LEADERS SEND CASTRO ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

President's Message

EA021502 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 2 Jan 82

[Text] The president of the MPLA-Labor Party and President of the People's Republic of Angola, [PRA] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, sent a message of congratulations to Comrade Fidel Castro, first secretary of the Cuban Communist Party and president of the Council of State of Cuba, on the occasion of the 23d anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban revolution.

Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos' message hailed the great achievements and gains of the heroic brotherly Cuban people under the leadership of their vanguard, the Cuban Communist Party, during the last 23 years of the triumph of the Cuban revolution.

The president of the party and the republic reaffirmed that under the clairvoyant leadership of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party, the strong bases built since the unforgettable times of the national liberation struggle will firmly continue to guarantee the defense of the Cuban revolution toward the construction of an advanced socialist society.

On this date of supreme significance to your country, please accept wishes for strengthening friendly ties of solidarity and cooperation existing between us in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism, neocolonialism and all forms of social oppression for the triumph of peace and socialism.

Those were the contents of the Angolan head of state's message to Fidel Castro on the occasion of yet another anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban revolution.

Foreign Minister's Message

AB011158 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1130 GMT 1 Jan 82

[Text] Luanda, 31 Dec (ANGOP) -- Angolan Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge sent a congratulatory message on Wednesday to his Cuban counterpart, Isidoro Malmierca, on the occasion of the 23d anniversary of the victory of the revolutionary people of Cuba.

In the message, the Angolan foreign minister expressed the hope that further successes in the struggle against American imperialism will strengthen the courage and resolve of the forces which love peace and justice.

He also praised the determination of the Cuban people, who on so many occasions have mixed their blood with that of the Angolan people in the struggle against impersalism and racism.

CURRENT OIL INDUSTRY SITUATION EVALUATED

AB031205 Paris AFP in English 1153 GMT 3 Jan 82

[By Marie Joannidis]

[Excerpt] Luanda, 3 Jan (AFP) -- Marxist Angola survives with the willing aid of United States oil companies, all too eager to exploit the mineral wealth which is the main prop of the country's economy.

Despite sabotage and other attacks by South Africa and the opposition UNITA movement, allegedly backed by Pretoria, Angola's production for 1981 will be found to total between 8 and 9 million tons of good quality crude, officials here say.

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Interviewed by the national press at 4 February International Airport, Malmierca said during his stay he will hold discussions with the Angolan minister for foreign affairs on the present world situation and on the development of bilateral relations.

The Cuban minister further said that this visit takes place at a particularly important time in view of the increasing world tension as a result of the hostile intimidation against the people by imperialist governments headed by the United States of America. This is why we consider it extremely important that nations should defend the sovereignty of the people, just like Cuba and Angola, he added.

Isidoro Malmierca was welcomed at 4 February International Airport by Paulo Jorge and Francia Mestre, Cuban ambassador to Angola.

Talks Begin 1 Feb

EA012046 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 1 Feb 82

[Excerpts] Official talks started this afternoon in Luanda between delegations from the Foreign Affairs Ministries of our country and Cuba, which will analyze, among other things, the development of bilateral relations and current international politics.

The delegations to the talks are led by the foreign ministers of the respective countries, Comrades Paulo Jorge and Isidoro Malmierca. Others present at the talks are the Angolan deputy minister of foreign affairs, Venancio de Moura, Cuban ambassador to Angola, Francia Mestre and the Cuban political adviser attached to the Cuban Embassy in Luanda (Carlos Vinhas).

The Cuban foreign minister will remain with us for 5 days. Isidoro Malmierca has been in Luanda since yesterday.

GDR OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

AB291957 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1800 GMT 29 Jan 82

[Text] Luanda, 29 Jan (ANGOP) -- The vice chairman of the GDR State Committee for Planning, Dr Didier Albrecht, met this morning with the minister of energy and the chairman of the joint Angola-GDR committee, Pedro van Dunen and Faustino Muteka, respectively. Questions of bilateral interest were discussed by the German and Angolan officials.

Didier Albrecht, who arrived in Angola on Wednesday to sign a protocol of cooperation and two agreements between the Foreign Trade Ministries on trade and the training of staff, left Luanda today (Friday) for Sao Tome and Principe on a working visit.

MOZAMBIQUE

ARMED FORCES PURUSE REBEL 'BANDITS' IN SOFALA

EA010942 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0800 GMT 1 Feb 82

[Text] Mozambique Armed Forces are carrying out hot pursuit operations against bandits of the so-called National Resistance Movement who last Saturday, 30 January, carried out pillaging operations at the Chiringoma district headquarters in Sofala. The bandits attacked commercial establishments and ransacked food and other goods.

They also attacked the passengers of a train but were forced to retreat as a result of action by our forces. They attacked and fired on civilians, killing one and [words indistinct].

To be [words indistinct] and allow massive participation of the people, the people's vigilance must be [words indistinct] framework of a system of generalized people's defense. It must be able permanently to fight crimes and counterrevolution. It must defend the strategic economic centers and guarantee public order. Accordingly, this year the party will create people's vigilance squads.

The squads will work and cooperate with local state organs, ODP [Peoples Defense Organization] and the Ministry of the Interior in a perfectly coordinated manner so as to avoid organizations and the superimposition of tasks which distort the character of that mass

The MPLA-Labor Party, vanguard of the working class which holds the power of political decision, is a driving and uniting organ of actions aimed at effecting a socialist transformation of our society.

With the election at the end of 1981 of party municipal and provincial committees, the basic process of party structuring from top to bottom has been concluded. It is now imperative to organize and implement all aspects of its internal life. Particularly the linking of grassroot organs with the supreme organs. We must now plan our work to advance from there and to broaden the partys ranks so as to strengthen its leading role. Therefore, the overwhelming majority of our people for the tasks of building socialism. This is fundamental because without the active participation of the workers, there will be no strengthening of the revolutionary transformation and necessary dynamism in the struggle against underdevelopment.

It is, therefore, imperative to give incentives to the creative initiative of the workers. We must eliminate the bureaucratic style of political work and activate the functioning of the trade unions, the MPLA, the party youth, the (?meetings) of peasants and the organization of Angolan women so that these organizations may be constituted into true (?vehicles) of communication between the party and the people.

Socioeconomic construction, as a base for the Angolan workers, is the decisive factor for the implantation of the new society. It must constitute the [words indistinct] concern of the party [words indistinct] organs. To this end, we must elevate the degree and level of participation of party grassroots organizations in the councils of enterprise directorates and production units. We must strengthen the mobilization of the workers for the discipline). The party provincial and municipal committees will, as their internal organization is consolidated, perform an even more active role either in posting responsible cadres to the directorate and mangement of enterprises or in monitoring and controlling party will strengthen its leading role and economic construction will achieve significant advances.

When confronting, in this year of economic organization and people's vigilance, another 4 February, let us engage with greater enthusiasm, dedication and determination in the struggle against undevelopment for a better, more peaceful and prosperous life and for the triumph of scientific socialism in Angola. The struggle continues. Victory is certain.

[Signed] Political Bureau of the MPLA-Labor Party

CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES IN LUANDA

AB011146 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1045 GMT 1 Feb 82

[Text] Luanda, 1 Feb (ANGOP) -- Cuban Foreign Affairs Minister Isidoro Malmierca Peoli arrived in Luanda early Sunday night on an official and friendly visit at the invitation of Paulo Jorge, his Angolan counterpart.

As the year of economic organization, 1982 must witness the launching of deep-rooted action to organize production, work, management and services in the priority sectors and fields and in strategic enterprises whether state, mixed or private, into scientific and working molds so that we can make rational use of the few human, material and financial resources at our disposal to obtain maximum results from the least material input.

Economic organization of necessity dictates unity between the taking of decisions, their implementation and control. In this perspective, we feel dutybound to call for scrupulous implementation of the party guidelines and state laws.

Accordingly, lawbreakers will be punished. The organization of our economy will be done as we structure and consolidate the state power organs, the People's Assembly and the people's provincial assemblies. The reorganization of the state central administration, the Council of Ministers, ministries and state secretariats, will be done with greater dynamism to make them more functional and to give them revolutionary work methods and styles.

The 1982 national plan therefore must stand for concrete actions to be unleashed to give priority sectors and enterprises the indispensable means of normal functioning in order to enable our economy to take off and to eliminate the basic factors of dependence and underdevelopment. With the achievement of that goal, we will be in a position to improve the people's standard of living.

Accordingly, the ministries incorporating the management of our national economy, particularly the Ministry of Planning, will be given the necessary human means to perform their rasks.

To give priority to food difficulties, to increase national production and to better the social and living conditions of the workers, it is imperative to reorganize agricultural and animal enterprises into new molds. We will reorganize agricultural and animal enterprises into new molds. We will reorganize the [words indistinct] industry and give practical priority to fisheries and the basic infrastructures of energy and construction. We will reorganize transport and communications, education and health. Such actions will be accompanied by the implementation of the principle of giving salaries in accordance with production and by the definition and application of a policy of fixing prices in accordance with the present economic and financial situation.

The policy must constitute a stimulus to national production so as to give priority to the supply of essential consumer goods to the centers of production of greater economic importance and to take [words indistinct] measures aimed at enabling us to send the unemployed and vagrants to the farms.

The application of a rigorous austerity policy entails a permanent fight against indiscipline, negligence, inefficiency, laxity and embezzlement. All party organs — the MPLA, the party youth, state organs, mass social organs and the news media — must take part in this fight by unleashing campaigns on the need to economize fuel, electric energy, water and other economic utilities and to inculcate respect for state property into people's minds.

People's vigilance, as a complement to the economic organization within the framework of a generalized offensive against negligence and inefficiency, constitutes a fundamental factor, as Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos has stated, which enables us to concentrate on the best way to defend our revolutionary gains so that we can exercise closer control of our heritage, production and distribution of (?special items) and jobless people who swarm into certain towns instead of engaging in agricultural production and animal husbandry in the rural areas.

MPLA-LABOR PARTY ISSUES DECLARATION 30 JAN

LD311652 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 30 Jan 82

[Declaration issued on 30 January by the Political Bureau of the MPLA-Labor Party on the occasion of 4 February, anniversary of the armed struggle for national liberation]

[Text] Twenty-one years ago, the Angolan people rose up in arms against the colonial domination, thus launching a people's war for national liberation which under the leadership of the MPLA culminated in the achievement of political independence and restoration of a democratic and people's state.

The struggle for the consolidation of national independence and the creation of technical and material bases for socialism is a necessary prerequisite for the continuation of the heroic struggle launched on 4 February 1961 and it demands the unity and commitment of all the workers in the realization of the programs of the MPLA-Labor Party.

In this context, our actions must this year, apart from issues of defense, be directed toward the implementation of our main defined tasks -- economic organization and peoples vigilance -- to strengthen at all levels and in all sectors discipline and control and to (?improve) the economic and financial situation of our country.

The efforts we are making to reconstruct and organize the national economy and to improve the standard of living of our population will continue this year to be seriously affected by the war imposed upon us by international imperialists through the racist South African regime. This situation causes the major part of our human, material and financial resources to be channelled to the defense of our sovereignty and the victories of revolution.

The imperialist aggressiveness, headed by the United States, against our country and other independent states of southern Africa comes within the framework of its strategy of destabilization and conflicts with the socialist and progressive states with the aim of preventing the expansion of the liberated zone of humanity and the victory of the movement for national liberation. Just because of the support from the main Western powers to the apartheid regime, the Republic of South Africa has been able to violate continually and flagrantly international rights in order to sabotage the efforts of the international community toward the implementation of the 1978 UN Security Council Resolution 435.

The People's Republic of Angola, loyal to the principles of proletarian internationalism and as a member of the United Nations and the OAU, reaffirms its solidarity with the fraternal people of Namibia under the leadership of SWAPO in their struggle for national independence. The MPLA-Labor Party also reaffirms its support for the just struggle of the South African people, who under the leadership of the African National Council, are fighting the heinous apartheid regime for the establishment of a more democratic and just society.

The intransigent defense of revolutionary principles on the home and foreign fronts makes our country a permanent target of destabilizing maneuvers and imperialist aggression. We are at war and each citizen and each institution must always be aware of this fact. With the same heroism and determination with which the valorous fighters of the defense and security forces have been defending our national sovereignty and the integrity of our fatherland, we in the rearguard must make the greatest efforts to organize the economy and society so that we can consolidate our revolutionary state and annihilate the counterrevolution.

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Jorge Risquet for his part judged very highly Zambia's contribution to the struggle of the peoples of the southern cone of Africa. Risquet said that the Cuban delegation arrived in Zambia at a time when the imperialist forces are trying to recover their lost positions, not only in Africa, but also in the Caribbean. In the talks, Kaunda emphasized that the problems of southern Africa are a direct result of imperialism's aspiration to obtain superprofits by exploiting the native population of the racist republic of South Africa and Namibia.

AFGHAN WOMEN'S LEADER ARRIVES FOR VISIT

FL291845 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 29 Jan 82

[Text] Vilma Espin, alternate member of the Communist Party of Cuba Politburo and president of the Federation of Cuban Women, was on hand at the Jose Marti International Airport this morning to receive Anahita Ratebzad, chairman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan and member of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Politburo. The Afghan women's leader and her entourage will observe a schedule of activities in our country that includes visits to Santiago de Cuba, Guantanamo and other places.

Meeting at MPSP Offices

FL301337 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Jan 82

[Text] Anahita Ratebzad, chairm of the Afghan Women's Federation and the peace, friendship and solidarity organization, and a member of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Politburo, has visited the Havana offices of the Cuban Movement for Peace and Sovereignty of Peoples [MPSP] for an exchange of views. The Afghan leader was received by Severo Aguirre del Cristo, president of the MPSP and a member of the party's Central Committee, and by MPSP workers.

Aguirre briefed her on the MPSP program and said that the struggle for peace in our country has special characteristics under the present circumstances because, he said, we defend the revolution while struggling for peaceful conquests all over the world at the same time. The women's leader said in turn that all who support the struggle for revolutionary conquests in Afghanistan are also supporting the struggle for world peace, and the Afghan people will continue to fight for their revolution to the last drop of blood.

Anahita Ratebzad arrived yesterday in our country heading a delegation invited by the Federation of Cuban Women [FMC] and was received at the airport by Vilma Espin, president of the FMC and alternate member of the Politburo.

Friendly Relations Furthered

FLO20008 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2106 GMT 1 Feb 82 $\,$

[Text] Rene Rodriguez, a member of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and president of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples [ICAP], has received Anahita Ratebzad, member of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, who is visiting our country. The chairman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan [DWOA] and the peace, solidarity and friendship organization, is heading a delegation that includes (Mohafita Razmenda), a member of the DWOA Central Committee, and (Mahan Sonuem), of the peace, solidarity and friendship organization.

Increased friendly and solidarity relations between the two countries were discussed at the meeting, held at ICAP offices. A friendship association will be established for this purpose. Material on the economic and social life in Afghanistan and Cuba was exchanged at the meeting.

FOREIGN MINISTER HEADS DELEGATION TO ANGOLA

FL011341 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 1 Feb 82

[Text] A Cuban delegation headed by Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca has arrived in Angola for an official visit of a few days. The delegation was received at Luanda's international airport by Paulo Jorge, Angola's minister of foreign affairs.

Malmierca told reporters that met him at his arrival that during his visit, at the invitation of Paulo Jorge, he will study various aspects of international affairs with Jorge. This visit, Malmierca said, comes at a time when international tensions have become more intense due to the aggressive policies of the United States against nations struggling for their liberty or to gain their independence.

PARTY DELEGATION LED BY RISQUET ON AFRICA TOUR

Arrival in Zimbabwe

FL011250 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 1 Feb 82

[Text] A high-level Cuban delegation headed by Jorge Risquet, member of Cuba's Communist Party [PCC] Politburo and Secretariat, arrived in Salisbury Sunday for an official visit to Zimbabwe. Risquet and his companions are visiting at the invitation of the Zimbabwe African National Union Party.

The delegation had completed an official visit to Ethiopia yesterday during which they were received by Chairman Mengistu Haile Mariam. A cooperation protocol between the PCC and the organizing committee of Ethiopia's Working People's Party was signed in Addis Ababa during the visit. Risquet also met in Addis Ababa with hundreds of Cuban internationalist workers working in various areas of Ethiopia's economic and social life, to whom he relayed greetings and congratulations from Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the PCC and president of the Councils of State and Ministers.

Zimbabwe is the fourth African country visited by the official delegation headed by Jorge Risquet. The others were Mozambique, Tanzania and Ethopia.

Visit to Zambia

FLO22125 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2105 GMT 2 Feb 82

[Text] The Communist Party of Cuba delegation headed by Politburo member Jorge Risquet Valdes was received today in Lusaka by (Ruben Camanga), a member of the Central Committee of the United National Independence Party of Zambia. The African leader highly rated Cuba's contribution to the struggle against the forces of imperialism, colonialism and aggression. (Ruben Camanga) stressed that cooperation between the parties of Cuba and Zambia is constantly strengthened and serves the interests of peace and reciprocal understanding between the two states. For his part, Jorge Risquet Valdes spoke of the aggravated international tensions in Central America and southern Africa caused by rhe reinforced aggressiveness of the imperialist forces.

Meets President Kaunda

FLO31840 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 3 Feb 82

[Text] Lusaka -- Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee Politburo, has met with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda who expressed his satisfaction over Cuba's activities as a member of the Nonaligned Movement.

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DOS SANTOS REJECTS CONTACT GROUP ELECTION PLAN

AB041854 Paris AFP in French 1836 GMT 4 Feb 82

[Text] Luanda, 4 Feb (AFP) -- Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Angola's head of state, has once again categorically rejected the electoral process proposed by the Western contact group for the settlement of the Namibian problem.

During ceremonies in Lubango (southern Angola) marking the 21st anniversary of the commencement of the uprising against Portugal on 4 February 1961, Dos Santos said: We feel (the electoral process) is another maneuver to delay the independence of Namibia and to protect the interests of the white minority. We support the stand adopted by SWAPO which categorically rejects these proposals.

The Angolan head of state stressed, in this connection, that the state of war in southern Angola will end only after a just solution is found to the Namibian problem.

CUBAN DELEGATION ARRIVES IN LUANDA 3 FEB

EA041258 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 3 Feb 82

[Excerpts] A Cuban party delegation arrived early this evening in Luanda, led by Jorge Risquet, Political Bureau member and secretary of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee.

Jorge Risquet said on arrival that the visit comes within the framework of strengthening the friendly relations between the parties, governments and peoples of the two countries. The Cuban leader also said he will exchange views with Angolan leaders on the unity of action of the two countries in the struggle against imperialism, apartheid and Zionism and for the progress of peace and socialism.

On the major offensive by North American imperialism and racist South Africa against southern Africa, Jorge Risquet said that, by this action, imperialism aims to recoup its losses and block the march of peoples toward freedom. The Cuban leader reaffirmed the solidarity of the Cuban people with the Angolan people and all other peoples struggling for freedom.

In Luanda, Jorge Risquet tomorrow will attend the ceremonies celebrating the 21st anniversary of the armed struggle for the national liberation.

On arrival, Jorge Risquet was received by Lucio Lara and Ambrosio Lukoki, members of the MPLA-Workers Party Political Bureau, and Cuban ambassador to Angola Francia Mestre.

SOVIET OFFICIAL EXPLAINS 5-8 FEB VISIT

AB021304 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1105 GMT 2 Feb 82

[Text] Luanda, 2 Feb (ANGOP) -- Guirma Guiriov, secretary general of the Soviet People's Friendship Association, will visit Angola from 5 to 8 February.

Guiriov, who announced the news to ANGOP after arriving in Luanda on his way to Sao Tome and Principe, added that the aim of the visit is to discuss the development of bilateral relations with officials of the Angolan People's Solidarity League.

The Soviet official also revealed that his country this year will grant 15 scholarships to Angola for the training of Angolans in economics.

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He added that the intensification of international tension as a result of the warmongering policy of the Ronald Reagan administration made greater unity among nations a necessity. We hope, he stressed, that this visit will help further strengthen the vigorous ties of friendship between Cuba and Angola and increase our concerted action in the struggle for the independence of peoples, for peace and progress.

President Receives Delegation

FLO61732 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1532 GMT 6 Feb 82

[Text] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the People's Republic of Angola, has received in Luanda during a special meeting the Cuban delegation headed by Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee Politburo and Secretariat. The members of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party Politburo, Lucio Lara and Jose Maria Tonha, and other members of the Angolan delegation participated in the meeting which was held in a friendly atmosphere. Abelardo Colome Ibarra, alternate member of the Politburo, Isidoro Malmierca, foreign minister and member of the Central Committee, and the other members of the Cuban delegation also participated in the meeting on the Cuban side.

During the meeting the identity of views between the two parties in the struggle against the apartheid government and in defense of the people's freedom was demonstrated.

FIDEL CASTRO RECEIVES AFGHANISTAN'S RATEBZAD

FLO61400 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 6 Feb 82

[Text] Our commander in chief, Fidel Castro Ruz, president of the Councils of State and Ministers and first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, received in Havana yesterday Anahita Ratebzad, member of the Democratic Party of Afghanistan Politburo and president of the Afghan Federation of Democratic Women. Vilma Espin, also participated in the Politburo and president of the Federation of Cuban Women [FMC], also participated in the meeting which was held in a fraternal and friendly climate.

The Afghan leader also visited the FMC headquarters where she was received by Vilma. At this meeting, Ratebzad, who is also president of the Peace, Friendship and Solidarity Organization of Afghanistan, praised the efforts of the FMC for its work with women. She also expressed her satisfaction over the experiences learned in the places she and the delegation accompanying her visited in Cuba.

Ratebzad Ends Visit

FLO60218 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 6 Feb 82

[Text] Vilma Espin, alternate member of the Politburo and president of the Federation of Cuban Women, was at the airport this afternoon to see Anahita Ratebzad off. Ratebzad, member of the Politburo of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, and chairman of the Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan and the Peace and Solidarity Organization of Afghanistan, spent a week in our country during which she made several visits and met with party and government leaders. Speaking for this newscast, she highlighted the benefits of her stay in Cuba and the experience it represented.

MALMIERCA ISSUES STATEMENT WITH ANGOLA ON TROOPS

FL060059 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 6 Feb 82

[Text] Cuba and Angola have reiterated that Namibia's independence cannot be conditioned to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angolan territory as South Africa and its allies and backers, the imperialists, would wish. In a joint statement signed in Luanda by Foreign Ministers Isidoro Malmierca of Cuba and Paulo Jorge of Angola, the two governments note that the arrival of Cuban forces in Angolan territory is not related to the Namibian conflict and responds instead to external threats against the Angolan process.

The document notes that in order to liquidate the Angolan revolutionary movement, the Yankee imperialists pushed the South African Army against Angola on 14 October 1975. In less than 20 days, those troops almost reached the capital. It was at this time, the declaration stresses, that President Agostinho Neto requested the military cooperation of Cuba. This assistance and the resistance of the Angolan people were able to prevent South Africa's occupation of Angola and expel its forces from Angolan territory on 27 March 1976.

The Cuban-Angolan statement says that in 1976 and 1979, attempts were made to implement a gradual reduction of Cuban forces in Angola, but renewed external threats against Luanda prevented the execution of this plan. Some of the threats cited in the statement are South Africa's aggressions against Cassinga in May 1978, against Cunene and Huila in 1979 and a recent invasion in August 1981 which led to the occupation of parts of southern Angola, a situation which still exists.

The document stresses that the danger to Angola and other countries in southern Africa is greater than ever. Concerning the plan to condition Namibia's independence to the withdrawal of Cuban troops, the governments of Luanda and Havana reiterate, for all the abovementioned reasons and in keeping with article 51 of the UN Charter, the presence of those troops constitutes an absolutely sovereign and legitimate act on the part of the two countries and has no connection with the decolonization process of Namibia, which South Africa is illegally occupying.

PARTY DELEGATION OPENS TALKS IN ANGOLA

FL060155 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 6 Feb 82

[Text] Delegations of the parties and governments of Angola and Cuba began talks in Luanda today on bilateral relations and important international issues. The Cuban delegation, headed by the member of the politburo and secretariat of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC], Jorge Risquet, arrived in Luanda on Wednesday following a tour of several other African countries.

Opening the meeting, Lucio Lara, a member of the Politburo of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola [MPLA], Labor Party, hailed the militant solidarity with Angola of the Cuban party and people. The leader thanked President Fidel Castro and the PCC in particular for always responding satisfactorily to the needs of the young revolutionary process in Angola. Cuba's help in consolidating Angolan independence against constant aggressions has been sealed by the blood of internationalist combatants from the brother nation, Lara said. He then referred to the visit of the high-ranking Cuban delegation at a time when international tension is growing. Lastly, he conveyed greetings to Fidel Castro and PCC leaders and members in behalf of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and the MPLA-Labor Party.

For his part, Risquet conveyed greetings from the party and the leader of the Cuban revolution, Fidel Castro, to President dos Santos and the Angolan people.

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PARTY DELEGATION TOURS SOUTHERN ANGOLA

FLO81225 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 8 Feb 82

[Text] The Cuban party delegation headed by Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo and Secretariat of the Communist Party of Cuba, has met with Cuban internationalist workers in Angola and with leaders and people in southern Angola. In its tour, the Cuban delegation was accompanied by Lucio Lara and Antonio Franca, members of the Politburo of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola [MPLA]-Labor Party. They visited the provinces of Cunene and Huila in southern Angola.

Our delegation had planned to visit an Angolan province and we settled on Huila, because it bordered Cunene and Cuando Cubango, which were attacked and partially and temporarily occupied by the South African Army, Jorge Risquet said at his meeting with more than 300 leaders of the MPLA-Labor Party and mass organizations in Lubango. The people of Huila, he added, have distinguished themselves by their solidarity and material support for thousands of refugees and hundreds of injured from the sister provinces in the south and they maintain a high combative morale in face of the racist aggressors.

The Cuban internationalists expressed several times their firm determination to fulfill, in Angola the tasks entrusted to them by Comdr in Chief Fidel Castro, regardless of the sacrifice this sacred mission required.

Arrives in Congo

FLO81839 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 8 Feb 82

[Text] Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo and Secretariat of the Communist Party of Cuba, arrived today in Brazzaville on an official visit to the People's Republic of the Congo. The Cuban delegation is on an extended tour of Africa. Shortly after arrival, the visitors went to the mausoleum of Marien N'Gouabi, the Congolese revolution's top leader who was assassinated in 1977 by reactionary individuals who tried to defeat the process. Risquet and his delegation arrived from Angola.

Zimbabwe Visit Reported

FLO81615 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1520 GMT 8 Feb 82

[Text] A delegation of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] visited the Republic of Zimbabwe from 31 January to 1 February with the purpose of strengthening relations between the two nations. The Cuban delegation, headed by Comrade Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the PCC Politburo and Secretariat, held a friendly meeting with Robert Gabriel Mugabe, president of the ZANU [Zimbabwe African National Union] Patriotic Front and prime minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe. During these talks, Jorge Risquet delivered a personal message from Comrade Fidel Castro, first secretary of the PCC and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, to Mugabe.

Jorge Risquet and Comrade Mugabe held a wide-ranging exchange of views on the current state of bilateral relations between the two countries and expressed their determination to strengthen friendship and cooperation between the two peoples and parties.

The ZANU Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe greatly commended the Cuban people for their firm progress in the construction of socialism despite the difficult conditions created by imperialist hostility. For its part, our party's delegation reiterated its admiration for Zimbabwe's victory after its hard and bitter struggle to achieve legitimate independence.

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MINISTRY PRESS RELEASE ON CUBA'S MALMIERCA VISIT

ABO81825 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1710 GMT 8 Feb 82

[Text] Luanda, 8 Feb (ANGOP) -- On the occasion of the visit to the People's Republic of Angola by Cuba Foreign Affairs Minister Isidoro Malmierca, the Angolan Foreign Affiars Ministry today published the following press release in Luanda:

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During the talks between the ministers of foreign affairs of Cuba and Angola, which were held in a climate of mutual understanding, friendship and brotherhood, the international situation was reviewed and identical points of view were expressed.

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The ministers expressed their satisfaction with the development of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries and also signed a cooperation program aimed at strengthening and developing cooperation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries.

At the end of the visit, Comrade Isidoro Malmierca, who expressed warm thanks for the fraternal welcome accorded him, invited Comrade Paulo Jorge to pay an official and friendly visit to Cuba and the invitation was accepted with pleasure.

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CUBAN PARTY DELEGATION ENDS 4-DAY VISIT

ABO81230 Luanda Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 8 Feb 82

[Text] The delegation of the Communist Party of Cuba, led by the member of the Political Bureau, Jorge Risquet, on a 4-day visit to the People's Republic of Angola has returned home. During the delegation's stay in the country, it visited the Angolan Province of Huila and was accompanied by Comrade Lucio Lara, member of the Political Bureau of the MPLA-Labor Party.

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EA091336 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 9 Feb 82 $\,$

[Text] The PRA [People's Republic of Angola] and the Republic of Cuba expressed identical views on the international situation, particularly in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, during the visit by Jorge Risquet, member of the Cuba Communist Party Political Bureau, to our country.

Addressing journalists yesterday at the end of his 5-day visit to the PRA, Jorge Risquet said the visit helped the parties and governments of the two countries in their exchange of opinions. Questioned on the current situation in the Caribbean, Jorge Risquet referred to the constant threat of aggression and the intensification of the economic boycott of Cuba by the United States. He went on to say that the Cuban people, as a firm and peaceful people, are prepared to confront any kind of aggression.

Jorge Risquet and the party and government delegation which accompanied him toured Huila Province where they witnessed the suffering caused by the South African attacks against the people of the southern part of our national territory.

A communique issued by our Foreign Ministry yesterday reaffirmed that during the recent visit by Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca to our country, the two countries also expressed identical views. The communique emphasized the satisfaction of the two foreign ministers with the development of bilateral relations and cooperation. It said the two officials signed a plan to strengthen and promote cooperation between their Foreign Ministries. Comrades Paulo Jorge and Isidoro Malmierca signed a joint statement in Luanda, defining the common Angolan-Cuban position on the presence of Cuban forces in Angola.

DOS SANTOS RECEIVES PORTUGUESE COUNCIL MEMBER

ABO91752 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1722 GMT 9 Feb 82

[~ext] Luanda, 8 Feb (ANCOP) -- Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, this (Monday) afternoon received Lt Col Victor Alves, member of Portugal's Revolutionary Council, who brought greetings from the Portuguese head of state, Gen Ramalho Eanes.

Carlos Fernandes, foreign affairs secretary in the president's office, was present at the audience held at Futungo de Belas in Luanda.

Lt Col Victor Alves has been in Luanda since Sunday night on a brief 2-day courtesy visit to Angola.

U.S.-RSA PLAN NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

AB092026 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1745 GMT 9 Feb 82

[Text] London, 9 Feb (ANGOP) -- The United States and the racist regime of Pretoria intend to unilaterally proclaim the independence of Namibia if the so-called Western contact group fails once again to impose the U.S. plan for the solution of the Namibian question.

According to the author of these arrogant statements made in Windhoek, racist K. Pretorius, leader of the National Party of South-West Africa, with neo-nazi leanings, the unilateral declaration of independence by Namibia, as was the case of Rhodesia in 1965, is the only way to solve the Namibian question for, he added, it would protect the rights of the white minority which would be guaranteed by the Pretoria regime which continues to illegally occupy Namibian territory.

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JORGE EXPLAINS PURPOSE OF BRAZILIAN TRIP

AB101257 Luanda Domestic Service in French 1100 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] Angolan External Relations Minister Paulo Jorge arrived in Brasilia yesterday for an official visit to the Federative Republic of Brazil at the invitation of his Brazilian counterpart Saraiva Guerreiro. The duration of his visit was not disclosed. This visit, which is in response to an earlier one paid to our country in late 1980 by the head of the Brazilian foreign service, Saraiva Guerreiro, falls within the framework of the harmonious development of the bilateral relations which will help to further strengthen the cooperation between the two countries and pave the way for other fields of mutual interest.

Before leaving Luanda, the head of the Angolan diplomatic service said his trip will also enable him and his host to examine the current international situation which is characterized by many conflicts and their repercussion on the two countries' position in the solution of some problems which preoccupy them.

The Angolan external relations minister was accompanied on his trip by top civil servants and military advisers.

CUBAN JOURNALIST SPEAKS ON MEDIA WORK

ABO81514 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1130 GMT 6 Feb 82

[Text] Luanda, 6 Feb (ANGOP) -- Ernesto Vera, secretary general of the Union of Cuban Journalists (UJC) and vice chairman of the International Union of Latin American Journalists (UIJAL), who is in Luanda at the invitation of the MPLA-Labor Party, spoke on Friday at the Angolan national radio studios on "Some Experiences of Journalism in Cuba."

After saying how happy he was to be in Angola and to meet the Angolan people fighting heroically against imperialist invasion, Vera indicated that with the triumph of the Cuban revolution, journalists in his country identify themselves with the aspirations of the people. This is why the government and particularly the Cuba Communist Party have done their utmost to give higher academic training to all those who have chosen a journalistic career. So far, there has been no brain drain since the triumph of the revolution for before then, there was not a single professional journalist who could perform specific duties like editorial staff work, photography or cartoons. Thanks to this and to the press organs distributed throughout the provinces and municipal districts, the dailies have a circulation of about one million, which means approximately one copy per person.

The secretary general of Cuban journalists further indicated the important role that the six-channel radio plays in the political ideology of the Cuban people, while stressing that all the people follow the national and foreign news. In Cuba, there is not only patriotism but also solidarity with the oppressed. The Cuban media does not attack other countries. We defend other people with our media within the framework of the internationalism which has always characterized us, he concluded.

ASSEMBLY RATIFIES TREATIES WITH HUNGARY, CSSR

EA081148 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 CMT 8 Feb 82

[Text] The PRA [People's Republic of Angola] and the Hungarian People's Republic signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation in October, last year. The treaty is the basis for developing relations, governed by the principles of normal respect for sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, equal rights and noninterference in the internal affairs of each state.

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MPLA-LABOR PARTY, CUBANS ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE

AB122142 Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese 1930 GMT 11 Feb 82

[Text] Luanda, 11 Feb (ANGOP) -- At the end of the visit to the People's Republic of Angola of a party and government delegation headed by Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo and secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC], the following joint communique was issued in the Angolan capital.

Joint Communique by the MPLA-Labor Party and the Communist Party of Cuba

At the invitation of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, a high-ranking party-government delegation led by Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo of the PCC Central Committee, paid an official and friendly visit to the People's Republic of Angola from 3 to 7 February 1982.

During the visit, Comrade Jorge Risquet and the delegation accompanying him held a friendly meeting with Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, during which the Cuban delegation transmitted to Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos warm greetings from Comrade Fidel Castro, first secretary of the PCC Central Committee and president of the State Council and Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba.

The meeting between Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPIA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, and the party and government delegation led by Jorge Risquet, was held in a spirit of comradeship and great militancy because of their identical views and the understanding which characterizes the ties between the two parties and governments which were forged through the struggle for the same ideals.

Present at the talks on the Angolan side were: Comrade Lucio Lara, member of the Politburo of the MPIA-Labor Party Central Committee and secretary of the Central Committee for organization; Comrade Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale, member of the Politburo and minister of defense; Comrade Afonso van Dunem, member of the Central Committee and secretary of the Central Committee for foreign affairs; Comrade Lopo Ferreira do Nascimento, member of the Central Committee, minister of planning and foreign trade; Comrade Mwaete Baptista, ambassador of the People's Republic of Angola to Cuba; and Comrade Bengui Pedro Joao, member of the (?South) American section.

Those who took part on the Cuban side were: Comrade Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo and the Secretariat of the PCC Central Committee; Comrade Abelando Colome Ibarra, alternate member of the Politburo of the Central Committee, first deputy of the minister of the revolutionary armed forces of Cuba and lieutenant general; Comrade Carlos Albana Escalante, member of the PCC Central Committee; Comrade Oscar Oramas Oliva, vice minister of foreign affairs; Comrade Neuryshyernier Cepsar, member of the General Foreign Affairs Department of the PCC Central Committee; and Comrade Rafael Francia Mestre, Cuban ambassador to the People's Republic of Angola.

The Cuban delegation, led by Comrade Jorge Risquet, also held talks with a delegation of the MPLA-Labor Party and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola headed by Comrade Lucio Lara, member of the Political Bureau of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, during which there was an indepth and comprehensive exchange of views and information on the economic, political and social accomplishments of the two countries, which are committed to the struggle against economic underdevelopment and to the building of socialism.

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USSR 'AUTHORITATIVENESS' ON CUBA, ANGOLA SCORNED

HK191439 Beijing RENMIN RIBAO in Chinese 18 Feb 82 p 6

["International Jottings" article by He Li [0149 4539]: "What An 'Authority!"]

[Text] The relations between Cuba and Angola have become a hot topic in some Western papers recently. It has been noticed that there is a trend of coolness in the relations between these two countries, and word has spread that Angolan residents have had a brush with Cuban armymen.

This report may not be groundless. Yet TASS has flown into a rage. It has given the Western correspondents a scolding and affirmed that the relations between Cuba and Angola are "developing smoothly." At the same time, it has bragged unblushingly that this is an "authoritative reply."

How strange! According to common knowledge, how could Moscow, and not Havana and Luanda, be authorized to make such an "authoritative reply" on the relations between Cuba and Angola? However, it so happens that TASS has fought its way in with a broad ax in hand, shouting: "This is an authoritative reply." People would certainly like to ask: Where does your "authoritativeness" come from? Was TASS authorized by Cuba and Angola to be their spokesman? TASS did not mention this.

If we say that Cuba is a member of the "big family," and so the "patriarch" can make an "authoritative reply" for it, it might make some sense. But Angola is not a member of the "big family." How could TASS also make an "authoritative reply" for it?

Nevertheless, it is not really groundless for TASS to proclaim itself an "authority," because in expanding its influence in Africa and in interfering in the internal affairs of the African countries and stirring up disputes among them, the USSR really deserves to be called an "authority." Therefore, being a mouthpiece of the USSR, TASS can certainly make the "authoritative reply" and need not feel ashamed.

RENMIN RIBAO ON NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HK191326}}$ Beijing RENMIN RIBAO in Chinese 18 Feb 82 p 6

["International Jottings" article by Chen Ling [7115 3249]: "The New Ambassador's Problem"]

 $[{\sf Text}]$ The Soviet Union has recently changed its ambassador to Japan: Polyanskiy has been replaced by Pavlov.

Although Polyanskiy was once a member of the CPSU Politburo, at the 26th CPSU Congress held last year, he was expelled from the Central Committee. Pavlov worked as a secretary of the Moscow Municipal CPSU Committee for several years and is now a member of the Central Committee. Therefore, some people in Japan have thought that the change of the Soviet Ambassador to Japan demonstrates that the "Soviet Union attaches fairly great importance to Japan." However, how will the Soviet Union "attach importance" to Japan in the future?

In recent years, when Polyanskiy was the Soviet ambassador to Japan, he was not successful, even though he did not make mistakes. During his tenure of office, Soviet-Japanese political and economic relations failed to develop and encountered a number of obstacles. "Short-circuits" have occurred from time to time because the Soviet Union has persisted in adopting an unreasonable attitude toward the Japanese northern territories, whereas Japan resolutely defends its territorial integrity. Polyanskiy was very often unable to advance any further arguments to justify himself when he was questioned by the Japanese media.

Now Moscow has decided to send a new ambassador to Tokyo. Some people have said that the new ambassador is "a big shot who has direct connections with the party Central Committee." However, even if Pavlov is a high-ranking officer or a big shot, he will not be able to solve the problems that Polyanskiy could not settle as long as the Soviet Union refuses to abandon its hegemonist policy toward the Japanese northern territories.



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However, the 11-page document lacks sources to back up the information it contains and, at the same time, its publication reveals the creation of a vast espionage network to track the arms which it says are getting into the hands of Salvadoran rebels.

CASTRO ATTENDS RECEPTION FOR KOREAN DELEGATION

FL201445 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 20 Mar 82

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the Party Central Committee and president of the Council of State and Ministers, attended a reception in honor of the visit by Yi Chong-ok, member of the Politburo Presidium of the Korean Workers' Party [KWP] and prime minister of the Council of Administration of the DPRK, which was held last night at the Korean Embassy in Havana. During the reception, attended by other leaders of the revolution, Fidel had extensive talks with Yi Chong-ok and Yun Ki-pok, alternate member of the KWP Politburo and secretary of the KWP Central Committee and with other members of the DPRK delegation presently visiting Cuba.

DPRK Premier Leaves

FL221229 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 22 Mar 82

[Text] Army Gen Raul Castro, second secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and first vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers, was on hand Saturday night to bid farewell to the DPRK delegation headed by Yi Chong-ok, member of the Presidium of the Korean Workers' Party Politburo and premier of the DPRK Administration Council.

WORKERS IN ANGOLA ASSESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FL222035 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1702 GMT 22 Mar 82

[Text] The assembly evaluating the reorganization and/or ratification of leadership of the Cuban Communist Party in Angola has made a thorough examination of the work accomplished by thousands of Cuban internationalists in that nation during the past year. The meeting confirmed the achievements of Cuban cooperation with the People's Republic of Angola, criticized the deficiencies, and studied aspects of the party's internal activities during the past year. The main report to the assembly assessing the party of the Cuban Internationalists in Angola stressed the work accomplished by the members of the Che Guevara Teachers Detachment and the work of the doctors and construction workers. The Cuban Communists in Angola condemned the warmongering policies of the present U.S. administration.

ANAP SUPPORTS CRACKDOWN AGAINST ILLEGAL TRADE

FL191555 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1237 GMT 19 Mar 82

[Text] Julio Pascual, vice president of the National Association of Small Farmers, told the National News Agency that the struggle against the middlemen has the support of the honest farmers who participate in the free market and that they reject those who take advantage of this kind of trade in an illegal manner. He made the statement as he was making a tour through several cooperatives in Sancti Spiritus Province. He said hat ANAP reaffirms that peasants and agricultural cooperatives, who have complied with their planned deliveries to the state and have surplus goods, can and should participate in the free market.

KOREAN COVERAGE OF DPRK PREMIER'S VISIT TO CUBA

For Pyongyang Domestic Service and KCNA coverage of the visit to Cuba of DPRK Premier Yi Chong-ok, including his meeting with Fidel Castro, see the Korea section of the Asia & Pacific DAILY REPORT for 23 March and subsequent issues.

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AB261651 Luanda ANGOP in French 1424 GMT 26 Mar 82

[Text] Luanda, 26 Mar (ANGOP) -- Pascual Luvualu, member of the Political Bureau of the MPLA-Workers Party and secretary general of the National Union of Workers of Angola, UNTA, returned on Thursday from Moscow where he represented Angolan workers at the second congress of Soviet workers unions held from 16 to 20 March.

During his stay in the Soviet capital, UNTA sources disclose, Pascal Luvualu held talks with certain union leaders with a view to strengthening relations of friendship and cooperation with UNTA and took the opportunity to show the Angolan workers' solidarity with peoples struggling for freedom and peace.

At a press conference in Moscow, the UNTA secretary general denounced the criminal policy of the racist Republic of South Africa, geared against the People's Republic of Angola, and reiterated once again the desire of the Angolan people to continue to support the liberation struggles of the peoples of Namisia and South Africa led by SWAPO and the ANC.

EDUCATION VICE MINISTER LEAVES FOR GDR

AB251232 Luanda ANGOP in French 1120 GMT 25 Mar 82

[Text] Luanda, 25 Mar (ANGOP) -- Artur Pestana Pepetela, Angola's vice minister for middle and higher level education, left Luanda yesterday for Berlin where he will attend the second meeting of the joint Angolan-GDR subcommittee on education.

This meeting, which is being held within the context of the Angola-CDR joint intergovernmental committee, will take stock of activities carried out so far by the subcommittees of the two countries, particularly in vocational training and the training of executive staff. It also will consider the problems of middle level education and the sending of CDR teachers to the People's Republic of Angola. The meeting, which will last about 7 days, will study the educational prospects for next year.

YOUTH LEADER TO ATTEND HAVANA CONGRESS

AB261800 Luanda ANGOP in French 1428 GMT 26 Mar 82

[Text] Luanda, 26 Mar (ANGOP) -- Domingos Bartolemeu, first national secretary of the JMPLA -- Youth Movement of the Party -- and member of the Central Committee of the MPLA-Workers Party, left Luanda on Thursday for Havana (Cuba) where he will participate in the Cuban youth union congress.

MADAGASCAR

PRESIDENT REJECTS SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT ON SDAR

AB271310 Paris AFP in French 1056 GMT 27 Mar 82

[Text] Antananarivo, 27 Mar (AFP) -- President Didier Ratsiraka categorically rejected Moroccan proposals for an extraordinary OAU summit to enable the pan African organization to overcome the crisis it has been undergoing since the admission of the SDAR.

President Ratsiraka stated Madagascar's position while receiving in Antananarivo on Friday Saharan Education Minister Ali Mahmoud, who is also an envoy of the Polisario Front. He once again denounced Morocco's "delaying tactics" on the Western Saharan issue.

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CUBA'S FARAH ARRIVES FOR CONSTRUCTION TALKS

EA161134 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 16 Apr 82

[Excerpt] Levi Farah, Cuban minister for overseas construction, arrived in our country yesterday to hold talks with Angolan officials about construction work.

Talks Begin 16 April

AB171224 Luanda Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 17 Apr 82

[Text] Official talks between Angola and Cuba in the field of construction started yesterday in Luanda. The Angolan delegation to the discussions was led by Construction Minister Comrade Manual Mangueria and Cuban Minister for Construction Balmaseda Levi Farah led the Cuban side.

At the opening session of the official talks, the two sides expressed their conviction that the talks will realize the collaboration program to help solve the construction situation in both countries.

According to the program, the Cuban minister today will visit the Province of Benguela.

NAMIBIA

SWAPO ANNOUNCES GENERAL OFFENSIVE 17 APRIL

AB190710 Luanda ANGOP in French 1745 GMT 18 Apr 82

[Text] Luanda, 18 Apr (ANGOP) -- SWAPO of Namibia has in a communique published in Luanda on Saturday announced a general offensive of the PLAN [People's Liberation Army of Namibia] against the South African Army that illegally occupies Namibia. As part of this offensive, its soldiers killed six enemy soldiers and wounded many others last Thursday.

According to the SWAPO communique, a PLAN military detachment, an armed wing of the SWAPO, attacked a South African military train and destroyed three enemy combat vehicles. This same detachment also recovered a great quantity of arms and documents, including military maps, the communique added.

On the other hand, the document reveals that on 10 April, important military actions by SWAPO against the South African occupation forces took place in the zone between Grootfontein and Tsumeb, a mining zone in the central north of the territory, and at Rundu, in the northeast.

The intensity of the offensive forced the enemy to recognize that the region of Mangeti, Tsumeb, Grootfontein and Okavango lately has been transformed into an arena of military clashes in Namibia. The racist administration therefore was obliged to evacuate the colonists from the region, once the army of occupation could no longer guarantee their security.

The communique concludes that the present offensive contradicts the enemy's propaganda through which the South African authorities attempt to justify their actions against the People's Republic of Angola and claim that the racist army has destroyed SWAPO's rearguard bases.

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The two presidents reaffirmed their active support for the Namibian people's legitimate right to self-determination and expressed the hope of seeing the efforts made by the front-line states and the contact group lead to Namibia's independence as soon as possible, according to UN Security Council Resolution 435.

Views were exchanged on the vast development potential and the efforts made within the framework of the South African Development Conference and the value of this initiative for greater progress and economic independence of countries of the region.

The two presidents thoroughly examined the situation in East Timor where Indonesia continues its illegal occupation. They called for the withdrawal of Indonesian forces from the Maubere territory and reaffirmed the need for the international community to guarantee the East Timor peoples' legitimate right to self-determination according to the relevant UN resolutions.

At the end of their deliberations, the two heads of state expressed satisfaction over the high spirit of friendship and understanding, in which contacts between the two delegations took place, and agreed to intensify consultations on matters of common interest.

Thus, at the end of these official talks, a special cooperation agreement was signed in tourism and hotel industry and the final document on talks between Angolan and Portuguese Government delegations also was signed.

Finally, President Ramalho Eanes officially invited President Jose Eduardo dos Santos to visit Portugal and the invitation was accepted with pleasure.

CONSTRUCTION PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH CUBA 20 APR

AB202250 Luanda ANGOP in French 1755 GMT 20 Apr 82

[Text] Luanda, 20 Apr (ANGOP) -- Levi Farah, Cuban construction minister, and Manuel Mangueira, Angolan construction minister, signed a protocol of cooperation in construction between Angola and Cuba in Luanda this afternoon.

This protocol of cooperation follows the discussions of the subcommittees held in the Angolan capital, which centered on cooperation and the granting of operational means to the joint firm, Technigiron, as well as to the Cuban construction firm, ECC.

In the meantime, the Cuban minister, who has been in the Angolan capital since last Wednesday, met with Lopo do Nascimento and Noe de Silva Saude, Angolan ministers of planning and labor and social security respectively. The talks with the two Angolan ministers dealt mainly with bilateral matters relating to construction, to the review of the protocol and to work prospects.

Levi Farah, it is learned, also met with Pascoal Luvualu, secretary general of the Angolan Labor Union, UNTA.

NAMIBIA

SECURITY FORCES STEP UP HUNT FOR GUERRILLAS

AB171200 Paris AFP in English 1029 GMT 17 Apr 82

[Text] Windhoek, Apr 17 (AFP) -- South African forces today stepped up their hunt for a large group of South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) guerrillas who have so far killed six South African troops, a policeman and an agricultural worker for the loss of ten of their own men on a sweep through northern Namibia.

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EDUCATION OFFICIALS VISIT CUBA, ATTEND MEETING

AB261849 Luanda ANGOP in French 1810 GMT 26 Apr 82

[Text] Luanda, 26 Apr (ANGOP) -- A delegation, composed of eight high-ranking officials from the Education Ministry and the State Secretariat for Culture of the People's Republic of Angola, has been in the Cuban capital since last Thursday on an official and working visit, it was learned in Luanda Monday from informed sources.

During its stay in the Cuban capital, the same sources indicate, the Angolan delegation will attend, beginning Monday, the meeting of experts on education and culture from member countries of the Nonaligned Movement, attended by 39 member countries and international organizations. It should be recalled that the holding of meeting of experts on education and culture of nonaligned countries was decided at the last summit of the Nonaligned Movement held in Havana (Cuba) in 1979.

JORGE RETURNS FROM AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION MEETING

AB282040 Luanda ANGUP in French 1818 GMT 28 Apr 82

[Text] Luanda, 28 Apr (ANGOP) -- The Angolan delegation led by Paulo Jorge, Angola's minister of foreign affairs, returned to Luanda this morning from Dakar where it attended the fifth session of the permanent ministerial committee for Afro-Arab cooperation.

At that meeting, the 12 African countries which make up the committee (including Angola) discussed ways and means of developing and establishing the structures for the implementation of Afro-Arab cooperation. They studied appropriate ways of countering and isolating the Pretoria and Tel Aviv regimes because of their policies contrary to the most basic international standards of human rights.

The participants considered the joint financial obligations of the special Afro-Arab cooperation fund for 1982-83 and submitted proposals to promote the financing.

Furthermore, the Angolan foreign minister was received in audience, within the framework of this meeting, by the Senegalese prime minister, Habib Thiam, with whom he discussed problems of common interest in the context of the existing bilateral relations. The Angolan delegation also had talks with the various delegations.

MINISTER CONGRATULATES AFGHAN COUNTERPART

AB281135 Luanda ANGOP in French 1045 GMT 28 Apr 82

[Text] Luanda, 28 Apr (ANGOP) -- Angolan Foreign Affairs Minister Paulo Jorge has sent a congratulatory message to his Afghan counterpart on the occasion of Afghanistan's fourth revolution anniversary.

In the message, the Angolan foreign minister expressed congratulations to the Afghan people as well as his desire to see the friendship and cooperation between that country and Angola, their fight against imperialism, colonialism, racism and apartheid, further strengthened.

Also yesterday, Paulo Jorge received a message of thanks from Maltese Foreign Minister Sceberras Trigona. The message was a reply to the one sent to his Maltese counterpart on the occasion of his country's national day. In this message, the Maltese foreign minister expressed satisfaction with the success achieved by the Angolan people throughout their liberation struggle.

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While in Cuba, the Angolan secretary of state will hold discussions with Cuban authorities on education and with Angolan students on the Isle of Youth to urge them to take courses on childhood. According to the JORNAL DE ANGOLA, this will help the secretary of state for social affairs to overcome, in the near future, the lack of medium and higher-level cadres in this sector.

MOZAMBIQUE

ARMED FORCES DESTROY 'BANDIT BASES' 15 APRIL

EA021350 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0600 GMT 2 May 82

[Text] Fourteen bandits were killed and various equipment was captured in fighting on 15 April in the (Canto Girene) region of Guro District in Manica Province.

The fighting took place about 2 km from the Zimbabwe border. It ended with an assault on and destruction and occupation of another base belonging to the gangs armed by racist South Africa. The equipment captured from the gangsters included arms, large quantities of grenades, drugs and rainproof clothing.

The Mozambique Armed Forces, FPLM, retrieved stolen property including oxen, goats and various utensils. Meanwhile, the FPLM is now pursuing the bandits who fled after their base had been destroyed.

INHAMBANE RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO ASK FOR ARMS

EA062104 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1700 GMT 6 May 82

[Maputo radio correspondent's report from Inhambane -- read by announcer]

[Excerpts] Two months after the presidential visit to Inhambane, people throughout the province continue to ask for arms. The population wants to work in peace. However, while the bandits, armed and financed by South Africa, continue to pillage, murder the population in cold blood and destroy villages and shops, peace is not possible.

In Mabote, Sunday is training day for the militia. Sunday, as a day of rest, is fully utilized by workers and the population in general to learn how to punish the bandits.

(Armando Machala) explained how he managed to escape from the bandits who had kidnapped him. The bandits numbered about 50 and were armed with a mortar and five cannon. He arrived in the evening at a village where bandits had started to shoot at random and to pillage houses. They then rounded up the livestock to steal it. In the confusion, he was able to escape. (Armando Machalas') story does not end here. Demonstrating a high sense of patriotism, he was able during his escape to pinpoint where the bandits had placed mines. They were removed later by Mozambique Armed Forces sappers. (Armando Machala) mines training for the militia, together with other residents of Mabote. (Armando Machala) said that, after training, he wants to return home armed to face the bandits. (Machala) is not alone in this feeling. The entire population harbors great hatred for the gangsters financed by South Africa. The entire population is crying: We want arms.

MACHEL RECEIVES ZIMBABWE DELEGATION 6 MAY

EA061442 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 6 May 82

[Text] President Samora Machel received a Zimbabwean parliamentary delegation led by its speaker, (Didymus Mutasa), in Maputo this morning. Marcelino dos Santos, secretary of the People's Assembly Permanent Commission, was present at the ceremony. The visiting Zimbabwean delegation is due to end its visit today.

ANGOLA

GDR FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVES LUANEA 6 MAY

ABO61712 Luanda Domestic Service in French 1100 CMT 6 May 82

[Text] GDR Foreign Minister Oskar Fischer left Luanda this morning after an official visit to Angola. The GDR foreign minister held talks yesterday at the Futuego de Belas with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, to whom he delivered President Erich Honecker's wishes for prosperity in guiding the destiny of the Angolan party and nation.

Oskar Fischer also visited the party's national school in the afternoon. There, in a brief address to the students and staff, he stressed the main features of the GDR's domestic and foreign policies in light of the resolutions of the 10th Socialist Unity Party Congress. Speaking on the policy of peace and cooperation based on the principles of the GDR's foreign policy, the GDR diplomat stressed the need to avoid the path of nuclear confrontation the U.S. administration recently has been following.

Also yesterday, the GDR foreign minister attended the ceremony inaugurating Karl Marx Square, formerly known as Vasco da Gama Square. This important gesture of the MPLA-Labor Party, the Government of the People's Republic of Angola and the Angolan people, is a tribute to the GDR's most beloved son, Karl Marx.

Calls Visit 'Fruitful'

ABO61234 Luanda Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 6 May 82

[Text] The minister of foreign affairs of the GDR, Comrade Oskar Fischer, has considered his visit to our country fruitful and said issues he discussed with Angolan authorities correspond to the needs of both countries. At a press conference to national journalists, Oskar Fischer said the economic cooperation between Angola and the GDR has a promising future, adding that he was satisfied with the discussions he held with the Angolan minister of planning and external trade, Comrade Lopo do Nascimento and that Comrade do Nascimento's forthcoming visit to the GDR will concretely define cooperation between the two countries. He also held a meeting with his Angolan counterpart, Paulo Jorge, and discussed issues pertaining to bilateral relations as well as the international situation.

DOS SANTOS DISMISSES VICE MINISTER 5 MAY

ABO61320 Luanda Domestic Service in French 1100 GMT 6 May 82

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the republic, yesterday dismissed the vice minister of provincial coordination, Manuel Domingos da Silva Ramos. The head of state also appointed Raoul (Niosso) Fernand deputy vice chancellor of the University of Angola.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR HAVANA

ABO70758 Luanda ANGOP in French 2105 GMT 6 May 82

[Text] Luanda, 6 May (ANGOP) -- Rodeth Gil, Angolan secretary of state for social affairs, left Luanda on Wednesday, heading an important delegation on a working visit to the socialist Republic of Cuba.

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Congress Ends

FL172146 [Editorial Report] Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish at 2026 GMT on 17 May begins live color coverage of the closing of the Sixth National Association of Small Farmers [ANAP] Congress from Havana's Karl Marx Theater. Cuban President Fidel Castro is scheduled to make the closing speech. The ceremony begins when the curtain on the stage is raised, revealing Fidel Castro and other Communist Party of Cuba Politburo and Central Committee members, leaders of mass organizations and the Cuban Government and the diplomatic corps, the Cuban national anthem is played.

Television staff announcer Manolo Ortega introduces ANAP National Committee member Eladio (Enriquez) Martinez who presents the new ANAP national bureau. As their names are called, the officers come out to the front of the stage and receive an ovation.

Castro then presents banners and awards to provinces that distinguished themselves in the sugarcane harvest. At 2046 ANAP President Jose Ramirez Cruz delivers a speech in which he congratulates the delegates for the exceptional quality of their work at the congress and wishes them success. He also salutes the foreign delegates and honors the memory of those leaders who fell in defense of Cuba's peasants. Ramirez Cruz also announces that the Romarico Cordero medal, named after one of those fallen leaders, has been created to honor outstanding peasants and peasant leaders. The first two medals are for Fidel and Raul Castro. He then pins a medal on Fidel Castro and asks for applause for the absent Raul.

Juan Jose Leon Vega sings a "Decima" or short peasant ditty allusive to the occasion. Fidel Castro begins his speech at 2123 GMT.

HAVANA REPORTS GRADUATION OF NICARAGUAN STUDENTS

FL171910 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 17 May 82

[Excerpt] Managua is preparing with the arms it needs to defend itself, Comdr of the Sandinist Revolution Luis Carrion, also vice minister of defense of Nicaragua, has asserted. Leader Carrion spoke at a ceremony held in this capital on the occasion of the first graduating class of Nicaraguan students attending classes in Cuba as members of the 19 July Sandinist youth. During the ceremony, which was chaired by Jesus Montane, alternate member of Cuba's Communist Party Politburo, the member of the Sandinist Front National Directorate symbolically presented the identification card of the institution to a group of the Nicaraguan students.

HART MEETS WITH ANGOLAN CULTURAL SECRETARY

FL141140 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 14 May 82

[Text] Politburo member Armando Hart, minister of culture, held a meeting here with his Angolan counterpart, Boaventura da Silva Cardoso, where they dealt with cultural matters and ways to increase the development of bilateral exchanges. Da Silva Cardoso is here at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture and during his stay in Cuba he will visit historical sites and places of general interest.

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IRAQI VICE MINISTER DELIVERS HUSAYN MESSAGE

AB172147 Luanda ANGOP in French 2050 GMT 17 May 82

[Text] Luanda, 17 May (ANGOP) -- Iraqi Vice Foreign Minister Muhammad F. al-Hubbudi arrived in Luanda today with a message from Iraqi head of state Saddam Husayn, inviting his Angolan counterpart, Jose Eduardo dos Santos, to take part in the seventh summit of heads of state of nonaligned countries to be held in Baghdad (the Iraqi capital).

Muhammad al-Hubbudi was welcomed on arrival by Angolan Vice Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura and said his country wants to find a peaceful solution to the Iraqi-Iranian conflict. To this end, he recalled, Iraq, jointly with the United Nations and the nonaligned countries, has made efforts to find a solution to the conflict.

STATE SECRETARY RETURNS FROM VISIT TO CUBA

AB161258 Luanda ANGOP in French 1145 GMT 16 May 82

[Text] Luanda, 15 May (ANGOP) --- Rodeth Gil, Angolan secretary of state for social affairs, returned to the capital yesterday at the end of a 7-day official visit to Cuba at the invitation of the country's education authorities.

During his stay in Cuba, Rodeth Gil and his delegation were received by Jose Ramon Fernandez, Cuban education minister; Vilma Espin, president of the Federation of Cuban Women; and other high Cuban officials.

Rodeth Gil and his delegation also visited various educational establishments in the Cuban capital as well as the Isle of Youth, $125~\mathrm{km}$ from Havana, where they held discussions with Angolan students.

MOZAMBIQUE

CSSR DELEGATION DEPARTS; COMMUNIQUE CITED

EA141720 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 14 May 82

[Text] A high-ranking Czechoslovak party and government delegation left Maputo this morning for Zambia at the end of a visit to the People's Republic of Mozambique. The delegation was led by Vasil Bilak, member of the Presidium and of the Central Committee of the CPCZ [Czechoslovak Communist Party].

Meanwhile, a communique was issued to the news media this morning, marking the end of the talks between Frelimo and the CPCZ. The communique says the talks were held in a climate of friendship and mutual understanding and permitted an exhaustive exchange of views on the situation in the respective countries.

The delegations, headed by Joaquim Chissano, member of the Political Bureau and foreign affairs secretary of the Frelimo Central Committee, and by Vasil Bilak, member of the Presidium and of the CPCZ Central Committee, analyzed the degree of implementation of the agreement signed between the two parties. In this context, the two sides noted with satisfaction that the agreement was implemented through positive action at the level of parties and social and mass organizations of the two countries.

Analyzing the international situation, the two sides reiterated their condemnation of all maneuvers aimed at retarding Namibia's independence and reaffirmed their total support for the struggle of the Namibian people by SWAPO.

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The Czechoslovak delegation then formed groups to hold meetings with Juliao Mateus Paulo, secretary of party work in defense and security, and Health Minister Comrade Mende

SUGAR PRODUCTION DISCUSSED WITH CUBAN DELEGATION

EA181728 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 18 May 82

[Text] Since the day before yesterday, the development of collaboration between Angola and Cuba in sugar production has highlighted discussions between Angolan and Cuban delegations at the official talks in Luanda.

At the talks, the participants also will discuss a number of projects for rehabilitating, broadening and promoting industrial capacities in Angola.

The Angolan delegation is led by Deputy Industry Minister Comrade Justino Fernandes, and the Cuban delegation is led by Cuban Vice Minister of the State Committee for Economic Collaboration Rene Puig.

BRIEFS

ITALIAN FOOD AID -- Luanda, 12 May (ANGOP) -- The Italian Government has given the People's Republic of Angola 5,000 tons of rice and 4.6 tons of cornstarch, according to a communique from the Angolan Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued in Luanda today. According to the communique, this aid falls within the framework of the friendly and cooperative relations between the two governments, which are based on the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual respect. [Text] [Luanda ANGOP in French 1920 GMT

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CURRENCY DEVALUATION, DEFLATIONARY MEASURES CITED

LD080014 Johannesburg International Service in English 1100 GMT 7 May 82

[Text] The Government of Botswana has devalued its unit of currency, the pula, by 10 percent and has also announced other deflationary measures.

A senior Botswana Government economist said in Gaborone that the currency devaluation will come into effect immediately. The deflationary measures include big cuts in the budget but no details were given.

The economist said low prices for diamonds and minerals had caused a rapid deterioration in Botswana's balance of payments. Economists are predicting that the growth rate in Botswana will be zero this year.

BRIEFS

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH JAMAICA -- Botswana has established diplomatic relations with Jamaica at the ambassadorial level effective yesterday. [Gaborone Domestic Service in English 1125 GMT 5 May 82 CA]

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH ANGOLA

FL182025 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1808 GMT 18 May 82

[Text] Armando Hart Davalos, member of the party Politburo and minister of culture, and Boaventura da Silva Cardoso, the People's Republic of Angola secretary of state for culture, signed a cultural exchange program this morning.

The document covers the exchange of information in the field of musical and folkloric research and the exchange of experts in various cultural fields. The two ministers stressed the importance of the exchange program signed which will help improve understanding and cooperation between Cuba and Angola.

In his visit to Cuba, Boaventura da Silva Cardoso had working meetings with Rafael Almeida, first deputy minister of culture, and toured artistic and educational centers of interest.

OFFICIAL SAYS WORLD ECONOMY AFFECTS COUNTRY

FL181257 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 2215 GMT 18 May 82

[Text] Mexico City, 17 May (NOTIMEX) -- Cuba's Chamber of Commerce President Jose M. Mirabal today acknowledged that the world economic recession is affecting his country and, in general, the entire continent, including developing countries. The official was interviewed on arrival in Mexico's airport to meet with Raul Salinas, director of the Mexican Foreign Trade Institute, in order to step up trade between the two countries.

Mirabal explained that another reason for his visit is the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Export Development Fund, and noted that the balance of sugar trade between Cuba and Mexico favors his country. He indicated that his government would like to continue selling sugar to Mexico, even though he realizes that the national production will recover in a not too distant future. He added that Cuba is currently exporting the best quality cement to our country.

Finally, he explained that at the present time Cuba has no relations with the United States or with that nation's businessmen, but that negotiations are acceptable so long as Cuba's conditions are accepted.

He said that the recent devaluation of the Mexican peso had benefitted Cuba as it had resulted in an increase in its exports.

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FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVES FOR HAVANA MEETING

AB291140 Luanda Domestic Service in French 1100 GMT 29 May 82

[Text] Foreign Affairs Minister Paulo Jorge left Luanda early this morning for Havana to participate in the meeting of the Coordination Bureau of nonaligned countries. This meeting will be the last preparatory session for the movement's summit to take place in Baghdad, Iraq, in August.

After the Havana conference, Angolan Foreign Affairs Minister Paulo Jorge will go to New York to participate in the second UN session on disarmament.

CUBAN PARTY DELEGATION VISITS BENGUELA PROVINCE

AB272001 Luanda ANGOP in French 1810 GMT 27 May 82

[Text] Benguela, 27 May (ANGOP) -- A delegation from the Department of Revolutionary Orientation of the Cuban Communist Party led by Lazara Rodriguez began a 2-day visit to Benguela Province yesterday.

The visit falls within the framework of the exchange of experience between the MPLA-Labor Party and the Cuban Communist Party, with the goal of strengthening ties of cooperation between the two governments in information. As a matter of fact, a working session was held last night on the installation of the regional transmitter of the national radio at Lobito and the Kilamba newspaper house. The leader of the Cuban delegation presided over a debate with the information service personnel in that province.

COMOROS

PRESIDENT PARDONS FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER

AB310736 Paris AFP in English 0712 GMT 31 May 82

[Text] Moroni, Comoro Islands, 31 May (AFP) — Jailed former Foreign Minister Mouzaoir Abdallah was pardoned here over the weekend by Comoran President Ahmed Abdallah. Mr Abdallah served under president Ali Soilih, who was overthrown in May 1978.

MOZAMBIQUE

PRESIDENT MACHEL RETURNS FROM CARIBBEAN TOUR

LD292016 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 29 May 82

[Summary] President Machel returned to Maputo this evening after visiting Nicaragua, Grenada and Cuba. On his return to Maputo, he made a stopover in Cape Verde, where he met with President Aristides Pereira.

MINISTER DESCRIBES COOPERATION WITH CUBA

EA311206 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0430 GMT 31 May 82

[Text] Cooperation between Mozambique and Cuba will include sugar production, fisheries, citrus fruits, animal husbandry, timber, construction and scientific research.

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Above all, it will not be resolved until the situation in the north, the Angolan civil war, and the Cuban presence which sustains it, is dealt with. That means, as Dr Crocker has indicated, that the Cubans there will have to be withdrawn, either before or during the final preparations for South-West Africa's independence. Left to itself, Angola's civil war is going to carry on indefinitely, and the only change that may be expected in the Cuban presence there is an increase in its strength. Western governments involved in a settlement initiative have no alternative now but to face up to the reality of SWAPO's role and backing.

SWAPO will not be forced to the negotiating table to discuss fair and democratic proposals while it has the option of pursuing power through terrorist intimidation. That option is made available to it by a Marxist Angolan Government controlled by Soviet proxy troops. The Western contact group is back where it started in 1977. Inclusion of SWAPO in a negotiated settlement on South-West Africa requires removal of the Cuban factor behind it. That can no longer be ignored.

DEATH SENTENCES OF THREE ANC MEMBERS COMMUTED

MBO40820 Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans 0600 GMT 4 Jun 82

[Excerpt] The Transvaal bailiff said in Pretoria that three men sentenced to death for high treason in the Soekmekaar terrorist trial have had their sentences commuted. The three men, now serving life sentences, are Mcinbithi Johnson Lubisi, Naphiali Manana and Petrus Tsebu Mashigo. They were sentenced to death in November 1980 in the Pretoria supreme court on charges of high treason, attempted murder, robbery and for being members of the banned African National Congress.

HIJACK DEFENDANT COMMENTS ON U.S. SUPPORT

MB031330 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 3 Jun 82

[Text] In Pietermaritzburg, the youngest of the 43 accused in the Air India hijack trial, a 22-year-old Zimbabwe citizen, Mr David Greenhall, told the supreme court this morning that he had made a mistake in his statement to the police about alleged American support for the coup attempt in the Seychelles. In the statement, he claimed that Col Mike Hoare had told a planning committee that President Reagan and General Haig supported the planned coup. However, the colonel had said in fact that President Reagan and General Haig were aware of the plans and had promised that the United States would recognize the new government within 24 hours of the coup.

The chief of the SADF, General Constand Viljoen, said this could be attributed mainly to one incident -- seven soldiers were killed when their Ratel armoured personnel carrier was blasted by an RPG-7 rocket.

However, defence chiefs are adamant that "terrorists" cannot hope to score any major military successes over the SADF. The South African Army has been moving with the times and has been greatly modernised in many areas in recent years, with its equipment now including the Ratel and Saracen armoured personnel carriers as well as home-grown weapons systems. But the full extent of the army's modernisation programme is kept secret.

But earlier this year the army lifted the covers off its super weapon -- the massive G5 artillery piece said to be superior to any other 155 mm cannon in the world. So the army's conventional warfare ability has been enhanced further by the Armscor production of the G5 and other rocket artillery systems.

On the counter-insurgency side, South Africa's military chiefs are looking to the proposed area defence scheme to provide a new style of defence.

The new call-up legislation is expected to make available an extra 800,000 men for the SADF. General Viljoen said it would not be possible to defend all rural areas with regular forces. Instead it was envisaged that local populations would be involved in a blanket defence of their own areas, backed up by regular forces. He told THE STAR that this system would be introduced only in areas where required.

UK EMBASSY DENIES ARMS SALES TO ANC, SWAPO

LDO31832 Johannesburg International Service in English 1500 GMT 3 Jun 82

[Text] The British Embassy in South Africa has denied that Britain has or would sell arms to the ANC or SWAPO for use against South African troops. A spokesman said that Britain wanted to make the fullest possible denial in this regard and stressed that particular care was taken with British arms sales regarding the possible end users. He said it was possible, with the large free enterprise operations in arms dealings, that weapons with British markings had found their way to SWAPO or the ANC. Such weapons could be between 20 and 30 years old and it was not possible to establish how they had found their way to these organizations.

COMMENTARY ARGUES CUBANS MUST LEAVE ANGOLA

MBO40810 Johannesburg International Service in English 0638 CMT 4 Jun 82

[Unattributed commentary: "Cuban Factor in Angola"]

[Text] One of the most assiduously ignored aspects of the southern African situation is the barrier posed by 20,000 Cuban soldiers in Angola to efforts to bring stability to the region. But the Cuban factor is coming out of its obscurity. Three weeks ago, Dr Chester Crocker declared that it would have to be removed if a peaceful and stable settlement for South-West Africa was to be achieved.

This week, Dr Jonas Savimbi, the charismatic leader of the UNITA movement in Angola, brought it all together into the limelight. Interviewed on the SABC about UNITA's military successes, Dr Savimbi acknowledged Western fears that their effect might well be to bring about an increase in the number of Cuban troops in Angola. Whatever consequences that might have beyond the country's borders, he himself would welcome it, since it would further unite Angolans against the foreign troops.

The consequences would be far-reaching. It is becoming increasingly clear that the South-West African issue cannot be resolved in isolation.

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But the progressive forces of the world cannot be fooled, and they know that the Cuban soldier and the Angolan soldier are the ones who side by side in the face of South African aggressiveness make it possible for the Angolan people to work toward the reconstruction of the country in safety.

AILING BENINESE POLITBURO MEMBER DIES HERE

FL230240 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 23 Oct 82

[Text] Our commander in chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the party Central Committee, this afternoon presided over the farewell ceremony for the remains of Ignace Adjo Boko, member of the Benin People's Revolutionary Party Politburo and chairman of Benin's Revolutionary National Assembly, who died in our country.

The solemn farewell, held at the Jose Marti International Airport, was attended by Politburo members Juan Almeida and Jorge Risquet, other leaders of the party and government and diplomatic representatives accredited to our country.

The deceased Benin leader, 42, was an outstanding revolutionary intellectual who joined the struggle against colonialism while still very young. Adjo Boko had been coming to Cuba since January 1979 to receive medical treatment at the nephrology institute where he underwent a successful kidney transplant.

During his last visit he was suffering from extreme pain which, despite efforts of science, finally caused his death.

The plane carrying his remains also carries an official Beninese delegation which will deliver a message of condolences from President Fidel Castro to Benin's president, Col Mathieu Kerekou, for the irreparable loss represented by the death of Adjo Boko, who was a good friend of Cuba and its revolution.

CULTURAL AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

FL221405 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 22 Oct 82

[Text] In Havana, the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe and Cuba have signed a cultural agreement. Signing for the Cuban side was Jose R. Fernandez, vice president of the Council of Ministers and minister of education, and Education and Culture Minister Joaquim Rafael Branco signed for Sao Tome and Principe.

The agreement will help strengthen cultural relations in the fields of education, youth, sports and arts with visits by Cuban scientific delegations, exhibits, lectures and other activities.

The ministers of Cuba and Sao Tome noted the importance of the agreement for deepening and consolidating relations between the two nations.



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The visit of the German delegation falls within the framework of the agreements signed between the two parties and marks the continued assistance to the Angolan party in its efforts to reorganize the state machinery and materialize the party's leading role.

During its stay in Angola, the delegation will attend various interprovincial seminars and will meet with directors of the departments in charge of state and party organization. It will also visit the Angolan provinces of Benguela, Sul Cuanza, Bie, Huambo, Mocamedes, Huila, Cunene, Malanje, Uige, Moxico, Lunda and Cuando-Cubango.

CUBANS COMPLETE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS IN MALANJE

AB011811 Luanda ANGOP in French 1730 GMT 1 Jul 82

[Text] Malanje, 1 Jul (ANGOP) -- A section of the third Cuban contingent of the Che Guevara detachment that has been helping teach in Malanje since February last year left after a political and cultural ceremony last Tuesday.

The leader of the Che Guevara detachment, Emilio Areas, in an interview with ANGOP, emphasized the sincere cooperation between Cuban teachers and Angolan youths and the support they received from provincial party authorities and the government in carrying out the duties assigned to them.

During the political and cultural ceremony, attended by the Malanje provincial commissioner, Col Ludy Kissassunda, and other party and government authorities, certificates were awarded to 17 young Cubans of the detachment and to 5 other Cubans in recognition of their mission in Angola.

The flag of merit was also awarded to the Frank Pais contingent, comprising Cuban education workers, who are not part of the Che Guevara brigade, for the results obtained during the socialist emulation campaign in Angola in the field of education.

MAURITIUS

JUGNAUTH ON 'SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER DIEGO GARCIA'

BK291354 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Jun 82

[Text] The new government in Mauritius will assert its sovereign rights over Diego Garcia in all international forums. This was stated by Mauritius Prime Minister Aneerood Jugnauth in an interview with the Press Trust of India correspondent in Port Louis. He said his government will also try its utmost for making the Indian Ocean a zone of peace for which, he said, pressures will be brought on superpowers to remove their military bases from the Indian Ocean.

MOZAMBIQUE

PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER ENDS VISIT 1 JULY

EA011320 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 1 Jul 82

[Text] Portuguese Prime Minister Pinto Balsemao left Maputo this morning for Harare, ending his official visit to Mozambique at the invitation of President Samora Machel. He was seen off at Maputo International Airport by Foreign Minister Samora Machel, who was accompanied by members of the Council of Ministers. Also present were members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Mozambique.

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After speaking of the heroic figures of Che Guevara and Frank Pais, Francia Mestre said our enemiesn ever fail to recall the Cuban internationalist troops stationed in the People's Republic of Angola following the sovereign decision by our respective parties and governments, however, they say nothing of the presence of hundreds of young people scattered throughout this great country to contribute their modest part to the tasks in several sectors of the country's activities.

For his part, Comrade Domingos Bartolomeu, national secretary of the youth wing of the MPLA-Labor Party [JMPLA-Labor Party], addressed the members of the Che Guevara and Frank Pais internationalist corps. In his address, he pointed out that the Hoji Ya Henda literacy corps and the dangerous commander teaching corps created at the request of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee accomplished with ardor and revolutionary patriotism their task of uplifting the cultural level of our children, young people and all our people throughout the country.

During the ceremony, a member of the Che Guevara teaching corps read a message of commendation from the Union of Young Communists of Cuba to the young Cuban teachers for their collective efforts. The efforts were extolled through the award of the flag of merit on 4 April 1982 and through the celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the corps.

Students are an indispensable force for restoring the personality, dignity and freedom of the people and for the establishment of lasting peace in the world stated another message from the JMPLA-Labor Party issued on the occasion of the celebration last Sunday of the 10th anniversary of the Pan-African Students Union.

That anniversary was celebrated at a very difficult time for Africa, especially southern Africa, where independent and sovereign countries are directly attacked by the racist South African regime supported by the Reagan administration in a vain attempt to stop these states from supporting the fight of the South African and Namibian peoples and to delay the process for the independence of that territory illegally occupied, the communique points out. It adds that in the People's Republic of Angola, students are engaged in efforts to consolidate the basis of their organization in middle-level and higher-level education. This will strengthen the students' movement and ensure efficient participation of students in the immense task of national reconstruction, particularly in the enhancement of free education and in the struggle to preserve the revolutionary achievements of our people.

The National Secretariat of the JMPLA-Labor Party concludes its message with greetings to participants in the sixth congress of the Pan-African Students Union, that began last Sunday in Ethiopia, and to students all over the world and in Africa, particularly those from Namibia, South Africa, Palestine, El Salvador and Uruguay.

RWANDAN EDUCATION MINISTER ARRIVES 13 JULY

AB141330 Luanda ANGOP in French 1240 GMT 14 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 14 Jul (ANGOP) -- Andre Ntagerura, Rwandan minister of higher education, arrived in Luanda yesterday with a message from Rwandan President General Habyarimana to Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola.

On his arrival at the 4 February International Airport, Mtagerura was welcomed by the Angelan vice minister for higher education. The Rwandan minister will leave the Angelan capital on Thursday.

Because of the critical economic situation, the supreme organ of state also envisaged that urgent measures be taken to eliminate the existing structural disorganization.

During the debate, the deputies made proposals concerning the inclusion of a special report on the revenue and expenditure of the people in the next report on the 1982 national plan. The deputies proposed that such a report should also contain a deeper analysis of the factors that prevented the execution of the proposed projects concerning _he supply of basic necessities.

PARTY OFFICIAL DISMISSED; MINISTER REBUKED

AB150837 Paris AFP in English 0752 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 15 Jul (AFP) -- Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos attacked bad management and inefficiency in the nation's agriculture and industry Wednesday and said the minimum needs of the population were not being met in these sectors.

Earlier Luanda radio announced the dismissal of Manuel Pedro Pacavira, the secretary for productivity in the Central Committee of the ruling MPLA-Labor Party. He was agriculture minister from 1978 until March last year.

Mr dos Santos told the opening session of parliament that the "scant attention paid to solving agricultural problems vital to the rural population has caused an increased rural exodus and disruption in the towns. "Our institutions cannot work if those who run them do not have a minimum of the required know-how," he said. South Africa was trying to destabilize the country economically, he said, but this could not be used as an excuse for all problems.

In its resolution dismissing Mr Pacavira, the party Central Committee spoke of "serious food deficiencies" and "grave errors, including deviations from the party's farm policies and use of unsuitable methods" which had led to agricultural "stagnation."

A "public rebuke" was also given by the party Central Committee to Health Minister Mendes de Carvalho for "lack of respect for the head of state during a speech," the radio said.

DOS SANTOS RECEIVES AWARD; CUBANS PRAISED

AB132203 Luanda ANGOP in French 1605 CMT 13 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 13 Jul (ANGOP) -- Last Sunday morning at the Futuego de Belas in Luanda, Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, received the flag of merit awarded as the highest distinction by the Union of Young Communists of Cuba.

The flag is an award won by members of the Che Guevara and Frank Pais internationalist teaching corps for its achievements in defense, labor and education. It was presented to President Jose Eduardo dos Santos by a group of corps members at a ceremony marking the award of the symbolic distinction to the Angolan people.

Cuban Ambassador Rafael Francia Mestre presented the flag to the head of state in the presence of Cabinet members: Comrade President, it is a great honor for us to award this flag to your firm and steady hands as you are the greatest representative of the heroic Angolan people and the faithful continuator of the work of the immortal leader of the Angolan revolution, the late Comrade President Dr Agostinho Neto.

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CUBAN TEACHERS RECEIVE AWARDS FROM YOUTH GROUP

ABO82106 Luanda ANGOP in French 1108 GMT 8 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 8 Jul (ANGOP) -- At a formal ceremony, Rafael Francia Mestre, the Cuban ambassador accredited to the People's Republic of Angola, distributed flags of merit, won as a special socialist distinction, to contingents of Cuban teachers belonging to the "Ernesto Che Guevara" internationalist teaching corps.

The teams of the Vige and Cabinda Provinces were those who won this distinction which is the highest awarded by the Union of Communist Youth of Cuba.

During this ceremony, which took place in "Quinta Rosalinda" in Luanda, Raul Duran del Campo, first secretary of the Union of Communist Youth of Angola, stressed the devotion and revolutionary steadfastness demonstrated by the Cuban teachers who work in almost all the 18 provinces of Angola. Cuban Ambassador Francia Mestre said the young internationalist teachers had earned the recognition and respect of the authorities of the People's Republic of Angola.

MAURITIUS

'MINISUMMIT' TO DISCUSS DIEGO GARCIA SOVEREIGNTY

BK081402 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 8 Jul 82

[Text] The new government in Mauritius will hold a minisummit next month consisting of the presidents of Seychelles, Madagascar and the prime minister of Mauritius to discuss the sovereignty of Diego García. The three leaders will also discuss the setting up of a select committee on Diego García.

According to a Mauritius Government report, former Prime Minister Seewoosagur Ramgoolam and his finance minister will be called upon to give evidence before the select committee. They will be asked to testify on the package deal concluded by Sir Ramgoolam's government with Great Britain resulting in the detachment of Diego Garcia from the territory of Mauritius.

As already reported, the Mauritius parliament unanimously passed a bill declaring Diego Garcia a part of Mauritius. At present the United States is using Diego Garcia as a naval base.

NAMIBIA

DIRK MUDGE SPEAKS ON INITIATIVE WITH SWAPO

CAO81110 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 7 Jul 82

[Text] The chairman of the Council of Ministers of South-West Africa, Mr Dirk Mudge, says if the Western countries and South Africa do not reach agreement on a settlement in the territory, the internal parties will have to take the initiative and try to persuade SWAPO to take part in an election.

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The position of Angola and Cuba on this question is well known. It was set out in a joint statement by the two states' foreign ministers. It says in particular that the Cuban forces will be withdrawn on the decision of Angola's sovereign government if the threat of aggression or armed invasion against Angola is removed. It is obvious that Washington and Pretoria need the above-mentioned "linkage" to broaden their subversive activity against Angola so as to overthrow the republic's government.

This is confirmed by Western press agency reports that the South African military is preparing a new large-scale incursion into Angola.

MAURITIANS OFFERED 'MORE RADICAL' PROGRAM

PML31553 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 7 Jul 82 p 5

[Veniamin Shurygin "commentator's column": "Changes in Mauritius"]

[Text] A two-party coalition consisting of the Mauritian Militant Movement (MMM) and the Mauritian Socialist Party [as published] has come to power & a result of the parliamentary elections in Mauritius, the island state in the western Indian Ocean. They gained 60 of the 62 seats in the country's Legislative Assembly. The Labor Party, which had ruled mauritius unchanged since the proclamation of independence in 1968, failed to return even one of its candidates to parliament.

Local political observers explain this crushing Labor defeat primarily by the party's inability to resolve the country's socioeconomic problems, chief among which is unemployment. At present, one in five able-bodied Mauritians is unemployed. The voting was also influenced by such factors as inflation, the rise in prices for primary necessities and the general decline in living standards of the island's 950,000 population.

At the Legislative Assembly's first session, the new Mauritian Government, headed by MMM President Aneerood Jugnauth delivered a policy statement. In particular it envisages changing the constitution and declaring a republic in Mauritius where the British queen is still formally head of state. It is planned to nationalize certain private enterprises, to take a number of measures to provide employment, to enhance the trade unions' role in political and economic life and to democratize the education and health systems. In the foreign policy sphere, the new government declared its adherence to the principles of the United Nations, the OAU and the Nonaligned Movement. It confirmed Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, snatched from it by Britain, including Diego Garcia Island (turned by the United States into a naval and air base), and advocated the Indian Ocean's

Thus, both in domestic and foreign policy the coalition that has come to power occupies a more radical position in comparison with the Labor Party. The leftward shift in the disposition of political forces on the island is causing unease in Washington — and not just because Mauritius, like all the Indian Ocean countries, is declared a "sphere of U.S. vital interest," but also because the Mauritian elections reflected the hopes and aspirations of the peoples of this region's former colonial and dependent states, their desire for peace, democracy and social progress and their increasing resolve to be masters of their own homes.

PONOMAREV CONFERS WITH MOZAMBIQUE ENVOY

PM141553 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 9 Jul 82 p 4

[TASS report: "Friendly Conversation"]

[Text] On 7 July B.N. Ponomarev, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, received H. Patricio, Mozambique's ambassador to the USSR, at the latter's request. A friendly conversation was held in which they discussed questions of mutual interest. R.A. Ulyanovskiy, deputy chief of the CPSU Central Committee International Department took part in the conversation.

BREZHNEV, MALAGASY PRESIDENT EXCHANGE TELEGRAMS

PM150945 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 10 Jul 82 p 2

[TASS report: "Exchange of Telegrams"]

[Text] Leonid Ilich Brezhnev has sent a telegram to Didier Ratsiraka, president of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, in which, on behalf of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and the Soviet People and on his own account, he sent congratulations to him and to the friendly Malagasy people on the country's national holiday — Independence Day. On this noteworthy day, the telegram says, Soviet people wish the Malagasy people great new achievements on their chosen path of socialist orientation in implementing progressive socioeconomic transformations in the interests of the broad masses of working people.

In a reply telegram, Didier Ratsiraka expressed sincere gratitude for the congratulations and good wishes on behalf of the Malagasy people and their revolutionary authorities and on his own account, and for his part wished health and happiness to L.I. Brezhnev personally and prosperity to the Soviet people.

MOSCOW TV REPORTS ON SITUATION IN SOMALIA

LD141734 Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian 1445 GMT 14 Jul 82

[From "The World Today" program presented by political observer Eduard Mnatsakanov]

[Text] The situation in Somalia continues to worsen. Fierce battles between government troops and opposition forces are going on in many regions of the country. The fighters of the Democratic Front for the Salvation of Somalia have captured the city of Balumbale, located 320 km from Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia. Government troops have lost several hundred killed, and four army units have been crushed. It has been reported that soldiers in the government forces are revolting and refusing to go to the front.

It has been reported from Addis Ababa that the Ethiopian Government has officially and categorically denied Somali authorities' claims that Ethiopian troops have entered Somali territory. An Ethiopian Foreign Ministry statement points out that the attempt to place the responsibility for internal events in Somalia on Ethiopia is pure propaganda intended to confuse the world public.

Western news agencies report that the Somali Government is making desperate attempts to involve the United States in crushing the national uprising. ASSOCIATED PRESS reports that the U.S. State Department is conducting close consultations with Somali authorities. It is known that the Somali Government has placed at the disposal of the Pentagon many military objectives on its territory.

ANGOLA REJECTS CALL FOR CUBAN WITHDRAWAL

PM141147 Moscow IZVESTIYA in Russian 11 Jul 82 Morning Edition p 4

[Unattributed 'Rejoinder' in the A. Kapralov "World Today" roundup: "A Clumsy Trick"]

[Text] Relying on U.S. support, the South African racists are trying by every means to thwart the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435, which provides for the withdrawal of South African occupation forces from Namibian territory and the holding of free elections there under international control.

Addressing a Pretoria press conference recently, South African Prime Minister P. Botha stated that the question of Namibia's decolonization must be linked to the withdrawal from Angola of the Cuban forces, which, in the racist premier's words, "threaten peace in southern Africa." This, the head of the racist regime confided, is also Washington's viewpoint.

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SAVIMBI: CUBANS LEADING OFFENSIVE AGAINST UNITA

CA281022 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 28 Jul 82

[Excerpt] The leader of the UNITA resistance movement in Angola, Dr Savimbi, says Cuban troops are leading a major offensive against UNITA-controlled areas in the central and southern parts of Angola. Dr Savimbi says in a communique that about 8,500 Cubans are involved in the offensive and that Cuban officers are commanding the entire operation with the help of Soviet advisers and equipment.

REPORTAGE ON FRENCH COOPERATION MINISTER'S VISIT

Received by Dos Santos

AB261916 Luanda ANGOP in French 1815 GMT 26 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 26 Jul (ANGOP) — French Cooperation and Development Minister Jean-Pierre Cot, who has been on an official visit to Angola since Saturday, was received today by Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola.

Present at the audience, at Futuego de Belas -- official residence of the Angolan head of state -- were Paulino Pinto Joao Neto, Angolan secretary of state for cooperation, and Jean-Jacques Galabru, French ambassador to Angola.

Jean-Pierre Cot, who is expected in principle to sign a general cooperation agreement with Angola this evening at the end of his visit, met this morning with Angolan Construction Minister Manuel Mangueira. He held discussions this afternoon with the Angolan medium and higher education deputy minister, Artur Pestana.

Dinner Speeches Exchanged

EA251710 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0700 GMT 25 Jul 82

[Text] Jean-Pierre Cot, French minister of cooperation with former colonies, has reaffirmed his country's desire to support the economic development of the People's Republic of Angola.

Speaking at a dinner hosted yesterday in his honor by the Angolam secretary of state for cooperation, Comrade Paulino Pinto Joao Neto, the French cooperation minister said relations of friendship between France and Angola are becoming increasingly intimate. He stressed that the signing of a general agreement on cooperation will define the goals to be achieved by the two countries.

The Angolan secretary of state for cooperation, Pauli o Pinto Joao Neto, expressed the wish that the visit will answer the desires of both peoples and will strengthen cooperation between our two countries. Pinto Joan Neto also said Jean-Pierre Cot's visit is taking place at an extremely difficult moment for the People's Republic of Angola, which is facing an invasion by the South African troops. He expressed confidence that the People's Republic of Angola will now be able to count France's economic support.

'General Agreement' Signed

EA271222 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 27 Jul 82

[Excerpts] Jean-Pierre Cot, French minister of cooperation with former colonies, left Luanda last night at the end of his 3-day visit.



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CASTRO URGES 'PROMPTEST' ACTION FROM UN

FL291046 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] Acting in his role as chairman of the Nonaligned Movement, Commander in Chief Fidel Castro has sent a message to the chairman of the UN Security Council, Noel Sinclair, concerning Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

I write to you again as a result of the continuation and intensification of the criminal Israeli aggression against Palestinians and Lebanese besieged in Beirut. With exemplary heroism, the Palestinians and Lebanese maintain the steadfast defense of their rights and homeland, Fidel's message says. It stresses: The responsibility of all men and women of the world, all governments, and very especially of the UN Security Council, the main task of which is to safeguard world peace, cannot be shunned. It demands of all of us to do our best to stop the genocide of Beirut's population.

The message says the council cannot delay the necessary steps to order that the siege and bombardment of Beirut stop and the Israeli forces unconditionally withdraw from Lebanon.

The fact that the U.S. Government is supporting Israel's actions is no secret to anyone. This support makes it possible for the aggression to continue.

The message adds: This makes it even more necessary to show the international community's repudiation of the genocidal strategic alliance between the United States and Israel whose immediate and repugnant outcome is the attempt to annihilate the Palestinian people and the progressive Lebanese forces.

Fidel's message stresses that on behalf of the Nonaligned Movement, whose decisions recently adopted at the special ministerial meeting of the Coordinating Bureau held in Cyprus demonstrate its repudiation of the aggression and its solidarity with the Palestinian and Lebanese fighters, I request promptest action from the United Nations and the Security Council.

Attached find the eloquent message I received yesterday from Yasir 'Arafat, commander in chief of the Palestinian revolution forces and chairman of the PLO Executive Committee.

OFFICIALS SILENT ON ANGOLAN STUDENT INCIDENT

PA281923 Paris AFP in Spanish 1612 GMT 28 Jul 82

[Excerpts] Havana, 28 Jul (AFP) -- Political observers in Havana today stressed the absence of official Cuban reaction to the report published by the WALL STREET JOURNAL in New York, saying that 2,000 Angolan students were expelled from Cuba last month.

Diplomatic circles here have viewed the report with skepticism. Observers recalled Fidel Castro's speech on Monday on the occasion of Cuban national day, in which he mentioned the presence of Cuban troops in Angola and stressed that Cuba is "Angola's ally."

Quoting sources close to the CIA, the WALL STREET JOURNAL yesterday said that 2,000 Angolan students were expelled from Cuba after they provoked riots on the Isle of Youth last month, causing the death of 5 persons.

MOSCOW WEEKLY INTERVIEWS CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ

For the text of an editorial board interview with Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of the Cuban Councils of State and Ministers, that appeared in the Moscow EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA No 30, Jul 82, issue, see the Latin America & Caribbean section of the 30 July Soviet Union DAILY REPORT.

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CUBAN FRIENDSHIP OFFICIAL HONORED 28 JULY

AB291215 Luanda Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] The president of the Cuban Institute for Friendship with Peoples, Rene Rodriguez Cruz, has expressed his satisfaction over the (?preat) efforts made by the People's Republic of Angola in the maintenance of peace.

Speaking at a dinner yesterday given in his honor by the Angolan League for Friendship and Solidarity with Peoples, the Cuban official pronounced in favor of strengthening the existing friendship ties between the two countries and at the same time expressed the solidarity of the Cuban people to the Angolan people in their struggle against the Pretoria aggressors. Rene Rodriquez Cruz indicated that Cuba and Angola are two countries that are engaged in the struggle against international imperialism, Zionism and apartheid.

The president of the Angolan League for Friendship and Solidarity with Peoples, Comrade Coelho da Cruz, emphasized the position of Cuba over the threat imposed on the country by the North American imperialists due to the country's support for national liberation movements and the oppressed peoples of the world, in particular the People's Republic of Angola. Comrade Coelho da Cruz further indicated that Cuba is a sister country to the People's Republic of Angola at this time and moment when the country faces aggression by the Pretoria regime. He condemned the international reactionary circles for their attempts to try to confuse the international community on the aid rendered to the Angolan people by the Cuban Government. Comrade Coelho da Cruz called for the utilization of the two friendship organizations for the strengthening of the existing friendship ties between the two sister countries.

Cooperation Agreement Signed

AB291355 Luanda ANGOP in French 1230 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 29 Jul (ANGOP) -- A general 5-year cooperation agreement for 1982-87 was signed on Wednesday in Luanda between the Angolan League for Friendship and Solidarity with Peoples (LAASP) and the Cuban Institute for Friendship with Peoples (ICAP). The agreement was signed by the presidents of the two organizations, Coelho da Cruz and Rene Rodriguez Cruz. The latter has been visiting Luanda since 24 July at the invitation of the LAASP.

This agreement, signed following previous contacts between the two parties, will give an official seal to the activities to be undertaken by LAASP and ICAP to strengthen relations between Angola and Cuba and to help in various ways to mutually understand the culture, life and political, socioeconomic and scientific progress of the two countries.

According to the agreement, the two institutions agreed to undertake special activities in the respective countries to commemorate national holidays, especially through friendly meetings, conferences, photo exhibitions, movies and so on. In this connection, the agreement emphasizes 11 November and 1 January, which mark the anniversaries of the independence of Angola and Cuba respectively, and 17 September and 28 January, which mark Hero's Day and the anniversary of the national heroes in Angola and Cuba respectively.

Moreover, LAASP and ICAP decided to exchange publications such as JORNAL DE ANGOLA; REVISTA NOVEMBRO; the weekly organ of the Cuban Communist Party, GRAMMA; REVISTAS QUUBOHEMIA; CUBA; VERDE OLIVO and many others to be determined later in order to publicize the history and struggle of the two peoples against imperialism.



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STUDENTS RETURN FROM CUBA FOR HOLIDAYS

AB310728 Luanda ANGOP in French 1630 CMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 30 Jul (ANGOP) -- Some 1,260 Angolan students studying in medium and higher institutions on the Isle of Youth in Cuba are currently spending their holidays in Benguela Province. According to official sources, their presence in Angola falls within the framework of a program arranged for them to visit Angola. These young Angolans -- among whom one can find some 20 orphans and children of former combatants -- will return to Havana (Cuba) toward the end of August to continue their studies on the Island of Youth.

CUBAN FRIENDSHIP OFFICIAL DEPARTS 29 JULY

AB310702 Luanda ANGOP in French 1635 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Luanda, 30 Jul (ANGOP) -- Rene Rodrigues Cruz, president of the Cuban Institute for Friendship with Peoples (ICAP) returned to Havana yesterday following his visit to the People's Republic of Angola. The 4-day visit was at the invitation of the Angolan League for Friendship and Solidarity with Peoples (LAASP).

Responding to questions from the press before his departure, the Cuban official described his conversations with Angolan authorities as fruitful. He also explained that, during the visit, the LAASP and ICAP signed agreements aimed at strengthening the bonds of cooperation between the two organizations.

The ICAP president was sent off by LAASP President Coelho da Cruz and Rafael Francia Mestre, Cuban ambassador to Angola.

MOZAMBIQUE

MINISTRY CITES 33 RSA AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS

LD030718 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0600 GMT 3 Aug 82

[Text] The Mozambique News Agency, quoting Ministry of National Defense sources, reported yesterday that aircraft and helicopters from South Africa had carried out 33 violations of Mozambique airspace from January to July this year.

The violations occurred mainly over Gaza Province. Ten of the 33 violations observed by the Mozambique Armed Forces took place over Massingir where a dam is under construction. The dam is very important for the vast agricultural areas in the region.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH DPRK 30 JULY

EA302100 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1400 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] A cooperation protocol was signed in Maputo today between delegations from Mozambique and the DPRK. The signed document provides for new areas of cooperation between Mozambique and Korea in agriculture, construction, industry and trade. The protocol was signed by Mozambique Planning Minister Mario Machungo and Korean Vice Premier Kye Ung-tae.

Speaking on the occasion, the two officials expressed their desire to strengthen existing cooperation between the two countries.

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REPORTS OF ANGOLAN STUDENT PROBLEMS DISMISSED

PA050059 Havana International Services in Spanish 0000 GMT 3 Aug 82

[Station commentary]

[Text] Capitalist press agencies recently published information that had appeared in the WALL STREET JOURNAL stating that approximately 2,000 Angolan students in Cuba on scholarships were expelled for causing disorders at secondary education schools on the Isle of Youth. This is not the first time the bourgeois press has made up lies of this kind about African students studying in Cuba. These lies are intended to hide and distort the real nature of these schools.

The new campaign the United States and South Africa have launched tries to make relations between Cuba and Angola appear damaged. The Angolan ambassador in Havana, Mwaete Joao Baptista, denied this and said anyone interested in learning first-hand how the Angolan students are living can come to Cuba. The ambassador stressed that relations between the two countries are excellent and that the Angolan students who left Cuba did so only to enjoy a vacation with their parents.

The false information published by the WALL STREET JOURNAL is part of the hysterical campaign launched by Washington and Pretoria against Cuba and Angola. This hysterical campaign is due to the constant failure of imperialism's policy toward the African southern cone. It also has to do with the firm statements made by the Havana and Luanda governments on the presence of our country's internationalist combatants in Angolan territory. This position, which was reiterated in a document signed in February, states that our country's troops will gradually withdraw from Angola when the South African soldiers stationed in Namibia have withdrawn and the danger of aggression by Pretoria against Angola has disappeared.

What is the truth? Cuba has placed more than 50 secondary education schools at the disposal of Angola and other underdeveloped countries and liberation movements. During the last school year more than 9,500 Angolan, Mozambican, Ethiopian, Congolese, Namibian, Sao Tomean, Guinea-Bissau, South African and Western Saharan youths studied at these schools. One of the main principles of these schools is sacred respect for the customs, ideologies and cultural roots of the youths. Teachers from the nations whose students attend these schools give classes in history, geography and language. The aim is the formation of a youth not divorced from his environment and surroundings; a youth prepared to reenter his home environment. Cuba's respect for the traditions, principles and cultural roots of the African youths who study in the Isle of Youth has been acknowledged by a great number of visitors, even the presidents of some African states.

In May a delegation composed of educational and cultural experts from the Nonaligned Movement who had met in Havana were able to verify this, and they told us of their favorable impressions. All of them stated their appreciation for the opportunity Cuba gives young people from other nations to become useful in their societies, to be happy, to find themselves and to study in another land. There are thousands of young Africans studying in Cuban universities. For this purpose they receive their books free and have free room and board and health services. They also receive a \$70 monthly stipend. They live together with young Cubans without any kind of discrimination. Imperialist lies and humbug will always crash against this true situation.

GUATEMALAN REVOLUTIONARY GROUP HOLDS CONFERENCE

FLO40145 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 4 Aug 82

[Text] Leaders of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity movement have held a press conference in Havana to denounce the massacres being perpetrated by General Rios Montt's regime against the Guatemalan people and to report on the growth of the revolutionary struggle in that Central American country.

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Still concerning the production of uranium, President Kountche said a meeting between us and our partners will be held soon to examine the possibility of increasing the price of uranium. However, he added, we should not forget that we are living in an economic entity and that we must, against our will, be subjected to the extremely harsh laws of the new world economic order.

With the problem o general indebtedness by the developing countries, the high price of the dollar and our recourse to financial markets whose interest rates [words indistinct] we must adopt a new policy that can be given no other name than austerity -- an austerity that is imperative on the individual and the community. It is, therefore, necessary that we should avoid waste and a new code of behaviour must be imposed by the administration.

The second point raised by the head of state during this cadres conference concerns current political issues, particularly the OAU crisis. If there had been understanding and especially respect for [words indistinct] the OAU would not find itself in its present position, President Kountche said. Our pan-African organization is, for its members, an entity to which they can appeal in difficult and complicated situations. Its breakup—this must be said and each Niger citizen must understand it — will have immediate repercussions on our countries, he said. [end recording]

NIGERIA

PAPER LAUDS CUBAN RESOLVE NOT TO LEAVE ANGOLA

ABO51125 Lagos International Service in English 0830 GMT 5 Aug 82

[Press review]

[Excerpt] The resolution of Cuba not to leave Angola until South Africa's troops evacuate Namibia is acclaimed by the NIGERIAN CALL. The CALL salutes the courage of Fidel Castro's Cuba and says the active support of that country has gone a long way in preventing the racist regime from turning southern Africa into another Middle East.

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Ambassador Joaquin Mas and Pedro Garcia Roque addressed the rally representing of the ministry and the trade union, respectively. Both comrades noted how the Foreign Ministry workers had once again gathered to repudiate another aggression against our missions abroad. This time it was our embassy in Lebanon.

The workers voiced the determination of Cuban diplomats to discharge their duties and contribute to Cuba's relations with friendly countries regardless of the circumstances and conditions. They said the Cuban comrades in Beirut continue at their posts as a sign of solidarity with the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples and nothing will intimidate or frighten them.

Acting Foreign Minister Jose R. Viera presided over the rally, along with ministry, party and trade union officials.

MALMIERCA HOLDS MEETING WITH USSR'S KORNIYENKO

FLO61920 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 6 Aug 82

[Text] Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca and Georgiy M. Korniyenko, Soviet first deputy foreign minister, held a meeting today in Moscow. During the meeting, which was held in a friendly atmosphere, the officials discussed issues of mutual interest regarding the present international situation and bilateral issues.

RAUL CASTRO SEES OFF OUTGOING SOVIET ENVOY

FLO71157 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1045 GMT 7 Aug 82

[Text] Army Gen Raul Castro, second secretary of the party's Central Committee and first vice president of the Councils of State and Government, saw Vitaliy Vorotnikov off yesterday afternoon. Vorotnikov, member of the CPSU Central Committee, has concluded his mission to our country.

Ambassador Vorotnikov was recently decorated by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro at a ceremony in Havana. He was awarded the Order of Solidarity established by the Cuban Council of State. This was the first time this had been awarded.

ANOTHER 1,000 ANGOLAN STUDENTS TO ARRIVE SOON

PA071852 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 7 Aug 82

[Text] In the past 5 years more than 5,000 Angolan young people have studied at secondary, polytechnic or higher levels in Cuba as part of the bilateral cooperation program in the education field. During that period Cuba sent to Angola 5,084 teachers to work in that African nation at the various levels of education.

In fulfillment of the cooperation program, 1,000 new Angolan students will arrive soon in Cuba. They will join the almost 2,000 Angolan students who are currently enjoying their vacations and who are attending basic rural secondary schools, polytechnic institutes and higher education centers.

VILMA ESPIN OFF TO MEXICO FOR WOMENS MEETING

FL052015 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 5 Aug 82

[Excerpt] Vilma Espin, president of the Federation of Cuban Women, arrived in Mexico today to attend a meeting of the Continental Women's Front Against Intervention [Frente Continental de Mujeres Contra la Intervencion] coordinating committee. Sandinist Commander (Dora Tijerino) arrived on the same flight and will also take part in the front's work sessions. The meeting of the committee will begin today at Mexico City's Camino Real Hotel and will be opened by the president of the PRI's National Executive Committee, Pedro Ojeda Paullada.

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The victory of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) disorganized the U.S. administration's cards. But it learned nothing from this. The CIA and American hawks incited South Africa to intervene and attempted to use the racists and mercenaries to stifle the Angolan revolution.

The consignment of American weapons were followed to Angola by flocks of "wild geese" -mercenaries. Together with the South African interventionists they pushed toward Luanda,
leaving behind them carnage and hundreds of killed civilians. But they did not manage
to strangle the young state created by the Angolan people under the leadership of their
revolutionary vanguard, the MPLA. At a critical time for the fate of the young African
republic its government turned to the Cuban internationalists for assistance in accordance
with Article 51 of the UN Charter. And they helped to thwart the intervention against
the PRA and rout the Angolan revolution's enemies.

The imperialist aggressors' defeat did not result in a revision of the overseas politicians' bankrupt course. Gambling on the South African racists and Angolan counterrevolutionary groupings, they are very persistently continuing subversive activity against Angola, activity which has not ceased for one second.

Pretoria's armed actions against the PRA and the large-scale aggression unleashed against it in recent days necessitate the continuation of the limited contingent of Cuban troops on Angolan territory. Its task is to help the republic's armed forces in defending it against internal and external enemies. The Cuban servicemen are honorably fulfilling their international duty.

In Luanda recently, a reasonable question was put to U.S. President Reagan's special envoy, General V. Walters. He was asked, in particular, on what ground official U.S. representatives make the withdrawal of Cuban troops from the PRA an immutable condition for solving the Namibia problem. For it is common knowledge that Cuban troops have never invaded Namibia nor threatened its people; indeed they are stationed a considerable distance away from the Angolan-Namibian border. Moreover, as the joint Angolan-Cuban statement of 4 February this year solemnly states, the question of the withdrawal of the Cuban internationalists will be examined after South Africa's punitive army leaves Namibia and peace and tranquillity reign in Angola.

Everything would seem to be extremely clear. However, the Western press continues to persistently cite U.S. and South African statements that it is precisely the Cubans' withdrawal from Angola that will "open the way to freedom in Namibia." In fueling the problem of the "Cuban military presence" in Angola, the West deliberately conceals the multifaceted and comprehensive nature of Angolan-Cuban cooperation, whose development has never been purely military. Speaking at the First MPLA Congress in 1977, A. Neto, the PRA's first president, said the following on this score:

"Economic and technical cooperation between Angola and Cuba began to develop immediately after the end of the second liberation war, when hundreds of Cuban civilian specialists who came to Angola together with the military units in response to an appeal from the PLA and the PRA Government embarked with Angolans on resolving the difficult task of restoring the national economy, which had suffered seriously from the war. Together with other comrades from socialist countries they partially compensated for the shortage of technical cadres caused by the mass exodus of Portuguese specialists and skilled workers." Under agreements signed between the two countries, Cuba is rendering a great deal of internationalist aid in restoring the PRA national economy -- aid rendered, moreover, on beneficial terms and often gratis. Approximately 1,000 Cuban doctors and medical personnel work in PRA hospitals and clinics and more than 1,000 Cuban construction workers began to build 100 20-apartment blocks in Luanda in 1978.

U.S., OTHER STATES LINKED TO SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIONS

LD252304 Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian 1820 GMT 25 Aug 82 $\,$

[From "The World Today" program presented by political observer Eduard Mnatsakanov]

[Text] Lately, not a single day passes without the world learning about some new kind of criminal action by South African racists against neighboring independent states. South Africa's recent intrusion into Angola followed preparations for a similar large-scale intrusion into Mozambique. There have been many sabotage actions against Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Apparently the laurels of the Israeli military make Pretoria restless, and, of course, they enjoy Washington's full connivance.

I would say that a strange situation has arisen in relations between the Republic of South Africa and the United States and some other Western states. On the one hand the South African apartheid regime — one of the most inhuman regimes — has been strongly condemned by the world community; a trade and economic blockade has been imposed on it. And on the other hand, hundreds of different firms and companies in the West continue to invest their capital in the South African economy, and carry out lively trade and exploit the natural resources of Namibia which is illegally occupied by the racists.

A session of the UN Subcommission on Racial Discrimination and the protection of national minorities is currently in progress in Geneva. Today's report from Geneva says that the more accurate lists and documents submitted at the session confirm Pretoria's close cooperation with 477 firms and companies in the United States, the FRG, Britain, France, Japan, Israel and other countries of the West. It is known that Reagan has declared South Africa to be a friendly country and that is not just an empty declaration.

Facts about military-industrial cooperation and direct U.S. military supplies to the South African Republic have become known. It has also become known that the South African military units which made bandit raids against Angola included citizens from the United States, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. It has been reported that at present about 3,000 white mercenaries are helping the racist regime in Namibia. And in Washington they look through their fingers at all this.

IZVESTIYA DISCUSSES CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA

PM251055 Moscow IZVESTIYA in Russian 23 Aug 82 p 5 $\,$

[Correspondent S. Nikonov dispatch: "Washington-Pretoria Alliance of Conspirators"]

[Text] Luanda -- It has long been fashionable for American politicians and certain statesmen to complain about the presence of Cuban troops in the People's Republic of Angola [PRA] in virtually every statement on African themes. Here they deliberately ignore the fact that U.S. strategists are interfering in the sovereign PRA state's internal affairs without a twinge of conscience. It is necessary to refer to history to understand Washington's persistent fueling of the "Cuban problem."

When the Angolan people rose up against slavery and oppression, the American imperialists sided with the Portuguese colonialists. Throughout the 15 years of the national liberation struggle the Pentagon generously supplied the Fortuguese punitive apparatus with weapons from NATO arsenals. Nor did the notorious cloak and dagger knights sit idle. Throughout this period CIA agents attempted to split the national liberation movement. In memoirs currently being published they recall their close ties with one of the anti-Angola organizations, the National Front for the Liberation of Angola, whose leader, H. Roberto, essentially became their paid agent.

In 1975, when it became clear that their man did not enjoy the support of the broad masses, Washington hastily gave succor to another traitor to the Angolan people, former Portuguese secret police agent J. Savimbi and his UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] puppet organization.



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GRANMA EDITORIAL ON SYMMS AMENDMENT CITED

FL261251 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1045 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] "The Symms Amendment, a Dangerous Blunder and a New Provocation," is the title of a GRANMA editorial published on the front page of today's edition, of which we offer some excerpts. The fact that good sense and realism should be today, more than ever before, the fundamental principles on which international political decisions are based is not argued by honest and sane persons in the world. In modern times, characterized by an explosive situation, derived from the focuses of conflict created by reactionary circles in various parts of the world and from the uncontrolled arms race by imperialism, which aggravates still further the profound capitalist economic crisis criminally transferred to the underdeveloped countries, the stupidity and mistakes of officials or men linked to the actions of governments usually tend to be very dangerous because mankind could pay very dearly for them.

There is a great need for a large dose of good sense and realism in the United States in order to face up to the stupidity of some of its politicians. Proof of this is the recent resolution of that country's Senate — controlled by a majority of the ruling party — which authorizes the Yankee administration to use all means available to the United States, including troops, to oppose an alleged Cuban threat in the continent.

The Symms Amendment, which is supported by the Stone Age Monroe Doctrine of 1823 and which was contradictorily adopted just 3 months after the decisive support given by the Yankees to British colonialism in the Malvinas war, represents injecting more aggressiveness in a government which has demonstrated itself to be insanely intolerant, arrogant and reluctant to [undertake] political solutions. That resolution dangerously stimulates the tendency to use the force advocated by the present U.S. administration and leaves the door open to an interventionist adventure in Central America and the Caribbean.

In closing, the editorial states: In the already long history of the last 24 years, the Symms Amendment is one more stepping stone on the path of stupidity, blindness and disgrace which has been traveled by U.S. governments with respect to Cuba. With the increase of the threat of a new aggressive adventure against our country, is it possible that our situation might change? Absolutely not. The crude and threatening language of the imperialists could find an ear in those who have no fatherland, dignity or courage to defend a cause. It will never have an effect on people who, since beginning their ascent toward freedom and justice, have been determined to fight and die each day for revolutionary principles. Perhaps when Mr Symms was beginning to dabble in politics in Idaho, maybe even before, the Cubans already know how to shout: Fatherland or death. We shall win!

COMMENTARY DISCUSSES NAMIBIA, TROOPS IN ANGOLA

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[Revolutionary Armed Forces and Interior Ministry Combatants Political Information Program Commentary]

[Excerpt] The so-called [word indistinct], formed by capitalist superpowers, is attempting to apply a neocolonial formula to the problem of southwest Africa with the imposition of a puppet regime in that country. At the same time, it is trying to condition the withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia to putting an end to the internationalist aid being given to the fraternal People's Republic of Angola. South Africa has intensified its attacks against neighboring peoples, and the racist troops, supported by the CIA's counterrevolutionary and mercenary gangs, are attacking the southern part of Angola.

In his speech of 26 July, Fidel gave a clear response to the imperialists and their racist henchmen. Cuba will not withdraw its internationalist aid until the threat against the Angolan people ceases. Using legal bases, our country practices internationalism at the request of and in mutual agreement with the Angolan Government, and the withdrawal of the Cubans from Angola depends only on the sovereign decision of the governments of Cuba and Angola.

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Beside these messages of congratulations, the Angolan minister of foreign affairs successively received in audience yesterday Francia Mestre, Cuban ambassador to Angola, and Manuel Pinero Souto, Spanish ambassador accredited to Angola. He also received the PLO representative in Angola. Issues on bilateral cooperation were at the center of the discussions, sources close to the Angolan Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated.

SAVIMBI CLAIMS UNITA CONTROLS 2/3 OF COUNTRY

ABI11233 Paris AFP in English 1147 GMT 11 Sep 82

[Text] Paris, Sept 11 (AFP) -- Angolan rebel guerrilla leader Jonas Savimbi said in an interview published today that his South African-backed UNITA (Union for the Total Independence of Angola) movement controlled two-thirds of the country.

Mr Savimbi told the Paris newspaper LE MATIN that the southeast region of Cuando-Cubango was "completely liberated and endowed with administrative and social institutions." The rest of the country was under UNITA control as far north as the tenth parallel, he asserted.

The UNITA leader denied that South African troops were fighting alongside his guerrillas but admitted that he had relations with South Africa. "Let no one tell us that it is better to be massacred by Cubans (assisting the Luanda government) than to accept aid from South Africa." he said.

Mr Savimbi also said that UNITA was facing attacks from the Namibian nationalist South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) which has bases in southern Angola.

MOZAMBIQUE

MACHEL ADDRESSES PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY 14 SEPTEMBER

EA150410 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0710 GMT 14 Sep 82

[President Samora Machel address at the opening meeting of the 10th session of the People's Assembly in Maputo -- live]

[Excerpts] Deputies of the People's Assembly, members of the diplomatic corps, guests, ladies and gentlemen: Today, we are once again holding another session of the People's Assembly.

We want to hail the millions of Mozambicans on various battlefronts, particularly in defense and production, who are ensuring the consolidation and the strengthening of our national independence and the socialist revolution in factories, cooperatives, village communes, mines, on fishing vessels, in schools, hospitals and in transport, in northern, central and southern Mozambique both in rural and urban areas. The Mozambique people represented by the deputies here are building their prosperous future with resolve.

We particularly hail the combatants on the defense and security fronts who are daily fighting mercenaries, bandits, traitors and criminals, whom South Africa recruits and trains, finances and equips, arms and leads, transports and supplies orders to attack and withdraw from our country. We also hail the people of the areas affected by the enemy action, who with great courage and determination are carrying on their tasks of national reconstruction. This once again demonstrates that the people are

In foreign policy, in the period betwen this and the ninth session, important events took place. These events contributed to strengthening our state's alliances aimed at promoting cooperation with other countries.

"Only real independence for Namibia... will guarantee greater stability on the southern border, and will enable us, along with the Cuban Government, to set up a programme of phased withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist forces in Angola," Mr. dos Santos said.

"We have already said several times that the Cuban forces did not come to Angola to stay indefinitely," he noted. $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \end{tabular}$

The Angolan president said South Africa continually put obstacles along the road to Namibian independence. He said that as the South African Government could find no more "logical arguments" it had begun openly interfering in Angolan domestic affairs by making an issue of the Cubans, backed by the United States and other members of the Western contact group negotiating Namibian independence.

"Our borders are presently violated every day, there is a large concentration of troops on the Namibian border and the South Africans can at any time launch new widespread military operations against our country," the Angolan leader said.

Mr. dos Santos then turned to the "puppet gangs" of the South African-backed guerrilla movement UNITA, which last week claimed to control southern and central Angola up to well beyond Huambo. He said that UNITA guerrillas was [as received] finding it more difficult to arouse sympathy for their "criminal activities" and for their propaganda according to which "Angola is not an independent country but a country colonised by the Cubans and Soviets."

PRESIDENT HOLDS DISCUSSIONS WITH HUAMBO OFFICIALS

AB141217 Luanda Domestic Service in French 1100 GMT 14 Sep 82

[Text] President Jose Eduardo dos Santos is expected to wind up his working visit to Huambo, capital of Huambo Province today. During the visit, the Angolan head of state introduced (Hua Ernesto Luvamba), the new provincial commissioner and member of the Central Committee of the MPLA-Labor Party to the people of the area.

Within the framework of the visit, Jose Eduardo dos Santos discussed the province's economic and social situation with local authorities. He conferred last night with the region's military authorities on the political and military situation there.

The economic situation is characterized by a decline in production in various sectors, lack of raw materials and lack of cadres, resulting in the deterioration of equipment. Since the peak production of 1978, food production has declined by 40 percent due not only to the political and military situation but also to technical deficiency.

JORGE SENDS MESSAGE TO DPRK ON ANNIVERSARY

AB111327 Luanda ANGOP in French 1205 GMT 11 Sep 82

[Text] Luanda, 11 Sep (ANGOP) -- Paulo Jorge, Angolan minister of foreign affairs, has sent a message of warm congratulations to his Korean counterpart, Ho Tam, on the occasion of the 37th national day anniversary of the DPRK, which was celebrated yesterday. In the message, Paulo Jorge reaffirms the support of the Angolan people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the Koreas.

In another message sent to Peter Madenov, head of Bulgarian diplomacy, the Angolan minister expressed the desire to see friendship and cooperation between the two countries develop further.

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PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS DISCUSSES CUBAN PRESENCE

AB141824 Luanda ANGOP in French 1739 GMT 14 Sep 82

[Text] Huambo, 14 Sep (ANGOP) -- Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the MPLA-Labor Party and the People's Republic of Angola, reaffirmed on Tuesday in Huambo that Angola has no claims on foreign territories.

The Angolan head of state, who was speaking during a rally to mark the end of his 48-hour working visit to Huambo Province, also recalled the illegal occupation of a part of Angolan territory, Cunene Province, by racist South African forces.

Speaking on the Namibian issue, Jose Eduardo dos Santos reiterated Angola's unconditional support for SWAPC, the sole and legitimate representative of the Namibian people. He also condemned the tacit support of some Western powers for the Pretoria regime with the aim of preventing Namibia's independence.

In this connection, the president referred to several tactics at which racist South Africa and its Western allies arrived during negotiations, such as the joint electoral system of one man, two votes, instead of the usual one man, one vote system. Now that they no longer have any argument, President Jose Eduardo dos Santos pointed out, they decided to meddle in Angola's internal affairs by talking of Cuban troops in Angola. The presence of Cuban troops in Angola, he stressed, is legal as this is in line with Article 51 of the UN Charter, which enables its members to call on friendly countries in case of aggression.

The president of the MPLA-Labor Party also pointed out that the internationalist Cubans have not come to permanently stay in Angola. When South African aggression against Angola stops, the Cuban troop contingent will be reduced. He also stressed that a joint declaration between the Angolan and Cuban Governments had been signed last February in Luanda. The declaration stipulates the length of time the troops can remain in Angola. We do not want to create a vacuum in the defense of our territory, Jose Eduardo dos Santos said. He concluded: "I think our stand, which is just, will be understood by our people and by the international community."

AFP Report

AB141424 Paris AFP in English 1406 GMT 14 Sep 82

[Text] Luanda, Sept 14 (AFP) -- Angola cannot be held responsible for a failure of the international negotiations on Namibian independence, Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said today in central Huambo Province.

Mr. dos Santos, in a speech broadcast on radio, said that during periods when "armed South African aggressions" have been temporarily halted, "the Cuban and Angolan Governments have already proceeded to reduce" the number of Cuban troops in Angola, "which proves that we are acting constructively."

South Africa is insisting that any agreement on Namibian independence must be preceded by the withdrawal of the estimated 15,000-20,000 Cuban troops in Angola, and the United States has been exerting fresh diplomatic pressure to persuade black African states that this is the only way to achieve a lasting settlement for Namibia.

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The minister also expressed the opinion that the member countries of the contact group (the United States, France, Great Eritain, West Germany and Canada) seem to be more "sensitive to the American obsession concerning the question of the presence of Cuban troops than to the illegality of the presence of South African troops" in Angola.

"We would have liked to share the optimism of the contact group countries concerning Namibia," he said, "but we have nothing concrete up to the present. The electoral system has not yet been defined, the cease-fire is not yet in force and the composition of the UN force is not yet known."

In reply to a question on the possible normalization of diplomatic relations between China and Angola, the minister said: "We are ready to establish the necessary contacts for the normalization of relations with Beijing. However, the positions must be clear because during the armed struggle, relations between the ruling MPLA-Labor Party and the Chinese authorities were not always excellent, especially as far as ideological problems between China and other socialist countries were concerned."

Paulo Jorge finally indicated that two major topics will be discussed during the forth-coming summit conference in Praia of the Portuguese-speaking countries: Cooperation within the framework of multilateral relations and the international situation.

GDR AMBASSADOR PRESENTS MEDICINE, CLOTHING

AB120727 Luanda ANGOP in French 1130 GMT 11 Sep 82

[Text] Luanda, 11 Sep (ANGOP) -- On behalf of his country, the GDR ambassador to Luanda yesterday condemned racist South Africa's constant aggression against the People's Republic of Angola. He also denounced the imperialist maneuvers aimed at delaying the settlement of the Namibia independence problem.

The GDR representative in Angola made these statements at the 4 February International Airport in Luanda during a ceremony to present gifts to the Angolan Government and the Namibian vanguard party, SWAPO, represented respectively by MPLA-Labor Party Secretary for Administration and Finance Ilidio Machado and David Merowro of the SWAPO Directorate.

Ilidio Machedo described the gifts — 8 and 1/2 tons of drugs, 200 boxes of various items of clothing and a box of medical equipment for the Bengo Hospital — as a token of solidarity from the German people and a demonstration of the friendship are cooperation between Angola and the GDR. The gifts, which came from the GDR solidarity cormittee, were financed by the people and workers of that country, who are members of the Free German Trade Union Federation.

MOZAMBIQUE

ASSEMBLY SESSION ENDS; ELECTIONS DISCUSSED

MB151323 Maputo in English to Southern Africa 1100 GMT 15 Sep 82

[Text] Mozambique's second general election will be held between July and September next year. This has been decided by the People's Assembly, which ended a 2-day session in Maputo today. The assembly's Permanent Commission will fix the exact dates for the elections. The resolution containing the decision noted that the whole country would be engaged in preparations for the fourth congress of Frelimo from now until next April. It said the mass participation in precongress debate and selection of congress delegates would be an experience that would benefit the general election process.

As we already have stated time and time again, the Cuban internationalist forces have not come to Angola to stay forever. In fact, at the time when South Africa's armed attacks on Angola stopped temporarily, the Angolan and Cuban Governments carried out some reductions of the manpower of the Cuban internationalist forces. This shows that we are encouraged by a constructive spirit and by good faith. In fact, in this regard, the Cuban and Angolan Governments already have published a joint statement indicating the conditions under which these forces would be withdrawn from Angola.

We cannot accept a vacuum in the defense of our territory, which might harm our security and stability and make our country even more vulnerable to foreign attacks.

At this moment, our borders daily are being violated. The buildup of forces and war equipment on the border with Namibia is continuing. The South Africans could at any time unleash a fresh large-scale military operation against our country.

Only the true independence of Namibia achieved through a political, military and diplomatic struggle, led by SWAPO, will guarantee us greater stability on our southern border and allow us and the Cuban Government to implement a program of withdrawal by stages of the Cuban internationalists from Angola. I think our position, because it is just, once again will be understood and supported by our people and the international community.

JORGE: NAMIBIAN WITHDRAWAL CANNOT BE ENVISAGED

AB151332 Paris AFP in French 1229 GMT 15 Sep 82

[By Jean-Louis Porte]

[Text] Luanda, 15 September (AFP) -- A simultaneous and graduated withdrawal of the forces involved in the Namibian conflict "cannot be envisaged today," Angolan Foreign Affairs Minister Paulo Jorge stated in Luanda on Wednesday.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with AFP, the Angolan minister specified: "we are the aggressed country and there is no question of imposing one's conditions on a sovereign

"As a matter of principle, he continued, "Angola does not like to be submitted to pressures" as far as the question of the presence of Cuban troops on our territory is concerned." (According to Western sources, there are between 15,000 and 20,000 troops.) The minister recalled that on two occasions, that is, in 1976 and 1979, Luanda and Cuba spontaneously took the initiative of reducing these troops.

After recalling the discussions with American representatives — which have been practically interrupted until now and which will resume on Thursday — Paulo Jorge affirmed: "At the moment, we are in a stage of evolution which enables us to know each other and to try to build solid bases for eventual normalization," but during these discussions one "is always faced with the obsession — not to say the paranoia — of the United States as far as the question of the Cubans is concerned."

"If there is no distinction made between Washington and Pretoria," affirmed the minister, "the South African regime is only a privileged instrument of imperialist policy. It is the armed hand of the United States in southern Africa."

According to Paulo Jorge, "people have tried to hold the Angolan Government responsible for a delay or even an impasse in the negotiations on Namibia."

Our people must support our armed forces. The defense and security forces in general must perfect and strengthen people's vigilance to neutralize all individuals who want to destabilize our national life. I repeat, we already have attained our political independence and we are working for our economic independence.

Our wish now is that Namibia also become independent. For this reason, we have been giving our support to the struggle of that territory, waged by SWAPO. The South African racists, with the (?tacit) support of some Western countries, are carrying out maneuvers to retard the implementation of the UN resolutions on Namibia's independence. In 1978, they were saying that Namibia would be independent if the port of Walvis Bay, which is in fact a military base inside Namibian territory, continued to be a South African enclave after the proclamation of Namibia's independence. A UN resolution was then approved on this matter. As a result, the process of negotiations was once again blocked because South Africa did not want to recognize that SWAPO had guerrillas inside Namibian territory. In 1979, the negotiations were resumed after breaking the impasse in which they had fallen as a result of a proposal by the late President Agostinho Neto on the creation of a demilitarized zone on the border with Namibia. When this was said and done, the South Africans brought forth the so-called problem of UN partiality because, they said, the United Nations only recognized SWAPO and not the so-called internal parties in Namibia. This deadlock was overcome.

After this, the South African racists brought in the mixed electoral system. This is the one-man-two-votes system, when the universal system applied in all countries is based on the principle of one-man-one-vote.

Now, when there are no more logical arguments to retard the independence of Namibia, South Africa with the support of the United States and other countries of the contact group decided to interfere openly in the internal affairs of Angola. They now use the presence of Cuban internationalist forces which are in Angola at the request of a sovereign government in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter on the legitimate defense of member countries that have been attacked or invaded. They say that the presence of foreign troops in southern Africa constitutes a threat and, for this reason, they should be withdrawn. It is obvious that this is yet another maneuver to obscure the true intentions of its memtors.

The Cuban internationalist forces have never crossed the border of any neighboring country and they do not in any way constitute a threat to anybody. On the contrary, and this we have stated time and time again, it is the South African forces that, directly or indirectly, threaten the sovereignty of and destabilize Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Lesotho and Angola.

At this moment, Angola is a country being attacked by South Africa, which is illegally occupying by force of arms one important part of our Cunene Province. And, therefore, there are South African foreign troops in illegal occupation in Namibia and in one part of Angolan sovereign territory. It is unjust and inadmissible that the aggressors should present themselves as victims. All those facts, comrades, clearly show who are the real culprits retarding Namibia's independence.

Angola cannot in any way be blamed for this. Angola does not have and has never had territorial designs on alien territory. Its armed forces, our glorious FAPLA, are being developed in a defensive strategy to ensure the defense of the people, the territory and its economic objectives.

As a result, they resort to the criminal, demagogic and ridiculous propaganda that Angola is not an independent country but a country colonized by Cubans and Soviet personnel. [applause] Power in Angola is, therefore, exclusively exercised by Angolans. Here, there is neither Cuban nor Soviet colonialism or neocolonialism.

It should be clear that imperialism, as Lenin defined it, is the latest stage of capitalism. In the USSR and in Cuba, there is no capitalism. These are two socialist countries where exploitation of man by man hasn't existed for a long time. [applause] Having collaborated with PIDE [former Portuguese secret police], the puppets later went on to collaborate directly with the South African minority regime in the land of apartheid.

Our people already know that the South Africans are racists. In South Africa, about 5 million whites exploit and oppress about 20 million blacks, who live as foreigners

The South African racists have occupied a part of our Cunene Province. They attack and massacre our people, destroy houses, farms, hospitals, schools, factories, roads, bridges and so forth. They give money and arms to UNITA and military training to some of its leaders who are cheated or taken by force by UNITA to Namibia. They carry explosives clandestinely transport arms, ammunition and armed gangs of puppets to burn down villages and steal cattle, money and other goods belonging to our people.

There can be no doubt whatsoever that the UNITA puppets are the allies and loyal servants of the South African racists. They brazenly lie when they say they are defending the interests of the black people of Angola. They are hand-in-hand with the South African racists and as such they cannot defend the interests of the blacks nor those of any other race in Angola. Their tactic of talking about the interests of the blacks of Angola only serves to sow confusion and divide the people on racial grounds. Their propaganda shows very well that they have learned the lesson of their masters, the South African racists.

To us the blacks, Bantus and Coloreds in Angola are only one people and one nation. [applause and slogans in the background] This is what the immortal guide of our revolution, the late President Agostinho Neto, taught us. We must strengthen our national unity even further.

The South African racists do not want to see Angola become a strong state that is completely independent. Just as the Portuguese colonialists and PIDE used UNITA puppers to retard our independence, they, the racists, now use the armed bandits of this pupper gang to retard the conomic and social development of our country and the solution of the basic problems of our people who suffered greatly with forced labor, humiliation and exploitation in colonial times.

Our activists and all the members of our party clearly must explain the situation to our people in the villages, towns and all other areas, in the national languages, in order to unmask UNITA's policy and misleading propaganda. We are already independent. We know many young people have now begun to understand that they have been misled and taken to the bush from where they are dispatched, with arms and explosives, to mistreat and terrorize their own people. These compatriots, if they want to respect the law and contribute toward national reconstruction, should report to the military or civil authorities.

Of course, we also know that the chief political and military leaders are the main culprits who are to blame for this situation. It is they who have to answer for their crimes --crimes committed against our people. However, all those who bring explosives, arms and ammunition, from anywhere, because they want to attack our units or to massacre our peaceful residents and rob them of their goods, will receive a fitting response from our glorious People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA]. [applause]

ANGOLA

DOS SANTOS DISCUSSES NAMIBIA, CUBAN WITHDRAWAL

EA151348 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 15 Sep 82

[President Eduardo dos Santos address at a mass rally in Huambo on 14 September -- recorded]

[Excerpts] One of the objectives that brought us to Huambo, besides the need to establish more direct contact with local realities in order to find solutions to issues connected with a number of sectors in this important province, was to introduce Comrade Lt Col Joao Ernesto dos Santos Liberdade, a member of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, who recently was appointed provincial commissioner of Huambo, replacing Comrade Lt Col Santana Andre-Pitra Petroff, who is going to take over other functions in the party leadership structure.

I am convinced that the people and officials of this province will continue to give their support to Comrade Lt Col Liberdade in the difficult task of presiding over the destiny of this province, without the dedication and determination of the broad masses, the comrade provincial commissioner will not be able to solve the people's problems in this province.

I, therefore, call on Comrade Lt Col Liberdade so that he can be seen by the broad masses present at this mass rally in Huambo. [applause]

I want to emphasize the dedication, the spirit of sacrifice and the courage that the workers of the Benguela railway have been demonstrating since the end of the colonial period by engaging themselves promptly in solving technical, organizational and other problems affecting this enterprise. They always have given a vigorous response to attacks by our internal enemies attempting to paralyze this important means of communication with the provinces of the central plateau and eastern Angola. [applause]

During our visit, we held a number of working meetings with party officials, members of the provincial commission and the command of the military region. We analyzed important problems connected with the province's political, organizational, military and economic and social situation. We observed that although the situation is still difficult in various areas of our life, it is perfectly under control. We also observed that both party and government officials in the province are determined to work toward progressively solving the problems. Huambo Province has great economic potential and a strategic position for the development of our revolution. It is obvious that the support of the central organs and bodies should be decisive factors in the settlement of political and military problems as well as those in the field of economic and social development.

The steps already taken in party organization by the people's vigilante squads and residents' commissions and also those taken in organization and functioning of the people's provincial assembly and the provincial commission are a good basis through which to give our support. This will help to improve efforts to implement the fundamental guidelines to effect economic and social development as defined by the first extraordinary party congress. It also will help to neutralize the nefarious actions of the puppet gangsters who attack peaceful residents with the intent of intimidating them and alienating them from the party.

As you know, comrades, the UNITA puppet gangsters have encountered great difficulty in trying to convince people by their criminal activity.

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Cabrizas met with Kichiro Tazawa, minister of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, (Haruo Maekagawa), president of the Bank of Japan, and with the presidents of the firms Ino motors and Mitsubishi. During the meeting with Tazawa, a review of Cuban-Japan trade relations was made, especially trade in sugar and seafood products, which are highly valued by consumers in that Asian nation.

CUBA

Ricardo Cabrizas will meet tomorrow with the president of the Ex-Im Bank and other industry, trade and private banking officials. He will depart for our country on Saturday.

SERGIO DEL VALLE ON OFFICIAL VISIT IN DPRK

FL161330 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1305 GMT 16 Sep 82

[Text] Pyongyang -- Sergio del Valle, member of Cuba's Communist Party Central Committee and health minister, started an official visit to the DPRK today.

The Cuban health minister was welcomed by several DPRK officials and by Ricardo Danza, the Cuban ambassador to the DPRK.

NATIONAL BANK DELEGATION ARRIVES IN PARIS

FL161410 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1403 GMT 16 Sep 82

[Text] Raul Leon Torras, minister president of Cuba's National Bank, arrived today in Paris at the head of a delegation that will meet with French financial and banking authorities. The Cuban delegation visited Great Britain and Spain earlier with the same end in mind. Leon Torras said that the delegation was favorably received in these last two countries.

LAWYERS RECEIVED BY HUNGARY'S TRAUTMANN

FL161702 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 16 Sep 82

[Text] Budapest -- Rezso Trautmann, vice president of the Presidential Council of Hungary, has received a delegation of Cuban lawyers visiting the country at the invitation of the Supreme Court. Trautmann and the Cuban delegation, headed by the president of the Supreme People's Tribunal, Jose Raul Amaro, examined relations between the two courts.

COOPERATION MEETING WITH ANGOLA OPENS IN HAVANA

FL160230 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 16 Sep 82

[Text] Lopo do Nascimento, member of the Central Committee of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party and minister of planning, and Hector Rodriguez Llompart, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and minister president of the State Committee for Economic Cooperation, today opened in Havana the meeting of presidents of the joint inter-governmental committee for cooperation between the two governments.

PINEIRO, CHILEAN RADICAL PARTY OFFICIALS MEET

FL141644 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 14 Sep 82

[Text] Manuel Pineiro, member of the Central Committee and chief of its America Department, has met with Anselmo Sule Candia, first secretary of Chile's Radical Party [PR] and vice president of the Socialist International. The meeting, which was held in a fraternal and friendly atmosphere, touched on current international issues, especially those concerning Latin America and the Caribbean and Chile's domestic situation.

Also taking part in the meeting were (Alejandro Dorna), in charge of the Western Europe section of the PR, and Leoncio Saavedra, the PR's representative in Cuba.

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LUANDA REPORTS PLANNING MINISTER'S VISIT TO CUBA

AB231235 Luanda Domestic Service in French 1100 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] Angolan Planning Minister Lopo do Nascimento is continuing his official visit to Cuba, begun last week within the framework of the good relations of friendship, solidarity and cooperation Angola has established with the socialist countries of Latin America.

The day before yesterday, the minister went to the country's western province where he and his entourage visited several agricultural complexes, industrial centers and educational institutions. He also held talks with several Cuban officials concerning scientific, technical and economic cooperation between the two countries.

CEMA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION STARTS MEETING

FL221820 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1700 CMT 22 Sep 82

[Excerpt] The 18th meeting of the traffic safety task group of the fourth committee of the CEMA permanent commission for transport has opened its meeting at the Havana Libre Hotel Ambassadors' Room. The opening session was presided over by (Engel Baolinit), chairman of the task group and chief of the Soviet delegation, and Col Wiquelme Arias, chief of the Cuban delegation.

CUBA CALLS FOR EMERGENCY UN SESSION ON PALESTINE

FL231555 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1409 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Excerpt] Cuba has called for the resumption of the seventh emergency session of the UN General Assembly on Palestine on behalf of the Nonaligned Movement. The request was submitted Wednesday afternoon to the chairman of the 37th period of sessions for his consideration. Approval of the request is expected to come in time for the emergency session to begin meeting tomorrow.

POWER SHORTAGE DELAYS TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE

FL232030 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2008 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] The Communications Ministry has issued a note advising the people that the telegrams from and to Santiago de Cuba, Guantanamo, and Granma will be delayed due to the interruption of electric power in the eastern provinces as a result of the fire in the Rente hydroelectric powerplant.

The Communications Ministry added that operating measures have been adopted to guarantee the sending and receiving of urgent telegrams. The ministry apologizes for the delay in the transmission of telegrams to and from the eastern provinces, principally Santiago de Cuba, Granma and Guantanamo.

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RAILWAY COOPERATION PROTOCOL -- The protocol of the 11th commission of the railway cooperation organization has been signed in Havana. Guillermo Garcia Frias, member of the Politburo and minister of transportation, attended the signing ceremony. The protocol sums up the work of the meeting of railway experts which opened Tuesday at the Habana Libre Hotel with the participation of representatives from Bulgaria, the Soviet Union, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Cuba. The multinational protocol of cooperation provides for the training of engine drivers, methods and means of training, common railway terminology and the certification of teachers. [Text] [Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 18 Sep 82 FL]

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ANGOP REPORTS JORGE COMMENTS ON CUBAN TROOPS

AB241703 Luanda ANGOP in French 0925 GMT 24 Sep 82

[Text] Bissau, 24 Sep (ANGOP) -- In his statement at the summit of the heads of state of the African Portuguese-speaking countries, held in Praia on 21 and 22 September 1982, Angolan Minister of Foreign Affairs Paulo Jorge once more reaffirmed Angola's stand not accede to U.S. pressure on the withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist troops from Angolan territory.

On that occasion, Paulo Jorge vigorously rejected Washington's demand for the withdrawal of the Cuban internationalists from Angola as being a sine qua non condition for the resolution of the issue of Namibian independence and for the normalization of diplomatic realtions between Angola and the United States.

In that connection, he added, "it is precisely the obstinacy of the North American administration, which persists in its attempts to intimidate the People's Republic of Angola, which remains the obstacle to resolving the Namibian problem in conformity with resolution 435 of the UN Security Council."

In conclusion, the Angolan Minister of Foreign Affairs accused the United States of meddling in the internal affairs of independent Africa in order to undermine its unity. Washington, he continued, hindered the convening in Tripoli (Libya) of the OAU summit, which was due

Wisner Expected for Talks

AB251228 Luanda ANGOP in French 1030 GMT 25 Sep 82

[Text] Luanda, 25 Sep (ANGOP) -- Frank Wisner, the U.S. deputy assistant secretary for African affairs, is expected this morning in Luanda, where he will hold new discussions with Angolan authorities on the future of Namibia.

Informed sources disclosed that Frank Wisner will hold talks with Angolan Foreign Affairs Minister Paulo Jorge, and eventually with top-ranking officials at the Presidency.

It is hoped that the American delegation will also make proposals on the resolution of the Namibian problem which is currently in a deadlock due to maneuvers by the South African regime.

Observers feel that Frank Wisner's trip, which was proposed by the U.S. State Department, may be a failure if he raises the question of the presence of the Cuban troops in Angola.

The discussion of this issue would be out of context because the Angolan authorities have already rejected all attempts to link the presence of the Cuban troops with the decolonization of Namibia which is based on UN Security Council Resolution 435/78.

The U.S. delegation may also link the withdrawal of the Cuban troops with an eventual normalization of diplomatic relations with Angola — a condition which has also been rejected because it constitutes interference in Angola's internal affairs.

Frank Wisner is coming from Paris where SWAPO President Sam Nujoma -- who on Thursday criticized the linkage of the Namibian issue with the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola -- is currently visiting.

Earlier, President Jose Eduardo dos Santos described the American "linkage" policy seeking the prior withdrawal of the Cuban soldiers as an absurd and baseless idea.

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ANGOLAN PARTY LEADER SIGNS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

FL271755 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 27 Sep 82

[Text] Lopo do Nascimento, member of the Central Committe of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, [MPLA] - Labor Party, and planning minister of Angola, and Hector Rodriguez Llompart, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and minister president of the State Committee for Economic Cooperation, today signed an agreement on the talks held between them as presidents of the mixed intergovernmental Cuban-Angolan commission for economic, scientific and technical cooperation.

Experts and specialists from both countries met for several days to analyze the state of cooperation during 1982 and reached agreements of mutual benefits and expansion for 1983 to widen this important sector in the fraternal relations between the two countries. During his stay in our country, Comrade Lopo do Nacimento visited various places of economic, political and social interest.

ANGOLA'S FOREIGN MINISTER REFERS TO CUBAN TROOPS

PA270356 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 26 Sep 82

[Text] In a statement to the Mozambique Information Board, Angolan Foreign Minister Paulo Reixeira Jorge said in Maputo that up to now neither the electoral system in Namibia nor the composition of the UN forces that will be sent there as a result of the deadline for the cease-fire in the region have been determined.

The Angolan foreign minister added that, contrary to what has been expressed by some Western media, no agreements have been reached on negotiations with the contact group; the South West Africa Peoples Organization, SWAPO; the frontline countries and the Pretoria regime. He also said that some Western countries are trying to blame the Peoples Republic of Angola for the delay in the (?negotiations) on the problem of Namibia, using the pretext of the presence of Cuban troops on Angolan territory. He concluded by stating that the Cuban troops are in Angola at the request of that nation's government to aid in repelling the attack by South Africa and that they will be removed as soon as Pretoria's intervention ends.

MACHADO VENTURA SPEAKS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

FL271045 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 27 Sep 82

 $[{\tt Text}]$ Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, member of the Politburo, has made an appeal to face the economic difficulties and to advance in spite of them. He made the appeal in Camaguey before an extraordinary plenum of the provincial party committee held in this city. After speaking on aspects of the party's internal work, Machado Ventura made an appeal to increase the efficiency of the next sugar harvest in order to decrease the effects of the drought in this province.

The party leader reaffirmed his confidence that the party's comrades, the state, the mass organizations and all the people of Camaguey will face these difficulties with the customary spirit and will successfully carry out the tasks assigned to the province by the revolution.

The plenum analyzed a document from the Cuban National Bank on the country's economic and financial problems in its relations with the captalist countries. Subsequently Lazaro Vazquez, first secretary of the party in Camaguey, called for a titanic effort to decrease as much as possible the effects imposed by the consequences of the capitalist world's crisis, the aggressive Yankee imperialist policy and the low sugar prices on the world market. Based on these premises, the party leader called for the utmost attention to the forthcoming sugar harvest in order to produce higher quality sugar and to save more in fuel, raw materials and energy.

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AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH ANGOLAN PRESIDENT

FL051704 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 5 Oct 82

[Text] Luanda -- Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the People's Republic of Angola, has received Cuban Ambassador Rafael Francia Mestre in a private audience. The meeting of the Angolan president with the Cuban ambassador took place at the People's Palace.

INDIAN BUSINESS GROUP SEEKS TRADE TIES

FLO41750 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 4 Oct 82

[Text] An Indian commercial delegation headed by Mr (Durga Prachat Mandelia), president of the (Birla) management group, is visiting Cuba at the invitation of the foreign trade minister and has paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce, where it was received by Jose M. Diaz, secretary general of the Executive Board, and by other Chamber of Commerce officials.

During the meeting, which was held in a fraternal climate, the (Birla) group, one the largest private Indian commerical corporations, explained the characteristics of the group and its principal fields and economic objectives. The Cuban counterpart supplied detailed information on the functions of the Chamber of Commerce among other aspects of interest related to this activity.

The object of Mr (Mandelia's) visit is to analyze the possibilities of holding joint negotiations in several branches of the economy, which will help to establish closer trade relations between Cuba and this important commercial enterprise.

SMALL FARMERS' COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT PRAISED

FLO41343 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 4 Oct 82

[Text] Jose Ramirez Cruz, alternate Politburo member and president of the National Association of Small Farmers [ANAP], has said that the cooperative movement in the country is progressing well but that the important thing is not to grow only in size and memberhip, but in consolidating the organized cooperatives as well. Ramirez Cruz was speaking at the second national ANAP plenum.

The leader said that 1,402 cooperatives had been organized through September with an overall area of 47,357 caballerias of land and 57,213 members. This means that the movement has continued its progress by always respecting the inviolable principle of the desire of the peasants he said. At thepresent time, almost half of the small farmers' land, 41.5 percent, is organized in one of the two higher forms of agricultural

The ANAP leader said that another positive aspect of this gradual process of socialist collectivization is that these collective peasant enterprises have continued to grow in area and that the average cooperative is now 33.2 caballerias in area and has 40 members.

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ASSISTANCE WORKERS IN ANGOLA -- The group of Cuban builders working in the Angolan Province of Benguela has overfulfilled its work program for three consecutive quarters. For this reason, it has been granted the banner for the best unit. (Enrique Soto), secretary of the Cuban Communist Party organization in Angola, spoke during the ceremony and said that Cuban internationalists are prepared to go on giving their militant assistance to Angola for as long as necessary. [Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 30 Sep 82 PA]

SURINAME DELEGATION -- Jose Ramon Fernandez, member of the Central Committee and minister of education, has held a meeting with a delegation from Suriname's Ministry of Education and Science which is visiting Havana. [Text] [Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1442 GMT 28 Sep 82 FL]

BANK, TRADE DELEGATION IN TOKYO FOR TALKS

FLO41915 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1803 GMT 4 Oct 82

[Text] Raul Leon Torras, minister-president of the National Bank of Cuba, arrived in Tokyo today on a working visit which will end on 16 October. The Cuban minister's objectives include meetings with responsible officials of financial institutions, banks and commercial firms. He will also participate in ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the Bank of Japan.

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Leon Torras has arranged meetings with the presidents of 23 banks, among them the Japanese Import-Export Bank, International Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe, and Deputy Minister of Finance Kiichi Watanabe. [as heard]

Meetings will also be held with President (Yoiichi Kawai) and Vice President (Yusuru Abe), both of the Japan-Cuba economic conference, while Amadeo Blanco, vice minister of foreign trade, will hold parallel meetings with executives of Japanese commercial firms.

RISQUET ARRIVES IN ETHIOPIA ON OFFICIAL VISIT

FLO41442 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1254 GMT 4 Oct 82

[Text] Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Cuba, today arrived in Addis Ababa at the head of a party and state mission on an official and friendly visit. Risquet and his retinue were received at the international airport by Berhanu Baye, member of the Executive Committee of the Commission for Organizing the Party of the Working People of Ethiopia and the Provisional Military Administrative Council; Felleke Gedle-Giorgis, foreign minister and member of the Central Committee; (Seude Teclu), mayor of Addis Ababa; and other high-ranking government officials.

During his 1-week visit, Risquet and his retinue will exchange views with Ethiopian officials on bilateral relations and cooperation.

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FLO51506 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1424 GMT 5 Oct 82

[Text] Official talks between the Cuban party and state delegation headed by Jorge Risquet, member of Cuba's Communist Party Politburo, and his Ethiopian counterpart began today in Addis Ababa. The Ethiopian delegation is headed by Berhanu Baye, member of the Executive Committee of the Commission for Organizing Ethiopia's Workers Party and of the Provisional Military Administrative Council.

The negotiations, which are being held in an atmosphere of true friendship, deal with the bilateral relations between Socialist Ethiopia and Cuba. High officials of the Ethiopian party and government are participating in the talks as well as the Cuban ambassador to that country. Today they met at the headquarters of the National Campaign for Revolutionary Development and of the Supreme Central Planning Council.

The secretary general of the National Campaign for Revolutionary Development and of the Supreme Central Planning Council, Hailu Yimenu, explained the activities carried out to move the Ethiopian economy forward. Hailu said that the results achieved in formulating short-term objectives and making the development program a reality have been the most important thing that has happened since the creation of the National Economy Campaign and the Supreme Central Planning Council. He noted that the development program for the next 10 years is currently being prepared in accordance with the orders of the Revolutionary Government.

Jorge Risquet and the members of the Cuban delegation learned about Ethiopia's efforts aimed at developing energy and mining resources and training workers together with other sectors of the economy.

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During the fraternal meeting the Lebanese leader referred to the current situation of his people's struggle to maintain unity, democratic Arab identity and, together with the Palestinians, close ranks in confronting Zionism. Melba Hernandez reiterated AALAPSO's support for the just cause of the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples and assured him that this militant fraternity will continue until final victory.

CUBAN-LIBYAN TALKS TERMED SATISFACTORY

FL181632 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Minister without portfolio Levi Farah visited the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah on 7-14 October. During his visit he met with leaders and officials of the Libyan Government, principallly with Muhammad al-Manqush, secretary of housing and head of the Libyan side of the joint intergovernmental Libyan-Cuban commission.

Levi Farah and Jose Luis Avalo, the Cuban ambassador in Tripoli, visited the city of Benghazi, where they were received by the local authorities and (Najed Mijtalati), governor of the Libyan Central Bank. During the visit the two sides reviewed the cooperation between the two countries in a climate of friendship and fraternity. Both sides later declared that the results of the talks were satisfactory.

CABRIZAS HOLDS SUGAR TALKS, ENDS VISIT TO UK

FL152149 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2102 GMT 15 Oct 82

[Text] Cuban Foreign Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrizas today concluded a working visit to Great Britain during which he held several meetings dealing with the sugar markets' situation.

Cabrizas held a working meeting with (William K. Miller), executive director of the international sugar organization, and representatives of sugar-exporting countries which are members of the group. During the meeting the participants discussed the market's current situation and measures that could be adopted within the framework of the organization.

Cuban Foreign Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrizas' visit to Great Britain conlcuded with a second round of talks with (Miller) upon his return from Brussels, Belgium, where he met with officials of the EEC to discuss the situation of the world sugar market.

ANGOLAN DELEGATION ARRIVES ON OFFICIAL VISIT

FL181241 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Politburo has arrived in Cuba on a friendship and work visit at the invitation of the Central Committee of our party. The Angolan delegation was received by Jose Ramon Machado Ventura and Jorge Risquet, members of the Politburo; Div Gen Abelardo Colome Ibarra, first vice minister of the FAR; and Jesus Montane, member of the Central Committee Secretariat. During his visit to Cuba, Lucio Lara will meet with leaders of the party and mass organizations and will visit industrial and agricultural production centers in the country.

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DOMENECH OPENS CEMA OIL, GAS CONFERENCE

FL181917 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Excerpts] The 57th conference of the Permanent CEMA Committee for Cooperation in the Oil and Gas Industry began today at the conventions palace. The conference is presided over by Gheorge Vlad, Romanian minister of oil and president of the Permanent Committee for Gas and Oil. Nine socialist countries are participating in this conference, including the SFRY according to the agreement between the CEMA and the SFRY.

Joel Domenech, vice president of Cuba's Council of Ministers opened the conference. [begin recording] In this persistent and constant struggle we have encountered the determined struggle and resolute help of the countries of the socialist community, whose leading example is the relations between our country and the fraternal Soviet Union. In the oil industry, this cooperation includes practically every field, from geological prospecting through the distribution of the petroleum by-products. [end recording]

The 57th conference is centering its attention on the implementation of measures for specific cooperation in the long-range energy and fuel program, implementing activities to save and rationally use fuel and energy in industry, technical and production cooperation between CEMA member countries and the developing countries, among other subjects.

DELEGATION ARRIVES IN WARSAW FOR WOMEN'S MEETING

FL190045 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] A delegation led by Vilma Espin, president of the Federation of Cuban Women, held a friendly meeting today with families of Polish army soldiers shortly after arriving in Warsaw. The member of the Council of State and alternate member of the Communist Party of Cuba Politburo is in Warsaw to attend the annual meeting of socialist community presidents of women's organizations.

Representatives from Afghanistan, Angola, Ethiopia, PDRY, Kampuchea, Laos, Mozambique and Nicaragua have also been invited to attend. The conference will be held in the Polish parliament's rooms on Tuesday and Wednesday. The agenda includes the participation of women in the struggle for peace and easing of tensions and women's political-ideological education, among other subjects.

RODRIGUEZ ARRIVES IN DENMARK FOR BILATERAL TALKS

For Paris AFP coverage of Cuban Vice-President Carlos Rafael Rodriguez' visit to Denmark, including a list of dignitaries with whom Vice-President Rodriguez will meet and proposed topics to be discussed, see the 20 October issue of the West Europe DAILY REPORT.

Castro at Departure

FL192100 [Editorial report] Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish at 2030 GMT on 19 October is intercepted in progress carrying live color coverage of the departure from Havana's Jose Marti International Airport of Truong Chinh, chairman of the SRV Council of State, who is returning to his country after a 7-day visit to Cuba.

Fidel Castro and Troung Chinh are seen walking and shaking hands with high-ranking Cuban and Vietnamese officials. Castro and Truong Chinh then approach and wave to a group of spectators cheering and waving Cuban and Vietnamese flags on the airport apron. The two walk to the foot of the ramp of an IL-62M Aeroflot aircraft. The two leaders shake hands with a group gathered there, embrace, chat a moment and Truong Chinh boards the aircraft. Castro and a group of Cuban and Vietnamese officials are shown walking away from the aircraft.

At 2043 GMT the aircraft taxis to the runway and takes off at 2051 GMT. Coverage ends at 2058 GMT.

SRV'S CHU HUY MAN DEDICATES NEW COMMUNITY

FL182145 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2002 GMT 18 Oct 82

[Text] Chu Huy Man, member of the Vietnamese Communist Party Politburo and deputy chairman of Vietnam's Council of State, has officially dedicated a new community at the Balles de Picadura livestock breeding farm in Havana.

The community is located in the town of Ceiba Mocha, Matanzas Province where more than 60 peasant groups reside. The peasants incorporated their lands with the country's livestock development when the farm was established.

For the welfare of the workers of Valles de Picadura, more than 50 housing units were set up in Ceiba Mocha through a prefabricated system known as the French modular (design).

During a visit by the Vencermos brigade to this Matanzas town, the community was named Victoria de Vietnam, because on that day, Cuba received the news of the Vietnam nation's war victory.

GDR DELEGATION LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO MARTI

FL160203 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 16 Oct 82

[Text] Army General Heinz Hof an and the delegation he heads, accompanied by Div Gen-Senen Casas Regueiro, first vice minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces, laid a floral wreath at the foot of the Jose Marti monument at the Plaza de la Revolucion.

MACHADO VENTURA, ANGOLA'S LARA HOLD TALKS

FL191458 Havana Domestic Televison Service in Spanish 1415 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, member of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Central Committee Politburo, has held talks in Havana with Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Politburo, who is paying a friendly working visit to our country at the invitation of the PCC Central Committee.

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In addition to that series of conditions, there are reproaches addressed to the United States, the only Western negotiator, Angolan Ambassador de Almeida said, to be "obsessed by the Cuban problem," and which still "links Cuban withdrawal (from Angola) with the Namibian independence process." Nonetheless, for the first time Luanda is recognizing the reality and parallel nature of the dual negotiations launched by the Reagan administration: While the broad outlines of a Namibian settlement have been achieved —— as [External Relations Minister Claude] Cheyson recalled in Dar es Salaam last weekend, when he stated that the "contact group" (United States, France, FRG, Canada and Britain) had accomplished its task, the implementation of that plan was stumbling and possibly still is stumbling against the discussions opened at the same time between Washington and Luanda on the Cuban military presence in Angola.

It was in vain that Mr de Almeida again denied the link between the two. He nonetheless repeated that if there is a Namibian settlement, Cuba and Angola will analyze "the resumption of the implementation of the program for the gradual withdrawal of the Cuban forces in a period of time decided by the two governments."

Whatever happens, any optimism must be tempered by the scope of the task still awaiting the negotiators in guaranteeing that the Angolan Government will not be defenseless the day its Cuban allies announce their withdrawal. In that regard, France probably has a "guarantor's" role to play. Indeed, the fears of a regime weakened by years of war and which inherited a bankrupt economy cannot be underestimated.

Since there is every reason to think that Mr de Almeida spoke with his government's agreement, the fact remains that Angola has just, in a way, made its entry into the American negotiations. The extreme caution of the initial South African reactions — Pretoria initially refused to make any official comment on the Angolan "gesture" — moreover suggests that in so doing, Luanda has placed the ball in the South African court. The Angolan "gesture" could b : epoch-making.

LE MONDE COMMENTS ON FRENCH-AFRICAN SUMMIT

PM151057 Paris LE MONDE in French 12 Oct 82 p 1

[Editorial: "A Message to Africa"]

[Text] Judging from the warmth of the welcome, Mr Mitterrand's second African tour has been as unsurprisingly successful as the first tour he made in May. The Kinshasa French-African summit even provided the head of state with an opportunity for "fruitful" exchanges with a large number of leaders, including Mr Hissein Habre, whose authority Paris no longer disputes. However, one cannot help wondering about the scope of the message which France delivers to its black African partners on the occasion of such visits, which are so rich in folklore and demonstrations of friendship.

First, in these times of economic difficulties, the fight against terrorism, the massacres in Lebanon or the suppression of freedom in Poland, it is not very surprising that the French public shows no passionate interest in the very serious questions posed, as the Kinshasa final communique stresses, by "the thorny problems of the constant deterioration in trade terms" for states which are victims of "the deterioration in the international economic situation." The French merely paid routine attention to that.

Mr Mitterrand probably took care to remind the Africans that France's aid was "a useful, sometimes, necessary contribution, but merely complements talent for work and the gift of imagination." Despite that explanation, France's African partners nonetheless seem to be counting on increased aid from Paris. In view of the serious difficulties at home, would it not have been better to place more emphasis on the inevitable limits of French aid?

MIDEAST COMMITTEE OFFICIAL ON RECOGNITION OF PLO

JN192136 Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 2100 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] Paris -- Claude Cheysson, French minister of external relations, yesterday evening received (Charles St Proux), head of the French Committee on Peace in the Middle East.

In a statement to a PETRA correspondent after the meeting, (St Proux) said that his talks with Cheysson dealt with the role that France is playing in efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. He said that our stand is like that of the head of French foreign diplomacy who had stated that France will do its best to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East and establish an independent Palestinian state.

(St Proux) added that he had informed Claude Cheysson that the Arabs had shown every flexibility and response through the Fes summit resolutions to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the region, and that the international community must now act to force Israel to show flexibility and responsibility in its stands to achieve the Palestinian people's national aspirations and withdraw from the Palestinian and Lebanese territories. He said that he had asked Cheysson to have France implement its initiatives in the Middle East in a practical manner by officially recognizing the PLO and inviting PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat to pay an official visit to Paris.

The French Committee on Peace in the Middle East comprises French personalities from various political trends and is working to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

GRAIN PURCHASE DEAL CONCLUDED WITH PRC

LD191450 Paris Domestic Service in French 1400 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] For the first time in the history of France and China, the two countries have signed an intergovernment loan agreement for the purchase by China of 700,000 tons of cereals on credit. China is to buy a total of 875,000 tons of French wheat; cash will be paid for 175,000 tons and the remaining 700,000 tons will be covered by the loan granted by the Paris National Bank and the agricultural credit bank. The French Government will reimburse the two banks the difference between the very low rate granted to the Chinese and the current rate on the international market.

LE MONDE VIEWS ANGOLA GESTURE ON CUBAN TROOPS

PM191505 Paris LE MONDE in French 16 Oct 82 p 1

[Editorial: "Toward a Settlement in Namibia?"]

[Text] By its complexity as much as by the interests at stake, the negotiations on the Namibian conflict are probably one of the most frust cating for the incalculable number of governments, movements and organizations involved in them. Nonetheless, there is reason to wonder, with all the usual reservations, whether the negotiations have just taken a new step since Angola made it known through its ambassador in Paris on Thursday, 14 October, that it accepted the idea of "making a gesture" as regards the withdrawal of Cuban troops from its territory.

Of course, caution requires us to stress the importance of the conditions which accompanied that proposal: that Pretoria should stop military intervention in Angolan territory and put an end to "to all military, logistical, air and surface aid to the armed gangs which are infiltrating Angola from Namibia" (in other words to the armed supporters of Mr Savimbi's National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola); that South Africa should also agree to sign a cease-fire in Namibia and to withdraw its troops from that country in keeping with the UN resolutions, handing it over to the "blue helmets [UN forces]."



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MPLA-LABOR PARTY DELEGATION DEPARTS FOR CUBA

EA162346 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 16 Oct 82

[Text] A delegation of the MPLA-Labor Party led by the Central Committee secretary for organization, Comrade Lucio Lara, has left for Cuba on an official and friendly visit. The Angolan delegation's visit to Cuba comes within the framework of recent agreements between the Cuban Communist Party and the MPLA-Labor Party.

UNITA REPRESENTATIVE DENIES MASSACRE CHARGES

MB190927 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] The Angola UNITA movement says allegations by the Angolan Government that UNITA massacred some 300 villagers at (Chinhana), 150 km from Huambo, are untrue. UNITA's deputy foreign representative told a news conference in London that UNITA would not kill its own supporters, who are taking part in the struggle against the MPLA government.

The representative, Mr (Peter Chigundi), said it was the MPLA which was killing people who are against the presence of Cuban troops in Angola. Last week, the MPLA government accused UNITA of having massacred 150 people, including women and children, in Huila Province of southern Angola.

UNITA STATEMENT REPORTS MPLA-CUBAN ATTACK

MB190932 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Text] A statement by UNITA in Lisbon said that some 12,000 MPLA troops and 5,000 Cubans were making a three-pronged attack against UNITA forces in the center of the country. It said the attacks had been launched in the Cuando-Cubango and Moxico Provinces with the support of 22 helicopters, 7 Mig-21 fighter-bombers and 27 tanks. Since the 8th of this month, the MPLA and Cuban forces had been using napalm against UNITA regions of southern Angola.

LESOTHO

SPOKESMAN DENIES MALAN'S DESTABILIZATION CHARGES

MB170719 Maseru Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 15 Oct 82

[Text] Spokesman for the Lesotho Government says that [words indistinct] brought against Lesotho, that Lesotho is destabilizing South Africa, are unfortunate.

The spokesman was reacting to South African press reports in which the South African minister of defense, Mr Magnus Malan, is reported to have said that, Zimbabwe, Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Lesotho are destabilizing the Republic of South Africa. Mr Malan said the destabilization is being done by these countries through acts of terror and by being used as passages for terrorist organizations. The spokesman said that Mr Malan knows very well that Lesotho only gives political asylum to South African refugees and freedom fighters and does not give them bases for military attacks against South Africa. He added that Lesotho is obligated by humanitarian considerations to give sanctuary for these victims of South Africa's apartheid system who are persecuted [words indistinct] because they want political and economic rights.

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Previously, Lucio Lara and his delegation visited the Valle del Peru Livestock Enterprise in San Jose de Las Lajas, where the Pioneers gave them a warm welcome in the name of the workers of the enterprise. (Jesus Monsate), director of the center, described the production advances of this important livestock enterprise for the visitors.

Luico Lara said that although his visit had been brief, he had verified the development of Havana Province. The Angolan leader praised the Cuban internationalist fighters at the center who had completed missions in his country. Finally, he gave his assurance that Angola, as well as Cuba would continue the struggle for the construction of socialism.

ALGERIA DELEGATION SIGNS PROTOCOL, DEPARTS

FL212035 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] The third meeting of the Cuba-Algeria Joint Intergovernmental Commission for Economic, Scientific-Technical, Trade and Cultural Cooperation ended today with the signing of a protocol. The document was signed by Levi Farah, government minister for construction abroad, and Ahmed Chazali, member of Algeria's National Liberation Front and minister of housing and construction, a few hours before the Algerian delegation departed for its country.

SAO TOME, PRINCIPE EDUCATION MINISTER VISITS

FL220035 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Armando Hart Davalos, member of the Politburo and mirister of culture, has received Joaquim Rafael Branco, minister of education and culture of the [democratic] Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, at the main offices of the Culture Ministry. During a fraternal meeting, the two ministers exchanged experiences in an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie. They discussed matters related with the cultural sphere.

Rafael Branco is paying a visit to Cuba at the invitation of Education Minister Jose Ramon Fernandez, vice president of the Council of Ministers. During his stay in Cuba, Rafael Branco visited the Isle of Youth where 26 Sao Tome and Principe students are enrolled in school.

VILMA ESPIN TRAVELS TO BERLIN FROM POLAND

FL212320 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2102 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Vilma Espin, president of the Federation of Cuban Women, today left the Polish capital for Berlin from where she will return to our country. The alternate member of the party Politburo and of the Council of State participated in the annual conference of the Socialist Community Presidents of Women Organizations.

LARA-LED ANGOLAN DELEGATION CONTINUES VISIT

Meets With Camacho Aguilera

FL200110 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 20 Oct 82

[Text] Lucio Lara member of the MPLA-Labor Party Politburo, and the high-level delegation he heads today visited the main offices of the party in Havana City Province. They were received by Julio Camacho Aguilera, member of our party Politburo and its first party secretary in the capital, and by Jorge Valdes Rodriguez, member of the party Central Committee and second secretary in Havana City. Lucio Lara and Camacho Aguilera held cordial talks regarding topics of mutual interest. Afterwards, the Angolan delegation visited the municipal main offices the (?plaza) municipality.

Visits AALAPSO Offices

FL211623 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Politburo, has visited the headquarters of the Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples Solidarity Organization [AALAPSO], where he was received by Secretary General Melba Hernandez. Melba briefed Lara and the members of his delegation on the operation of the organization, which is working arduously to provide real and effective solidarity for all the peoples of the world.

The Angolan leader expressed interest in the present situation in Africa, Asia and Latin America during a meeting, in which the members of the AALAPSO Executive Secretariat also participated.

Visits Havana Province CCP

FL211955 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Jesus Montane Oropeza, alternate Politburo and secretariat member, has received Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Politboro, at the headquarters of the party's Central Committee. Lara is heading a delegation from the People's Republic of Angola that is visiting our country. Lara was accompanied by Carlos Gomes, director of the Department of Support for Mass and Social Organizations of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, and Mwaete Joao Baptista, Angolan ambassador to Cuba.

Ernesto Escobar, deputy chief of the Central Committee's General Department of Foreign Relations, and Carmelo Sanchez, an official of the same Department participated in the talks on the Cuban side.

The two delegations held a fraternal exchange of impressions on matters of mutual interest in the sphere of the relations between the two parties.

Lucio Lara also visited Havana Province, where he was received by Luis Alvarez de la Nuez, member of the Central Committee and first secretary of the provincial committee of the party. Luis Alvarez described for the visiting Angolan delegation the characteristics of the province, which produces sugar, tubers, vegetables and dairy products. He emphasized the high yields achieved in these products in the last few years.

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The Cuban foreign minister, who is also chairman of the nonaligned ministerial committee for Palestinian affairs, traveled to that Mediterranean island to supervise the work of the committee. Tomorrow, the participants in the meeting will travel to Tunis where they will hold 2 days of talks with Yasir 'Arafat together with several nonaligned foreign ministers, who are waiting in Tunis for Malmierca and 4 other ministers to arrive.

During the talks the participants will discuss ways in which the nonaligned countries will demonstrate their solidarity with the Palestiinian and Lebanese peoples.

COMMENTARY VIEWS ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA

PA230407 Havama International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 22 Oct 82

[Station commentary]

[Text] The Cuban presence in Angola is not only military, in that African country we can see Cuban teachers teaching, doctors saving lives, nurses curing the sick and workers building homes and roads. Other socioeconomic sectors also benefit from Cuban cooperation based on bilateral agreements and a friendship that goes back to the early years of the struggle for independence that the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola carried out against Portuguese colonialism.

However, the Western reactionary press, mostly echoing Washington, is only interested in pointing out the presence of Cuban troops and demanding their immediate withdrawal.

It is no secret that Cuban troops are in Angola because of sovereign agreements signed by both parties. As we have said, in Angola there are other Cuban helpers who don't carry weapons or occupy the sandy trenches of the south or the north. But the international bourgeois press, in their broad campaign directed at events in southern Africa, don't mention or pay attention to them.

This force is made up of approximately 2,000 people. They teach children in the class-rooms. They are young teachers who have not yet reached their 20th birthday and who have left their homes and comforts to form the contingent named after Ernesto Che Guevara, in this way reliving the times when the heroic guerrilla visited those lands.

In the hospitals we can see other helpers who do not dress in olive green, but of course the capitalist press does not mention them. Each of these men and women wear a white coat, and in their hand they carry a scalpel. They are the young Cuban doctors of today, who in practicing their profession give up hours of sleep to save lives. They are doctors, nurses and health technicians. In 5 years of cooperation they have attended to more than 10 million outpatient calls, assisted in approximately 120,000 deliveries and performed more than 130,000 surgical operations. For a country like Angola where the average life span is 25 years, the presence of Cuban doctors has been one of the most significant efforts made by the two countries to alleviate the hardships inherited from colonialism.

For the Angolan people the Cuban doctor is an example. Many interviews have been made with their patients, and they all agreed that the Cuban doctors do not rest, that they work hard and that the doctors and nurses are their brothers and sisters.

The reporters of the capitalist press could verify this very easily.

There are other Cuban helpers in Angola whom the capitalist press has never mentioned. These are the men and women who go from province to province, tools in hand, often risking their lives, to build homes, build roads, repair bridges or work on projects for drinking water for the people.

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Holds Press Conference

FL260145 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Text] Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Politburo, who is paying a friendly working visit to our country, this afternoon held a press conference during which he discussed aspects of his visit to Cuba as well as the development of Angola and the difficult situation being endured by the southern part of Africa.

The Angolan leader referred to the warm welcome accorded to the delegation he heads at the various places visited in our country as well as the demonstrations of brotherhood by the Cubans to the people of Angola.

In his statements, Lucio Lara reiterated Angola's rejection of the claims by the so-called Contact Group headed by the United States that Namibia's independence was contingent on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angolan territory, a pretext which is being used by South Africa and the United States to impede an adequate political solution in the

RODRIGUEZ RECEIVED BY WILLI STOPH IN BERLIN

FL252232 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2202 GMT 25 Oct 82

[Text] Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of Cuba's councils of state and ministers, was received this afternoon in Berlin by CDR Premier Willi Stoph. Rodriguez, who is also member of the Communist Party of Cuba Politburo, was accompanied to the talks by Cuban Ambassador to the GDR Julio Garcia Oliveira and Vice Foreign Minister Jorge Bolanos.

During the talks between the Cuban and GDR leaders, the two sides exchanged information on the state of the development of the two countries' economies. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez and Willi Stoph examined trends in the international political situation, particularly U.S.

During the talks Premier Stoph sent greetings to Commander in Chief Fidel Castro and to Army Gen Raul Castro, first vice president of the councils of state and minister of our country [as heard].

The two sides discussed the serious international economic crisis and the effect it has on developing countries. The Cuban and GDR leaders confirmed with great satisfaction the upward path the economic and political relations between Cuba and the GDR are following.

ECONOMY RECORDS 5 PERCENT GROWTH IN 1982

FL260037 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Text] During this year's first 6 months the Cuban economy recorded a growth rate of more than 5 percent in marked contrast with Latin American economies in general. The announcement was made by Raul Leon Torras, minister president of the National Bank of Cuba, during a interview he granted to PRENSA LATINA when he recently visited Canada.

The Cuban minister stated that Cuba's foreign debt in foreign currency did not record growth over a period of several years as a result of the Cuban Government's sensible policy. He also noted that our government in 1979 had adopted the necessary measures to eliminate the deficit in the balance of payments in the foreign currency account, and by 1981 and during this year the balance of payments shows a considerable surplus.

GDR MILITARY DELEGATION RETURNS HOME AFTER TALKS

FL251907 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 25 Oct 82

[Text] Army Gen Raul Castro, second secretary of the party's Central Committee and minister of FAR, has seen off Army Gen Heinz Hoffmann, member of the Politburo of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and defense minister of the GDR.

Div Gen Senen Casas Regueiro, first vice minister of the FAR, and Div Gen Sixto Batista Santana, chief of the FAR Central Political Directorate, both alternate members of the Politburo, were also present at the Jose Marti airport.

During his visit to Cuba, the GDR defense minister met with Commander in Chief Fidel Castro and with the minister of the FAR and visited several military institutions.

ACTIVITIES OF ANGOLA'S LUCIO LARA REPORTED

Visits Santiago de Cuba

FL231858 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1834 GMT 25 Oct 82

[Text] Lucio Lara, member of Angola's MPLA-Labor Party Politburo, has arrived in Santiago de Cuba accompanied by Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Politburo. Jose Ramon Balaguer Cabrera, member of the PCC Central Committee and first party secretary in Santiago de Cuba Province, welcomed the distinguished visitor at the Antonio Maceo International Airport.

This morning Lucio Lara and the delegation accompanying him visited the 26 July school-city and the Siboney farm.

During his stay in the revolution's birthplace, the Angolan leader will meet with party leaders in Santiago de Cuba Province and visit production centers and places of historical and tourist interest.

Meets With ICAP Officials

FL252247 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2205 GMT 25 Oct 82

[Text] Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Party, and the delegation accompanying him today met with leaders and officials of the Cuban Institute for Friendship With Peoples [ICAP] in this capital.

The distinguished visitor explained various aspects of his visit to Cuba as well as the importance that the exchange of experiences with the ICAP has for relations between the two countries. He also announced that the Angolan League of Friendship With Peoples will increase the level of relations with its Cuban counterpart which, he said, is of great importance to counteract the campaign of lies being conducted by imperialism against his nation.

ICAP Vice President Guillen Zelaya stressed that solidarity with Angola is an essential factor in his institution's work.



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FURTHER ON ANGOLA'S LUCIO LARA PRESS CONFERENCE

FL261450 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Excerpts] Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA Labor Party Politburo of the fraternal People's Republic of Angola, has held a press conference with foreign and Cuban journalists at the Cubanacan Protocol Hall.

On his views of African issues, he said that Washington and Pretoria are attempting to link the withdrawal of the racists and the decolonization of Namibia to Cuban-Angolan internationalist assistance. He noted that, as the governments of Cuba and Angola had freely decided and announced in their February joint communique, the Cuban combatants will be withdrawn when asked to do so by the Angolan Government, when the threat of aggression against Angola no longer exists and when Namibia becomes free.

[Begin Lara recording] We can state that this position of the Cuban Government and the Angolan Government has the support today of almost the entire world. Up to the present, no country in the United Nations has declared itself against this position. All of the African countries have declared themselves in favor of the Angolan and Cuban position.

In other words, the position is not to establish any — they have not been able to establish any — relationship between the presence of Cuban troops in Angola and Namibia's independence, because we are dealing with two different things. As a matter of fact, as we were able to see recently there is no consensus between the contact group made up by France, Germany, Canada, England and the United States and the United States itself on this point.

French Foreign Minister Cheysson said this openly when he finally stated a clear and unmistakable position of what is right and just, which is to say, a demonstration to the world that only the United States is contemplating blackmail by establishing a link between the Cuban presence in Angola and Namibian independence, a different matter altogether (?mandated) by UN resolution 435 of 1978. [end recording]

Cubans Won't Be Replaced

EA261456 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1300 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Text] Lucio Lara, organizing secretary of the Angolan MPLA Labor party, has dismissed reports that French troops are to replace Cuban troops in Angolan territory. Lucio Lara said at a press conference in Havana yesterday that this kind of report is completely ludicrous.

He once again reaffirmed that there could be no link between the presence of Cuban troops in Angola and the process of Namibian independence, although South Africa and the United States are trying to connect the two questions.

U.S., SOUTH AFRICA SCORED ON NAMIBIA ISSUE

FL280041 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] South Africa and the United States are trying to introduce foreign elements into the negotiations to hamper Namibia's independence, Cuban Ambassador Raul Roa Kouri charged today at the United Nations. The Cuban representative delivered a vibrant speech on the Day of Solidarity With the Namibian people, in which he said that South Africa and the United States are attempting to condition Namibia's independence to the withdrawal of Cuban troops, which remain in Angola at the request of its government.

Raul Roa Kouri stressed the right of the South West African People's Organization to continue the armed struggle until freedom is attained, and indicated that so long as that territory continues to be illegally occupied by South Africa, the administrative authority falls to the UN Council for Namibia.

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DOS SANTOS RECEIVES NUJOMA, GDR MESSAGE

AB271447 Luanda ANGOP in French 1427 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Luanda, 27 Oct (ANGOP) -- This morning at the Futungo de Belas in Luanda, Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the MPLA-Labor Party and of the People's Republic of Angola, received in audience SWAPO leader Sam Nujoma with whom he examined world issues.

Also this morning, the Angolan head of state received Johannes Schulz the GDR ambassador to Luanda, who conveyed to him a personal message from GDR President Erich Honecker.

HUNGARIAN DEFENSE MINISTER CZINEGE DEPARTS

EA271458 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the MPLA Workers Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, had a meeting with Hungarian Defense Minister Gen Lajos Czinege in Luanda yesterday (?just before the latter's) return home.

At the meeting the Hungarian defense minister told the Angolan head of state that the two countries are cooperating on the basis of the treaty of friendship signed by Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Hungarian Leader Janos Kadar. Gen Lajos Czinege went on to say that his visit to our country did not enable him to see Angolan realities in depth but that his tour of Huila and Namibe [formerly Mocamedes] Provinces enabled him to familiarize himself with the experience of the Angolan people.

At the meeting, the Hungarian defense minister made a gift of a golden sword to Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos as Hungar's recognition of the merits of the Angolan head of state in leading the People's Republic of Angola, and a photograph album with a pictorial review of life in the armed forces of the socialist country. Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale, defense minister, was present at the meeting.

In an interview with the news media yesterday just before departure, Gen Lajos Czinege said his visit to our country gave both Defense Ministries the chance to examine cooperation in the field of military training, cadre training, exchange of experiences and mutual assistance in this sector.

We recall that the Hungarian and Angolan defense ministers signed a military cooperation agreement at the end of their official talks in Luanda the day before yesterday.

MPLA-LABOR PARTY OFFICIAL ON VISIT TO CUBA

For Maputo and Havana reportage on the visit to Cuba by Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Political Bureau, including talks with various Cuban officials and a press conference in Havana, see the Cuba section of the 19 October Latin America DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

MOZAMBIQUE

CHIPANDE INTERVIEWED BEFORE PORTUGAL VISIT

EA261200 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Excerpt] National Defense Minister Lt Gen Alberto Chipande said in Maputo yesterday that Mozambique soldiers might leave for Portugal for training courses as part of the cooperation between the two countries in the military field.

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REGIONAL TU EDUCATION MEETING CONVENES

FL301330 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Oct 82

[Text] A consultation meeting on Latin American and Caribbean trade union education has opened here with representatives from several countries of the region attending. The goal of the meeting is to improve ties between the WPTU and its affiliated and associated branches. The group will meet through Sunday.

The opening speech was delivered by Jesus Escandel, member of the CTC [Central Organization of Cuban Trade Unions] Executive Secretariat, who stressed the significance of holding the meeting at a time when the capitalist economic crisis is directly and adversely affecting workers in underdeveloped countries. Escandel said that now this crisis, marked by the shutting down of factories and massive layoffs of workers — intensifying the conflict between the exploited and exploiters — called for capable leaders with strong ideological conviction to respond to the interests of the workers.

He said that Cuba had contributed to that task through the training of cadres in the Lazaro Pena School and that the achievements of the Cuban labor movement in the building of socialism become greater each day.

SOVIET DELEGATION ARRIVES FOR CELEBRATIONS

FL011415 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 30 Oct 82

[Text] A USSR delegation invited to attend the celebrations for the 65th anniversary of the October Revolution arrived in our country this morning. Igor Vevgenyevich Klochkov, secretary of Moscow's CPSU regional committee, heads the delegation which is also made up by (Linky Viktor Vasilyevich), vice president of the Soviet-Cuban Friendship Society, and Irina Baskakova, secretary general.

The delegation was welcomed by Ramon Castro and Zoilo Marinello, members of the Cuban-Soviet Friendship Society, and Alfonso Guillen Zelaya, vice president of the ICAP [Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples].

EDUCATION DETACHMENT SENDS MESSAGE TO DOS SANTOS

FL011703 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1506 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Text] The northern Luanda Province contingent of the Cuban Ernesto Che Guevara internationalist education detachment today sent a message to Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos. In the letter the Cuban teachers reaffirmed to the Angolan president the determination of our internationalists to fulfill their education commitments with quality and dedication.

According to other information received from Luanda, (Joaquin Hernan), director general of the Angolan oven and machinery enterprise, has said that Cuban internationalist advice has been decisive in the fulfillment of the government's plans. In an interview published today by the weekly VERDE OLIVO, the Angolan leader praised the enthusiastic work of the Cuban collaborators, as a result of which, he said, a large number of machines have been repaired.

CASTRO RECEIVES ANGOLA'S LARA, ATTENDS RECEPTION

FL021300 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 2 Nov 82

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the party Central Committee and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, yesterday received Lucio Lara, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Politburo and Secretariat.

During the meeting, which took place in a friendly and fraternal atmosphere, the two leaders exchanged views on the work of their parties, discussed international issues — particularly those related to southern Africa — and reviewed the development of Cuban-Angolan relations and other matters of mutual interest.

Lucio Lara departed for Angola yesterday evening after paying a friendly and working visit to our country at the invitation of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee. During his stay in our fatherland, Lara conducted an extensive tour through several provinces and met with leaders of the revolution. He expressed interest in the work of the party, the UJC [Union of Young Communists], the social and mass organizations, and the relations between our party organizations.

The commander in chief also attended a reception hosted by Hocine Zatout, ambassador from the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria to Cuba, to mark the 1 December National Day festivities, the 28th anniversary of the beginning of the armed struggle and of the revolution in that fraternal Arab country.

RODRIGUEZ CONFERS WITH IRAQ'S TARIQ 'AZIZ

FL011401 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Text] Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers of Cuba, has met in Baghdad with Tariq 'Aziz, Revolution Command Council member and deputy prime minister. The two leaders analyzed the Iran-Iraq conflict and the prospects for a negotiated resolution of the possible discussion of this subject at the forthcoming Non-aligned Movement meetings.

Carlos Rafael Rodriguez and the delegation accompanying him also met with the Cuban medical workers in Iraq. The Cuban leader congratulated his compatriots for the great popular and official respect they have earned for their dedicated work. He also emphasized the importance of their contribution to the health of the Iraqi people and what this represents for the friendly relations between the two nations.

Carlos Rafael Rodriguez has been in Baghdad since 27 October at the head of a delegation that is paying an official and friendly visit to Iraq.

The Cuban leader was received in special audience by Saddam Husayn, president of the Revolution Command Council and the republic, with whom he held a cordial conversation.

Trade Ministers Meet

FL011559 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 1 Nov 82

[Text] Baghdad -- Ricardo Cabrizas, Cuba's minister of foreign trade, has met with Hasan 'Ali, member of the Revolution Command Council and Iraqi trade minister. The two ministers discussed Cuban-Iraqi economic cooperation and trade at the meeting.

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ANGOLAM MPLA-PT MEMBER VISITS FIDEL CASTRO

PM091459 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 3 Nov 82 p 4

[Text] Havana, 2 Nov (TASS) — Yesterday Fidel Castro, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Central Committee and president of the republic's Council of State and Council of Ministers, received Lucio Lara, member of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party [MPLA-PT] Central Committee, who is here on a visit.

The newspaper GRANMA reports that during the talk between F. Castro and L. Lara which took place in an atmosphere of fraternal friendship there was an exchange of opinions on the activity of the PCC and the MPLA-PT. There was also an analysis of various aspects of the present international situation, in particular the situation in southern Africa, and the development of relations between Cuba and Angola.

ARMED STRUGGLE NEIDED TO OUST PINOCHET FROM CHILE

PY101522 Moscow in Spanish to Chile 2130 GMT 3 Nov 82

[Report on roundtable "recently held in Chile" with clandestine leadership of Chilean Communist Party, PCCH]

[Text] [Announcer] The Communists and the Chilean people have learned that the political struggle of the masses is not enough, that it is not enough to establish a democratic government. We learned that it is also necessary to defend it. We have arrived at the conclusion that to be able to oust Pinochet we must undertake an armed struggle in addition to undertaking a political struggle.

This is a statement issued by (Salomon), one of the PCCH [Chilean Communist Party] leaders who took part in a roundtable that was recently held in Chile and that will be brought to you in full. Our colleague Jose Manuel Garcia will be reading the questions on the present concerns that many sectors share about PCCH policies while the answers of PCCH leader (Salomon) and (Juan) will be read by our colleagues Jose Miguel Varas and Rolando Carrasco.

[First speaker] I would like to note that terrorism is inherent to fascism. Can there be worse terrorism than there is under the Pinochet regime? Fascism has been in force in Chile with fire and blood. More than 500 were assassinated during the first days of the coup and the (Mapuche) was filled with corpses. The whole world knew about the [words indistinct] case, the Lonquen case; the assassinations abroad of General Pratt, of Letier; etc. Fascism constantly resorts to violence, brutality and terrorism to keep itself in power. Therefore, when we Communists demand the right of the people to rebel we are marely demanding that the people exercise their legitimate right of answering violence with violence.

However, this does not mean that violence will be turned against the people but against the minority groups that have oppressed and exploited the people for so many years.

[Second speaker] There are those who say that Communists started to talk about violence but later decided against it and returned to their traditional position of mass struggle. How does the PCCH react to this statement?

[Third speaker] I would say that it is the other way around. The Communists have never discarded the mass struggle. We have never done this and this must be clearly understood. The masses can resort to either political struggle or armed struggle, neither of which excludes violence. The degree of violence employed depends on the regime that is being confronted. Undoubtedly, it is different to develop a mass struggle under a democratic regime, like those existing prior to 1973, than to do so under a fascist regime.



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Perez Herrero, who is also a member of our party's Central Committee Secretariat, observed the reconstruction work of a bridge in the northern city of Chinandega which is being carried out by members of the Celia Sanchez Manduley construction brigade and Nicaraguan workers. Perez Herrero also chatted with Cuban technicians assisting Nicaraguans working on a prefabricated housing plant.

Perez Herrero toured the Mataglapa-El Tuma segment of a road more than 200 kms long, the first section of which was built by Cuban internationalist workers over a 2-year period of hard work. In his tour of Nicaragua's interior, Perez Herrero expressed interest in the activities of Cuban physicians and teachers in the cities of Esteli, Matagalpa, Granada and Masaya.

The Cuban leader also held several rounds of talks with Carlos Nunez Tellez, member of the FSLN National Commander directorate, who bade farewell to him today at the conclusion of Perez Herrero's visit to Nicaragua. The Cuban delegation led by Perez Herrero attended the ceremony held in Matagalpa in memory of Nicaragua's national hero, Carlos Fonseca Amador.

TEACHERS ARRIVE IN ANGOLA ON 18-MONTH TOUR

FL171635 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1502 GMT 17 Nov 82

[Text] The first 53 members of the fourth contingent of the Ernesto Che Guevara internationalist teachers detachment have arrived in Luanda, Angola. The members of the third contingent presented the relief team with the flag which symbolizes the guerrilla record of the three preceding detachments, an outstanding example to educators.

A member of the group read the pledge to continue the heroic tradition of the three preceding detachments and promised to do their best as teachers or, should it be necessary, as combatants together with the Angolan people to face any attempted imperialist aggression.

Afterwards, they presented the flag to the directorate of the UJC [Union of Young Communists] in Angola which will symbolically keep it under its custody during the 18-month tour in the fraternal African country.

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION TALKS HELD IN ALGIERS

FL171230 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 17 Nov 82

[Text] Algiers — Arnaldo Milian, member of the Politburo and Cuba's agriculture minister, has held talks with Salim Saadi, Algeria's agriculture minister. The two leaders discussed prospects for bilateral cooperation in that sector, profitting from each country's experience.

SOVIET, OTHER CEMA LEGAL DELEGATIONS ARRIVE

FL151935 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 15 Nov 82

[Text] (D. Kudryavtsev), member of the CEMA Secretariat, and (N.A. Osetrov), head of the Soviet delegation to the 21st meeting of the CEMA conference for legal affairs, arrived in Havana this morning. Justice Minister Hector Garcia and Miguel Reyes Salia, chief arbiter of the National State Arbitration Organ, were at the Jose Marti International Airport to welcome them.

The delegations from Romania, Bulgaria, Poland and Mongolia also arrived this morning to participate in the meeting, the first legal meeting held by the CEMA in our country.

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The ceremony, held at the FAR Universal hall in this capital and sponsored by the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples and the Cuban-Arab Friendship Association, was chaired by Sergio del Valle, member of the Politburo and minister of public health; Jesus Montane, chief of the Foreign Relations General Department of the Central Committee and alternate member of the Polutburo; other members of the Central Committee and PLO Charge d'Affaires in Cuba 'Imad Jada', who also spoke at the ceremony.

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Also present at the ceremony were leaders of the party, state and Union of Young Communists.

ECONOMIC OFFICIAL MEETS WITH PERUVIAN OFFICIALS

FL252330 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 25 Nov 82

[Text] Lima -- Jose Fernandez Cossio, vice president of Cuba's State Committee for Economic Cooperation, has met with Peruvian officials during a stopover in transit to Havana. Fernandez Cossio arrived in Lima from Montevideo where he attended an OLADE meeting.

In that capital [presumably Lima], he met with (Jorge Yousa Bautrat), secretary of the Foreign Ministry, and (Guillermo Nieto), director of cooperation and undersecretary. He was also received by Commerce Minister (Maria Jesus Huma) and by top officials of the National Planning Institute -- INP. In the talks they covered matters of mutual interest for the two countries in the area of cooperation.

INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION ACCORD SIGNED WITH ANGOLA

FL242145 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2120 GMT 24 Nov 82

[Text] An agreement covering talks between Hector Rodriguez Llompart, minister-president of the State Committee for Economic Cooperation, and Angolan Industry Minister Alberto do Carmo Bento Ribeiro has been signed in Havana.

The agreement signed by the two officials establishes the two countries' interest in expanding economic cooperation in the sugar, metal-mechanical working, shipbuilding and basic industries.

During his stay in Cuba, Bento Ribeiro held talks with Joel Domenech, minister of basic industry, Diocles Torralba, minister of the sugar industry, and other Cuban leaders. The Angolan minister completed an extensive schedule of visits to manufacturing and agricultural centers related to sectors of mutual interest.

PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION PAYS VISIT TO FRG

FL250055 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 25 Nov 82

[Text] A delegation from Cuba's National Assembly of the People's Government [ANPP] headed by Deputy Ernesto Vera today began a 12-day visit to the FRG at the invitation of the federal parliament. Besides Vera, who presides over the ANPP's Culture and Arts Commission and the Union of Cuban Journalists, the delegation is made up by Juan Bravo Wendez, president of Camaguey's provincial assembly, Ricardo Duenas, dean of the agricultural faculty of Las Villas university, and (Zoe Diaz Gonzalez), professor and director of Russian language of the Ministry of Education.

The Cuban deputies were welcomed last night at the Cologne airport by federal parliament and FRG Government representatives. Today, the delegation visited the main offices of the Social Democratic Party where it met with the party's director of foreign relations, (Edgar Hart Digdos). Tomorrow, the Cuban parliamentary delegation will attend a luncheon hosted by West German parliamentarians.

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SONANGOL ENTERPRISE ACQUIRES MOBIL OIL FACILITIES

MBO21229 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 2 Dec 82

[Text] The National Angolan Fuel Company [Sonangol] has acquired Mobil's installations in Luanda, Benguela and Namibia, that used to handle about 15 percent of the total fuel distributed in Angola. According to a contract signed in Luanda yesterday between Viegas de Abreu, the assistant general manager of Sonangol, and Braz Gouveia, the Mobil representative in Angola, both the national and foreign staff employed by Mobil will join Sonangol. Their integration, however, is not compulsory.

Meanwhile, Mobil trading activities are to continue as normal until the merger is completed by the end of March 1983. Sonangol will then have a monopoly in internal fuel trading.

CUBAN DELEGATION VISITS MALANGE PROVINCE

AB021313 Luanda ANGOP in French 1040 GMT 2 Dec 82

[Text] Malange, 2 Dec (ANGOP) -- The delegation from the Department of Revolutionary Orientation of the Communist Party of Cuba, headed by Rafael Gonzalez, which has been on a few days' visit to Malange Province, yesterday held discussions with Manuel Antonio, coordinator of the Department of Ideology of the Provincial Committee of the MPLA-Labor Party.

The discussions between the two parties centered on bilateral issues. Also yesterday, the Cuban delegation visited Kalandula Falls, about 80 km away from Malange township. It also visited the provincial offices of ANGOP and the regional station of the Angolan national broadcasting system.

NAMIBIA

SWAPO-D CRITICIZES EXTENSION OF ASSEMBLY

MB021350 Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English 26 Nov 82 p 5

[Text] SWAPO-D [SWAPO-Democrats] has strongly criticised the decision by the SA Government to extend the term of the National Assembly for another three months.

It did so this week in a statement in Windhoek signed by the party's secretary for information and publicity, Emil Appolus.

Referring to SA Prime Minister P.W. Botha's one reason for the extension, namely that the DTA is not ready at this juncture to compete in an election, Mr Appolus states: "To say that the 12 'parties' comprising the DTA are not at this juncture ready to face an election is tantamount to saying that there cannot be any election in Namibia in the foreseeable future. For, given another three months, the DTA will be in even greater disarray than it is now, and will therefore be less ready for an election."

The SWAPO-D statement goes on to call on the "partictic and genuinely nationalistic forces of Namibia to get together to cleanse the country of the political pollution and ethnic divisions which this group has wrought."

Referring to the SA Government's present position linking the Cuban withdrawal to a final settlement in Namibia, the statement adds: "Our position is that there is no relationship whatsoever between Cuba's presence in Angola — or in any other part of globe for that matter — and that of the right of self-determination of the Namibian people.

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SECRETARY OF STATE LEAVES FOR MEETING IN CUBA

AB031830 Luanda ANGOP in French 1620 GMT 3 Dec 82

[Text] Luanda, 3 Dec (ANGOP) -- Paulino Pinto Joao, the Angolan secretary of state for cooperation, left Luanda on Thursday for Cuba where he will participate in the Angola-Cuba joint subcommission economic meeting.

Speaking to the Angolan press before his departure, Paulino Pinto Joao stated that deliberations at this joint subcommission meeting will essentially be devoted to the examination of economic projects relating to agriculture and industry and to the drawing up of the program of activities to be undertaken during next year.

Furthermore, he added, this meeting will set for itself the goal of reviewing the activities undertaken by Angola and Cuba during the current year within the framework of economic cooperation between them. Concerning next year's working plans, the Angolan secretary of state for cooperation indicated that the meeting will also talk about the sugar industry in Angola.

MOZAMBIQUE

RSA MILITARY INCURSION INTO STATE FARM REPULSED

AB080805 Paris AFP in English 0752 GMT 8 Dec 82

[Text] Maputo, Mozambique, Dec. 8 (AFP) -- A South African military force last Monday attacked a state farm nine km (five miles) inside Mozambique, wounding 16 people and destroying three tractors, the Mozambican News Agency reported here today.

The report said the attack took place in the Napulangwene district of Maputo Province, $170~\rm{km}$ (105 miles) northwest of the capital.

The attack follows an exchange of accusations by the Mozambican and South African Governments concerning military activity along the border.

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha said last Friday that South African forces would undertake "follow-up operations, with resulting serious implications for the people of the region," if nationalist guerrillas continued to cross the border from Mozmabique into South Africa.

The Napulangwene area, between the Incomati and Limpopo Rivers has been the scene of several attacks by South African-backed Mozambican anti-government rebels, who have staged attacks on villages, shops and transport links in several parts of Mozambique.

SOUTH AFRICA

TALKS REPORTEDLY TO BE HELD WITH ANGOLA

MB080807 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 8 Dec 82

[Text] Official sources in Cape Verde say South African and Angolan officials are to attend a meeting shortly in the Cape Verde capital of Praia, in efforts to speed up the independence of South-West Africa/Namibia. They said the meeting had been arranged by President Aristides Pereira of Cape Verde.

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Commenting on the peace proposals for solving the Central American crisis, the Cuban vice president said that the problem is that U.S. President Ronald Reagan and his team believe, or try to believe, that the borders between capitalism and communism pass through Central America today.

Rodriguez said that in response to Reagan's propaganda, Cuba might challenge the United States to accept the initiation of peace negotiations for Central America, for this would reveal who is really trying to destabilize the area.

As for Honduras, Rodriguez said that this country, particularly Gen Gustavo Alvarez, its military chief, is playing a role that might be described as sinister, not only in terms of Nicaragua but of Latin America as a whole.

An odious role has also fallen to Costa Rica, Rodriguez stressed, because the Costa Rican Government has forgotten its national traditions and has become a U.S. policy instrument in the area.

ALMEIDA MEETS WITH OFFICIAL IN KHARTOUM

FLO81248 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 8 Dec 82

[Text] Cuban Council of State Vice President Juan Almeida has made a technical stop in Khartoum, capital of Sudan, where he was welcomed by Minister of State for Foreign Relations Mustafa Maydani. In a meeting held by Almeida and Maydani at the air terminal in Khartoum, the two leaders discussed some topics dealing with the international situation and the seventh Nonaligned Movement summit conference, which will be held in New Delhi, India, next March.

In his present tour of African countries, Cuban Vice President Juan Almeida has already visited Tanzania and Ethiopia.

AGRICULTURE VICE MINISTER VISITS ANGOLAN PROVINCE

FL081648 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 8 Dec 82

[Text] Francisco Gonzalez, Cuban vice minister of agriculture and member of the Central Committee, toured the northern province of Cabinda last weekend during an official visit to Angola. Gonzalez told the local press that he is studying with Angolan officials the way to strengthen bilateral relations in the agricultural field. He visited Cabinda to make an evaluation of this region's forestry potential.

CASTRO SENDS GREETINGS TO LAOS, ALBANIA

Lao Anniversary

BKO81516 Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao 0000 GMT 8 Dec 82

[Text] Greetings messages from the Republic of Cuba: to Comrade Kaysone Phomvihan, general secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party [LPRP] Central Committee and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Lao People's Democratic Republic [LPDR] and Comrade Souphanouvong, president of the LPDR:

Dear comrades, on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the establishment of the LPDR, I would like to extend warm, fraternal congratulations to the LPRP, the government and the Lao people. Over the past several years, the Lao people, under the leadership of the LPRP, have succeeded in advancing along the path of socialist transformation and in defending the gains of the revolution.

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ANGOP-TASS TELEX LINK BEGINS OPERATIONS

AB160900 Luanda ANGOP in French 1930 GMT 15 Dec 82

[Text] Luanda, 15 Dec (ANGOP) -- Telex operations between Luanda and Moscow that directly link the headquarters of the Angolan and Soviet press agencies, ANGOP and TASS respectively, began functioning this morning to facilitate the exchange of information services. The establishment of this direct telex link follows agreements on cooperation and exchange of information services that were signed in Moscow by the management of the two agencies.

INDUSTRY MINISTER RIBEIRO VISITS CUBA, GDR

EA141456 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 14 Dec 82

[Text] The minister of industry, Comrade Bento Ribeiro, recently paid a working visit to Cuba during which he signed an agreement on collaboration in the field of sugar production. He also had talks with the minister president of the State Committee for Economic Cooperation, Dr Rodriguez Llompart, with whom he signed a protocol relating to cooperation in the industrial sector, particularly as regards the metal industry and shipbuilding.

Bento Ribeiro later visited the GDR at the head of a delegation to the fourth session of the subcommission on industry, geology and mines of the People's Republic of Angola-GDR Joint Commission, which was held in Berlin from 25 to 30 November. During his stay in the GDR, the Angolan minister of industry to an meetings with senior officials connected with the manufacture of machinery, tools and processing machines, chemicals, glass and ceramics, with whom he discussed issues of bilateral interest.

The Angolan delegation that visited Cuba and the GDR also included Amilcar Aguiar, deputy minister of construction, who held specific talks on and visited the construction materials sector, particularly in the field of cement production, factory equipment and (?cement).

LESOTHO

KING ADDRESSES UN SECURITY COUNCIL 14 DEC

MB160820 Maseru Domestic Service in English 1145 GMT 15 Dec 82

[Address by King Moshoeshoe II to the UN Security Council in New York on 14 December -- recorded]

[Text] Mr President, on behalf of the people and Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, we wish to thank you for your prompt reaction to our request to summon, as a matter of urgency, this meeting of the Security Council. You have, Mr President, distinguished yourself as an able diplomat and a worthy representative of your country, the fraternal People's Republic of Poland, at the United Nations. We are pleased, therefore, to appear before this council under your presidency to plead the just cause of our people, who have been immeasurably harmed in a most arrogant and inhuman manner by the apartheid regime of South Africa.

As members of this council and the world community already know, in the early hours of 9 December 1982, at about 1 o'clock in the morning, units of the South African Defense Force violated our borders, invaded Lesotho and caused heavy damage and loss of life in its capital city, Maseru.

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