist mass movement in theory and practice, and we do not see why we should go from Portuguese colonialism to Russian neocolonialism.

4. Ideally, OAU member countries should have undertaken more efforts, bilaterally and privately, to convince themselves of the need to analyse the problem as possible, refrain from recognizing any faction, and then, as a powerful united organization, persuade the non-African powers to withdraw from Angola. The OAU could then finally convene the three Angolan parties and vigorously support the formation of a government of national unity - for the sake of Angola's territorial integrity and people's unity. The weakness of the OAU, at present time, stems from three main sources; (1) there is no outstanding unifying leadership within the OAU; (2) there is a tendency of the OAU member countries to yield to non-African powers and pressures; (3) the pan-African ideology and philosophy are being overshadowed by the economic strength of the relations of East/West to which OAU members tend to cater, thus reducing the organization to an aggregate of East/West clients. We do, however, think that this is a very serious moment and the OAU should transcend all its weaknesses for the sake of Africa.

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curriculum is complemented by a solid political course.

Children are taught for example that the history of Angola and that of Africa is not made by imperialist kings, queens, princes and prime ministers but by the people themselves. The masses of the people are then the only real motive force behind historical development. They are taught in short dialectics and historical materialism, in a very lucid way, and in such a way that they are able to understand and situate themselves in the historical context of the armed struggle and the reality of their war against capitalist exploitation and imperialism. In the evenings the soldiers lay down their arms and instruct the adults. In every province there are likewise medical clinics which is one of the services which the people in the liberated areas welcome the most.

I should like to say that in closing UNITA has been especially heartened to see the extensive coverage given our struggle in the Peoples Canada Daily News. Our movement has had to suffer the incredible lies and distortions of the western news media compounded by the insidious propaganda of the Soviet Union. UNITA fought its battles against the Portuguese on the terrain of Angola and never enjoyed the external metropolitan sidewalk cafe, bar and coffee house associations with the European journalists. These people are now found mindlessly parroting and propagating MPLA-Soviet propaganda that has been digested by them over a period of years with these kinds of contacts and associations. Even now European reporters mainly continue to file their stories from Luanda where they only have access to the desperate distortions MPLA feeds them.

UNITA's vision for the new Angola demands as a prerequisite, the country's total independence from all forms of foreign exploitation. It demands that the country be developed following the principles of scientific socialism, creatively applied to the particular needs of Angola's people. It asserts that the pace of genuine revolutionary change can proceed no faster than the elevation of the Angolan woman to her rightful position as comrade at all levels of constructive human endeavour.

For UNITA there may indeed be even rougher days to come. But the support of our people is our greatest strength. UNITA is the party of the people.

AND THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT FALL!!

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE!!!

LONG LIVE UNITA! LONG LIVE THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION!!!

THANK-YOU

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