

ANGOLA

Foreign Minister Interviewed on Cuban Involvement
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["Excerpt" from interview with Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge by correspondent Mario Offenburg in Luanda; date not given; in Portuguese with superimposed German translation — recorded]

[Text] [Jorge] I think it is necessary to consider two things in assessing Cuba's participation in the efforts for Angola's national reconstruction. The first is military and involves the training of our experts for the Angolan regular Armed Forces. The other thing pertains to mutual cooperation. In this connection, it is imperative to emphasize the extraordinary assistance that the People's Republic of Angola has received from Cuba in the areas of health, education, fishing, agriculture, and construction. Also, the truth is that when the Governments of Angola and Cuba jointly started to gradually reduce the number of Cuban troops in Angola, South Africa again stepped up its attacks. This very fact justifies the presence of the Cuban forces which help us to prevent possible aggression by Pretoria.

GDR Official Arrives With Message for Dos Santos
MB121600 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
2300 GMT 11 Apr 84

[Text] Gerd Koenig, deputy minister of foreign affairs [title as heard] of the GDR, has been in Luanda since yesterday with a message from Erich Honecker, first secretary of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, for Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos. Approached by the news media at the 4 February International Airport, the minister of foreign affairs of the GDR expressed his happiness upon visiting Angola. He stated that he was convinced that the expected consultations and talks on the international situation and matters related to cooperation between the two countries will be very fruitful for both parties.

First Trade Union Congress Opens in Luanda
MB121930 Luanda ANGOP in French 1045 GMT
12 Apr 84

[Text] Luanda, 12 Apr (ANGOP) — The working sessions of the First Congress of the Angolan Trade Unions [UNTA] started in Luanda yesterday. They continued this morning with the reading of the report of the activities of the UNTA Central Committee by Pascual Luvualu, UNTA's secretary general. We recall that yesterday was marked by the approval of the agenda and regulations of the congress, as well as the presentation of the first part of the report on the activities of the UNTA Central Committee. In his address, Pascual Luvualu, who conducted the review of UNTA activities, said that UNTA should lead the Angolan workers who have taken the colonialists' trade unions by storm and created the foundations for victory in the struggle against reactionary forces and puppets who are at the service of imperialism. Pascual Luvualu said he wished to take the opportunity to stress that the UNTA congress will draw up a critical assess-

ment and a self-criticism of the work done during these last years, which will serve as an inspiration to UNTA's new tasks for the revolution and to peace and stability in southern Africa.

UNITA To Intensify Actions Against MPLA
MB121530 Johannesburg International Service in English
1500 GMT 12 Apr 84

[Text] The UNITA movement in Angola has given notice that it intends to intensify its actions in an all-out effort against the MPLA government. A senior UNITA official, Mr Jeremiah Chitunda, has told Radio RSA's Washington representative that a Cuban withdrawal from Angola is a prerequisite to peace and stability in all of southern Africa. He says that it is extremely important to understand that, unless there is peace between UNITA and the MPLA in Angola, serious problems for the entire region will remain. On the question of a Cuban withdrawal, Mr Chitunda said this is essential before constructive peace talks could be held within Angola. He said that, since the arrival of the Cubans in Angola in 1975, the conflict within the country had become internationalized to the point where local problems could no longer be solved in an effective and long-lasting manner. Turning to the (?proposed) discussions between the MPLA and the U.S. Administration, Mr Chitunda said UNITA regarded this as little more than an opportunity for both parties to restate their stand on Angolan issues as they saw the situation now.

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Cyclone Kamisy Causes Extensive Damage
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[Text] The town of Mahajanga has been 80 percent destroyed by Cyclone Kamisy. This is the first assessment of the effects of the cyclone. A number of people have been injured and communications with the capital of the [word indistinct] is still difficult as of broadcast time. The wind this morning was blowing at 220 km per hour in that region. The road between Mahajanga and the airport at Ambovozy is blocked with fallen trees. In Antseranana no precise assessment has been made yet of loss of human life. We recall that seven people have been reported as missing after a small boat capsized.

Cyclone Kamisy is presently between the town of (?Morovoay) and (Nabadovoi) and is continuing to move southeast at a speed of 20 km per hour. It is accompanied by torrential rains. A total of 244 mm of rain have fallen on Mahajanga and 134 mm on (Ressoule) in 24 hours. The winds are blowing with tremendous force. As they passed Mahajanga they reached a speed of over 220 km per hour.

The (?residents), who have been warned about the cyclone, are continuing to follow the instructions given to them. (? Places facing imminent danger are (Ranvoi), Mahajanga 1 and 2, (Nabadovoi), (Lichingi), (Doualala), (Dechalan), (Ambadomey), (Kandou), Mevatanana, (Saratana), (Madjoun), Port-Berge, (Dezourbey), Ankazobe, and (Penurouse). (?Places which could