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genocide in ANGOLA

THE Portuguese colonialists have taken another step in the escalation of genocide against the Angolan people.

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In effect, tons of chemical products, defoliants and herbicides have appeared throughout the entire area of the liberated regions since the beginning of last year, poisoning rivers and marshes with the criminal purpose of killing life.

To "carpeting" and napalm bombings and the resettlement of the population in strategic hamlets, the dropping of defoliants and herbicides must now be added.

Two-thirds of the total harvest in the liberated zones has been destroyed, dozens of peaceful people, especially old people and children, have been killed by poison.

The world knows enough about the consequences of chemical war. Death, malformation, lands rendered nonarable for long periods, are some of the consequences of the use of defoliants by the North American imperialist troops in Viet Nam.

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The effects of these products make it possible to identify them as follows:

- -2,4 D (2,4 dichlorophenoxiacetic acid)
- -2,4,5 T (2,4,5 trichlorophenoxiacetic acid)
- -Cacodilic acid
- —Picloran (known commercially as Tordon)

The Portuguese colonialists have followed the example of trying to hold back the advance of our guerrillas through starvation and poisoning.

But in Angola as in Viet Nam, the escalation only reinforces the resistance of the people and their determination in the struggle against the oppressor. Nevertheless, future relations between our martyred people and the Portuguese people are what is being compromised by the barbarous brutality of genocide carried out against the Angolan people.

We urgently appeal to all peaceand freedom-loving men and forces throughout the world, including Portugal, to undertake a campaign denouncing this crime and to condemn on a worldwide scale, the genocide being committed by the Portuguese colonialists against our people.

We also call on all men and organizations and friendly countries to undertake a massive and immediate act of solidarity with the urgent shipment of food, medicine and means of transportation to aid the population of the

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liberated zones of Angola.

Without urgent aid, thousands of human beings — men, women and children — will remain in a tremendously damaging situation which the colonialists increase with their continuous bombings.

Corn or wheat, flour, rice, powdered or condensed milk, preserves, table oil, sugar and salt and other kinds of foodstuffs sent quickly and in massive quantities will alleviate the sufferings that our people of the liberated zones are presently undergoing.

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