

ANGOLA

KUP Carries Communique on Attack on Oil Company
MB280912 (Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa 0600 GMT 28 Mar 86

[Text] Free Land of Angola, 28 Mar (KUP) — The UNITA armed forces have carried out large-scale operations in Cabinda Province, among them an attack at 0400 on 24 March against the Malongo oil complex. At the same time, several sections of the pipeline were blown up with dynamite in the regions of Chimbondo, Bucumazi, Chinga, and Santa Catarina.

This was revealed in a communique issued on the same day and signed by UNITA's Chief of Staff Brigadier Alberto Joaquim Vinama Chendovava. The communique added that heavy damage was caused and that certain regions are still ablaze as a direct result of the explosions during the attack.

Envoy to Cuba Reiterates Peace Readiness
PA272229 Havana International Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 26 Mar 86

[Text] The Government of the People's Republic of Angola has reiterated it is willing to negotiate and to keep struggling to guarantee a climate of peace in the region of the South African cone, Manuel Pedro (?Pacabira), Angolan ambassador to Cuba said in Havana.

During a ceremony to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Angola's victory over the South African invaders, Ambassador (?Pacabira) criticized the warmongering policy of South Africa, the regime of apartheid, and of the United States. The Angolan ambassador to Cuba reaffirmed Angola's opposition to U.S. and South Africa's efforts to make the implementation of U.N. Resolution 435 for the independence of Namibia conditional on the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola.

LESOTHO

Government Bans All Political Activity
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[Text] Our correspondent in Maseru reports that all political activity in Lesotho has been suspended. In terms of the proclamation in the Government Gazette, no one may take part in any political activity or encourage the management of any political party. All public meetings with a political context also are prohibited, as are political publications.

General Lekhanya Holds Press Conference
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[Text] The chairman of the Military Council and Council of Ministers, Major General J.M. Lekhanya, says the military took

power simply to save the people of this country from the dangers resulting from the lawlessness that characterized the last days of the previous regime. Answering a question by a foreign journalist today on the return to civilian rule, Maj Gen J.M. Lekhanya said the present government intends to stay on until true reconciliation has been achieved, when a return to barracks will follow. He, however, said that their return to the barracks will definitely be determined by the people.

Asked on his relationships with his majesty, Maj Gen Lekhanya said they are cordial if they are between the head of state and head of government, and that this by itself determines the constitutional relationship. On the question of party political activities, he said they had been suspended by law and as far as he was concerned the country was plunged into a state of crisis by the irresponsible and criminal behavior of party political opportunists and self-seekers, who were prepared to sacrifice the lives of the people to achieve their own selfish ends.

He said the Lesotho Royal Defense Force was split into two by the ruling clique, who were desirous of promoting a private army for themselves, while on the other hand the so-called Liberation Army was killing fellow Basotho, on the instructions of another clique of party politicians. These party political games had only one victim, the people of Lesotho, he said, and that he believed therefore that they, the people of Lesotho, must be given a break which they so much deserve.

Asked about South African refugees, Maj Gen Lekhanya said those members of the South African refugee community, including members of the ANC whose safety Lesotho could not guarantee, were asked to leave the country under the auspices of the UNHCR [United Nations High Commission on Refugees] and since the military takeover, about 100 people departed in this manner and that the process continues. He added that the ANC has no diplomatic presence in Lesotho. Maj Gen Lekhanya said that Lesotho, as a signatory to the UN Convention on Refugees and related protocols, will continue to provide asylum to genuine refugees.

The Lesotho Government has declared a general and unconditional amnesty in favor of all Basothos who left their country for political reasons, including Mr Ntsu Mokhetle, Maj Gen Lekhanya said in answer in relation to the attitude of the Lesotho Government to the reported presence in South Africa of Mr Ntsu Mokhetle. When asked about the general conditions of the amnesty, he said it had been received by Basotho both inside and outside the country and that necessary statistics relating to returnees are being prepared.

On the status of investigations into the deaths of three people in detention, he said postmortems were carried out by three pathologists on each of the deceased. One pathologist was a government pathologist, while the other two were engaged by the families of the deceased and the government, respectively, and they are awaiting their reports. However, the government has already ordered an inquest into the circumstances surrounding each of the deaths.

When asked on the number of detained members of the former government, the major general pointed out that members of the