

Congo (L):

Forced to Increase Struggle

On February 13, the eighth anniversary of the cowardly assassination of Lumumba and his comrades Okito and Mpolo, the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America and of the entire world held a world day of solidarity with the people of the Congo (L).

Mobutu, an agent of US imperialism, along with his accomplices Kasavubu, Tshombe, Nendaka, Momboko and Munongo, perpetrated an act that outraged all the peoples and revolutionaries of the world.

After committing this ignominious crime, of which he was the main instigator, Mobutu seized power, undertaking astute maneuvers with the support of his masters, the US imperialists to consolidate his puppet regime; by these maneuvers he has tried to pass himself off as a revolutionary having cynically decreed the rehabilitation of his victim, Lumumba, proclaiming him a national hero and erecting him a statue.

Actually this is nothing but an insulting contradiction. Recent events have contributed to unmasking his criminal nature and revealing his true despotic face. The Congolese revolutionaries are forced to redouble now, more than ever, their fighting zeal so as bring their just cause to a glorious end.

The National Liberation Council, made up of all the revolutionaries, progressives and patriotic forces of the country, continues to consolidate on the battlefield; the difficulties and setbacks suffered by its followers throughout the process of the struggle are but rich experiences, a veritable source of new energy.

It is the duty of the peoples and governments, as a revolutionary task, to extend their most effective and consistent aid to the heroic Congolese comba-



tants. It would be well to remind Africa of the role it should play, which is that of eliminating all traces of colonialism and neocolonialism from the continent. For the combatants who today are in the trenches of Congo fight not only against Mobutu's puppet soldiers but also against regular US, Belgian and Israeli military forces which —along with mercenaries of various nationalities, including Cuban counterrevolutionaries— have been used and are being used to repress the revolutionary struggle of the Congolese people.

The traitor and murderer Mobutu is responsible for the crimes and misery of the Congolese people as well as for the aggressions against the peoples of the neighboring countries, who live under the threat of armed aggression for a simple reason: the subservience of this ultrareactionary regime to the United States of North America.