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CUBANS HELP CONSTRUCT ANGOLA MILITARY HOSPITAL

FL181623 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1400 GMT 18 Dec 84

[Text] In Luanda, Angola, the first phase of a military hospital's expansion has been completed because of the energetic efforts of Cuban combatants, construction workers, and internationalist technicians, and a group of Angolan workers.

Rodolfo Fuentes Ferro, our country's ambassador to Angola, said that when the Luanda military hospital expansion project is finished it will have 200 additional beds.

Fuentes, who is also an alternate member of the party Central Committee, spoke at an appreciation ceremony for all Cuban internationalist workers involved in the project, and dedicated the first phase [of the project] to the 28th anniversary of the Revolutionary Armed Forces. Cuba's Ambassador to Angola Rodolfo Fuentes Ferro said Luanda's military hospital expansion project would have taken several years to complete. This is why it was decided to utilize our country's force and technology in the sister country.

BRAVO ANNOUNCES AGENDA OF 7TH ANPP SESSION

FL181916 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 18 Dec 84

[Excerpts] Flavio Bravo Pardo, Central Committee member and president of the National Assembly of People's Government [ANPP], has held a press conference to announce the agenda of the seventh ANPP legislative session. The agenda includes: the discussion and approval of projected laws on housing, state notaries, the single economic and social development plan, the 1985 national budget proposal, and the labor code. Also at the seventh ANPP regular session, reports will be presented by the Councils of State and Ministers, the Ministry of Higher Education, and Pinar del Rio's People's Provincial Assembly.

MIRET OPENS STEELWORKING INDUSTRY MEETING

FL182000 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 18 Dec 84

[Text] The first scientific-technical forum on the nation's steelworking industry has opened at Havana's Palace of Conventions with Pedro Miret Prieto, Politburo member, presiding over the inaugural plenary session.

The more than 900 participants will discuss 116 topics at the meeting which will end tomorrow. The meeting's purpose is to contribute to the strengthening and linking of research units and groups. The committees will study metallurgy, the car industry, equipment, industrial plants, energy, cooling and all conditioning, electronics, electrotechnology, and general application systems.

Attending the opening session were Marcos Lage, minister of the steelworking industry, and Eugenio Mainegra, chief of the Central Committee's department of industry.

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He added that the first necessity of each citizen was to live in peace. Dr Esmildo Gutierrez, secretary general of the Cuban Red Cross, said the purpose of the meeting was to strengthen the plans of cooperation among the sub region's Red Cross societies.

ANGOLAN PRESIDENT'S LETTER NOT CIRCULATED AT UN

PA281621 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 27 Nov 84

[Text] UN diplomatic circles continue to comment on the decision by the UN Secretariat General not to officially distribute the letter sent by Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos concerning the Angolan position on Namibian independence.

The UN Secretariat General reported that it was not authorized to distribute the letter as an official document, but rumors circulating among diplomatic and press circles state that pressure is being exerted by various countries, including the United States, so that the document will not be made public.

According to commentaries, the U.S. delegation at the United Nations, headed by Jeane Kirkpatrick, opposed the circulation of the letter as an official document. Dos Santos' main proposal includes a categorical rejection of the policy of link Namibian independence to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and the request that South Africa promise to abide by and help implement Resolution 435 for Namibian independence.

COLOMBIAN CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON MAYORS NOTED

PA241712 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 24 Nov 84

[Report by Frank Gonzalez, PRELA correspondent in Bogota -- recorded]

[Text] The difficulties faced by the Colombian Government in getting the congress to approve the bill establishing the popular election of mayors show the serious obstacles that the peace process undertaken by President Belisario Betancur is already confronting. Although the bill has the support of the leaders of the Liberal and Conservative Parties and the New Liberalism faction, the executive has been unable to obtain the vote of two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives.

In the most recent legislative debate on this subject, which became heated at some points, 114 legislators supported it and 62 opposed it. When everything seemed to indicate that the subject was closed since the 116 votes needed for the two-thirds majority was not obtained, it was noted that the total number of votes was one more than the number of representatives present. In view of the situation, the president of the House ordered a new vote. However, he subsequently decided to postpone the vote.

Those who support the bill believe it is necessary as part of the reforms that will guarantee social stability and greater democracy in the country. The opponents use several arguments that include budget restrictions for effective work by the mayors and even the existence of a notable influence of the guerrilla organizations and other leftist sectors in vast regions of the country. Opinions are divided on the future of the bill. Several of its sponsors believe that even if it is approved, it is very unlikely that it will be implemented because its opponents will bring action against it at the Supreme Court for irregularities in its procedures. In any case, the situation of this bill that seeks to give voters the right to elect their own mayors is viewed as an example of what will happen in the future to the other reforms being promoted within the framework of what has been called the great national dialogue.



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The ceremony was held at the Ministry of the Revolutionary Armed Forces [FAR], at which party and government leaders, generals, chiefs, and FAR and ministry officials were present. Raul Castro presented the first badge to Julio Camacho Aguilera, Politburo member, first party secretary of Havana, and president of his CDR.

Polithuro member Jose Ramon Machado Ventura said the new badges symbolized the party as the sole leadership, the people's active participation in the defense of its revolution, and Cuba's combative and historic traditions. Machado Ventura added that those wearing the badges were the recipients of the party's and the people's trust for having completed tasks assigned to them for the defense of the fatherland. He said the badges were not a military ranking system, but a wartime hierarchy for the party and state leadership apparatus.

The closing speech was made by Army General Raul Castro, second party secretary and FAR minister, who summarized the tasks and efforts made to transform the City of Havana Province into a bastion of the revolution.

The first party secretaries of the other provinces also took part in the ceremony as guests, and Raul congratulated them on having obtained satisfactory results in their work in preparing for the country's defense.

CECE DELEGATION MEETS WITH FRG BUSINESSMEN

FL270048 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 26 Nov 84

[Text] Cuba has always been and always will be in favor of diversifying and increasing its trade and international relations, and believes that peace is the basic condition for doing so. These words were spoken today in Bonn by Raul Taladrid, acting vice president of the State Committee for Economic Cooperation (CECE), who heads a Cuban government and business delegation to the third economic meeting with representatives of FRG enterprises.

LUANDA STRESSES 'REAFFIRMATION OF SOLIDARITY'

FL261312 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 26 Nov 84

[Text] The press in Luanda has emphasized Cuba's reaffirmation of solidarity with Angola, in spite of being immersed in production and defense reinforcement tasks because of a possible attack. Both the local radio and the JORNAL DE ANGOLA refer to statements made by the Cuban people reflecting their favorable opinion of the report sent by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Dos Santos' report documents the steps taken by Angola to achieve an effective peace in southern Africa, and the platform which was presented to the United States and South Africa for obtaining Namibia's true independence.

U.S. 'WAR REHEARSALS' TO LEAD TO INTERVENTION

PA231824 Havana International Service in Spanish 2310 GMT 22 Nov 84

["Our America" commentary]

[Text] The gigantic deployment of U.S. soldiers and the U.S. military infrastructure installed in Honduras are evidently part of preparations to create the conditions for Washington's eventual direct intervention in Central America. While the Pentagon continues its war rehearsals in the Gulf of Fonseca on the Central American Pacific Coast, two new joint military exercises began in Honduras with the participation of U.S. troops, not far from the Nicaraguan border.

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Nyerere Advises Angola To Keep Cuban Troops PA191514 Rome IPS in Spanish 1403 GMT 19 Nov 84

[Excerpts] Dar es Salaam, 19 Nov (IPS) — Julius Nyerere, a veteran African statesman who was elected president of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), has advised Angola not to send back to Cuba the contingent of that country that works with the Angolan Army.

In an interview published here yesterday, Nyerere, the president of Tanzania, said that his optimism for a prompt Namibian independence has weakened because of South African insistence on linking this to the withdrawal of the Cubans from Angola.

South Africa, which occupies that southwest African territory in defiance of a UN resolution, has the support of the United States in its attitude of subjecting the independence of Namibia to a withdrawal of Cuban troops.

So far Washington has refused to recognize the pro-socialist Angolan Government, mainly due to the presence of Cuban troops, who were invited to go to that country in 1976 when the South African Army intervened in the Angolan civil war.

"South Africa wants to get rid of the MPLA government and replace it with a UNITA government," Nyerere told the SUN DAY TIMES of this capital.

UNITA has always had the support of South Africa, which has given it financial help and weapons.

The South African desire "to change" the present Angolan Government with one that is loyal to it, "is shared by the United State." Nyerere said.

In the interview, the Tanzanian president said that Mozambique was "forced" to sign the Nkomati nonaggression pact with South Africa in March. This is an agreement which Nyerere described as the "humiliation" of independent African states.

Nyerere stated: "Things have gotten worse for Mozambique since Nkomati." "Angola must learn a lesson from this fact. To allow the Cubans to leave now, would be committing suicide," the president added.

President Nyerere stated in the interview that "as long as the course of events in Mozambique continues to look negative, the frontline states will maintain their unity in spite of the Nkomati reart"

Nyerere warned that South Africa is bent on a campaign to destabilize the frontline states: "We don't want the South African offensive, backed by the United States, to divide us just as Camp David divided the Arabs," the Tanzanian president remarked. Nyerere also reiterated that he will not run in the 1985 elections. "It is time," he said, "for Tanzania to choose new leaders and that they tackle the country's new problems."

The Tanzanian chief of state did not expand on these problems, but it has been ruled out that he was directly referring to the internal economic situation in the country, where the standard of living has fallen below the poverty line defined by the United Nations.

"I suffer constant and numerous pressures, but I am sure that I still have the strength to help Tanzania look toward its future without any fear of what will happen," Nyerere said.

"My enemies and the enemies of Tanzania want me to step down because they claim that everything will stop: socialism, unity, and liberation. But that is a senseless assertion and I would like to retire just to show them that they are wrong," the elderly president concluded.

ANGOLA

Cooperation Protocol Signed With GDR Delegation MB180938 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 17 Nov 84

[Text] Our country and the GDR today signed in Luanda a cooperation protocol in the scientific, technical, and trade fields, after talks which have been held over several days. Signing the accord were Ismael Martins, minister of foreign trade, and Horst Soelle, the GDR foreign trade minister.

It should be recalled that the GDR delegation, which has been in Angola for several days, visited Uige Province, where it learned of the region's economic, social, political, and military situation. According to the schedule of its visit to Angola the GDR delegation headed by Horst Soelle is expected to meet with Carlos Fernandes, secretary of state for cooperation.

Portuguese Reporters Interview Leaders

MB180919 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 17 Nov 84

[Text] The UNITA puppet group is not able to occupy any region of the People's Republic of Angola, Comrade Kundi Payama, Benguela provincial commissioner, said when he gave an interview to Portuguese newspaper O DIARIO. The Benguela provincial commissioner said that the UNITA armed bandits limit their actions to treacherous attacks and burning villages, without respect for human lives.

The People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola are continuously carrying out military operations and encircling the bandits who consequently die of hunger and cold. As a result of this action, a number of UNITA elements have surrendered to Angolan authorities for reintegration into Angolan society, the Benguela provincial commissioner added.

In Namibe Province, Comrade Faustino Muteka, the provincial commissioner, also speaking to the Portuguese newspaper O DIARIO, said that Namibe is not free from aggression and sabotage actions perpetrated by the South African Army, which today continues to occupy a portion of the Angolan territory.

In turn, Comrade Lopo do Nascimento, minister of planning, also speaking to Portuguese journalists, said that South African aggression and the terrorist attacks of the UNITA criminals have caused a delay in the economic development of the People's Republic of Angola. The Angolan official further said that the national work force has been seriously afffected by this war. There are about 300,000 displaced people currently living in the country, and those people need social support. Often they cannot contribute with their effort toward socially useful tasks, Angolan Minister of Planning Lopo do Nascimento emphasized.

Saboteurs' Selling Food, Appliances Neutralized *MB201120 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese*0500 GMT 20 Nov 84

[Text] The Namibe Provincial people's vigilantes recently neutralized a network of saboteurs who were engaging in pilfering and selling at speculative prices large quantities of food stuffs and household applicances.

Enormous quantities of sugar, rice, soap, tinned products, boxes of matches, and toothpaste, as well as refrigerators and other household electrical appliances, were found in possession of individuals who are now in the hands of revolutionary and popular justice. The goods were valued at more than 500,000

It should be recalled that Namibe town, which is capital of Namibe Province, has about 500 people's vigilantes organized in 26 people's vigilante squads that have so far been set up in the area

KUP Interviews Bulgarian Released by UNITA MB180706 (Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Central and Southern Africa 1200 GMT 17 Nov 84

["Exclusive Interview"]

[Text] Free Land of Angola, 17 Nov (KUP) — The interviewee is Emmanuel Milanof Constantinov, a 38-year-old teacher who arrived in Angola on 12 July 1980, was captured at Sumbe Novo Redondo on 25 March 1984, and was freed on 9 November 1984:

We arrived in Angola on 12 July 1980.

Other foreigners and I were not aware of Angola's real situation. We found it in terrible condition, especially in the economic field. Even in Luanda, the shops are empty. They remain open, but the people cannot buy anything, which is very bothersome for any foreigner coming from Europe.

This situation cannot be hidden. At first, we felt like returning to Bulgaria, but we had no special reasons not to complete our 2-year contract. Slowly, we accepted it.

Our capture, on 25 March 1984, was very unexpected. We knew nothing about UNITA, except that it was about finished and would not reach Sumbe. Our capture was therefore a shock for us. It took 20 minutes from the first shot to the moment when the UNITA special commandos entered our apartment. It took just 20 minutes. We did not believe that it was UNITA. We thought that it was a maneuver by the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA], a FAPLA exercise. We did not think that it was UNITA.

Our lives were in danger, but not because of UNITA. Unfortunately, we were not safe from being bombed by aircraft which were not South African, but were MIG's. They bombed the city. The truck in which we traveled was also bombed and the bomb fell only 20m away.

On the first day, we were in danger when helicopers appeared and began shooting at us. UNITA said that we were very lucky, for they were MPLA helicopters. I was surprised that before UNITA's attack, the helicopters maneuvered for a long time over the city, but when the attack came, they disappeared. They reappeared later, when it was too late. They followed us for 20 days, which really bothered us. In my opinion it was useless. The action by the helicopters was unnecessary.

Contacts with UNITA were limited to the people who were our bodyguards. The truth is that we received very good and kind treatment. We could only thank the tolerance of the soldiers toward us

At the moment we are not very happy, but I would like to say that during our stay here we got along well with the people, and therefore we had no unnecessary arguments. I believe that our behavior was good so we should not be overjoyed, but we are grateful and happy for that. [sentence as received] We know the soldiers to be kind and during our stay we held open talks with Cap Bundu, who accompanied us. Now we are about to go, and we are happy.

Before I arrived in Angola, my knowledge of Angola had no connection with UNITA. We knew nothing about UNITA.

We did not know that there is an ongoing civil war while we were in Bulgaria. We first heard of UNITA in Angola and certainly only the MPLA's version.

With regard to the Cubans, this is my opinion: Your enemies are the Cubans and, in my opinion, if they continue in Angola this will worsen the Angolan conflict. I will not hide the truth because I come from the Eastern block. We sympathize with the Soviets and we are good friends of Cuba, but we also regret the Angolan and Cuban blood which is being shed. At political level, I think that the conflict between the MPLA and UNITA is an internal issue. Since you do not want the Cubans here, I think that their presence will complicate the issue.

This situation is not something new in history, although we, foreign aid workers, find it difficult to understand. We are in the dark as to how Neto took power while Dr Savimbi was there in Angola. My message in brief is that what the MPLA says about UNITA is not what exists. UNITA cannot be looked down upon. The MPLA is making a very big mistake by disdaining UNITA. You can hate your enemy and kill him, but you must not underestimate him. If you do that, you may end up paying a very high price one day. UNITA troops are highly disciplined and possess high morale. This has been said on various occasions and we are just repeating it.

With regard to foreign aid workers, there is nothing I can say to them but except that whoever wants to risk his life may come to Angola and whoever does not should stay out of this country. The war situation here is more serious than what foreign aid workers outside the country may think. It is very serious. In my opinion, this war will continue because we know what UNITA is. But I cannot tell foreign aid workers whether or not they should come to Angola. That is for them to decide. All I can say is that the war situation is very serious here, very serious indeed.

Doctor Comments on Stay

MB200907 (Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Central and Southern Africa 0600 GMT 20 Nov 84

["Exclusive interview" with Bulgarian Doctor Catarina Constatinova at Jamba, 15 November]

[Text] Free Land of Angola, 20 Nov (KUP) — I am a Bulgarian called Catarina Constantinova. I went to work as a pediatrician in Novo Redondo town. I only worked for I year and 6 months in Sumbe.

Living conditions in Angola are not good. There are many difficulties. There is scarcity of food, clothes, and medicines. There is no Resoquin. This is an important drug used for treating Malaria, Falciparum, which usually leads to cerebral malaria. There was a provincial delegate who used to consult me on pediatrics.

The MPLA did not explain everything to us and we thought that the situation was as it was because Angola had become independent barely 10 years ago. The MPLA never told us that it was because of the war. We knew that UNITA existed, but we never imagined that it was as good as it looks to us now. Now we understand perfectly well that it is an organization which is highly disciplined and strong. UNITA people are friendly, sympathetic, and modest.

We now find that people in UNITA are modest and perfect. They are very sympathetic. They sing and dance well. They are communicative. In fact, there are many good things I could say about them. I have been treated well since the beginning. The march was hard since I had never walked on foot for as long as 3 months in my life. Our relations with UNITA combatants and other people were very good. Our problems were always solved very quickly. We have been happy over the past 5 months here. It was a bit hard physically and psychologically, but we are grateful for our release.

Life under war is not a good thing, as many people die. Therefore, the war must end as soon as possible. The people are suffering. I am a mother of a 21-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl. I think that your struggle is first and foremost against the Cubans. You are right to fight them as they have frustrated your program. Jamba, 15 November 1984.

UNITA Claims 143 Angolans, 6 Cubans Killed PA191610 Paris AFP in Spanish 1536 GMT 19 Nov 84

[Text] Lisbon, 19 Nov (AFP) — UNITA (the armed opposition to the Luanda regime) today claimed to have killed 143 Angolan soldiers and 6 Cubans during actions carried out in three provinces of the country on 11 November. In a communique delivered to AFP in Lisbon, UNITA also said that it had seized 113 weapons and destroyed 19 automobiles.

The actions occurred in Cuanza-Norte Province, east of the Angolan capital, in Bie, in the country's central-southern region, and Huila, in the south. The communique stated that 8 UNITA soldiers were killed and 26 wounded.



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COSTA RICA SEEN AS PAWN IN U.S. REGIONAL POLICY

PA181313 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 18 Nov 84

["Our America" commentary]

[Text] Costa Rica, a Central American country that became famous years ago as one of the most peaceful in the area because it did not have a regular army, has now become, through U.S. policy, a nation undergoing constant rearmament. Plans prepared by the Pentagon to militarize Costa Rica have been implemented and have turned Costa Rica into a pawn of Washington's area policy completing the warmongering U.S. scheme in Central America.

Since the Sandinist people's victory in Nicaragua, Washington has been organizing former Somozist guardsmen and other mercenaries to stage attacks against that country. In those years, the principal base of operations for the counterrevolutionaries' criminal actions was Honduras, then Costa Rica. That was the end of the Costa Rican people's peaceful existence. Later, under the presidency of Luis Alberto Mongé, Costa Rica declared its neutrality in the regional conflicts. However, the United States has done everything to keep the Costa Rican authorities form implementing this proclaimed neutrality. Washington is not interested in seeing Costa Rica remain without a regular army because this would leave a gap in President Ronald Reagan's warmongering policy against the Sandinist revolution.

The principal forces used against Nicaragua are the counterrevolutionary groups trained and financed by the CIA. The actions carried out by the counterrevolutionary groups based in Costa Rica have been less effective than those of the mercenaries based in Honduras, where they have an enormous local support infrastructure. For this reason, Washington is implementing various programs to step up Costa Rica's military potential: The delivery of modern weapons to the local police, the construction of an airport, the characteristics of which suggest war-oriented aims, and the formation of a special corps presumably to fight terrorism.

Last week General Paul Gorman, chief of the U.S. Southern Command, based in the Panama Canal area, visited Costa Rica to review the current state of these plans. He met with high-ranking police officials and toured the Civil and Rural Guards facilities. The next day President Monge confirmed that he and the ranking Pentagon official discussed the creation of a so-called antiterrorist corps, which will require special equipment, a computer system, and the corresponding training which will be provided by U.S. experts. Earlier this year over 200 graduates of the School of the Americas arrived in Costa Rica and joined a so-called Condor Battalion. These 200 specialists were added to the 7,000 members of the Civil Guard and to the 3,000 members of the Rural Guard. One must also count the 10,000 civilian members of the organization for national emergencies who, according to the official reports, have been trained to handle weapons at any given moment. These developments confirm that the U.S. plans to militarize Costa Rica and increasingly involve it in the plans of aggression against Nicaragua which have been set in motion.

COMMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING AID TO ANGOLA

PA160222 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 14 Nov 84

[Station commentary]

[Text] On 11 November 1975, 9 years ago, the People's Republic of Angola proclaimed its independence and began its existence as a free and sovereign African state after ending centuries of colonialist exploitation.

However, that date of national rejoicing was marked by a bloodbath in Angola when the imperialists, South Africans, and the Angolan counterrevolutionaries plotted together to prevent that which today reaches its ninth birthday. In that time of sacrifices, victories, and duties fulfilled, the Cuban people have inscribed beautiful pages of internationalist solidarity. During the time of armed struggle against Portuguese colonialism, the Angolans had the fraternal support of Cuba. The links that united us with the fighters of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, led by Agostinho Neto, were further strengthened when the newborn nation requested direct, immediate aid from Cuba to halt and repel the South African racists, the pro-imperialist puppet gangs, and the regular troops from Zaire that were attacking Angolan territory.

The time that passed after 11 November 1975, the date on which Angola officially declared its independence, until the attackers were totally expelled served to show how deeply the principle of proletarian internationalism is rooted within the Cuban people. Cuban blood was spilled alongside that of the Angolans to defend the freedom to which all the world's peoples are entitled. Today, when the People's Republic of Angola is building a society in which all citizens have equal rights and duties, Cuba is also present with its doctors, nurses, stomatologists, teachers, builders, and other experts, in addition to its internationalist troops.

Although Cuba is an underdeveloped nation, and although it faces a constant threat from U.S. imperialism just 90 miles away, our country did not hesitate to provide the assistance that Angola needed to establish the bases of its economic development. The houses, hospitals, schools, roads, and other public works that had been destroyed by the treacherous aggression reemerged with the aid to Cuban skilled workers and construction experts. At the same time, nurses and health specialists helped to cure the wounded of the war of liberation and extended to the people the medical attention that had been denied them for centuries by the colonialist oppressor.

In the area of education, where the colonialists had left their most visible mark, Cuban aid was and continues to be notable. First, the Che Guevara internationalist teacher's detachment was established with professors who teach middle-level students in Angola. Later, the Frank Pais internationalist contingent of elementary school teachers was created. Its members serve for 2-year periods. In addition, the fishing and sugar industries and other sectors receive supportive contributions from the fatherland of Jose Marti and Fidel Castro.

This wideranging fraternal aid has been enhanced in the course of these 9 years with the signing of numerous agreements for economic and scientific-technical cooperation. To the world, the ties between Cuba and Angola are an example worthy of being copied. As top Cuban leader Fidel Castro said in 1977, during his visit to the People's Republic of Angola, these two countries are linked not just by ideology, but also by the blood that has been shed and by their struggle against imperialism.

TANZANIA'S NYERERE CITED ON WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

FL192122 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1904 CMT 19 Nov 84

[Text] Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere, who is also president of the OAU, has again rejected linking the withdrawal of Cuban internationalist troops in Angola with Namibian independence. In a press interview in Dar es Salaam, Nyerere said that he was less optimistic about a quick independence for Namibia due to the racist South African regime's insistence on tying the two matters together. It would be suicide said Nyerere to send back Cuban internationalist troops, which were called to Angola by the legitimate government of the country, when South African forces have tried to occupy all of Angola's territory. South Africa is defying UN resolutions on Namibia's independence, and offers as a pretext the presence of Cuban troops in Angola, said Nyerere.



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PLAN TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM SOUTHERN ANGOLA

PA181946 Paris AFP in Spanish 1855 GMT 18 Nov 84

[Text] Havana, 18 Nov (AFP) -- The Angolan-Cuban plan on the gradual withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola involves only the Cuban forces in southern Angola, it was reported today in Havana. The Cuban soldiers who will be leaving that African nation are those who are in an area between parallels 13 and 16, reported PRELA, a Cuban news agency.

Parallel 13 is 500 km north of the border between Angola and Namibia and 1,700 km north of the Namibia-South Africa border. PRELA explained that the troops in northern Angola, Cabinda, and the Luanda region are not involved in the withdrawal program announced by Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos at the recent OAU summit meeting in Addis Ababa.

The news agency did not say how many Cubans are now in southern Angola but estimated that there are approximately 25,00 Cuban soldiers in that country. The withdrawal of Cuban troops will begin 4 months after the United Nations deploys forces in Namibia in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution No 435, PRELA reported.

The other conditions agreed upon between Cuba and Angola for the departure of Cuban soldiers involved the withdrawal of South Africans from the southern part of Angola, the end of foreign aid to UNITA, the dismantling of its bases in end of foreign aid to UNITA, the dismantling of its bases in Namibia, and the application of Resolution No 435. According to recent indications from Dos Santos, the plan for the gradual withdrawal fo Cuban troops will serve as foundation for a four-party agreement between Angola, Cuba, South Africa, and SWAPO to be signed within the framework of the UN Security Council.

This new initiative by Cuba and Angola is proof of Cuba's willingness to withdraw from the Angolan front, according to observers. In fact, this is the first announcement of the progressive withdrawal of Cuban troops and reference to a timetable ever made.

According to Western observers, the start of the Cuban withdrawal will undoubtedly be well received by the people, whose enthusiasm for "internationalist" aid to the Angolan regime dropped considerable as the years passed.

Proposal Shows Desire for Peace

FL161750 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1250 GMT 16 Nov 84

[International Commentary by Javier Rodriguez and Gardena [name indistinct]

[Excerpts] [Gardenia] Good morning, Javier. Angola has informed the Organization of African Unity [OAU] summit meeting on an important matter, one of many discussed at the conference which ended yesterday. Angola has put forth a four-party proposal to the United States which specifies the withdrawal of South African troops from southern Angola and the end to all logistic support, the dismantling of all the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA] bases in Namibian territory, the implementation of the UN Security Council's 1978 Resolution 435 on Namibian independence, and, after UN forces are deployed on Namibian territory, the gradual withdrawal of Cuban internationalist contingents deployed in southern Angola. I believe these are important points, and I think we should talk about this matter.

[Rodriguez] I believe Angola's recent proposition, which was made to the United States and was just reported, shows the Angolan Government's good faith, and its decided will-ingness for a peaceful solution to guarantee peace and independence in that area of southwestern Africa.

For a long time South Africa and the United States have ignored the international community's opinion expressed at the United Nations through definitive solutions to the situation in southern and southwestern Africa.

There was the intent of tying Namibia's independence — first by rejecting this independence as stated in the UN's Resolution 435, approved by the international community, and then through resistance in complying with that accord — to the withdrawal of Cuban internationalist troops in Angola, which was one of the cards recently played by the United States and South Africa, and which hindered finding a solution to the problems in this region. [passage as received] Now, Angola's proposal provides a possible solution to the present cirsis, which was fed by the United States and other (?world) powers, constituted [words indistinct] interference, and brought worldwide tension.

[Gardenia] Angola's decision is due to South Africa's reiterated unwillingness to withdraw its troops from Angola, and a way of contributing to solving the Namibian problem. These agreements were reached at a meeting (?in Angola) in mid-September between Angolan Interior Minister Alexandre Rodrigues and high-level U.S. State Department official (Frank Whitmore), and Angola is now presenting them to the OAU.

These are new initiatives, as Angola says, new diplomatic initiatives, which show greater flixibility in the application of conditions which were presented to the UN secretary general in (?August) 1982, and in joint statements made by Angola and Cuba on 4 February 1982 and on 19 March 1984.

[Rodriguez] These new proposals are in accord with statements made by the governments of Cuba and Angola on President Jose Eduardo dos Santos' last visit to Cuba — the joint statement issued at that time is in agreement with Angola's statements now.

[Gardenia] I believe Javier, that this new Angolan proposal also proposes arranging a peace accord for southwestern Africa in which Angola, the South West African People's Organization, Cuba, and South Africa would participate, and the accord would be put to referendum at the UN Security Council with this organization guaranteeing the accords. This international accord would be a definite solution, at the international level, for peace in southwestern Africa, and the OAU summit would support Angola's proposal for peace.

We will have to see what South Africa and the United States' answer to this will be. Will they really agree to this accord, and if they do, will they comply? It is up to them to solve the Namibian problem.

'OUR AMERICA' VIEWS U.S. CENTRAL AMERICAN POLICY

PA180206 Havana International Service in Spanish 2310 GMT 16 Nov 84

["Our America" commentary]

[Text] Trapped by its own lies about the alleged supply of modern Soviet combat planes to Nicaragua, Washington is now trying to make the international public believe that the Sandinist revolution is speedily rearming to attack its neighbors.

CASTRO SENDS GANDHI MESSAGE ON NONALIGNED

FL161236 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 16 Nov 84

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro has sent a message to Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi's accession to the presidency of the Nonaligned Movement. In his message, the president of the Council of State and the Government of Cuba expresses our country's readiness to continue cooperating with India in maintaining the movement's principles and the application of the decisions of the New Delhi summit meeting.

CASTRO SENDS LETTER TO CUBAN WORKERS IN ANGOLA

FL171620 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 17 Nov 84

[Excerpts] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro has sent a congratulatory letter to Cuban and Angolan workers who work in the lumber sector in (Myumbe), Angola. The letter was read by the Cuban ambassador to Angola. It expressed happiness that the 17th of September Forestry Enterprise had completed its annual production quota on 25 October. The letter congratulated the Arnaldo Milian forestry contingent, composed of Angolans and Cubans, for their extraordinary and brilliant results. The letter was read at an event at which the 400 contingent members were present, and at which Angola's Minister of Interior Manuel Alexandre Rodrigues, Politburo member of the Popular Liberation Movement of Angola-Party of Labor gave a speech.

JUSTICE MINISTER MEETS WITH GDR COUNTERPART

FL171320 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 17 Nov 84

[Text] Dr Juan Escalona, Central Committee member and minister of justice, has met with the GDR's Minister of Justice Hans-Joachim Heusinger, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers, at the Ministry of Justice in Havana. Heusinger will attend the 8th socialist nations justice ministers conference which will be held in Cuba 20-23 November.

The talks were held in an atmosphere of friendship and cordiality, and during the meeting, Dr Escalona informed his counterpart of the preparations for the conference. At the meeting, a cooperation protocol for 1985 was also signed.

DEL VALLE HEADS GROUP TO ROMANIAN PARTY CONGRESS

FL171440 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 17 Nov 84

[Text] Sergio del Valle, Politburo member, is presiding over the Communist Party of Cuba delegation which has left for Bucharest to attend the 13th congress of the Romanian Communist Party. The congress will begin meeting Monday, 19 November.

POLITBURO MEMBER RECEIVES SPANISH MINISTER

FL161510 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 16 Nov 84

[Text] Commander of the Revolution Guillermo Farcia, Politburo member and minister of transportation, has received Spanish Minister of Transportation, Tourism, and Communications Enrique Baron and the delegation accompanying him.

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GRANMA REPORTS DETAILS OF ACCORD ON ANGOLA

PA160344 Paris AFP in Spanish 2028 GMT 15 Nov 84

[Text] Havana, 15 Nov (AFP) -- The newspaper GRANMA, official PCC organ, reported today that the Angolan Government has proposed that a four-part agreement be signed by Angola, Cuba, South Africa, and the South-West African People's Organization [SWAPO], as a prior condition for the gradual withdrawal of Cuban troops from southern Angola.

According to GRANMA, this treaty would have to be signed within the framework of the UN Security Council. The newspaper cited "sources close to the Angolan delegation" that participated in the OAU meeting in Addis Ababa.

The paper added that in a closed-door session during the 20th OAU summit, Angolan President Eduardo Dos Santos revealed the outlines of his program for the "independence, security, and peace of South-West Africa" which was recently presented to the U.S. Government. The program comprises four main points:

- 1. Withdrawal of South African troops from southern Angola.
- 2. Suspension of foreign aid to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA], a movement that is struggling against the government in Luanda, and the dismantling of its bases in Namibia.
- 3. Application of UN Security Council Resolution 435 on the independence of Namibia.
- 4. Gradual withdrawal of certain international troops deployed in southern Angola.

According to GRANMA, President Dos Santos said that the withdrawal of the Cuban troops could begin after UN troops were deployed in Namibia and after South African forces in Namibia were reduced to a maximum of $1,500\,\mathrm{men}$.

President Dos Santos said that this program is evidence that his government has adopted new diplomatic initiatives that reflect "greater flexibility" than the previous conditions set for the withdrawal of the Cuban troops.

Those conditions were outlined in joint Angola-Cuba declarations issued in February 1982 and again in March 1984, during President Dos Santos' visit to Cuba, but were vague about the gradual withdrawal of some 25,000 Cuban soldiers from Angola.

President Dos Santos' new initiative has received "Cuba's total support," according to GRANMA, which again cited sources close to the Angolan delegation at the OAU.

The newspaper accorded great importance to the new Angolan diplomatic initiative by announcing the Luanda government plan on the front page and devoting the major part of the last page to the four-part agreement.

Experts note, however, that GRANMA established no links between the plan and the agreement. In any case, it would seem that the agreement among Cuba, Angola, South Africa, and SWAPO is to be based on President Dos Santos' program and then ratified by the UN Security Council.

NYERERE DISCUSSES ANGOLA ISSUE AT OAU SUMMIT

FL160228 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 16 Nov 84

[Excerpts] Tanzanian leader Julius Nyerere has stated that the OAU summit meeting has unanimously rejected linking Namibia's independence to a prior or parallel withdrawal of Cuban internationalist troops from Angola -- troops sent to Angola at the request of that country's sovereign government.

Such statements by Nyerere and the decision of the African heads of state constitute solid support for the platform presented by Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos for an international agreement guaranteeing the independence, security, and peace for southwestern Africa, Namibia and Angola.

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In that platform, Angola demands from the United States and South Africa the withdrawal of racist troops from southern Angola and Namibia, the application of Resolution 435 of the UN Security Council, and the cessation of all foreign aid to UNITA and other puppet organizations.

This would make it possible to change the current climate of tension, aggression, and war, which prevails in that region and, as a consequence, make it possible to proceed to the gradual withdrawal the Cuban troops from southern Angola.

CASTRO HAILS ORTEGA ELECTION VICTORY

PAI52244 Managua BARRICADA in Spanish 15 Nov 84 p 4

[Message of congratulations from President Fidel Castro to Nicaraguan President-elect Daniel Ortega Saavedra; date not given]

[Text] Dear Companero: On behalf of our party, our government, and our people, I wish to send you our most sincere and warm congratulations for your election by the Nicaraguan people as president of that sister republic.

For the first time in many years, the noble and heroic people of Sandino have had the opportunity to participate in elections in which it was possible to express their democratic will. The strong support that you and Companero Sergio Ramirez have received as representatives of the FSLN and vanguard of the Nicaraguan revolution represents undeniable proof of the Nicaraguan people's will.

With this, the people's trust in the Sandinist revolution, the democratic organizations it has created, and those who represent the revolution have been confirmed. The enthusiastic and firm response of workers, peasants, and students — reported by all the news media and which the whole world was able to see — represents irrefutable proof of the strictly legal character of the electoral process and the scrupulous honesty with which the FSLN handled it. The admirable example given by the Nicaraguan people when they participated in these elections, amid the military aggressions and political and economic pressures of all kind exerted by the U.S. imperialism and its instruments against the Sandinist revolution, is worthy of praise.

The Nicaraguan reality, the tangible proof ascertained by more than 1,000 observers from different political ideologies, parties, and organizations throughout the world, should be enough to silence U.S. imperialism's spokesman, who are bent on concealing or tarnishing this undeniable truth. No election has ever drawn so many foreign journalists and international observers as witnesses of its seriousness and integrity.

Therefore, we consider the 4 November elections a great victory of the Sandinist revolution, within Nicaragua and abroad. The Nicaraguan elections saw the participation of 57 percent more voters than in the U.S. elections of 6 November, and the Sandinist candidacy received a larger percentage of votes than Reagan did.

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FL132024 Bridgetown BARBADOS ADVOCATE in English 9 Nov 84 p 4 $\,$

[By Peadar Kirby]

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[Excerpts] Havana -- Cuba is willing to withdraw its troops from Angola and its military advisers from Nicaragua, according to Jorge Bolanos, a deputy minister of foreign affairs. Bolanos said in an interview that Cuba would withdraw its troops "when the Angolans ask us to, when UN Resolution 435 is complied with, when South Africa withdraws its troops and when it stops aiding UNITA (anti-government rebels)."

The minister said that though he did not know the number of Cuban soldiers currently in Angola, some 150,000 had served there since his country first sent combat troops in response to South Africa's invasion of Angola in 1975. (U.S. State Department estimates put the current figure at 20,000-25,000).

On Central America, he said Cuba was ready to sign the Contadora peace accords "if the United States accepts them". These accords, still under dicussion by the countries of Central America, demand the withdrawal of all foreign military advisers from the region and the cessation of foreign military aid.

Asked about U.S. allegations that Cuba is arming and advising Salvadoran and Guatemalan guerrillas, Bolanos replied that if this were true "they would have been able to come up with some evidence to substantiate it, just as we can show evidence that they are helping the Somozists, that they are intervening that they have military advisers in the region."

There are about 200 Cuban military advisers in Nicaragua, he said. "The U.S. knows exactly how many there are, who they are and where they are. But they will not admit this publicly. These advisers are not operational, they do not go into battle, they do not use guns or fly planes," observed Bolanos in a clear reference to evidence of the participation of U.S. military advisers and U.S. Central Intelligence Agency personnel in fighting both in El Salvador and along the Honduran-Nicaraguan border.

Apart from military advisers, Cuba has thousands of technicians, nurses, doctors, and teachers in Nicaragua, he said. "The World Health Organisation knows who they are. They are not military except in the sense that all Cubans are ready through their training in the militias to defend their country."

Current talks in New York between Cuba and U.S. officials are limited to problems of migration, said the minister, "We could not call them an advance in relations between the two countries. They are very linked to the visit of Jesse Jackson to Cuba in June."

Because about 80 percent of its trade is with the Soviet Union, Cuba has avoided the worst consequences of the debt problem experienced by its neighbours. But Bolanos denied that this implied his country had simply exchanged a dependence on Washington for one on Moscow. He said the trading agreements between the two countries were better than those recommended in the Brandt report on North-South relations.

Moscow guarantees Havana a price for its sugar for highter than that obtained on the depressed world market. Furthermore, Cuba buys most of its oil from the Soviet Union for less than the world market price. But the sugar is paid for in nonconvertible currency, thus ensuring that the money has to be respent on goods from Eastern European countries.

J.R. FERNANDEZ PROTESTS U.S. SITE FOR SPORTS MEET

FL092054 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1235 GMT 9 Nov 84

[Text] Mexico City -- Cuban Vice Premier Jose Ramon Fernandez said today that Cuba rejects the procedures used by the Pan-American Sports Organization [PASO] to choose Indianapolis as the site of the 1987 Pan-American Games.

In a press conference last night at the Foreign Correspondents Club, Fernandez, who is also Cuba's education minister, said PASO management had deprived Cuba of being the site of the Pan-American Games without taking into account Cuba's greater right to stage the event.

Fernandez read reporters a 3-page document listing the steps taken by Cuba since 1983 to host the games in case Ecuador decided not to do so. He released to the press two letters, written by Cuban President Fidel Castro to PASO chief Mario Vasquez Rana, in which Castro explained Cuba's arguments as to why the games should be held in Cuba. Castro's letters also alerted Vasquez Rana to the possibility that an injustice favoring the United States had been committed.

Further Report

PA141723 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 11 Nov 84

[Excerpt] Cuban Vice Premier Jose Ramon Fernandez said on his return to Havana from Mexico City that Cuba has filed a strong protest to the Pan-American Sports Organization [PASO], and the Association of National Olympic Committees over the methods used to select Indianapolis as the alternate site for the 1987 Pan-American Games.

ZIMBABWE'S MANGWENDE MEETS CECE OFFICIAL

FL081450 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 8 Nov 84

[Text] Lester Rodriguez, vice president of the State Committee for Economic Cooperation [CECE] today received Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Witness Mangwende, who is also deputy secretary for foreign relations of the Central Committee of the Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front [ZANU]. During the talks, which took place in an atmosphere of frank camaraderie, they examined cooperation between Cuba and Zimbabwe. The deputy secretary of political administrative affairs in the Zimbabwean Foreign Ministry, was also part of the Zimbabwean delegation. Participating in the talks for Cuba were Alonso Fraga, Cuban Ambassador to Zimbabwe, and Alicia Cespedes, chief of the Foreign Ministry Sub-Saharan Africa Department, and officials.

CEREMONY COMMEMORATES ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE

FL141926 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 14 Nov 84

[Text] A simple ceremony has been held on the occasion of Angola's 9th independence anniversary at which Cuban Vice Foreign Minister Giraldo Mazola and Angolan Ambassador to Cuba Joao Mwaete Baptista were present. At the ceremony, the ties of friendship uniting the peoples of Angola and Cuba were emphasized, nurtured through years of struggle against imperialism and internal reaction supported by the South African regime.

Also attending the ceremony were members of the Central Committee, Foreign Ministry, and the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples.



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[Begin Humberto Ortega recording] The revolutionary government, the Sandinist Directorate, has decided to create an army to defend our sovereignty and our revolution. This rmy, which is fundamentally for ground operations, is complemented with a navy, and an air force. Over the past few years, we have worked at building our Air Force, which is a modest but indispensable complement to our ground forces, which are the fundamental forces for the defense of our country. To this end, we have been working on two main projects: the construction of the Punta Huete Airport, as we all know, and the training of our pilots. At the same time, the government has been making arrangements to purchase the planes that will enable the Nicaraguan revolutionary government to have its air forces, which is a legitimate right of any country. [end recording]

NICARAGUA AGREES TO SIGN CONTADORA DOCUMENT

PA222140 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 22 Sep 84

[Text] Nicaragua has accepted the revised Contadora Document on Peace and Cooperation in Central America totally and completely. It warned, however, that as long as U.S. aggression against that country persists, the Sandinist government will take whatever measures are necessary to defend itself.

In a letter to the presidents of Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, and Panama, the four member countries of the Contadora Group, Daniel Ortega, coordinator of the Nicaraguan Government Junta, notes that any agreement among the five Central American nations to guarantee peace and security in the area will be sufficient only if it counts on a formal and binding commitment by the United States to end its aggression in the area.

Nicaragua also feels that it is not necessary to introduce any amendments or modifications into the revised Contadora Document, which was drafted after an intensive process of consultation and a broad exchange of views with all governments on the Central

Ortega adds in his letter that the presentation of new amendments would result in unending discussions and would only serve to hinder the achievement of peace, which the Central American peoples are so rightfully and urgently demanding.

Meanwhile, the FSLN has proposed in Managua to revoke the suspension of the legal status of three opposition parties so they be allowed to register in order to participate in the elections on 4 November.

In a communique, the FSLN demands a special meeting of the National Council of Political Parties in order to temporarily suspend the measure against the Social Democratic Party, Social Christian Party, and the Constitutionalist Liberal Party. These parties, which are members of the Nicaraguan Democratic Coordinating Board, did not register during the period set by the Supreme Electoral Council. If the FSLN's proposal is accepted, three parties will be legally qualified to participate in the elections.

The communique adds that the decision adopted by the FSLN National Directorate seeks to undercut the U.S. Government's aggressive policy and to test the real democratic calling of these parties.

ANGOLA'S DOS SANTOS RECEIVES SPANISH SUPPORT

PA152129 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 CMT 15 Sep 84

[Text] Spain and Angola have demanded respect for Angola's southern border and an end to aggressions through the southern border and South Africa's racist policy.

Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said at a news conference in Madrid, Spain, that the occupation of Namibia, the terrorist bands, and the presence of South African troops in the south of Angola are a constant threat to his country.

Dos Santos explained that because of the existing situation, Cuban troops cannot be asked to leave, a condition the United States is demanding prior to normalizing relations. He also stated that since 1981 South Africa has been illegally occupying a portion of Angolan territory, but that despite this situation his government has not refused to hold talks with Pretoria.

During his visit to Spain President Dos Santos signed several agreements with Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, such as approval of funds for Angola's industrial development and for Spanish cooperation in the fields of transportation, education, fisheries, and commercial exchange.

Spain was the last country visited by President Dos Santos during a tour of Western European countries which included France and Italy.

GRANMA VIEWS AIRLINE COMPANY'S DIFFICULTIES

PA220350 Paris AFP in Spanish 1528 GMT 21 Sep 84

[Text] Havana, 21 Sep (AFP) -- The airline company Cubana de Aviacion is experiencing serious technical and passenger service problems, GRANMA, the Communist Party of Cuba's newspaper, admitted today. According to the newspaper, these problems include the frequent suspension of flights, poor information given to the passengers, loss of baggage, and a lack of service.

On the technical aspect, GRANMA said that although it has modern planes. Cubana de Aviacion cannot maintain them because it does not have the equipment. Most repairs are done in workshops that have not been renovated since 1959, GRANMA commented.

The paper also said that the installations at the Jose Marti Airport in Havana are in no condition to properly handle passengers from domestic and international flights. The arrival of four large passenger planes immediately causes congestion, GRANMA pointed out.

According to an official report, the airport cannot handle more than 250 passengers an hour. Plans for modernizing the airport call for this figure to be increased to 2,000 passengers an hour, but this will require a \$250-million investment and is therefore out of the question for the time being, GRANMA indicated.

GRANMA ARTICLE PRAISES DEFENSE PREPARATIONS

PA212029 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 21 Sep 84

[Text] The Cuban newspaper GRANMA devotes the second page of its Friday issue to highlighting the people's constant activity to defend their achievements and give a firm response to any military adventure against our country by Washington.

The lead article refers to the building of fortifications and shelters to which Cuba has devoted important efforts, based on Vietnam's experience in facing U.S. air attacks.

Regarding this, GRANMA stresses that each Vietnamese had three air raid shelters at his disposal, and this lessened the number of civilian casualties caused by the criminal incursions of the U.S. Air Force.

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SADCC Energy Experts End Meeting in Luanda MB131401 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] The energy experts of the countries of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference [SADCC] ended their meeting in Luanda yesterday after discussing the 27 projects presented by Angola, which will be submitted to the ministerial meeting to take place in Luanda today.

The Norwegian Agency for International Development agreed to finance Project No 381 of the SADCC development projects in Zambia. With regard to Angola, it has presented three projects connected with the linking of the three Angolan electric systems, with the possibility of extending into Namibia in the future, the project for using the (Gove) hydroelectric complex, and the project connected with using firewood and charcoal in Angola.

The ministers from the SADCC member countries due to meet today are already in Luanda where they have visited the transport center of the National Angolan Fuel Company and the refinery of the Angolan Petroleum Company. They have also been honored with a dinner given by Pedro van Dunem, the Angolan minister of energy.

Cuban Labor Delegation Concludes Visit MB140720 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 14 Sep 84

[Text] A high-level delegation led by Enrique Gutierrez, first vice minister of the State Committee for Labor and Social security [CETSS] of the Republic of Cuba, which has been in Angola for the past few days, ended its working visit yesterday.

The delegation neld talks with a delegation of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security during which they assessed bilateral cooperation in the field of labor policy and assistance rendered so far and evaluated the draft program of cooperation for 1985 based on a request made by the Angolan side. The two sides also agreed to exchange missions and grant technical assistance and signed a memorandum of intentions. the memorandum was signed last night by Comrade Bras da Solva, Angola's minister of labor, and Enrique Gutierrez, first vice minister of Cuba's

The Cuban delegation had the opportunity to attend the opening of the first intermediary course on labor economy which is being given by the Center for Labor Studies. The delegation also toured the construction site of the future Center for Labor Studies in Benguela Province and several sectors of vital importance for the social ar: economic development of the People's Republic of Angola. The final communique says both sides expressed their desire to increasingly strengthen the traditional links of friendship and cooperation that unite them, and that the talks were held in a spirit of comradeship and fraternity.

Dos Santos Arrives in Rome; To Meet Officials

For Luanda coverage of the visit to Italy by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and of his exclusive interview with Paris LE MONDE, see the Italy section of the 14 September Western Europe DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

BOTSWANA

President's Office Reacts to Pik Botha Statement MB131232 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 1125 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] The office of the president has reacted to a press report of a statement by the South African foreign minister in which he accused Botswana of misrepresenting South Africa's search for a nonagression pact between the two countries.

A news release issued today from the office of the president says it is a long-standing and well-known policy of the Government of Botswana not to permit Botswana territory to be used for launching attacks against South Africa or any of the country's other neighbors. It further says Botswana always has over the years and without any prompting from South Africa arrested and put on trial any persons caught attempting to violate this policy.

The release also says that the Botswana Government has always indicated its willingness to discuss with neighboring states any weakness which these countries might perceive in the implementation of this policy in order to increase its effectiveness. If any person has succeeded in acting in violation of this policy in the past it was not with the knowledge or approval of the Botswana authorities.

The release further clarifies that the signing of a nonagression pact will in no way prevent such isolated violations of Botswana's policy not to allow its territory to be used to launch attacks against its neighbors. The office of the president also makes it clear in the news release that the Botswana Government pursues its policy regarding attacks against its neighbors as a matter of principle rather than of expediency, and that Botswana would still pursue this policy even if there were no economic relations between her and South Africa.

The release says the Botswana Government therefore regrets the (?overt) suggestion in the (?South African) [words indistinct] statement that there is some linkage between the maintenance of economic relations between Botswana and South Africa and the signing of a nonagression pact between the two countries.

Cabinet Minister Post Changes Announced MB131815 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 1610 GMT 13 Sep 84

[Text] The office of the president has released the names of the Cabinet ministers who [words indistinct] elections. The former minister of external affairs and minister of mineral resources and water affairs exchanged positions. Mr Archibald Mogwe takes the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Water Affairs while Dr

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CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO HUNGARY MEETS KADAR

FL122000 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1815 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] Janos Kadar, first secretary of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party [MSZMP], today received Cuban Ambassador to Hungary Euclides Vazquez Candela in Budapest. Afterward, the Cuban diplomat said the meeting was a fraternal and friendly exchange of opinions during which the Hungarian leader sent a greeting to Commander in Chief Fidel Castro. Kadar said the close relations between the MSZMP and the Communist Party of Cuba were evident. He expressed satisfaction with the increase in political and commercial relations between the two countries.

CHILEAN YOUTH LEADER ADDRESSES CONFERENCE

FL130108 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] Carlos (Lago), head of the Chilean Youth in Cuba Board [Coordinadora de la Juventud de Chile en Cuba], has given the concluding address at the Pinar del Rio higher education conference on solidarity with the Chilean people on the 11th anniversary of the death in combat of Salvador Allende. (Lago) said: With the support of you, the students of Cuba, and the progressive masses of the world, the fighting spirit of the Chilean people is growing each day, perhaps as large as the memory of the valiant President Salvador Allende. The Chilean leader added: During these times, when Chile is undergoing the most acute political, economic, and social crisis of its history, the Pinochet regime is increasing its repression, the number of murders and disappearances is rising, and unemployment and the cost of living are rising.

GRANMA COMMENTARY COMMEMORATES ANGOLA'S NETO

PA120443 Havana International Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] The Cuban daily GRANMA today published a commentary highlighting the fruitful life of prominent Angolan leader Agostinho Neto on the fifth anniversary of his death. GRANMA stressed that Agostinho Neto is a symbol of the Angolan people's struggle for independence and that, therefore, with his death Africa lost one of its most illustrious men, who rightly interpreted the aspirations of his people and led them to victory after 14 years of struggle. The Cuban daily adds: Faithful to the legacy of his thoughts, the Angolan people will never surrender before their enemies and are organized today to defend their territorial integrity and safeguard what they have accomplished through the revolution. In concluding, GRANMA states that the Angolan people continue in their efforts toward the consolidation of the revolution, economic reconstruction, and defense of their sovereignty in the face of the plans of the imperialist and racist enemy, which supports counterrevolutionary bands and tries unsuccessfully to thwart the process through destabilizing plans and attacks.

OMEGA 7 LEADER ADMITS TRANSPORTING 'GERMS'

PA121815 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 12 Sep 84

[Text] In statements to a U.S. court, counterrevolutionary terrorist Eduardo Arocena admitted that in 1980, working with a group subordinate to the CIA, he brought to Cuba the germs that later caused hemorrhaghic dengue, which caused a total of 158 deaths, among them 101 children, on that Caribbean island. Arocena, head of the Omega-7 terrorist group, which is closely linked to the CIA, has been accused of the 1980 murder of Felix Garcia Rodriguez, who was a Cuban diplomat at the United Nations.

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FOUR GRENADIAN PARTIES TO FORM COALITION

PA300355 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 30 Aug 84

[Text] According to some news agencies the leaders of four center-right parties, following U.S. instructions, have decided to form a coalition during the elections to be held soon in Grenada, which has been occupied by U.S. military forces since October 1983.

The same sources said that some leaders of the Caribbean countries who supported the U.S. military invasion of Grenada attended the meeting at which the coalition was agreed to

According to observers, the U.S. Government is using every means to prevent a victory of the Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement led by Kendrick Radix, who has been the subject of repression approved by the U.S. authorities.

Meanwhile, the United States is speeding up work at the Punta Salinas International Airport, which was under construction with a project for commist expansion. Many local workers have complained about the abusive way they are treated by the U.S. contractors, which is totally different from the affection and comradeship shown by the Cuban workers and technicians.

ANGOLAN OFFICIAL SCORES SOUTH AFRICAN PRESSURE

PA300143 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] Angolan Deputy Foreign Minister (Denuncio de Silva Mora) has denounced the South African regime's plan to force African states into withdrawing their support from the Namibian patriots.

During his visit to Moscow, (De Silva Mora) noted that Angola and the Soviet Union have similar points of view on the situation in southern Africa. The Angolan official said he highly values the aid the Soviet Union is providing for Angolan national security.

After noting the 10th anniversary of the establishment of relations between Angola and the Soviet Union, the Angolan visitor said that these relations have much significance for his government.

REPORT TO CONSTITUENTS MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FL291654 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 29 Aug 84

[Text] During September and October, the People's Government report on accountability to constituents [Rendicion de Cuentas] will take place throughout the country. Next Wednesday, 5 September, the process will begin in which 10,963 delegates from the electoral districts will give accounting for the measures they have taken.

Last April, the people went to the polls in large numbers to elect the best candidates to serve a 2 and 1/2-year term, which will coincide with the 4th term of People's Government local organs. On this occasion active participation of the masses will be necessary in demanding convincing answers, raising problems that affect everyone, and developing initiatives to solve the problems. During the last report to constituents, there was 86.6 percent attendance and 99,588 problems were discussed.

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Luanda Reports Signing of Pact With Cuba MB281620 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] The Cuban and Angolan foreign trade ministers, respectively Ricardo Cabrisas and Ismael Martins, signed in Havana an accord in the field of trade which will allow the exportation of medicines and sugar to Angola while Cuba will receive Angolan wood. It should be recalled that while in Cuba Ismael Martins dealt with issues related to the furthering and development of trade relations. During his stay in Cuba, the Angolan official discussed with officials from that fraternal country issues related to the international situation and particularly the situation which prevails in Southern Africa.

UNITA Issues Communique on 5-10 Aug Battles MB271305 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 27 Aug 84

[Communique issued in Jamba on 12 August by Amos Demostenes Chilingutila, chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola, for the period 5-10 August 1984]

[Text] The advance of the UNITA struggle throughout the entire north of Angola, including Cabinda, has been unstoppable. The MPLA has tried to resort to moribund maneuvers to recruit agents such as Barreiros, (Compinoquio Eduard), and (Outtonta) to antagonize the UNITA forces among the people but the Angolan peasants from the north have been supporting our struggle against the Russian Cuban occupation of our country.

We understand when Angolan exiles who need to earn living by issuing war communiques ignore what is happening all over the country, from Cabinda to Cunene. On our side, we are firm in saying that the fatherland and our (?blood) must be defended from inside the country and not from outside by professional exiles who will end up like (Cheni Pinoque), who is on the opposite side of the resistance. The government of national unity for which we have been fighting along for 9 years is going to include all the patriotic forces, whether or not they fought with guns.

The majority of Angolan people have understood that the country (?must be defended) from inside and not from Washington, Paris, or Lisbon. The world also understands this.

Cabinda Province: On 9 August, UNITA activists placed an explosive device near the Cabinda Airport which was detonated by a Cuban patrol and it has caused the destruction of [words indistinct] and the deaths of (?34 enemies). Uige Province: On 5 August we overtook the enemy post at Bembe position and killed 25 FAPLA soldiers, and captured 3. We destroyed 5 Star, Ural, and Mazda vehicles and we captured (?32) automatic weapons and a Racal communications radio. On 9 August, a Kraz vehicle loaded with war materiel detonated an antivehicle mine planted by our forces on the Cangola-Sanza Pombo Road and the vehicle was totally destroyed by fire.

Luanda Province: On 7 August our forces penetrated into the municipality of (Pexins), where they captured a FAPLA soldier named (Jose Alberto Camanga).

Cuanza Sul Province: On 9 August we overran Vila Nova de Seles, 300 km from N'Gunza, the provincial capital. We killed 45 FAPLA and People's Militia members and captured four foreigners—a Spaniard, two Portuguese, and one Sao Tomean.

We also captured great quantitities of weapons and ammunition of various calibers, medicines, and clothing. On 10 August, we attacked the 720th Battalion of the 7th Military Region on the Quere River plain and the enemy left behind the bodies of nine FAPLA soldiers.

Lunda Province: On 7 August an enemy column was attacked by the 43d Brigade of the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola on the Alto Chicapa-Cacolo Road, 18 km south of Cacolo. We destroyed and burned six vehicles. On 6 August, at 1600 our forces attacked the 31st Brigade, which was operating 34 km east of Alto Chicapa, and killed 15 FAPLA soldiers and wounded a number of others.

Moxico Province: On 7 August, our special commandos equipped with RPG-7's, machine guns, and grenades, penetrated Luena City and at 2327 they attacked the enemy barracks of the Angolan border guards and destroyed their commando head-quarters. This resulted in the hasty withdrawal of the soldiers, who fled their positions in panic.

On 8 August, two UNITA battalions attacked the enemy forces of the 308th Brigade along the Benguel railroad. It was along the Cangonga-Cavimbe section of the railroad that we caused heavy casualties to the enemy. We destroyed 2 BTR, 1 BRDM, and 13 vehicles. On 9 August, a special group infiltrated the commando headquarters of the 8th Brigade in the Munhango area. By 2100 an explosive device had been placed in the ammunition depot, which exploded some minutes later, totally destroying the materiel that was stored there. On 10 August, we repelled the 1st and 3d Battalions of the 67th Brigade 10 km southeast of (Chilongue) lake. The enemy suffered 41 FAPLA soldiers dead and several wounded.

Huambo Province: On 7 August, we attacked an enemy column on the Huambo-Bie tarred road and destroyed two IFA and Berliet vehicles. On 8 August our forces attacked an enemy battalion in the Lungo area and totally scattered the enemy forces, who left (?11) dead on the ground. We captured in this attack a communications radio with [words indistinct].

Huila Province: On 7 August, an enemy Gaz-76 vehicle detonated an antivehicle mine between Mulondo and (Sitar). This resulted in the destruction of that vehicle and the death of 15 FAPLA members, among them an official candidate [aspirante] named Jose Mane, head of state security for the Mulondo post, and Second Lieutenant Domingos (Pirolo Hangue), head of the General Staff of the 39th Light Infantry Brigade on 9 August, we attacked the supply column which was traveling from Lubango to (Chamutete) and destroyed two Kraz vehicles and the cargo they were carrying in the resulting fire.

During this period, the enemy suffered 172 FAPAL and 22 Cuban soldiers killed, and captured 5 soldiers. Some 163 assorted weapons were captured and 47 vehicles were destroyed, and one BRDM armored reconnaissance vehicle was destroyed, as well as two BTR military vehicles used to transport troops. Unita suffered 21 dead, 42 wounded, and 7 missing in battle during the same period.

Jamba, 12 August 1984, the year of the anti-cuban patriotic front the chief of general staff, Brigadier Amos Demostenes Chilingutila.

LESOTHO

Commentary Says Dialogue With RSA Welcome MB281334 Maseru Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Station commentary]

[Text] In a recent commentary about the diplomatic acumen of the Right Honorable Prime Minister Dr Leabua Jonathan, Radio Lesotho referred, among the prime minister's many attributes, to his proposals on dialogue with South Africa. The prime minister was the first leader of independent Africa to initiate a process of dialogue with the leaders of Government of the Republic of South Africa. But the prime minister went further. He risked his political reputation in Africa by inscribing his proposals on dialogue with Pretoria on the agenda of the OAU.

The summit of the OAU was astonished at the boldness of Lesotho's proposals. At the time, any suggestion of direct talks with South Africa was an anathema to an African political thought. It was even more. As Radio Lesotho said last week it was regarded as heresy. But the Right Honorable Dr Leabua Jonathan is not known for lack of courage. He does not sacrifice principle in favor of popularity.

The prime minister took his proposals, spurned by the OAU, to the UN General Assembly in New York. The assembly neither endorsed nor rejected the dialogue proposals. But the process which Dr Jonathan started has now become far more respectable as a way of resolving Southern African problems. The UN Secretariat has itself engaged in dialogue with South Africa. The president of Zambia, His Excellency Dr Kenneth Kaunda, has had face-to-face contact with South African prime ministers. The leaders of Botswana, Swaziland, and Mozambique have followed this path.

It is thus a matter that is not only surprising, but deeply regrettable that the South African foreign minister is now reported to have said that the Lesotho does not want dialogue with South Africa simply because no agreement has been reached on a security pact. Negotiations on the subject are continuing to attempt to bridge the gap in the positions of the two countries. Those positions in the view of his excellency's government are still too far apart.

In a previous commentary, Radio Lesotho reaffirmed Lesotho's readiness to continue to search for a way of accommodating the

interests of the two countres. We made it clear that part of this exercise was internal consultations within Lesotho to ensure that whatever agreement is reached enjoys the broadest national support possible. Two weeks ago we said that prospects for an agreement based on goodwill, mutual respect, and genuine recognition of the interests of peoples of both Lesotho and South Africa exist and should be exploited.

For its part, the Government in its latest message to South Africa committed itself to the following principles: the principle of sovereign equality and territorial inviolability; the obligation to prevent the use of Lesotho's territory for any act prejudicial to the territorial integrity, security, and independence of any state; the principle of peaceful coexistance, and a settlement of disputes by peaceful means; respect for the sovereignty and independence of other states; and the obligation to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of other states.

It is on the basis of the Right Honorable Dr Leabua Jonathan's stand on dialogue, and the principles and obligations to which government has committed itself that we in Radio Lesotho want to state clearly that any talk of Lesotho not wanting dialogue with South Africa is unjustified and without any foundation.

MOZAMBIQUE

Talks Begin With Visiting Soviet Parliamentarians MB281657 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Talks started in Maputo this morning between the delegation of the USSR Supreme Soviet, which has been visiting Mozambique since yesterday, and a delegation of the People's Assembly. Fernando Ganhao, member of the permanent commission, has led the Mozambican delegation while Antanas Barkauskas, deputy chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet and chairman of the Lithuania Socialist Republic, led the Soviet delgation. It is expected that during the talks, friendship ties were discussed as well as the strengthening of the contacts between the People's Assembly and the Supreme Soviet. A little before the start of the talks which were held in the 4th congress hall, Antanas Barkauskas laid a wreath in the monument to the Mozambican heroes, thus paying hommage to our martyrs.

CSSR Official Comments on Trade Fair Relations MB281609 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1400 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text]Our presence at the 1984 Maputo International Trade Fair [FACIM] reflects our desire to increasingly strengthen our trade relations with Mozambique enterprises. This has been stated to NOTICIAS newspaper by (Alex Chvazina), director of Czechoslovakia's exhibit, one of the countries that received a gold medal for its sixth participation in the event. According to the director of the Czechoslovak exhibit, his country is taking part in the 1984 FACIM show with a group of 14 foreign trade enterprises, displaying a wide range of foodstuffs and an assortment of construction and industrial equipment. A contract worth \$1 million for the acquisition of construction machinery was

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RISQUET MEETS WITH ANGOLA'S TRANSPORT MINISTER

FL282258 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 28 Aug 84

[Text] Politburo member Jorge Risquet today met with Bernardo de Sousa, member of the Central Committee of the Popular Liberation Movement of Angola Labor Party [MPLA-PT] and transport minister of this brother country, at the Central Committee's office in Cuba. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed the international situation, southern Africa, and Cuban-Angolan party and government relations.

Also present at the meeting were Neuris Vernier, chief of section of the Central Committee of Cuba's Communist Party, and Mwaete Joao Baptista, Angola's ambassador to Cuba.

U.S. INTERVENTION MAKES AREA PEACE REMOTE

PA290405 Havana International Service in Spanish 2310 GMT 28 Aug 84

["Our America" commentary]

[Text] The growing U.S. military intervention in Central America is turning this region into one of the most dangerous war points in the world. Washington's aggressive actions are mainly an attempt to try and stamp out the Sandinist revolution in Nicaragua and stop the growth of the guerrilla forces in El Salvador.

The case of Nicaragua is particularly dramatic. Nicaragua is a poor nation that has begun a radical socio-economic change with the determination and sacrifice of its people and is the victim of a vile deed by counterrevolutionary forces supported by U.S. imperialism.

The United States has implemented numerous plans of aggression and destabilization against Nicaragua. According to cynical statements made by John Dimitri Negroponte, U.S. ambassador to Honduras, these actions were enforced by the White House as a demonstration of the high priority the United States gives to democracy in Central America.

These actions were denounced by Nicaragua during the meeting of the Contadora Group and Central America deputy foreign ministers that ended on Tuesday in Panama City. During that meeting the deputy foreign ministers analyzed an agreement approved by all parties which will be studied by the Central America foreign ministers and the four Contadora Group foreign ministers. However, first the agreement must be studied and amended so that it will result in a coherent document that can be accepted by all.

There are three main subjects that will be broadly debated: socio-economic, political, and security problems. According to analysts, this latter point could hold the key that make the Contadora meetings a total success or a partial failure. In this regard Nicaragua demands an environment of trust and security to develop its domestic and foreign policy according to the best interests of its people.

Costa Rica is proclaiming a neutrality that practically finds itself in a precarious state every day because of the presence in Costa Rica of Nicaraguan counterrevolutionary groups.

Meanwhile, El Salvador and Honduras are closely linked to the warmongering and confrontation policy promoted in Central America by the U.S. Government.

According to political observers, this is the situation faced by the political trends in the area. These could explode at any moment despite the good efforts and intentions being made by the Contadora Group to achieve peace.



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The United States attributes the existing situation in that region not to the structural problems brought about by neo-colonialism and not to the fact that the population is striving to change its alarming social conditions and achieve independence, but to what it describes as interference by the USSR and Cuba and the striving by communism for the mastery of the world. The Salvadoran patriots and the Nicaraguan Government are proposing that the conflict be settled at talks with the participation of all the opposing sides, including the U.S. government. Cuba sincerely supports these efforts. However, the world is watching with concern the web of aggression being spun around the countries mentioned. Seeing this, no one can call himself an outsider. [end recording]

ANGOLAN DELEGATION SIGNS TRADE AGREEMENT

FL251308 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 25 Aug 84

[Text] Cuba's Foreign Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrisas and his Angolan counterpart Ismael Gaspar Martins have signed a memorandum summarizing the principal events and the agreement accorded upon during the Martins-led trade delegation's visit to Cuba. The ceremony for the signing of the document was held in Havana in a cordial, frank, and friendly atmosphere. Underscored among the matters under agreement was Cuba's forthcoming participation at the Luanda trade fair in November, 1984.

GDR'S SINDERMANN ARRIVES IN HAVANA FOR VISIT

FL242244 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 24 Aug 84

[Text] Horst Sindermann, member of the Politburo of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and president of the Volkskammer, arrived in Cuba today at the invitation of the People's Government National Assembly [ANPP]. Receiving him at the Rancho Boyeros Air Terminal were Flavio Bravo Pardo, member of the Party Central Committee and president of the ANPP; Jose Aranaburo, secretary of the ANPP; and Ramiro del Rio, chief of the ANPP's International Relations Department. Horst Sindermann, who was also met by the GDR ambassador to Cuba, will stay in Cuba for 2 weeks.

CUBAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RETURN ON SOVIET SHIP

FL241806 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 24 Aug 84

[Excerpt] Early this morning the Soviet ship Taras Shevchenko arrived in Cuba with nearly 800 Cuban students on board who had graduated from Soviet universities. The ship entered Havana's bay at 1122 GMT today carrying the youths, who are returning to their homeland after concluding their studies in various Soviet cities. It is important to point out that all of the students have already been assigned work in Cuba according to each person's specialty.

UN AMBASSADOR ON SOLIDARITY WITH PUERTO RICO

PA250125 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 24 Aug 84

[Text] Raul Roa Kouri, Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations, has reiterated his country's solidarity for Puerto Rico's independence and has denounced U.S. militarization of that island. In a speech before the UN committee for decolonization, Roa Kouri said that Puerto Rico is totally Latin American and is witnessing an attack on its ethnic and cultural roots by Washington's attempts to annex the island. In conclusion, the Cuban diplomat criticized the repression against Puerto Ricans who are fighting for independence and whose most recent action resulted in the killing at Maravilla hill. Prior to Roa Kouri's speech, Cuba and Venezuela had presented a draft resolution to the UN committee demanding the Puerto Rican people's right to independence and self-determination.



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the undertaking, South African finance will be raised to revive the flagging tourism infrastructure of Mozambique.

The declaration was signed by the Mozambican secretary of state for tourism, Mr Antonio Materrula, and the chairman of the Lowveld Liaison Committee, Mr (Johnnie Hern), on Inhaca Island, off the Mozambican coast.

Mr Materrula told our representative that the first coordinated effort will be in the field of tourism with Repmoza seeking South African entrepreneurs to invest in the Mozambican tourism industry. He said his government would plough back profits into the country's tourism infrastructure, and added that individuals and companies would also be allowed to join the venture.

Mr (Hern) told our representative that a similar agreement regarding agriculture would be entered into.

Commentary on RSA-Mozambique-RENAMO Talks MB171649 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 17 Aug 84

[Station Commentary: "South Africa's Stabilizing Role in Southern Africa"]

[Text] There has been another dramatic example of South African efforts to stabilize the Southern African subcontinent, an example which belies the claims in certain quarters that the role of South Africa has been playing in the area is that of a destabilizer

In Pretoria, discussions with the South African Government have been held by both the Mozambican Government and RENAMO [Mozambique National Resistance]. Describing the entire situation as extremely delicate, the minister of foreign affairs, Mr Pik Botha, confirmed that issues affecting the Nkomati Accord between South Africa and Mozambique had been discussed with RENAMO. He said that such discussions would not be held without the consent of the Mozambican Government.

Mozambique's Minister of Economic Affairs General Jacinto Veloso said he had no objections to discussions between South Africa and RENAMO as long as they did not adversely influence the Nkomati Accord.

Informed sources believe that South Africa would not want to use her good offices to bring about a meeting between the Mozambican Government and RENAMO in the hope that they will be able to sort out the differences. Particularly since the signing of the Nkomati Accord, South Africa has no satisfaction whatsoever in the continuing strife in Mozambique and the role the resistance movement is playing in destabilizing the country.

South Africa has adopted the same attitude towards events in Angola. Recently the administrator general of South-West Africa, Dr Willie van Niekerk, said that it would be a good thing if the Angolan MPLA-Labor Government and UNITA were able to reach an accommodation. The continuing civil war in that country is preventing the withdrawal of the Cubans and this in turn is hampering a settlement in South-West Africa. It is of

course a welcome development that the countries of Southern Africa are looking more and more to themselves as the means of settling problems in the subcontinent and that there does appear to be a tendency towards pushing the superpowers into the background.

Prime Minister Discusses Angola, World Opinion MB171131 Johannesburg SAPA in English 0953 GMT 17 Aug 84

[By Pierre Claassen]

[Text] Durban, Aug 17, SAPA — There could be no basis for peaceful solutions in Southern Africa unless the rest of the world considered South Africa's point of view, the prime minister, Mr P.W. Botha, said in Durban today. In a brief address at the start of today's proceedings at the Natal National Party congress, Mr Botha reiterated that there could be no settlement in SWA/Namibia while there were Cubans in Angola.

"Our viewpoint is that we shall remain in the forefront in seeking a solution for the territory on condition that the Cubans leave Angola. We cannot accept their presence in respect of the SWA/Namibian problem, nor can we, as a regional power, accept the presence of foreign troops in our midst. Account will have to be taken of South Africa's viewpoint or there can be no basis for peace," Mr Botha said. He directed this remark at the United Nations and the international community in general. "We do not have to ask other countries for the right to live in our fatherland — that right we acquired from our creator," said Mr Botha.

Describing his recent European tour as a success, he said he did not want to create the impression that Europe accepted the view of South Africa. "I believe there is no single political party (in South Africa) that can satisfy totally the international demands made of us. There is no country in the world with the problems of South Africa and none in which policies have been accepted and proved to be a successful example which we can follow. All we can do is walk the road of justice and fair application of our policies to serve the principles of stability, economic progress and peace in South Africa." The prime minister said his government was committed to this course.

PAC Opposes Botha Visit to African Countries MB171351 Umtata Capital Radio in English 1300 GMT 17 Aug 84

[Text] The Pan Africanist Congress [PAC] does not want the South African prime minister to visit African countries. Responding to reports that Pieter Botha was to undertake an African tour, a senior official in the PAC says that the congress will approach the OAU if Botha does so. The official says that the whole African continent should take a stand on Botha's planned tour and that the PAC is watching Botha's plans with great interest.

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Imperialism is pressuring the governments of the People's Republic of Angola to hold talks with the bandits. Of course the Angolan people have been holding this dialogue since their independence, but with a difference: this dialogue is being held by our people with weapons in hand. This is the only language which the lackeys of imperialism can understand.

The mining of two ships, which directly involves South Africa and the United States in a crime of international piracy, will obviously not change this unshakeable decision of the Angolan people. Imperialism is therefore following paths which run counter to the social dynamics and the logical conclusions of history, which is dangerous. But this does not frighten us. On the contrary it only consolidates our revolution and our independence. Imperialism and its lackeys shall not pass.

Trade Minister Martins Meets Cuban Counterpart MB140832 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 14 Aug 84

[Text] Angolan Minister of Foreign Trade Comrade Ismael Martins met day before yesterday with his Cuban counterpart, Ricardo Cabrizas Ruiz, within the framework of the visit he is making to the Republic of Cuba.

During the meeting, trade relations were discussed as well as prospects for the development and increase of trade relations between the two countries. The meeting was attended by Miguel Castillo, Cuban deputy minister of foreign trade, and Mwaete Joao Baptista, Angolan ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Cuba.

Dos Santos Congratulates Zaire's Mobutu MB150826 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 15 Aug 84

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-LABOR Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, has sent a message of congratulations to Zairian head of state, Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko on his reelection as president of the republic and chairman of the People's Revolutionary Movement.

President Jose Eduardo dos Santos stressed in the message that "this event shows the esteem that Your Excellency enjoys among the militants of your party, which is an expression of the trust that the Zairian people place in you as a result of the dignified and conscientious manner in which you have led the nation in the struggle for the social progress and welfare."

Head of State Invited to Meeting in Tanzania MB150816 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 15 Aug 84

[Text] The Angolan head of state was invited by Tanzania President Julius Nycrere to participate in Arusha, northern Tanzania, in September in a Socialist International conference.

The invitation was delivered yesterday afternoon to Comrade Juliano Mateus Paulo Dino Matross, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Political Bureau and minister of state security, by Benjamin Mkapa, Tanzanian minister of foreign affairs, who has been in Luanda since vesterday.

This Socialist International conference will be held under the chairmanship of Olaf Palme, Swedish prime minister and chairman of the Swedish Socialist Party, and should be attended by socialists parties from all parts of the world and some leaders of the Frontline States. With the aim of making known the main discussion issues of the conference and to formulate the invitations, the head of the Tanzania Foreign Ministry has visited several Frontline States on behalf of President Julius Nyerere, including Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

BOTSWANA

Masire Announces Plan for Rail Link to Namibia MB131017 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1003 GMT 13 Aug 84

[Text]Gaborone, Aug 13, SAPA — President Quett Masire has announced that Botswana intended building a rail link to the coast of SWA/Namibia in the future so that his country could reduce its dependence on South Africa.

He told a 5000-strong political rally here yesterday that countries in Southern Africa were until four years ago greatly dependent on South Africa in the fields of communications and transport.

However, since the establishment of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), about \$775 million (R1.25 billion) had been spent and a further \$609 million (R982 million) was under negotiation to create alternative transport and communications routes.

It was also through the aid of the SADCC, President Masire said, that the Botswana Government intended to build a direct rail link to SWA/Namibia and the Atlantic Ocean.

"Projects of this kind reduce our dependence on South Africa, strengthen our economic relations with Botswana's DADCC partners and, above all, improve the SADCC countries economies."

He said fur:her that work would soon begin on a new electricity system which would integrate Botswana's grid with those of Zambia, Zimbabwe, and possibly Mozambique at a later stage.

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FL091233 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 9 Aug 84

[Text] Argentine President Raul Alfonsin has received in special audience Hector Rodriguez Llompart, minister president of the Cuban State Committee for Economic Cooperation. During the meeting, held in Los Olivos presidential residence, Llompart conveyed to the Argentine head of state greetings from Cuban President Fidel Castro, which were reciprocated by Alfonsin. During the talks, held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere, matters dealing with the current Central American situation, economic problems affecting underdeveloped countries and, particilarly, the further strengthening of relations between Argentina and Cuba were discussed. Subsequently, the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Joint Committee for Economic and Industrial Cooperation between-Cuba and Argentina began its work.

Argentine Commerce Secretary Ricardo Campero and the Cuban minister signed an exchange of notes by virtue of which the two governments agreed to the formation of this committee. After the signing ceremony, Rodriguez Llompart noted that last year trade between Cuba and Argentina had grown by more than \$120 million, (?which will be) surpassed this year.

MALMIERCA MEETS BENIN NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

FL092334 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 9 Aug 84

[Text] Cuba's Foreign Minister and Central Committee member Isidoro Malmierca today met with Benin's new Foreign Minister Affo Frederic Assogba at the Foreign Ministry. Assogba, who had been Benin's ambassador to Cuba, was congratulated on his recent promotion by the diplomatic corp accredited to Cuba. The meeting also served as a farewell ceremony because he will shortly be returning to Benin to take up his new duties.

RISQUET VALDEZ MEETS WITH ANGOLAN MINISTER

FL092316 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 9 Aug 84

[Text] Politburo member Jorge Risquet met today with Angola's Minister of Foreign Trade Ismael Gaspar Martins at the party's Central Committee offices. Also present at the fraternal meeting were Angola's Ambassador to Cuba Joao Baptista and Cuba's vice minister of foreign trade Miguel Castillo. Trade relations between the two countries and the likelyhood of broadening and developing these relations were discussed at this friendly meeting. Also discussed was the firm solidarity which unites Cuba and Angola, the brotherhood between the two peoples, and current international affairs, specially the situation in southern Africa.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON POPULATION HELD IN MEXICO

Soviet Representative's Remarks

FL081827 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 8 Aug 84

[Text] The Soviet delegate to the World Conference on the city and peace in Mexico City has stated that the arms race, inflated by imperialism's aggressive circles, is one of the main causes of increasing world political and economic instability. The delegate added that the arms race increases the threat of nuclear war and endangers the very existence of humanity.

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VECINO ALEGRET ADDRESSES POPULATION MEETING

FL081242 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 8 Aug 84

[Text] Cuba has stressed that no international economic program will have a positive impact in underdeveloped countries if it is not accompanied by profound socio-economic reforms. The statement was made by Cuban Higher Education Minister Fernando Vecino Alegret at the International Conference on Population being held in Mexico City.

The Cuban minister said the profound international crisis affects poor countries with particular rigor as a result of foreign dependence and the structural distortion of their economies. The foreign debt's irrational increase, exacerbated by rises in interest rates and in general by the economic policy adopted by developed capitalist countries, forces upon Third World countries the crisis' main weight.

This situation aggravates the conditions in which the majority of the population of those nations live, Fernando Vecino added. In closing, the Cuban minister quoted a segment of President Fidel Castro's message to the conference. The message notes that in the face of the nuclear tragedy threatening us, the drama of underdevelopment and exploitation oppressing us, and the economic and social crisis lashing out at our countries, there can be no attitude of acquiescence and adaptation, the only way out for man is to struggle restlessly for peace and development.

CULTURE MINISTER HART ARRIVES IN PANAMA

PA090425 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 9 Aug 84

[Text] Cuban Culture Minister Armando Hart arrived in Panama City at the invitation of Panamanian President Jorge Illueca. He was met at the Omar Torrijos International Airport by Diogenes Cedeno Cenci, director of the National Culture Institute; Moises Torrijos, president of the Panama-Cuba Friendship Institute, and other personalities. During his 4-day visit to Panama City Armando Hart will meet with President Jorge Illueca, General Manuel Antonio Noriega, commander in chief of the National Defense Forces, and Foreign Minister Oyden Ortega. He will also meet with Education Minister Susana Richa de Torrijos; Ceferino Sanchez, rector of the University of Panama; and Berta Torrijos, president of the Democratic Revolutionary Party.

DELEGATION TO ATTEND FEBRES INAUGUARATION IN QUITO

FLO82246 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 8 Aug 84

[Text] Council of Ministers Vice President Jose Ramon Fernandez left today for Ecuador heading an official Cuban Government mission. The delegation was invited by Ecuadoran President-elect Leon Febres to attend the presidential inauguration ceremony. The ceremony will be held in Quito on 10 August. Included in the Cuban mission are Jorge Bolanos, vice foreign minister, Norberto Hernandez, vice chief of the Central Committee's America department, and Carlos Zamora, Cuban ambassador to Ecuador.

ANGOLAN MINISTER'S VISIT TO UNECA REPORTED

FL081353 Havana Television Service Spanish 0000 GMT 8 Aug 84

[Text] Angolan Foreign Trade Minister Ismael Gaspar Martins has visited the main offices of the Union of Caribbean Construction Enterprises, UNECA, where he met with its director general, Angel Gomez Trueba.

During the talks, the possibilities for increasing Cuban cooperation in the construction materials industry were discussed. In addition, there was an exchange in views on the future growth of Cuban-Angolan trade in that branch as well as in the development of mixed enterprises for building social projects and other types. The two sides' determination to increase economic and trade relations was verified.

ARDE INFILTRATOR MAKES CHARGES AGAINST CIA

PA090422 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 9 Aug 84

[Text] Marielos Serrano Guillen, a Sandinist fighter who infiltrated the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance, ARDE, has confirmed that CIA agents directed the mining of the Nicaraguan ports of El Bluff and Corinto.

Marielos Serrano, who worked for 2 years under Eden Pastora's direct orders in Costa Rica, also reported that the CIA directed a foiled bomb attack on the Augusto Cesar Sandino Airport as well as an attack on San Juan del Norte. In her declarations before the anti-Somozist People's Tribunal in Managua during the trial of counterrevolutionary leaders in absentia, the Sandinist combatant said that the CIA had given Pastora up to \$60,000 per month.

The witness disclosed that she fought on the southern front during the final phase of the struggle against the Somozist tyranny, and that after the revolutionary victory she worked as Pastora's assistant in the armored battalion. She added that she left for Costa Rica in September 1982 following instructions from the Nicaraguan Government's General Directorate of State Security and joined the anti-Sandinist leader's support team.

Meanwhile, it was learned that three officers of the Sandinist Peoples Army were killed in an ambush by counterrevolutionary forces in Madriz Department bordering Honduras.

NICARACUAN OFFICERS AMBUSHED IN MADRIZ; 3 DIE

PA082124 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 8 Aug 84

[Text] Three Sandinist People's Army officers were killed during ambushes sprung by counterrevolutionary forces in Madriz Department bordering Honduras. The Sandinist officers, Lieutenants Reinerio Tijerino and Ayan Martinez, were killed at El Naranjo, 7 km southeast of San Juan del Rio Coco, while Lt Benito Jose Gutierrez died in a similar action in the El Mechon area near Telpaneca.

The Sandinist army has reported that eight counterrevolutionaries were killed at El Cano del Castillo, in southeast Zelaya Department.

In Managua, Sergio Ramirez, member of the Junta of the Government of National Reconstruction, has said that the likelihood of a direct U.S. military aggression has never been dismissed in the country. Ramirez, who is the FSLN vice presidential candidate, said during a press conference that the fact that Nicaragua is in the middle of an electoral process has not made Nicaraguans forget that the country is under permanent military threat and that there are U.S. bases very close, on Honduran territory.

COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY SURRENDERS TO SANDINISTS

FLO81910 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1802 GMT 8 Aug 84

[Text] (Cresensio Bermudez Lopez), commando chief of a Nicaraguan counterrevolutionary group, has given himself up to the authorities after killing 3 anti-Sandinists who were going to kill a woman and a little girl.



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ANGOLAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ARRIVES FOR TALKS

FL961812 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Angolan Foreign Trade Minister Ismael Gaspar Martins has arrived in Havana City in response to an invitation from his Cuban counterpart, Ricardo Cabrizas Ruiz, who welcomed him at the Jose Marti International Airport. During his visit, matters dealing with the state of bilateral trade relations and other topics of mutual interest will be discussed.

USSR TO SEND TRUCKS FOR GASOLINE, CEMENT

FLO41800 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Text] The Soviet machine factory in (Stanov) city has finished building a shipment of trucks for transporting gasoline which will be sent to Cuba. The tricks which have a 70 ton capacity each, are part of the 1984 allotment. Another 100 trucks for cement and molasses will be built in the next few months and sent to Cuba.

'ARAFAT MEETS WITH LATIN AMERICAN PALESTINIANS

FL061920 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1815 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Palestinian leader Yasir 'Arafat has met with a delegation from the Conference of Palestinian Associations, which groups together Palestinians residing in Latin America in Tunis. 'Arafat, PLO president, underscored the importance this association has in confronting the Zionist influence in that part of the world.

REPRESSION IN URUGUAY CONTINUES DESPITE TALKS

PA070316 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 6 Aug 84

["Our America" commentary]

[Text] Political observers agree that, according to the latest developments in Uruguay's internal situation, everything seems to indicate that the country is heading toward a civilian government after 11 years of military regimes. Their opinions are based on the talks being carried out between government and political party representatives. Leaders of the three main opposition forces in Uruguay have asserted they are making progress in the negotiations with the military regime and consider it highly probable that they will reach agreements within the next few days. The Colorado, Civic Union, and Broad Front parties are participating in the talks with the regime. The National Party is not participating, as a protest for the imprisonment of its top leader, Wilson Ferreira Aldunate, who has been in prison for over a month.

The politicians have asserted that if an agreement is reached with the regime, this would surely end 4 years of confrontations between civilians and military officers and allow for the much-awaited elections — which have been scheduled for 25 November — and the handing over of power in March of next year. According to the solutions being discussed at the negotiations, the military regime will issue a constitutional decree establishing certain special norms, agreed upon by the politicians, which will be in effect for approximately 1 year. Subsequently, the future parliament must review such measures and decided if it is necessary to include some of them in the Constitution permanently.

So far, the meetings have been held without the National Party, one of the main opposition forces. Regarding Ferreira Aldunate's arrest, the Armed Forces representatives have said he will not be banished if a military court finds him innocent.

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1900 GMT 30 Jul 84

[Speech by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos at the opening of official talks between Angola and Cape Verde in Luanda on 30 July — recorded]

[Text] Comrade President Aristides Pereira, distinguished members of the Cape Verdian delegation, comrades:

It is with great satisfaction that we receive you in our capital today. As you had the opportunity to note at the airport, a number of workers of Luanda and several groups of traditional dancers have already expressed their joy for (?yet another) visit of Comrade President Aristides Pereira to Luanda, this time for a rather brief visit, which is nevertheless important for us. They danced and sang, thus expressing the greetings of the Angolan people to the people of Cape Verde and Comrade President Aristides Pereira, their most distinguished representative. I would like therefore to also greet Comrade President Aristides Periera and the delegation accompanying him on behalf of the leadership of our party and Government of the People's Republic of Angola. I would also like to express our recognition for having accepted our invitation to visit the People's Republic of Angola at this date and on an occasion when extremely delicate talks are in progress with a view to reaching satisfactory solutions for a number of problems which preoccupy the international community, particularly Africa, namely southern Africa.

During your visit, we are thinking of not only going over this issue, that is, the Namibian people, and the problem of the occupation of Angola by South African forces. We are also thinking of conducting an exchange of views about several questions that worry our continent, [words indistinct], and problems resulting from the difficult international situation we are living through. We are also thinking of deepening aspects of our bilateral cooperation so that we may find paths or mechanisms that are likely to strengthen the traditional links of friendship and solidarity that unite the peoples of Angola and Cape Verde and their respective vanguard parties. Such friendship and solidarity are based upon solid principles and also constitute the basis for the development of a mutually advantageous economic cooperation between our countries.

We would like to wish Comrade President Aristides Pereira and his distinguished delegation a pleasant stay in our country. We believe that our talks will take place, as has always been the case, in an atmosphere of frank comradeship within the great friendship that characterizes the relations between our peoples. Therefore, we welcome you, Comrade Aristides Pereira, and comrade members of the delegation that accompany you.

Talks End

MB311507 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 31 Jul 84

[Text] Official talks between Aristides Pereira, president of Cape Verde, and Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the People's Republic of Angola, ended a while ago at the Futungo de Belas in Luanda. No communique was released at the end of the talks, but according to statements made by the Cape Verdian president in Praia, the meeting between the two heads of state would deal mainly with the situation in southern Africa.

During the speeches made when the talks began yesterday, Comrades Aristides Pereira and Jose Eduardo dos Santos expressed their firm belief that the outcome of the talks would bear fruit, not only for both sides, but also the peoples struggling in the African Continent.

This morning, in the framework of his visit, the Cape Verdian president went to the (Etel) earth station where he toured all the installations. The communications center is geared to provide international communications via telex, telephone, and satellite.

[Words indistinct] Comrade Aristides Pereira; Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Angola's president; Comrade Andre Pitra, Petroff, secretary for production of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee; Bernardo de Sousa, minister of transport; Paulo Teixeira Jorge, minister of external affairs; and Alexandre Rodrigues, Kito, minister of the interior.

In this visit to Angola, the Cape Verdian head of state is accompanied by Silvino da Luz, Cape Verde's minister of foreign affairs; and Corsino Fortes, secretary of state for social communication.

Dos Santos Congratulates Castro on Anniversary MB271729 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 27 Jul 84

[Text] President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has congratulated Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and president of the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba, and the Cuban Government and people on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks, which was marked yesterday.

The attack on Moncada Barracks, the head of state wrote in his message, remains the symbol of the victory over a bloodthirsty and fascist regime in the pay of imperialism, which went down in history as the dawn of the struggle of the Cuban people for the gain of their real independence, and building of the first socialist state in the American Continent.

The head of state stressed the fact that three decades after this historic date, it must be stated that imperialism has not changed its aggressive attitude toward Cuba — it maintains the economic blockade, organizes provocations, and extends its bellicose action

to other countries in the region in order to suffocate the struggle of the oppressed peoples for democracy on the one hand, and overthrow legitimate governments of progressive countries on the other

Despite this atmosphere, Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos added, the Cuban people have built the basis of socialism and achieved on the American Continent matchless levels of development in the fields of health and education and largely exceeded the levels of material production of the neocolonial era.

Jorge Receives Credentials of Three Envoys MB271530 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 27 Jul 84

[Text] Paulo Teixeira Jorge, Angola's minister of external affairs, received yesterday the credentials of the new ambassadors of Botswana, Mr Edward Rasebotsa, and of Pakistan, Mr Raja Khadim Hussain. These ambassadors replace their colleagues, Mogoloi Medezi, now resident in Lusaka, and Mr Adwar Kedan, now residing in Maputo. The minister of external affairs received also the credentials of the new Finish ambassador, Mr Garth Castreen, who replaces his colleague, Mr Erik Hellqvist, also resident in Lusaka. It will be recalled that during the week Comrade Paulo Jorge received in separate audiences the ambassadors of France, Mr Jean Jacques Galabru, and of Nicaragua, Mr David McField Richards, the latter resident in Maputo where he is also the Nicaraguan ambassador.

UNITA Says It Halts Government Offensive MB311953 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 1900 GMT 31 Jul 84

[Text] UNITA, which recently said its forces would be fighting government troops in the streets of Luanda by the end of the year, claims to have beaten back a government offensive against the Cazombo salient in the east of the country. UNITA says the 4-month-old offensive against Cazombo has failed and government forces are fleeing in total disorder.

UNITA forces are said to have killed 1,600 Angolan and 214 Cuban troops at a loss of 300 men. A 15,000-strong government force backed by tanks and MiG aircraft launched the offensive early in autumn.

UNITA Communique Cites 6-11 Jul Victories MB291123 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguesc to Angola 0430 GMT 29 Jul 84

[Communique on UNITA activities from 6 to 11 July issued by the General Staff of the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola at UNITA central base in Angola on 11 July]

[Text] Of the various actions which were carried between 6 and 11 Jul 1984, we stress the following:

Moxico Province. On 8 July, our forces shot down a PC-7 aircraft and an Alouette-3 as they were carrying out a reconnaissance mission. All of their occupants died. On 11 July an attack was carried out against the village of (Neje) which is situated 97.5 km east of Luso city, while the CF-D [railroad line D] strategic bridge over the river at the village was destroyed.

Huambo Province. On 9 July a group of commandos infiltrated and atiacked the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] and Cuban barracks in the industrial wards of (Cuca) and Chianga in the city of Huambo. A total of 9 Cubans and 12 FAPLA members were killed, including Captain Antonio Carlos, provincial delegate of the Ministry of Security, and his assistant, Second Lieutenant (Matito). The installations of the Institute for Agronomic Investigation of Angola, also in Chianga ward, were attacked and destroyed, while two Cuban technicians were killed.9 Benguela Province. On 7 July, the Cuban and FAPLA Barracks 93 km southeast of Balombo was taken by our forces and six Cuban experts were killed.

Bie Province. On 7 July, an attack was carried out on a Cuban column betw een Andulo and Cutato, 19 km from Andulo. A total of 7 vehicles, 2 BTR, and a PT-76 tank were destroyed and a total of 11 Cubans were killed, while 38 weapons were captured. On 11 July, the bridges at Cueli and (laiava) over the CF-D line, 32 and 37.5 km respectively from the city of General Machado, were destroyed. An attack was also carried out on the enemy garrison at (Cassiuca), 18.5 km southeast of Bie. Two FAPLA officers were captured.

During this period, 187 FAPLA members and 39 Cubans were killed, 413 weapons were captured, and 24 vehicles, 5 BTR armored cars, 4 BRDM, and 2 PT-76 tanks were destroyed. A PC-7 aircraft and an Alouette-3 were also shot down.

The UNITA forces suffered 13 dead, 26 wounded, 6 missing, and 8 weapons destroyed.

Central base of UNITA in Angola, 11 July 1984, the year of the Anti-cuban Patriotic Front.

Brigadier Demostenes Amos Chilingutila, the general chief of staff

BOTSWANA

BPU Announces Parliamentary Candidates MB301847 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 1610 GMT 30 Jul 84

[Text] The Botswana Progressive Union [BPU] party has announced the names of 10 of their parliamentary candidates for the forthcoming general election. The names were released to the press by the give president of the party, Mr Koloi, who said that more names for parliamentary and council candidates would be released during the course of this week.

The candidates are Mr (Solabe) for Sebia-Gweta, Mr (Moropi Sifo) for Mahalapye, Mr (Koloi) for Boteti, Mr (George Ramohobe) for Northeast, and Mr (Nekane Maphosa) for Gaborone South. Others are Mr (Museki) for Tonota, Miss (Sylvia Koma) for Francistown, Mr (Magua) for Tswapong South, Mr

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FL170210 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 17 Jul 84

[Text] Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Soviet Temirbek Koshoyev reiterated today the Soviet Union's condemnation of U.S. aggressions against Nicaragua. Koshoyev heads the USSR's official delegation to the celebrations being held on the fifth anniversary of the triumph of the Sandinist revolution. He said that his country resolutely condemns U.S. hegemonistic policies that try to hurt the Nicaraguan revolution. Also arriving in Managua were Todor Bozhinov, Politburo member of the Bulgarian Communist Party, and Khang Sarin Kampuchea's Interior Minister. The celebration's organizing committee reported that representatives from 35 countries' governments and political parties would arrive today.

POLISH DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER ARRIVES IN HAVANA

FL171357 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1106 GMT 17 Jul 84

[Text] On the occasion of the celebration in Cuba of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Polish People's Republic, Division General Antoni Jasinski, deputy minister of National Defense and president of the Polish Cuban Friendship Society, has arrived in Cuba. He was welcomed at the Jose Marti International Airport by Senen Casas Regueiro, first vice minister of the FAR and president of the Cuban-Polish Friendship Association.

ANCOLAN WOMEN LEADERS ARRIVE, MEET WITH ESPIN

FL172329 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 17 Jul 84

[Text] Vilma Espin, alternate Politburo member and president of the Federation of Cuban Women, [FMC], met today with Ruth (Mbebetz), member of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola [MPLA-PT] Central Committee and secretary general of the Angolan Women's Organization. At the FMC's national headquarters in Havana, a fraternal meeting was held between the two women leaders. Vilma expressed her satisfaction with the visit of the Angolan leader and her companions Lucia (Paines), Maria (Campes), and Irene (Nete), all secretaries in the Angolan Women's Organization. The Angolan delegation was invited to Cuba by Vilma Espin, and has already visited the FMC's grassroots organizations in Matanzas Province. Tomorrow a meeting will be held with Cuban women who were in Angola on internationalist missions. A meeting between Angola's Ambassador to Cuba Mwaete Joao Baptista and FMC leaders will also be held.

DELEGATION ARRIVES IN QUITO FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

FL172005 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 CMT 16 Jul 84

[Text] Severo Aguirre del Cristo, president of Cuba's Movement for Peace and Sovereignty of Peoples [MPSP], is heading the Cuban delegation which will attend a conference on peace, democracy, and human rights in Quito. Aguirre arrived yesterday in Quito from Guayaquil, and attended, along with delegations from some 20 different countries, the conference's opening ceremony which was presided over by Ecuadoran Foreign Minister Luis Valencia Rodriguez.

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In any case what seems unlikely is that things will remain unchanged. Just about now," Professor Lopez Segrera reminded me, 'it is 23 years and 6 months since the United States broke off relations on 3 January 1961 and began the policy of not recognizing the country." The case is unique in modern history. But 3 months earlier on 19 October 1960 President "Ike" Eisenhower made another decision destined incredibly to last more than a quarter of a century — the economic blockade of a small neighboring country 80 percent of whose market was in the United States.

"The first thing to stop was Coca Cola" -- it sounds like the start of a book by Gabriel Garcia Marquez on the history of the blockade. It was not the only thing to stop, but Cuba did not stop and in fact became a fixation for the United States.

"The successive failures of U.S. Democratic administrations (Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter) and of Republican administrations (Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, and Reagan) in their policy toward Cuba basically have the same cause — the refusal to accept the fact that as of 1959 our country ceased to be a Yankee neocolony." Of course Professor Lopez Segrera does not lump all the presidents together. Nixon's name was printed in Cuban newspapers with a swastika in place of the "x," while there is some sympathy for the Carter period, which was the closest the two countries ever came, to the extent of opening on 1 September 1977 special disguised diplomatic missions, the so-called "interest sections." Cuba's is officially a special office in the Czechoslovak Embassy in Washington, while the United States' is in Switzerland's embassy in Havana.

In an interview granted to the U.S. magazine PARADE a few months ago Fidel revealed that the very day of Kennedy's assassination he received in Havana via French publisheer Jean aniel an offer of dialogue from the U.S. president. So there is a kind of reassessment here of the man who, by a sinister irony of history, was U.S. president when organized mercenary troops trained, armed, and financed by the U.S. CIA attempted the Bay of Pigs invasion and who the following year sparked off the Cuban missile crisis that brought the world closer than ever to a third

"Fidel's reassessment," Professor Lopez Segreratold me "relfects a historical truth and is furthermore a message to those wanting to understand the United States. It is as if to say: We are willing to negotiate anything reasonable, without preconceptions."

Kennedy was a Democrat; as is Jesse Jackson, who will perhaps never be U.S. President but who is nevertheless willing to make Cuba's flexbile attitude known in the United States. "We are destined," one Cuban leader told me a while ago, "to meet again with the United States. It may be in a year, 10 years or 100 years, but reason and logic must prevail once more."

ANGOLA SIGNS NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK ACCORD

FL111840 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 11 Jul 84

[Text] In Luanda, Cuban Minister Without Portfolio Levi Farah has signed agreements with the Angolan minister of construction for new construction work to be done in Angola by the Union of Caribbean Construction Enterprises, UNECA. The official conversations between the delegation headed by Levi Farah and the Angolan delegation began on Tuesday.

During the conversations, matters related to Cuban cooperation in construction, UNECA, and the joint Cuban-Angolan (?Tengo-Giron) Enterprise were studied. Farah will take advantage of his visit to meet with the Cuban internationalist construction workers who last March fought off the attack on (?Tsumkwe) by UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] puppets.

POLISH SPOKESMAN JERZY URBAN CONTINUES VISIT

Discusses Economic Situation

FL111231 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1110 GMT 11 Jun 84

[Text] Antonio Perez Herrero, alternate Politburo member and full Secretariat member, has met with Jerzy Urban, government spokesman of the Polish People's Republic. Urban is visiting Cuba at the invitation of the Foreign Ministry. (Stanislau Arzabec), Jorge Bolanos, Ministry of Foreign Relations [MINREX] vice minister and other officials from the Central Committee's foreign relations department and the MINREX were at the meeting.

Jerzy Urban gave a talk in Havana in which he emphasized the advances made by a stabilized Poland, after the difficult situation which was produced by internal reaction, and supported by imperialism and other powers.

Urban said that Poland was coming out of its economic crisis -- it had interrupted the fall of its economy and was working to again reach its 1979 economic levels.

Holds Press Conference

FL111850 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 11 Jul 84

[Text] Poland's official government spokesman Jerzy Urban held a press conference for Cuban and foreign journalists in the Hall of Protocol.

At the meeting, Urban gave a brief account of Poland's history and socialist successes, and talked about the causes for Poland's crisis in the last few years. Urban stressed to the journalists that his country's present political situation was absolutely normal and that the antisocialist organization Solidarity had lost influence and power.

He also underscored the Polish United Workers Party and the government's efforts at trying to better the economy.

In reply to reporters' questions, Urban talked about the pressure the United States has exerted to obstruct Poland's return to normalcy and evaluated the role which Poland plays in today's world.

[Begin Urban speech -- recorded] All conflicts in today's world are dangerous, none the less conflicts in Europe are especially dangerous. Maybe, in this geographical area [Cuba], this thesis may sound slightly Euro-centrist, but Europe is where two very powerful military blocs confront each other, and where the preservation of peace is closely tied to the maintenance of the post-World War II status quo which includes the (?economic) status quo. [end recording]



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Cuban Vice Foreign Minister Visits Luanda MB291542 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] Viera Linares, Cuban first vice minister for foreign relations, has been in Luanda since 27 June for talks with officials of the Ministry of External Affairs. During his visit to Angola, Viera Linares will hold talks with officials of the Ministry of External Affairs in the framework of the bilateral agreements existing between the two ministries, which provide for, among other things, mutual consultation on conferences and other events.

It is worth noting that the Cuban vice minister of foreign relations has already had meetings with the secretaries for organization and for external relations of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, Lucio Lara and Afonso Van Dunem Mbinda respectively. Viera Linares will leave for the Cuban capital on 1 July.

Commentary Examines RSA 'Decentralization' Policy MB290915 Luanda ANGOP in French 1600 GMT 28 Jun 84

[ANGOP commentary: "What Rights do Blacks Have in South Africa?"]

[Text] The authorities in Pretoria are presently mounting a campaign aimed at presenting to the outside world a "human" and "legal" image of the apartheid policy.

Accordingly, they are propagating a sham "change" in the attitude of the white minority government toward the South African blacks, who, according to the statements made by the racist authorities, in recent times have been granted political rights under the so-called "decentralization" policy.

However, this "decentralization" is nothing more than the policy of bantustanization carried out by Pretoria which, far from constituting a right for the blacks, makes them foreigners in their own fatherland. The South African blacks live in subbuman conditions in the pseudo-independent bantustans located in the poorest regions of South Africa and recognized only by the South African regime. Even the least attentive observer in South Africa would note without much effort that the South African blacks, who constitute the majority of the population with 20 million blacks against 5 million whites, continue to be left aside and deprived of their fundamental rights.

According to recent official figures, 336 strikes took place in South Africa last year and involved about 70,000 workers. Only last December, 104 strikes were organized. And, according to the black trade unions, the total is higher than that given by the Pretoria authorities.

The statements by the Pretoria rulers that the Pretoria government had granted an "absolute priority" to the "progress" of blacks and that apartheid would be eliminated are senseless. A black man continues to earn less than his white counterpart and the apartheid laws continue to allow, for instance, the expulsion of a black who travels in a white compartment.

There are also in South Africa separate restaurants, hospitals, schools, quarters, and cinemas for whites and blacks. A South African black must possess the famous "pass" authorizing him to move about in the city. Without the document he is bound to be subjected to repression by the white police authorities. This is the reality of the apartheid state where the blacks continue to be poorer, and whites richer at the detriment of the former.

The Pretoria regime attempts to "legalize" apartheid, the only official system of racial discrimination in the world, are aimed at enabling it to escape international isolation. This campaign, encouraged by the Reagan administration, serves the interest of the United States, which is always eager to attribute an image of "legitimacy" to the apartheid regime in order to accomplish what the United States describes as "constructive engagement" between South Africa and the West.

The recent trip to Europe by South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha is part of this campaign which has once again confirmed what is no longer a secret to anybody: the Western support for the Pretoria regime despite its continuing disrespect for human conscience and dignity and the resolutions of the international community demanding the application of sanctions against South Africa.

Parcel Bomb Kills RSA Activist in Luanda MB301100 Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL in English 30 Jun 84 p l

[Excerpt] There was confusion last night over the events surrounding the killing of self-exiled South African activist, Mrs Jeanette Schoon, and her six-year-old daughter Katryn, who died in a parcel bomb blast in Angola on Thursday.

Mrs. Schoon (formerly Miss Curtis of Johannesburg) and her daughter died instantly from the blast at her home in Lubango at a time when she would normally have been lecturing at an extention of the University of Luanda.

Her husband, banned activist Marius Schoon, was in Luanda when the bomb exploded and their two-year-old son, Fritz, was at a nearby creche.

Normally Mrs Schoon, 35, and Katryn would not have been in the flat at the time the tragedy occurred, relatives and friends said vesterday.

Last night, the Luanda office of the International Red Cross said they had not yet received details of the blast, but once information was available, a report would be sent to the Red Cross head office in Geneva.

The Luanda Red Cross is invstigating the "senseless killings".

A spokesman for the office of Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, told the RAND DAILY MAIL the president's office had not yet received the "full facts" about the blast.

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JOINT ECONOMIC, INDUSTRY MEETING HELD WITH ITALY

FL261440 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 26 Jun 84

[Text] The third meeting of the Joint Cuba-Italy Committee on Economic and Industry Cooperation has begun at the Sierra Maestra Hotel. Both sides talked about their respective economies, specifically production and trade. They also discussed bilateral relations and trade.

Malmierca Receives Under Secretary

FL261732 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 26 Jun 84

[Text] Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca, member of the party Central Committee, received Senator Susanna Agnelli at the Foreign Ministry today. Agnelli is Italian under secretary for foreign affairs, and president of the Italian delegation to the third meeting of the Joint Cuba-Italy Committee on Economic and Industrial Cooperation. In their conversation, held in a fraternal atmosphere, Malmierca and Agnelli expressed their desire and decision to strengthen relations between the two nations.

ANGOLA'S MPLA-LABOR PARTY ISSUES COMMUNIQUE

PA251612 Havana International Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 25 Jun 84

[Text] The Central Committee of the Popular Liberation Movement of Angola [MPLA]-Labor Party has expressed concern over South Africa's nonfulfillment of the commitment made in the Lusaka talks. An MPLA-Labor Party communique issued in Luanda at the end of the Central Committee's 14th regular meeting stressed that the growing U.S. support for the Pretoria regime to prevent the application of UN Security Council Resolution No 435 on Namibian independence is worrisome.

In regard to Angola's political-military situation, the document emphasized that it is characterized by criminal acts committed by counterrevolutionary bands which, desperate because of defeats dealt by the Angolan Armed Forces, are increasing attacks on civilians, the kidnapping of foreign citizens, and the destruction of the economic and social infrastructure. After referring to the deterioration of the situation and the proliferation of tension spots in the world because of the increasing aggressiveness of imperialism, the communique stated its solidarity with the efforts of the Soviet Union, other socialist countries, and peace-loving forces to create a climate of world detente.



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RADIX SPEAKS AT ANTI-IMPERIALIST MEETING

FL161930 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 16 Jun 84

[Text] Delegates participating in the first consultative meeting of anti-imperialist organizations of the Caribbean and Central America have met in Havana. This meeting was called a encounter of anti-imperialist unity in the area. In a speech, Kendrick Radix, chairman of the organizing committee of the Maurice Bishop Patriotic Mission, emphasized the importance of the event.

[Begin Radix recording in English with simultaneous translation into Spanish] I believe that the meeting in Havana, particularly in the light of the situation in Grenada, in which the United States, together with its surrogates within the English-speaking Caribbean, shamelessly mounted the invasion of Grenada, with the purpose of illustrating to the rest of Central America and the Caribbean that it was willing to use the force of arms to stifle the legitimate aspirations of the people. This was analyzed in all its aspects and the determination of all the progressive forces and the delegations was reinforced to take active steps to reinforce their unity, to cooperate to the extent that this is possible among ourselves to see that these sinister designs will in fact, not succeed. [end recording]

U.S. REPUBLICANS ACCUSED OF MAFIA DRUG TIES

FL181254 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1127 GMT 18 Jun 84

[Text] U.S. Customs sources have revealed that more than a ton of cocaine, with a value of \$1 billion, has been discovered at Miami Airport. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL has published a report that members of the ruling Republican Party maintain close ties with groups of the Mafia engaged in trafficking in drugs.

ANGOLA'S DOS SANTOS CITED ON SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS

PA180403 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has demanded that South Africa immediately withdraw the two battalions that it still has stationed in Angola's southern territory. Speaking before thousands of people present in the town of Namibia [as heard], Dos Santos charged that Pretoria's racists are using all sorts of maneuvers to continue to occupy this Angolan area. He reiterated his rejection of South Africa's attempt to link Namibia's independence to the withdrawal of Cuban internationalist forces from Angola and added that Pretoria must withdraw without conditions from that territory, which it is occupying illegally.

Agreement Not Honored

FL181342 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1045 GMT 18 Jun 84

[Text] Luanda -- Angola's President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has demanded from South Africa the immediate withdrawal of two battalions it has stationed in the southern part of the country.

During a speech to Angolans, Dos Santos stated that the racists resort to all types of maneuvers to remain in the area of Cumene. Likewise, he called on the Pretoria government to put an end to Namibia's occupation and facilitate the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution No 435.

Nevertheless, as long as there are counterrevolutionary groups in Costa Rican territory receiving U.S. aid in the form of heavy artillery, helicopter gunships, transportation means, ammunition, and clandestine airstrips, tension along the border will continue, and this is potentially more dangerous for Costa Rica's peace and stability than it is for Nicaragua.

PCCH LEADER ON RECENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PA171709 Havana International Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Text] [Begin recording] The Communist Party of Chile [PCCH] national conference is expected to become the political, ideological, and organic cornerstone of our entire people's unity until victory is achieved. [end recording]

This was a statement by Mireya Baltra, member of the PCCH Central Committee, at a news conference held here in Havana. A document containing the major aspects discussed at the recently held PCCH national conference was released at this news conference.

According to Baltra, the conference was the first completely antifascist meeting held under the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet. She stressed that Chileans residing abroad, as well as hundreds of workers, students, and workers who live in Chile, participated in the discussions of the final report.

According to Baltra, the conference is an example of the Chilean Communists' political and ideological unity and demonstrated that there is no single leader in its ranks and that the principle of democratic centralism prevail.

CLASH CITED BETWEEN CHILEAN POLICE, DEMONSTRATORS

PA160443 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 15 June 84

[Text] A power outage in Santiago, Chile, blacked out that southern capital at a moment when violent clashes were taking place between participants in a popular demonstration and police forces. Several metropolitan areas and the seaside resort of Vina del Mar were left without electricity during the blackout. The Pinochet regime's police corps have not been able to determine what caused it.

Meanwhile, the so-called hunger march that was organized by the Metropolitan Neighborhood Coordinating Board approached the Palacio de la Moneda, shouting slogans against Augusto Pinochet's tyrannical regime. Several people were arrested or beaten. General Augusto Pinochet, head of the Chilean military regime, has legally authorized the National Information Central — the secret political police corps — to hold prisoners in its garrisons. Pinochet's decision was immediately rejected by the opposition, which described the measure as incredible.

COLONEL DEMOTED AFTER GRENADA INVASION, SENT TO ANGOLA

FL182035 Bridgetown CANA in English 1636 GMT 18 Jun 84

[By Colin McSeveny]

[Text] Havana, June 18 (CANA-REUTER) -- The Cuber military commander on Grenada during the American-led invasion last October has been stripped of rank and sent to Angola because of his poor performance, informed Cuban sources said today.

They told REUTERS that Colonel Pedro Tortolo and the 42 other soldiers then on the island had been court martialed. Tortolo, demoted to private, had been sent two weeks ago to join Cuban troops in Angola.

"The punishment is the equivalent of being sent to Russian front during World War II," siad one Cuban with close ties to the military.

The sources said Tortolo's fellow officers received similar sentences though they could give no details.

Twenty-four Cubans, all civilians, were killed during the invasion after a left-wing coup in which Prime Minister Maurice Bishop was overthrown and murdered.

Bishop had allied the tiny Carribean island with Fidel Castro's government. Many of the 750 Cuban workers also on the island were also involved in the fighting, defending the airport they were helping build. About 50 were seriously wounded.

Most of the Cubans were captured and eventually deported, arriving home to a hero's welcome and embraces at the airport by Castro himself.

Tortolo initially enjoyed the same treatment. But questions arose over how he and other military men were able to escape uninjured and to take refuge in the soviet embassy while many of their civilian comrades were fighting to their death.

He disappeared from public view and Cuban officials have repeatedly refused journalists' requests to interview him.

The official silence is in stark contrast to the talk on the streets where Tortolo has become the butt of public ridicule in a country which prides itself on its military prowess.

"The only honourable way Tortolo could have come back was badly wounded or in a coffin like many of his comardes," said one Cuban.

The sources said that Castro, a former guerilla leader renowned for his courage, was furious when details of the fighting emerged, particularly as he had been seen by the world welcoming Tortolo back.

MEXICAN DEPUTY ON SUMMER LINGUISTICS INSTITUTE

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[Text] Artemio Camal Hernandez, alternate deputy for the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, has said that far from benefitting Mexico's communities, the Summer Linguistic Institute [ILV] has harmed the Indian groups' way of life.

Camal Hernandez, who is also secretary of Indian action for the National Peasant Confederation, said that this U.S. organization has tried to tutor the Indians in religious or social matters, which they do not need. He said that the goal of the U.S. organization known as the ILV is to penetrate the Indian communities by introducing religious sessions and social customs that are foreign to those groups.

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The government leaders who participated in the socialist summit adopted a genuine action program to improve international economic relations. In their final declaration, the conferees expressed their support for openly cooperative relations, based on the principles of peaceful coexistence, and condemned the warmongering efforts to discriminate and apply pressure economically that particularly characterize the United States. It is U.S. behavior and the crisis generated by the industrialized Western nations that have created obstacles to the solution of the world's grave problems, which have particularly harmful effects on the developing nations. This statement is also contained in the declaration signed by the CEMA members. On the issue of the underdeveloped nations' foreign debt, which amounts to nearly \$820 billion, the declaration states that it is the result of colonial and neocolonial exploitation and asserts CEMA's solidarity with the demands of those nations.

JORGE RISQUET CITED ON WORKERS IN ANGOLA

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[Text] Recently, a group of [15-second break in transmission] in complying with their mission.

Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Cuba, decorated the internationalists, who have been working selflessly in that African country for more than a year.

The solemn ceremony -- held at the new building occupied by the Cuban civilian collaborators in Huambo following the barbaric attack that was perpetrated against them on 19 April of this year -- served to confirm the indestructible friendship between the two peoples.

In his speech, Risquet said that if the enemy's intention was to intimidate the Cubans with the attack in which 15 civilian collaborators in Huambo were killed, it was in error. The Cubans, Risquet stressed, have learned in 25 years of revolution to live without fear beside the imperialist monster. If this has not produced sleepless nights, puppet bands will not keep us awake.

While referring to the current situation in Angola, Risquet asked: Why is there war in this country, when the generous and courageous Angolan people struggled for independence from the Portugese colonialists for 14 years? Why can't they enjoy their legitimate independence, which they won at a cost of the 500,000 Angolans who fell during the struggle? The fact is, Risquet declared, that the Yankee imperialists, the South African racists and their Western allies have never admitted that Angola is a truly independent country, the owner of its own wealth.

Risquet continued: Since 1981, not only the puppet bands but the racist South Africans have again invaded Angola. This is why it can be said that Angola has not had a single day of peace in 23 years; it had a war that lasted 14 years, another one that went on for 6 months, and now has been waging yet another one for 8 years, which could be considered their third war for national liberation.

Alongside this gigantic effort by our Angolan brothers, our people, our party, our Revolutionary Armed Forces, and Fidel stand with the Angolan people, Jorge Risquet stressed in his speech at the ceremony in which Cuban civilian collaborators who have been in Huambo for over a year were given medals.

This is the meaning of our presence and our long stay in Angola, Risquet said, after which he referred to the Cuban-Angolan statements of 4 February 1982 and of 19 March 1984. In this respect, he said that on the day that the South African soldiers withdraw completely from Angola, Namibia becomes independent, and the South Africans stop supporting the counterrevolutionary bands, the Cuban fighters will return to their homeland. Stressing this point, he said: Of course, we do not intend to be in Angola forever, our presence here will not be necessary when these fundamental requirements are met.

In praising the work of the Cuban internationalists in Angola, Risquet cited a phrase from the heroic guerilla Ernesto Guevara: To be an internationalist is to reach the highest level of the human condition.

Risquet said this to the internationalist workers who were receiving medals: Today, you can wear these medals with healthy revolutionary pride, as will others who will receive them upon completing their mission. You can be sure in your innermost selves that you are not only willing to give everything you have for Cuba, but that you have also traveled thousands of miles from your fatherland, your homes, and your families to raise the Cuban and internationalist flags in the heart of Africa.

ANGOLAN PRESIDENT CITED ON SOUTH AFRICA

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[Text] The racist South African regime continues to illegally occupy several southern Angolan regions. In addition, it has continued to train, finance, and supply weapons to the UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] counterrevolutionary bands, Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, has said.

In a speech delivered in the Angolan city of Namib, Dos Santos stressed that South Africa's objective is to destabilize the Angolan situation and establish a puppet regime that responds to the racists' interests.

The regime of apartheid wants to prevent the achievement of peace in South Africa so it hinders the solution of the Namibian problem, which it artificially links to the withdrawal of the Cuban international troops from the People's Republic of Angola, he added. South Africa, he asserted, must withdraw its troops from Namibia, sign a cease—fire agreement with the South-West African People's Organization, SWAPO, and begin fulfilling Resolution 435 of the UN Security Council on the independence of the people of Namibia.

TWO CONTADORA MINISTERS PRESENT PEACE ACCORD

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[Text] Panama's Foreign Minister Oyden Ortega and his Venezuelan counterpart Isidro Morales presented UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar today in New York with the Central America Peace and Cooperation Accord prepared by the Contadora Group. UN sources said the document was a significant step in the Contadora Group's efforts. Nevertheless, Panama's Ortega warned this afternoon that the negotiations were at a critical and decisive point.



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FAPLA Actions of 30 May-12 Jun Reported MBi 40814 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 14 Jun 84

[Text] The People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] have annihilated 389 UNITA criminals in military operations carried out between 30 May and 12 June in the provinces of Huambo, Bie, Moxico, and Cuanza Sul. Military sources contacted by ANGOP said that UNITA bandits the day before yesterday attempted to occupy the headquarters of Quibala municipality in Cuanza Sul Province. In spite of FAPLA efforts, the bandits murdered some peasants and destroyed a number of houses.

In Huambo the day before yesterday a group of criminals attempted to carry out an act of sabotage. However, its destructive action was frustrated by the glorious FAPLA, who once again forced the enemy to run away, leaving the bodies of 10 dead bandits behind. The bandits also suffered an undetermined number of wounded, and lost assorted military equipment.

On 30 May the criminals attempted to take the headquarters of Munhango municipality in Bic where Angolan Armed Forces annihilated 176 puppets and captured 12 others. In this action our forces also captured 18 AK's, 23 G-3's, 2 L/CM79's, 4,000 rounds of ammunition, 317 rifle magazines, 32 cartridge belts, 26 RPG-7 shells, 46 60-mm mortar shells, 27 hand grenades, 2 communication radios, 18 raincoats, medicines, and assorted documents.

In Huambo Province between 1 and 4 June, FAPLA also annihilated eight puppets in the municipalities of Mungo and Limbuimbale who were surprised while carrying out a further criminal action. In Moxico Province between 1 and 4 June FAPLA clashed with a number of puppet groups, killing three criminals who were engaging in robbery, murder, and rape.

It is worth stressing that in these latest FAPLA actions, the Angolan forces captured enormous quantities of war equipment which the enemy uses indiscriminately. They consist of arms, rounds of ammunition, rifle magazines, grenade launchers, cartridge belts, mortars, and hand grenades.

Cuban Vice Trade Minister Visits Namibe Province MB121150 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 12 Jun 84

[Text] Rodrigo Fonseca, Cuban vice minister of domestic trade, who has been in our country since 2 June, visited Namibe Province last weekend in accordance with his schedule. As during his earlier stay in Huila Province, the Cuban vice minister visited hotels and other units of the Ministry of Internal Trade. He was accompanied on his visit to Namibe Province by Adriano dos Santos, Angolan minister of internal trade.

Cultural Agreement Signed With Benin

MBI31521 Luanda ANGOP in French 0900 GMT 13 Jun 84

[Text] Luanda, 13 Jun (ANGOP) — In Cotonou, Benin, last Friday, Boaventura Cardoso, Angolan secretary of state for culture, signed with Gratien Tonakpon Capo-Chichi, Beninese minister of literacy and popular culture, and Tiamiou Adjibabe, Beninese minister of foreign affairs and cooperation, a cultural and scientific accord and a cooperation program. [words indistinct] Speaking on the occasion, Boaventura Cardoso said that cultural cooperation between Angola and Benin was not new and the signing of this accord would strengthen it. In reply, the Beninese minister of foreign affairs and cooperation stressed the role culture plays and will continue playing in the political, economic, and sociocultural relations between the two countries.

President dos Santos Visiting Huila Province MB131038 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 13 Jun 84

[Text] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, is continuing his working visit to Huila Province. Yesterday afternoon the leader of the Angolan supreme party and nation met with the Fifth Region Military Council to discuss the political and military situation in that part of the country.

Yesterday morning President Jose Eduardo dos Santos met with the MPLA provincial leaders and party officials, with whom he analyzed the activities of the party and of the grass roots and social organizations, and other socioeconomic issues. The Angolan head of state visited an exposition of the main agricultural and industrial products of the province organized to mark his visit to Huila.

The presidential delegation includes Lopo do Nascimento, minister of planning, Evaristo Domingos Kimba, minister of agriculture, and Emilio Jose Guerra de Carvalho, minister of fisheries, as well as Colonel Antonio dos Santos Franca (Ndalu), chief of staff of the FAPLA forces, and Flavio Fernandes, secretary of the Council of Ministers.

BOTSWANA

Lesotho Foreign Minister Arrives With Message MB121340 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 1125 GMT 12 Jun 84

[Text] The Lesotho minister of foreign affairs, Mr Sekhonyana, arrived in Gaborone this morning to deliver a message from Lesotho Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan to the president, Dr Quett Masire. Mr Sekhonyana was met at the airport by the minister of external affairs, Mr Archibald Mogwe, along with the assistant minister of finance and development planning, Mr Chilume, and the chief of protocol, Mr Ikitseng.

On being interviewed at the airport, Mr Sekhonyana said that it was a known fact that South Africa is pressuring Lesotho to sign a nonaggression pact in the same way it has done with some of



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RISQUET RETTERATES STAND ON ANGOLA

PA112031 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 11 Jun 84

[Text] U.S. imperialism and its allies in Africa were mistaken if they thought that they could frighten us with the criminal 19 April dynamite attack on the residence of Cuban collaborators in Angola. This statement was made by Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Cuba, during an event held in the Angolan City of Huambo. A group of Cuban civilian collaborators were decorated with the Internationalist Worker Medal and the International Combant Medal in the second degree.

Risquet said that the Cubans are not frightened by the enemy's fire, terror, or might. He added: The Cuban people have demonstrated for a quarter of a century of revolution that they can resolutely and firmly defend themselves.

Risquet said that Cuban civilian collaborators in Angola have the honorable mission of building, curing, teaching, and planting. But, he noted, if necessary, the internationalists will bravely take up their rifles and fight at the side of the Angolan people until final victory is achieved. Risquet said that the Cubans are in Angola because this is what the Angolan people and the MPLA want, and that the Cubans will return to their fatherland when South Africa's troops withdraw from Angola completely, when Namibia wins its independence, and when there is an end to the aid being given the counterrevolutionary bands that are supported by South Africa. Risquet said in this context that these conditions are contained in the joint declaration signed by the Cuban and Angolan Governments.

'DEFENSE 84' PRACTICE EXERCISE ENDS IN CIENFUEGOS

FL112346 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 11 Jun 84

[Text] The rehearsal for the "Defense 84" maneuvers have given excellent results. The rehearsal took place in Cumanayagua municipality, Cienfuegos Province. The "Defense 84" maneuvers will begin 14 (?July).

RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ LEADS DELEGATION TO CEMA SUMMIT

Castro at Departure

PA102012 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 10 Jun 84

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[Text] Fidel Castro, president of the Cuban Council of State and Ministers, was at Havana's Jose Marti International Airport to bid farewell to the Cuban delegation that will participate in the economic summit meeting of the CEMA countries, which will open in Moscow on Tuesday.

This is an important meeting, since the integrationist strategy and the cooperation and aid plans of CEMA until the year 2000 will be discussed. The CEMA countries will also discuss the benefits that socialist nations derive from their incorporation into this council, contrary to the unjust exchange relations that exist between the developed capitalist countries and the so-called Third World nations that are being drowned by their foreign debts.

The Cuban delegation is headed by Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers of Cuba. Another member of the delegation is Humberto Perez, president of the Central Planning Board.



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Trade Minister Leaves for PRC, Vietnam, India MB091310 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 9 Jun 84

[Text] Ismael Martins, the Angolan minister of foreign trade, has left Luanda for Beijing, China, on a trip that will also take him to India and Vietnam in connection with the strengthening of relations of trade cooperation and friendship between the People's Republic of Angola and those Asian countries. The trip is felt to have good prospects with regard to trade relations, particularly with China, which was visited in February of this year by a delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Trade to discuss with the Chinese authorities the trade potential of the two countries. It is expected that the visit by Minister Simael Martins will culminate with the signing of agreements or cooperation protocols between Angola and the PRC.

Vietnam is linked to Angola through conventions on cooperation in the economic and technical fields based on Vietnamese assistance in the fields of health, education, and agriculture, and it is expected that Minister Ismael Martins will review with local officials the present economic relations between the two countries. As for India, it is hoped that the visit by Ismael Martins will encourage the strengthening of the already existing cooperation.

Cuban Vice Trade Minister Visits Huila Province MB091200 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 9 Jun 84

[Text] The day before yesterday, the visiting Cuban vice minister of domestic trade arrived in Lubango in Huila Province, where he stayed until yesterday accompanied by Adriano dos Santos, the Angolan minister of internal trade. In Lubango, the Cuban vice minister visited a number of hotels and warehouses of the Ministry of Internal Trade. He also visited the municipality of Humpata, where a pilot supply system project is to be carried out. The Cuban vice minister of domestic trade left Lubango for Namibe yesterday.

FAPLA Forces Kill 14 UNITA 'Puppets' MB081506 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 8 Jun 84

[Text] Fourteen UNITA puppets were killed during an operation that the security and defense forces mounted near Longa, Chipindo, and (Mombondo), in Cuando Cubango, Huila, and Huambo provinces. In these operation, the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] captured some puppets and assorted war materiel, namely 40 rockets for 81-mm mortars, 34 CT-7 detonators, 6 grenades, 5 Mauser rifles, 2 RPG-7's, 3 machine guns, 10 knapsacks, and South African military uniform material. The glorious Angolan combatants also launched operations against the UNITA bandits on the outskirts of (Mucussorende), Moxico Province, and captured 1

enemy bandit, 5 rockets for 60-mm mortars, 20 AK cartridge clips, and various types of ammunition. These FAPLA operations are in the framework of tireless battles against the UNITA puppet groups.

Commentary Condemns Botha 'Deal' on Namibia MB090712 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 8 Jun 84

[ANGOP commentary: "Pretoria's Initiatives on Namibia"]

[Text] One of Pretoria's deals undertaken behind the backs of Africans by the racist South African prime minister on his tour of Western Europe has come to light. While refusing as before to grant to the Namibian people their legitimate right to independence, the Pretoria regime has given birth to the idea of replacing the South African occupation with the collective occupation of that country by the United States and other NATO powers. At the end of talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the head of the racist regime proposed the actual incoporation of Namibia within the NATO sphere of action. Under his proposal, the South African prime minister was willing to transfer power in Namibia to the United States, Great Britain, the FRG, France, and Canada within 6 months. This would mean the creation, according to an American model, of a kind of multinational force or, more precisely, a NATO force for the occupation of Namibia. With this force, the West would expect to take the settlement of the Namibian issue out of the hands of the United Nations in order to preserve the colonial status of this territory. The choice of the five countries to which Pretoria has offered the neocolonialist domination of Namibia was not by chance. The candidates to be the guardians of the Namibian process make up the sadly known contact group on Namibia, which in recent years has spared no effort to delay the granting of independence to the Namibian people. Now these same countries are invited to replace the South African racists, thus creating an air of political change in Windhoek but maintaining the economic and strategic positions of imperialism in this region. The main objective of this is to install their puppets in power in Namibia and remove SWAPO from participating in determining the future of the country. It must be pointed out that even Western observers acknowledge that SWAPO would win a clear-cut victory if free and democratic elections were held.

Washington says hypocritically that, in inviting the NATO countries to Namibia, Pretoria is acting in accordance with UN resolutions and that Pieter Botha's initiative is a positive sign of the constructive cooperation between the United States and South Africa. Chester Crocker, the American deputy Assistant secretary of state for African affairs, has left to urgently analyze the possibilities of implementing the racists' idea. Crocker has already promised to obtain the support of the U.S. allies for Pretoria's plan. However, in Africa a different opinion prevails. We vehemently condemn the policy of so-called constructive engagement between the United States and South Africa, Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has said, stressing that the only appropriate name for this policy is destructive engage



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ANGOLAN PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON CUBAN PRESENCE

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[Text] Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has stated in Luanda that the presence of Cuban internationalist troops in that country represents an element of equilibrium and deterrence under the present political circumstances in southern Africa. During a meeting with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, Dos Santos said that no Cuban soldier has ever violated the territory of any of Angola's neighbors, including Namibia, which is illegally occupied by the South African racists.

Dos Santos said that Angola is a country under attack, and that exercising its rights to self-defense, a right that is established in the UN Charter, it requested Cuba's internationalist assistance. Dos Santos said that the Cuban military force has nothing to do with the so-called struggle for strategic areas between the East and the West. We must not forget, the president of Angola said, that as soon as the UN Resolution 435 on the independence of Namibia is implemented, the South African forces will be replaced by others from the United Nations. This is why it is not logical for the United States to pressure Angola to begin a gradual withdrawal of Cuban troops before Namibia gains its independence, the Angolan president said.

He also criticized the governments that believe that Cuban aid to Angola represents a destabilizing factor in the region, as well as the governments that echo the campaign mounted in this regard by the United States and South Africa. Referring to Angola's current talks with Washington and Pretoria, through Zambia, the Angolan leader regretted that the position of Luanda is not being interpreted properly. He said that this dialogue is being blocked by intransigent U.S. and South African positions.

Troop Removal Conditions

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[Text] President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has said that the presence of Cuban troops in Angola plays a balancing role and serves as a deterrent. On receiving Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda in Luanda, Dos Santos said that South Africa's Government and the Yankee State Department continue to condition the application of Resolution 435 and Namibian independence on the removal of Cuban troops from Angola. Dos Santos said that there is not one neighboring state that can point at any border violation by Cuban soldiers coming from Angola, including Namibia, which is illegally occupied by South Africa.

He again stated the conditions for the immediate and gradual removal of Cuban troops from Angola, which are: the complete removal of South African troops from Angola, a stop to South Africa's and its allies' aggressions and threats, Namibia's independence based on Resolution 435 -- which will remove South African troops from Angola's southern border -- and an end to all support provided by South Africa and its allies to Angola's armed puppets.

Dos Santos reiterated Angola's willingness to talk in order to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the region's problems, excluding from the talks, of course, South Africa's Angolan puppets who are used to destroy and destabilize Angola.



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[Text] Kenneth Kaunda, chairman of the United National Independence Party [UNIP] and president of the Republic of Zambia, made a brief visit to our country yesterday within the framework of the consultations regularly held by the two countries. After Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos recieved President Kaunda at the Luanda airport, the two statesmen initially held a private meeting during which they assessed the state of affairs in southern Africa and other questions of bilateral interest. The afternoon period was reserved for official talks during which President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Kenneth Kaunda exchanged speeches. They dealt with the present stage of relations between Angola and Zambia and the evolution of the situation in southern Africa. We are now rebroadcasting the speech made by Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos on the occasion:

[Begin recording] [Dos Santos] Esteemed Comrade President Kenneth Kaunda, comrades members of the Zambian delegation, comrades:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the People's Republic of Angola on my own behalf and on behalf of the Angolan people and our party leadership. Your visit takes place at a time when the peace initiatives pursued by Angola and Zambia to facilitate the application of UN Resolution 435 and the solution of the problem of Namibia's independence do not seem to be receiving full compliance from South Africa and the United States.

In the past few months the city of Lusaka hosted a number of important meetings at which the parties involved in the Namibian conflict or interested in its urgent solution participated in discussions. We (?profoundly) regret that such meetings produced poor results despite the devotion and dedication by Comrade President Kaunda and all the Zambian officials who, apart from their diplomatic efforts, created the necessary physical conditions [words indistinct]. However, despite this we hail the initiatives that have been undertaken, and encourage Comrade President Kaunda and UNIP to pursue their diplomatic activity in order to find a peaceful solution for the problems of southern Africa based on the general principles of (?self)—determination and independence for the colonized peoples and respect for the independence and sovereignty of the countries in the region.

The Government of South Africa and the U.S. Department of State continue to tie the application of UN Resolution 435, which is aimed at Namibian independence, to the withdrawal of the Cuban forces from Angola and to alleged negotiations between the Government of Angola and the Angolan puppets and South Africa. There is no doubt that this is not a constructive attitude. It is even obstructionist, adopted with the intention of delaying the implementation of UN Resolution 435 and interfering with the sovereignty of the Angolan state. We do not accept the view of those governments that the Cuban forces are a factor of

instability in the region and constitute a threat. There is no real fact to support that view, and we think that it is not correct to speculate.

Our view is that, far from constituting a factor of instability, the presence of Cuban forces in Angloa is an element of equilibrium and dissuasion with regard to the military supremacy of some branches of the South African Armed Forces. The Cuban role in support of the defense of the Angolan people and the latter's territory is restricted to the borders of the People's Republic of Angola. The total fulfillment by our government of the Lusaka entente [entendimento] on the withdrawal of the South African forces from southern Angola is the most expressive proof of that. No neighboring state can point out a single example of a violation of its borders by a Cuban or Angolan soldier, not even Namibia, which is illegally occupied by South Africa. The international community must assess the real facts of the region and must not let itself be influenced by a political campaign against Angola based on speculation. I must also add that the presence of the Cuban internationalist military contingent in Angola has nothing to do with the so-called dispute over the strategic zones between the East and West. Indeed, it is related to the fact that Angola is a country that is being attacked and is making use of its right of self-defense as foreseen in Article 51 of the UN Charter.

Therefore, we established as conditions for the immediate resumption of the gradual withdrawal of the Cuban forces from Angola: the total withdrawal of the South African forces from Angola; the cessation of the aggressions and threats of aggression by South Africa and its allies; the independence of Namibia on the basis of UN Resolution 435, which will remove the South African forces from our southern border; and the cessation of all sorts of support to the Angolan armed and puppet gangs by South Africa and its allies.

The rise of Namibia to independence is a condition that will largely reduce tension in the region and will enable safer and more definitive steps toward peace and regional stability. [Dos Santos repeats preceeding sentence] We must not lose sight of the fact that during the application of Resolution 435, the South African forces in Namibia will be replaced by other UN foreign forces. It is illogical that the United States exert pressures on Angola to begin the gradual withdrawal of the Cuban forces before Namibia's independence. It is therefore necessary to study the problems of our region with realism and with a constructive spirit. Angola will continue to cooperate with the interested parties in a practical and constructive manner, while defending its own interests as an independent nation that is being attacked, and which the international community must first listen to and support. We maintain our resolve to hold constructive dialogue with all internationally recognized parties that may contribute to a peaceful and lasting solution of the problems of the region. Obviously, these parties do not include South Africa's Angolan purpets, who are used to destroy and destabilize the People's Republic of Angola.

We hail the courageous stances adopted by President Kenneth Kaunda on the questions referred to above and which are related to Angola. Once again we thank you for this proof of solidarity. I hope and wish that our talks will be as fruitful as always and may contribute to the strengthening of friendship, solidarity, and cooperation between our peoples, parties, and governments. I would like therefore to conduct with Comrade President Kenneth Kaunda a wide exchange of views about the problems that I have mentioned and others of common interest in the framework of the reciprocal consultations. Thank you and have a pleasant stay. [applause; end recording]

In reply, Kenneth Kaunda, chairman of UNIP and president of the Reupblic of Zambia, thanked the members and militants of the MPLA-Labor Party, party youth, mass and social organizations, and the Luanda residents for the warm reception awarded him. The Zambian president also said that yesterday's talks with our authorities constitute a significant step toward the widening of the already existing cooperation between the two countries in political, economic, social, and cultural, scientific and technical, and defense and security areas. Before Kenneth Kaunda's departure, Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos was invited by the Zambian President to travel to Lusaka within 6 months within the scope of these regular consultation visits.

Communique Issued on Kaunda-Dos Santos Talks AB071040 Dakar PANA in English 1020 GMT 7 Jun 84

[Text] Luanda, 7 Jun (ZANA/PANA) — Zambia and Angola have noted with satisfaction that some progress is being made, though in a slow manner, in the withdrawal of South African troops from southern Angola. President Kaunda of Zambia and President Eduardo dos Santos of Angola, who held bilateral talks at state house in Luanda Wednesday, also expressed the hope that the exercise would soon be completed and United Nations Resolution 435 on Namibian independence implemented. In a communique issued after the talks, the two presidents congratulated the South-West African People's Organization [SWAPO] for initiating the recent Lusaka talks between SWAPO on one hand and South African and the multi-national party on the other.

President Kaunda led a delegation comprising chairman of the political and legal sub-committee of the Central Committee Daniel Lisulo, Foreign Affairs Minister Professor Lameck Goma, three special assistants for politics, Wilfred [words indistinct] and Zambia's ambassador to Angola, Boniface Zulu.

The Angolan delegation comprised the president, Eduardo dos Santos, members of the Politbureau, Messers Manuel Rodriques, Antonio dos Santos Franco and Alfonso van Dunem, minister of External Relations, Paulo Jorge and Angolan Ambassador to Zambia Andrea Miranda.

The two presidents, who reviewed the situation in southern Africa, reaffirmed their total and unqualified commitment to the eradication of apartheid in South Africa, if possible by [words indistinct] for the unconditional release of nationslists Nelson Mandela and other political leaders of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC). They reiterated their full support for the ANC in its struggle for justice, freedom, and security in South Africa and expressed the hope that racist South Africa would honor and respect its commitment so that its acts of destabilization of the frontline and other states in the region can cease. Presidents Kaunda and Dos Santos also reiterated

their desire to continue making regular contacts and consultations on bilateral, regional and world issues.

On the problems currently facing the Organization of African Unity they recognized that these posed greatest challenges since its birth and noted that unless African leaders fought together to safeguard the integrity, respect and unity of the OAU, the organization was in danger of being manipulated by outside forces to the detriment of African unity, progress and prosperity. They reaffirmed their commitment to fight relentlessly for the maintenance of the highest degree of unity in Africa for the preservation of the OAU as a unitary functional organization.

They said they were committed to the Southern African Development Coordinating Conference (SADCC) and expressed satisfaction at the progress being made and agreed to further intensify their efforts for the realization of its aims and purpose.

Earlier, President Dos Santos called for a realistic examination of the situation in southern African and asked the international community not to be influenced by the political campaign against his country. He said Angola still disagreed with the West on the linkage of the Cuban troops' withdrawal from Angola to the independence of Namibia and that this should be the condition to the attainment of independence by Namibia. He commended President Kaunda for his initiatives in bringing about lasting solution to the region's problems.

President Dos Santos, however, warned that southern African countries and the West should not lose sight while implementing Resolution 435 of the fact that the South African troops in Namibia will be substituted by United Nations forces hence United States of America should not pressurise his country on the Cubans before Namibian independence. He said independence for Namibia would also lower tension in the region and said the present initiatives on the issue may not have been well understood by the United States and South Africa.

UNITA Charges Racial Bias in MPLA Hierachy MB061040 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 6 Jun 84

[Station commentary]

[Excerpts] The MPLA is a racist movement. It considers blacks good enough only for subordinate positions. Who excercises power in the MPLA? Our comrade president and commander in chief teaches us that the institutionalization of the so-called people's power carried out by the MPLA is an intelligent way to deceive our people and exclude the blacks from the exercise of power.

The so-called people's power of the MPLA is a maneuver by the MPLA to place the true organ of power, which is the party, in the hands of half-castes and whites as is truly the case today. Let us examine the pyramid for the exercise of power in the MPLA:

1. The party is the true possessor of power because it dictates, influences, and controls the adminstrative action of the govern-

ment. In the MPLA, the party was handed to Lucio Lara. It is he who holds and organizes the true political power. Lucio Lara is a half-caste

- The General Staff of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA], the organ which defines the strategy and tactics of war and controls our nation's entire military activity, was handed to Franca Ndalo, who is a halfcaste.
- 3. The Air Force Command, which is very important, was handed to the KGB general, FAPLA Colonel Henrique Teles Carreira, known as Iko Carreira, who is a half-caste.
- 4. The man in the field of petroleum, which today constitutes the sole significant source of foreign exchange, is Herminio Escoricio, who is a half-caste.
- 5. The Ministry of Industry and Energy, responsible for the control of our country's strategic materials, was handed to Bento Ribeiro, who is a half-caste.
- 6. The Minstry of Foreign Affairs, responsible for the diplomacy in our country, and charged with the task of explaining to the international community what Angola is, was handed to Paulo Teixeira Jorge, who is white.

Then, what was left for the blacks? Nothing.

The intoxicating MPLA propaganda tries to convince people that UNITA fights against the half-castes and whites. We in UNITA think that the half-castes have no other fatherland than Angola. We have in our ranks commanders and officials at different levels who are half-castes. But in UNITA we are in favor of group representation in the national political life. The country's crushing majority is black. The half-castes and whites constitute a national minority and, for this reason, they are accepted because they are Angolans. But in UNITA we are unequivocal in our desire that the country's administrative organs be representative. The black majority should determine our country's political course. We could not have fought racism in order to profess racism. The half-castes can live freely and even participate in the organs of administration, as long as they do not exercise the disproportional power they have exercised so far within the MPLA. Liberty means the freedom to think and act, but it also means the freedom to freely determine the destiny through proportional participation of the groups that constitute our fatherland. Who dominates in our country? It is us, us, and us. The struggle triumphs. United we shall win.

Talks Held With Cuban Home Trade Officials MB070934 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 7. Jun 84

[Text] Angola and Cuba have been holding talks in Luanda in the field of home trade, dealing with the sectors of organization of trading management and professional training. The talks are also designed to assess trading cooperation up to the present, based on the outcome of the talks that Angolan Home Trade Minister Adriano dos Santos, Jr held in Cuba. The talks are chaired by the Angolan and Cuban deputy ministers of home trade, Guerreiro Dias and (Rodrigo Fonseca), respectively.

MOZAMBIQUE

Reportage on Army Actions Against Rebel Bases

Nearly 300 Rebels Killed
OW070057 Hong Kong AFP in English 0034 GMT 7 Jun 84

[Text] Maputo, June 6 (AFP) — The Mozambican State News Agency reported Wednesday that the country's Army killed nearly 300 rebels of the National Resistance Movement (MNR) during operations in three provinces in the past five weeks. The agency, quoting an Armed Forces spokesman, said the operations against the MNR were in the three southern provinces of Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane. The rebels are known to have been active in these provinces, carrying out sporadic ambushes on main roads and attacking villages.

There were 81 military operations in all, and 297 rebels were killed, 49 captured and 1,573 civilians, who had been "compelled" to live with the rebels, were freed.

The agency quoted the spokesman as saying one of the "outstanding actions" was an attack against an important rebel base in Maputo Province. This base, situated about 115 kilometers (72 miles) north of here, was destroyed last Saturday. Thirty-seven rebels were killed in the operation, and the Army seized "significant" quantities of weapons, including antitank and antipersonnel mines, sub-machine guns and explosives.

At the Magude Base, the Army also seized what the spokesman described as "very important" documents. Independent sources here believe that recent sporadic attacks around the Mozambican capital by MNR rebels were launched from the Magude Base. Magude Town itself is hardly 30 kilometers (18 miles) from the main highway that links Maputo City to the areas to the north. The rebels have carried out attacks on that road several times in past weeks.

Army Overruns Maputo Base MB051126 Maputo in English Southern Africa 1100 GMT 5 Jun 84

[Text] At least 37 Mozambique National Resistance [MNR] bandits were killed when the Mozambican Army overran their main base in Maputo Province last Saturday. A military spokesman said in Maputo City that the base was located just north of the small town of Magude, and it is now occupied by the Army. When the Army entered the base, they found the bodies of 37 bandits and significant quantitities of weapons, radios, mines, ammunition, explosives, and medicines. Some bandits escaped during the Army attack and are now being pursued, the military spokesman said. He added that 20 bandits had been killed and 5 captured in other operations carried out in Maputo province recently. And in response to a government offer of ammesty for MNR members who surrender, eight had given themselves up in Maputo Province over the last few days.



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If, despite everything, it turns out that the violations continue over the summer and the military does not succeed in forcing a submarine to the surface or sinking it, the defense minister is thinking about appointing a special parliamentary group.

In this situation, the main reason for a new parliamentary group would be to further underline for the rest of the world what a serious view Sweden takes of the continued violations and to provide an external demonstration of party political agreement on this point.

Within the ranks of the opposition, the two parties of the center have adopted a wait and see attitude to the Moderate Coalition Party's call for reconvening the Andersson submarine commission. The Moderates are sticking to their demand, but are no longer making such a big issue of it.

Since the submarine hunt off Karlskrona in February and March, there is every indication that the submarine violations have continued. The military has confirmed that since then there has been evidence of foreign submarines on three occasions. In early May, a foreign submarine was reported off Karlskrona, a few weeks after there was evidence of a submarine off Gavle, and most recently there was a sighting last week in Stockholm's northern archipelago.

CUBA'S MALMIERCA COMMENTS ON TALKS ON ANGOLA

PMO50942 Stockholm SVENSKA DAGBLADET in Swedish 30 May 84 p 4

[Ulf Hagman report: "South Africa Not To Be Trusted"]

[Text] Two of the most serious danger areas in the world -- southern Africa and Central America -- are on the agenda during the "working visit" to Sweden which Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca began Monday [28 May].

The minister arrived from Angola where, according to Western reports, around 25,000 Cuban soldiers are stationed to defend the country from attacks by South African troops and the South African-supported rebels in the UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] movement.

According to the agreement reached at the beginning of the year between Angola and South Africa, South Africa will withdraw from the area of southern Angola occupied by its Army while Angola will prevent the Namibian liberation movement, SWAPO, from entering Namibia from bases in Angola.

The date of withdrawal has already been postponed once, but according to current plans, it will be completed by 31 May. South Africa will also end its support for the "counterrevolutionary bandits" in UNITA, to use Isidoro Malmierca's words.

"Actually we do not think that the South African regime is ready to take any steps in this direction," Foreign Minister Malmierca said. "Especially where Namibia's independence is concerned, South Africa has always used various excuses to say 'no.'

"Recently South Africa and the United States have been trying to develop the so-called linkage theory, that is, the theory that Namibia's independence is linked to the question of the Cuban presence in Angola. But this is just an excuse to avoid getting down to work on Namibian independence.

"The Cuban presence will continue as long as Angola's government considers it necessary," Malmierca said. "Only when there is peace in the area and Angola's security and integrity are guaranteed will Cuba's presence no longer be necessary."

The minister would not say how many Cubans there are in Angola, but said merely that it "is a sufficient number." However, he did give the total numbers since the Cubans came to the country in 1975: around 15,000 have been there, both soldiers and civilians.

It is clear the Cuban presence has become an obstacle in the Namibia question for the present U.S. Administration. In the Zambian capital of Lusaka last weekend, President Kenneth Kaunda and U.S. State Department Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Chester Crocker met. Kaunda stressed that a settlement in Namibia will be difficult as long as the United States does not rethink its position and simply adheres to its demand for a Cuban retreat.

On the subject of his talks on Central America with Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, Foreign Minister Lennart Bodstrom, and various Riksdag deputies, Isidoro Malmierca confirmed that Sweden is expected to answer positively Nicaragua's request for technical assistance in carrying out the election in the fall.

The talks also dealt with "the actions which the U.S. Administration is currently carrying out in the area," the Cuban minister said. He was especially critical of economic measures: "The U.S. steps make it difficult for Nicaragua to export its sugar and win foreign credits."

"The only possible solution in the region is a political settlement," Malmierca said.
"The four countries which make up the Contadora Group have done much to prevent a deterioration of the situation. A U.S. intervention would lead to a frightful conflict."

During the talks with Olof Palme, which Isidoro Malmierca called "useful and positive," there was no mention of the Swedish Government's open invitation to Fidel Castro. A date has not been fixed for a visit, Malmierca said, because of the tense situation with the threat of aggression not only against Nicaragua, but also against Cuba.



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Portuguese Citizen Testifies in Diamond Trial MB140936 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 12 May 84

[Excerpts] The People's Revolutionary Tribunal of Luanda continued yesterday with the trial of the 124 individuals accused of illegal diamond trafficking and foreign currency smuggling. Defendant (Luis Antonio Farroupilha Guides), accused of illegal activities against the Angolan economy and the corruption of employees in the Internal Trade Ministry to get in:port licenses, ended his statement yesterday.

Also yesterday defendant (Antonio de Oliveira Borges), alias (Toni Coles), appeared in the tribunal, was accused of having purchased several diamond consignments, and having sold a diamond for \$14,000 to (Zeca Siberia), another defendant in this trial. (Toni Coles), a Portuguese national, denied the accusations and said he had no involvement in the diamond dealings, despite special relations with people linked 12 smuggling activities. However, defendants such as the Angolan Airlines pilot, (Daniel Sebastiao), confirmed on a court request, the participation of (Toni Coles) in the criminal diamond trafficking. The People's Revolutionary Tribunal of Luanda will resume the trial on Monday at 0900.

UK's Leahy Speaks on Release of Prisoners MB141645 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 1715 GMT 13 May 84

[Statement by Sir John Leahy in a stadium at UNITA headquarters in Jamba, Angola, on 12 May — recorded by Cliff Saunders and presented on the "Top Level" program]

[Text] I would like to say how happy I am to be taking home my fellow citizens with me tomorrow. [applause] What I mean to say next is that my happiness is nothing compared with theirs. After such a long wait and all they have been through, it must be very good to be going home. I am also very relieved to find them in suca good shape. I think this is a reflection of the good way they have been treated [applause] And they told me today that on the way down from Cafunfo in that long march that they had, your soldiers did everything they could to make them as comfortable as possible in the difficult circumstances. [applause]

I want you to know we are grateful, Dr Savimbi, because right at the beginning of our talks today you said to me that the decision had already been taken and was firm and that we were not there to bargain over the release of these British people and although [words indistinct] on some of the subjects that we discussed was not quite the same, you did not change your mind and I am grateful for that. We covered quite a wide range of subjects and although as I said we obviously did not agree about everything, we found that there was a certain meeting of minds on quite a few subjects. It remains for me to thank you and your colleagues for the warmth of your welcome to me and your other British guests. [applause]

We have seen some remarkable spectacles today and some splendid entertainment. I had always heard, Dr Savimbi, about your great qualities of leadership and about your colorful style.

Fourth Military Council Discusses Huambo, Bie MB140900 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0700 GMT 13 May 84

[Text] The 4th Regional Military Council recently examined the political, military, and socioeconomic situation in its area of action during a meeting presided over by Colonel Joao Ernesto dos Santos Liberdade. The Regional Military Council decided on measures aimed at ending all bandit activity carried out by UNITA, and hailed the fighters of the regional defense and security forces for the bravery and heroism they demonstrated during operations aimed at disrupting the UNITA puppet gangsters. The 4th Regional Military Council, which covers the povinces of Huambo and Bie, also examined the degree to which the decisions drawn up during the previous session have been implemented, and urged the defense, security, and governmental organizations to implement them in full. The council approved a program of activities until its next session.

Conditions for Cuban Withdrawal Reiterated MB130845 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 12 May 84

[Text] In a press communique distributed yesterday by our embassy in Gabon, the People's Republic of Angola reiterates its position concerning the implementation of the South African troop disengagement from the national territory. This is the first step toward the application of UN Security Council Resolution 435/78 for the independence of Namibia. The withdrawal of the forces of the South African invading army from our country gives the Pretoria Government the opportunity to show that, like the other nations in the region, it truly aspires for peace and will follow this line without clashing with the political positions of neighboring states on the basis of respect for the national sovereignty of each country.

The People's Republic of Angola honors and will continue to honor the arrangements of the Lusaka agreement. Now it is the turn of the South African Government to show its willingness to honor the agreement, and that the peace process now running its course will definitely lead to Namibia's independence through the implementation of Resolution 435.

Within this spirit, the communique continues, the positions leading to the implementation of the independence process for Namibia are not, and will never be compromised by the presence of the Cuban internationalists in our country, since the People's Republic of Angola has shown South Africa and the world that the Cuban troops came to our country on an appeal from the Angola people and government in the wake of an invasion of the national territory by two foreign armies. In this context, their presence in Angola can not be used as a false pretext for the refusal to implement Resolution 435, nor does it constitute a threat to the national sovereignty of states neighboring the People's Republic of Angola.

The presence of the Cuban troops is needed to guarantee our own security regarding the defense of the motherland against the threats of persistent aggression, which will only stop when the South African troops withdraw from Namibia to beyond the Orange River.

This was stated in a press communique released yesterday morning at our embassy in Libreville. It reiterated that the Cuban internationalist forces will only withdraw from Angola when the conditions specified in the joint declaration signed by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Commander Fidel Castro, secretary of the Cuban Communist Party, on 19 March, are met. The conditions are:

- 1. Unilateral withdrawal of South African troops from the territory of the People's Republic of Angola.
- Integral implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 435/78.
- 3. A total end to attacks on Angola from South Africa with the support of the United States and its allies.
- 4. Angola also considers the cessation of aid of any kind from the South African regime to the counterrevolutionary and armed bands, which are trained and placed at our borders by the South Africans, to be an essential condition.

FAPLA Action in Huambo Province Reported MB140815 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 14 May 84

[Text] The Angolan Armed Forces are continuing to deal hard blows to the puppets on the payroll of imperialism, who are attempting to destabilize our revolution by inflicting death, terror, and grief on the public.

The day before yesterday in Huambo Province, the glorious FAPLA put out of action 32 counterrevolutionaries of the notorious UNITA group. The action, which took place in one of Huambo's provincial municipalities, also led to the seizing of 15G-3s, 5 AKMs, 1 RPG-7, and enormous quantities of ammunition.

Dos Santos Sends Message to Gabon Leader MB141737 Luanda ANGOP in English 1215 GMT 14 May 84

[Text] Luanda, May 14 (ANGOP) — A message of the president of the MPLA-Gabon Party, and of the People's Republic of Angola, Jose Eduardo dos Santos, to his Gabonese counterpart, Bernard Vungo [as received] was handed over Saturday in Libreville by the Angolan ambassador accredited in Gabon, Ndombele

The Angolan ambassador who called to the Gabonese head of state, exchanged views with his interlocutor on the bilateral relations between Angola and Gabon and the main problems of the southern Africa.

Ndombele Bernardo reaffirmed during the audience the commitment of the Angolan authorities in honour the agreement signed on last 16th February between Angola and South Africa in Lusaka (Zambia) relating to the withdrawal of the South African troops from Angola.

BOTSWANA

Masire Says RSA Using Pressure To Force Pact MB111218 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 0510 GMT 11 May 84

[Text] The president, Dr Quett Masire, yesterday told the American Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Botswana was under pressure from South Africa to sign an agreement similar to the Nkomati Accord. Dr Masire said he found such a proposal illogical and unreasonable in that, unlike Mozambique, there are no hostilities between Botswana and South Africa.

The president said such an agreement will provide South Africa with a pretext to invade Botswana, thus endangering our hardwon independence. President Masire told the Foreign Relations Committee that Botswana had repeatedly told the international community and South Africa herself, that she will not be used as a launching pad against her neighbors.

Dr Masire said South Africa was now threatening to make conditions difficult at border posts between the two countries. South Africa had also threatened to deploy its powerful Army along their common border. Nonetheless, the president says that Botswana will not sign any such treaty, regardless of the pressures.

Dr Masire, however, expressed hope that the Nkomati Accord will bring peace to its parties. He said he hoped that the cease-fire between South Africa and Angola will lead to the implementation of Resolution 435.

The chairman of the Africa Committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr Howard Wolpe, had earlier said that Botswana had a history of stability and political moderation. He said Botswana had been an influential member of the frontline states.

Addressing himself to the economy, Mr Wolpe said that Botswana had sought prudent measures tailored to its specific needs and national growth. Mr Wolpe praised Botswana for what he described as a comprehensive and sophisticated food security scheme designed to avoid widespread malnutrition and starvation.

Our correspondent reported that, after addressing the committee, the president attended a luncheon hoster against honor by the editorial staff of THE WASHINGTON POST.

He is scheduled to meet the secretary general of the United Nations today. He will also visit the black suburb of Harlem in New York. The president and his delegation are expected to leave the United States on Sunday.

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WORKERS VOLUNTEER TO REPLACE DEAD IN ANGOLA

PAO90444 Havana International Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 8 May 84

[Text] Some 220,000 Cuban construction workers have expressed their willingness to replace their fellow citizens who were murdered in a dynamite attack in Huambo Province, Angola, it was learned at a national construction industry emulation ceremony. Pedro Fernandez, secretary general of the construction workers, added that the Cuban construction workers are willing not only to go to Angola, but to carry out internationalist missions anywhere in the world.

SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

FL091110 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 8 May 84

[Excerpts] The Soviet Union has begun celebrating with numerous activities the 39th anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over fascism. To mark this anniversay Captain 1st Rank Gennadiy Mikhaylov, Soviet military attache to Cuba, held a press conference.

[Began Mikhaylov recording -- Spanish] The Soviet Union is ready to talk and actively cooperate with those governments and organizations which desire to work honestly in a constructive manner toward peace. The Soviet Union sincerely proposes following only one path, that of peaceful coexistence, and the mutually beneficial path of international cooperation.

Konstantin Chernenko has underscored that both the CPSU Central Committee and the Soviet Union Government understand the great responsibility they hold for the people. June 1941 will not be repeated again, and any aggressor will immediately be punished. Let everyone know this, both our friends and our foes. [end recording]

NORDIC NATIONS FORUM INAUGURATED IN HAVANA

FLO91942 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1618 GMT 9 May 84

[Excerpt] This morning, the International Nordic Nations Development and Cooperation Forum was opened at the Palace of Conventions in Havana. The forum was organized by the Center for West European Studies of Cuba. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, member of the party Politburo and vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers, was present at the opening ceremony.

When the forum was opened, Jose Ramon Fernandez, vice president of the Council of Ministers and president of the Cuban-Nordic Friendship Association, stated that the main purpose of the meeting is unrelated to any Cuban desire to achieve material gains. He stated his desire to find formulas and guidelines so that relations between the Nordic nations and Cuba will widen the field of reciprocal cooperation.

GDR ENERGY INSPECTION OFFICIAL COMPLETES VISIT

FL091338 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1107 GMT 9 May 84

[Text] With a visit to Pinar del Rio Province, Dr Boris (Gudavita), chief of the GDR's state energy inspection organ [organo de inspeccion estatal energetico], has completed his tour of Cuba, the goal of which, was strengthening Cuban-GDR cooperation in that sector. (Gudavita) visited industrial installations in Cienfuegos, Villa Clara, Santiago de Cuba, and Pinar del Rio which consume large amounts of electrical energy. During these visit he got an overall picture of the work done in these installations.

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WA081325 Havana BOHEMIA in Spanish 13 Apr 84 p 58

[Editorial: "Intrigues of POLITIKA"]

[Text] There are some people who specialize in promoting friendship and others who try to specialize in spreading intrigue. The leaders of Cuba and Yugoslavia hold broad communications among one another; their mutual visits and their meetings in third countries serve the friendly aims of their parties and governments. Economic relations are increasing.

There are, of course, different ways of viewing international situations, but they are aired appropriately in an atmosphere in which the intention to bring views together prevails. Nevertheless, you have POLITIKA, the Yugoslav publication, stubbornly bent on continuing its work of intrigue. After a brief period of peace and quiet, POLITIKA has gone back to its old ways and is apparently trying to make up for lost time. POLITIKA published two recent articles regarding the Angola debate in which it tries to throw wood on the fire of Yankee accusations. According to these, the Cuban internationalist effort in Angola, which earned the approval of President Tito, among others, and the enthusiastic support of the Nonaligned Summit in Sri Lanka, is nothing more and nothing less than a Cuban service to the Soviet Union's foreign policy. It is not enough for POLITIKA to use its own low level literature; rather, it resorts to that of the North American imperialists themselves, reproducing along this line an article from the LOS ANGELES TIMES. Intrigue, like lies, won't get you very far.

POLITIKA thinks that it is doing nothing more than exercising freedom of the press, but there are ways that are more beneficial and in greater agreement with the Yugoslav line, which POLITIKA supposedly defends.

HAVANA REPORTS ON U.S. MILITARY MANEUVERS

PA090346 Havana International Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 8 May 84

[Text] The U.S. Army has reported that the "Ocean-Venture 84" exercise has ended successfully. It was held 20 April-6 May in the Caribbean and in Vieques, Puerto Rico, with the participation of 45,000 troops, 40 ships, and more than 300 planes. The 82d Airborne Division and the 26th Amphibious Unit also participated in the exercise. In October 1983, these two units participated in the invasion of Grenada.

It was also reported that the naval exercise called "Guard Maneuvers [Maniobras de Vigilancia]" is also over. It was held by the United States, Honduras, and El Salvador in the Gulf of Fonseca.

The "Grenadier I" joint maneuvers involving the U.S. and the Honduran Armies will continue in Honduras until 30 June, it was reported. Some 1,000 U.S. troops and 3,000 Honduran soldiers are participating in these exercises, which will now enter their most active phase, according to sources in Tegucigalpa.

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Bulgarian Defense Minister Visits Luanda MB060829 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0700 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] General Dobri Dzhurov, Bulgarian defense minister, has been in Luanda since yesterday afternoon for a 4-day official visit to our country. Gen Dobri Dzhurov said on arrival that his visit to Angola was designed to exchange views between his delegation and our officials on issues of bilateral interest regarding the broadening of current cooperation. During his stay in Angola, the Bulgarian official and his delegation will hold talks with Angolan officials and visit the Angolan People's Navy, the Luanda air base, and the Central Museum of the Armed Forces.

Meets With Pedale

MB070613 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] The Defense Ministry delegation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, which has been in our country since yesterday for an official visit to our country, had a meeting in Luanda this morning with a delegation from the Ministry of Defense of the People's Republic of Angola. The Bulgarian defense delegation is led by Defense Minister General Dobri Dzhurov. At this morning's meeting, the Angolan delegation was headed by Angolan Defense Minister Colonel Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale and included Colonels (Manuel Augusto Francisco Orlov) and Francisco Magalhaes Paiva (Nvunda) and other senior officers of the Angolan Armed forces. This afternoon, the Bulgarian delegation will visit the Luanda Air Force base. The delegation will also visit the Angolan People's Navy and the Central Museum of the Armed Forces.

Statement Deplores 'Slow' RSA Withdrawal MB060737 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0700 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] Angola has deplored the slow withdrawal from its territory of the South African occupation forces in a statement published in Lusaka by our country's embassy there. According to the statement, the MPLA-Labor Party says that peace will not be ensured as long as South Africa continues to give its support to the UNITA puppet group and does not apply UN Security Council Resolution 435/78 on Namibia. The statement calls on the South African regime to begin as soon as possible direct talks with SWAPO on a cease-fire in Namibia as an indispensable step toward implementing the UN resolution on the territory's independence. Angola could contribute to a rapid and peaceful settlement of the Namibian question if the Pretoria regime publicly pledges to apply Resolution 435 within 15 days and without any conditions, the statement further says.

The statement reiterates Angola's support for the struggle of the Namibian and South African peoples, led by SWAPO and ANC respectively, and also its support for the Mozambican people in their struggle against acts of sabotage perpetrated by the so-

called Mozambique Resistance Movement, which is armed by South Africa.

FNLA Communique Alleges Cubans Could Remain PA050410 Paris AFP in English 0401 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Washington, May 5 AFP - The estimated 20,000 Cuban soldiers stationed in Angola could take out local nationality under a law published in the OFFICIAL GAZETTE in Luanda in February, the opposition National Liberation Front (FNLA) said here Friday in a communique given to AFP by front leader Holden Roberto. That meant the Cuban presence "could be prolonged indefinitely, even if South Africa was to accept total retreat from Angola and Namibia," the FNLA asserted. It added that the "politico-military situation is such as to make it evident that the departure of the Cubans from Angola is merely wishful thinking at best, naivete at worst." The communique said that Angolan nationality could be granted to foreigners who had completed a stay of 10 years or more in Angola. The term could be shortened to five years if the beneficiary was married to an Angolan. In addition, the People's Assembly could grant nationality "to any foreigner who has rendered appreciable services to the country.

Not only Cubans but citizens of Warsaw Pact countries and the international communist community would be able to benefit, the FNLA said. The legislation "should have a negative effect" on discussions between the United States, South Africa and the Angolan Government, it commented. "Whereas fully 90 per cent of the population is in opposition to the MPLA (the ruling party), the latter cannot survive without the help of the Cuban mercenaries," the communique concluded. Mr Roberto's movement claims to have about 8,000 partisans and to control the northern third of Angola.

UNITA's Savimbi Addresses FALA Training Course MB041538 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 4 May 84

[Excerpt] Since its inception on 13 March 1966 — the occasion of its first congress at Muangai in Moxico Province — UNITA has opted for armed struggle as the primary form of the struggle, because an oppressed people who are unable to create an army of its sons will never be able to take over power and will be even less prepared to exercise that power. From the small group of guerrillas which decided to challenge the war machine of Salazar and Caetano, today we have the great army of the people embodied in the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FALA], which have acquired a wide range of weapons and fighting capability. This Army now consists of irregular and regular battalions which are fully trained and armed and have a greater understanding of the principles guiding our UNITA party.

The internationalist brigade of Cuban, Russian, and East German mercenaries are, for the first time in their expansionist adventure in Africa and the world, tasting the bitter pill of defeat. FALA began as a small force which was created and strengthened by Comrade Supreme Commander General Savimbi.

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Leftists Condemn Attacks, Looting; Want Protests [LISTIN DIARIO 24 Apr] R 1 PRD Renovation Movement Condemns Protests [LISTIN DIARIO 25 Apr] R 1 Q 9 CUBA

described the incident that recently took place near Penas Blancas, on the border between those two nations, as a self-attack that was plotted by members of the Costa Rican Civil Police and the counterrevolutionary organization Democratic Revolutionary Allinace, which operates from Costa Rica. He went on to note that such actions are intended to create a situation of confrontation between Costa Rica and Nicaragua that might allow a break in the neutrality of that country, which has become another military stronghold in the area.

NICARAGUA-COSTA RICA BORDER SAID GETTING TENSER

FLO41936 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 4 May 84

[Text] Reports from Managua say that the situation on the Costa Rica-Nicaragua border is becoming more tense because of CIA activities in the area. A State Department spokesman and U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica Curtin Windsor have acknowledged that the Reagan Administration wants to give military aid to Costa Rica, and that several helicopters are already on their way to Costa Rica.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PRESS WARNS OF GENERAL STRIKE

FLO41312 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 4 May 84

[Text] The crisis between workers and the Dominican Government may break out again, according to the Dominican press, which made reference to the warning of the Dominican labor organizations that they may call a national general strike in the next few days.

dependent Dominican deputies have requested an investigation into the killing of ilians by police and Army troops on 23-25 April during the demonstrations known as the hunger rebellion. Spokesmen for the labor organizations said no agreement has been reached with President Salvador Jorge Blanco on the causes of the popular outburst in the Dominican Republic, due mainly to the increase in basic food prices decreed following IMF dictates.

ANGOLAN PAPER COMMENTS ON HUAMBO INCIDENT

PAO50442 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 3 May 84

[Text] The JORNAL DE ANGOLA published in Luanda, reported that the dynamiting of Huambo was part of the imperialist strategy to intimidate the Cuban internationalist workers and to get some publicity abroad about presumed successful military actions by the enemy. The paper said that such alleged military victories are intended to show that the objective is not to overthrow the revolutionary regime in Angola but to oppose the presence of Cuban troops in the country.

The comment on the Huambo events quotes paragraphs of an editorial published by the Cuban daily GRANMA on the subject. One of these states that the imperialists and their cronies are mistaken if they think they can intimidate the Cuban civilian workers who lend their internationalist services in Angola.

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NEW AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA -- The Council of State has designated Comrade Fernando Lopez Munino as Cuban ambassador to Argentina. At the time of his appointment, pez Muino was serving as Cuba's ambassador to the United Mexican States. [Text] avana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 5 May 84 FL]

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ZHIVKOV CABLES CASTRO ON DEATHS IN ANGOLA

AUO21245 Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian 30 Apr 84 p 1

[Text] Todor Zhivkov, general secretary of the BCP Central Committee, has sent a telegram to Fidel Castro Ruz, first secretary of the Cuban Communist Party, chairman of the State Council, and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba.

The telegram conveys most sincere sympathy on the occasion of the death of 14 Cuban citizens-internationalists caused by the barbaric assault on the city of Huambo, Angola by counterrevolutionary gangs, armed and supported by the forces of imperialism.

The telegram expresses the conviction that the Cuban citizens working in Angola will continue to fulfill their international duty with selfless devotion, honor, and dignity.

MAY DAY MESSAGE PRAISES WORKERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

AU021206 Sofia TRUD in Bulgarian 1 May 84 pp 1-2

["May Day greetings message of the BCP Central Committee, the State Council, the Council of Ministers, and the Bulgarian Trade Unions Central Council, read on Bulgarian radio and television on 30 April by Petur Dyulgerov, candidate member of the BCP Central Committee and chairman of the Bulgarian Trade Union Central Council"]

[Text] Comrades, dear compatriots: May Day is a moving holiday for working people throughout the world. Tomorrow it will gather us again under our flags and we shall demonstrate our solidarity with our class brothers and our desire for peace, democracy, and social progress.

The combat 1 May was born in a sharp clash between the workers class and the class of the capitalists. Our revolution and socialism, which we have already been constructing for 4 decades, ensured the greatest and most human right of mankind — the right to work, free of any exploitation. Everything we have achieved, the prosperity of society and of each one of us come from this right and from the liberated forces of the people.

Our achievements lend us confidence and optimism to greet the holiday satisfied with what has been achieved and confident in the future. The party strategy, worked out by the 12th BCP Congress, and the developments included in the reports, speeches, and statements of Comrade Todor Zhivkov after the congress, are turning into a material force encompassing the working collectives and producing a new energy. Profound transformations are taking place in the methods of management, human relations, and the process of production. The new initiatives of the party were demonstrated with special force during the preparations for the national party conference. The working people grasped the great significance of the issue of quality, and what is more important, implemented practical deeds and developed business activity for decisively improving quality. That is the source of the good results we are reporting now, and which we shall multiply and consolidate in the future.

The past year was a successful one for our country. The national income increased 3 percent, and 674 million leva in profit more than the amount envisaged by the state was received. The planned social productivity of labor was overfulfilled by 4 percent. A new and great step in the social sphere was made -- 69,000 new apartments were constructed, the trade and everyday services for the collectives expanded, and the working people obtained better and more versatile goods and better conditions for rest and physical and spiritual development.

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Solidarity Official Criticizes U.S. Arms Race MB030958 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 2100 GMT 2 May 84

[Text] The arms race being implemented by the U.S. Administration constitutes a true danger to mankind, including African peoples, particularly those harboring U.S. military bases, which turns them into forward bases of its imperialist and neocolonialist policy. This was stated in Moscow by Domingos Coelho da Cruz, chairman of the Angolan Association for Friendship and Solidarity With Peoples. Speaking at the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the Soviet Association for Solidarity With the African and Asian People, Coelho da Cruz hailed the activities the Soviet organization has undertaken to strengthen relations between the Soviet Union and the African countries and liberation movements.

Demonstration in N'Dalatando Opposes Sabotage MB031654 Luanda ANGOP in French 1330 GMT 2 May 84

[Text] N'Dalatando, 2 May (ANGOP) — (? The MPLA Party youth wing and the organization of Angolan Pioneers) held a mass demonstration in N'Dalatando, the capital of Cuanza Norte Province, on Sunday. The demonstration denounced all acts of sabotage and looting, as well as massacres, particularly the recent bomb attack perpetrated by the puppet gangs against the civilian population in the city of Huambo. The demonstrators walked the main streets of N'Dalantado city singing revolutionary songs and demanding the unconditional withdrawal of South African troops from Angola, as well as Pretoria's observance of U.N. Security Council Resolution 435/78, leading to Namibia's independence. In addition, the demonstrators strongly condemned the logistical and financial support offered by imperialism to the UNITA puppet gangs through the South African racist regime.

121 on Trial for Diamond, Currency Violations MB031343 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT

[Text] Tomorrow at 0900 in Cinema Sao Joao, the People's Revolutionary Tribunal of the Province of Luanda will open the trial of 121 individuals implicated in illicit trafficking in diamonds and in illegal introduction and circulation of foreign currency in the country. The proceedings will be open to the public

In order to better enlighten the people on the issue of illicit trafficking in diamonds and illegal introduction and circulation of foreign currency in Angola, a round table discussion took place at the Angolan People's Television headquarters. It was attended by Dr Manuel Rui Monteiro, the legal consultant of the Angola Diamond Company [Diamang]; Silverio Monteiro, Diamang's economist; (Mario Sotto Major Pizarro), the deputy governor of the National Bank of Angola; and Dr Maria do Rosario Veloso, the people's attorney of the Province of Luanda.

ANGOP Discusses Cuban 'Internationalists' MR031524 Lyanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GM

MB031524 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 03 May 84

[Text] ANGOP yesterday issued an editorial titled "Internationalist (?Presence)" which dedicates several lines to the explanation of the true reasons for internationalist aid to Angola. Internationalism, states ANGOP, becomes difficult, if not altogether impossible, to understand for those whose every action reflects interest in easy profits and who do not believe in the existence of men who risk everything without asking for anything in return. These men experience fulfillment simply because they know that they are being useful for the progress of humanity and development of the peoples.

More specifically, with regard to the Cuban internationalist mission in Angola, to which imperialism attaches a policy of linkage [preceding word in English], ANGOP reiterated that the Cuban internationalists came to our country in answer to an appeal from the Angolan people, whose independence was threatened by the invasion of two foreign armies. The ANGOP editorial also explains that internationalism, contrary to what the imperialists think, is not only military aid. Internationalism in Angola, and in the rest of the world, also consists of assistance in the fields of economics, health, construction, and education, and is a clear demonstration of what a new man should be - a man liberated from prejudice, who is free and offers his services for the good of the people without anything in return except a subsidy in national currency. In conclusion, ANGOP focuses on the immense debt of gratitude which the Angolan peole have for Cuba's heroic people. This is a moral debt which we may pay when one day we too are notable internationalists and fight alongside other peoples for the creation of a new society and a new man.

UNITA Communique on Public Executions, Cubans MB040931 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 4 May 84

[Communique issued by UNITA Central Committee at Jamba on 26 April]

- [Text] 1. As usual, the MPLA has once again launched its murderous wrath against innocent Angolans following resounding defeats in Novo Redondo and Huambo. Thus, on 24 and 25 April 1984, it ordered the public execution by firing squad of 51 members of the public in Huambo, including 2 women. It also executed by firing squad 17 members of the public in Luso, Luena, and Tete in Bic.
- 2. The UNITA Central Committee gives this last warning to the MPLA radical faction that the cycle of violence will increase throughout the country, for UNITA will not let itself be intimidated by those who retaliate against Angolans in revenge for Cubans.
- The UNITA Central Committee repudiates moralistic statements made in certain Western capitals lamenting the death of Cubans who are oppressing our people and who, by their presence in our country, are frustrating our independence and



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Dos Santos Returns From Maputo, Arusha Summits MB010912 Luanda Domestic Service in English 2100 GMT 30 Apr 84

[Text] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola has returned from Arusha, Tanzania, where he led a delegation to the summit of the countries of the frontline. The summit was attended by President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Samora Machel of Mozambique, Quett Masire of Botswana, Prime Minster Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, and the presidents of the ANC of South Africa and South-West Africa and SWAPO of Namibia, Oliver Tambo and Sam Nujoma respectively. The Arusha summit discussed the situation in southern Africa since the last summit. The summit reaffirmed total support for the liberation struggle in Namibia, illegally occupied by South Africa, and the struggle of the South African people for the abolition of apartheid and racial discrimination.

The frontline states expressed satisfaction over the struggle course between Angola and South Africa in creating conditions for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435, which will lead Namibia to independence. An appeal was made to South Africa to honor her obligations assumed in Lusaka, and, in the same spirit, she must withdraw her troops in the shortest possible time from Angolan soil. The participants expressed appreciation of the continued and unconditional support rendered to the liberation struggle in Namibia led by SWAPO, as well as the moral, diplomatic, and political support rendered by Mozambique to the ANC in the struggle for the abolition of the apartheid regime.

They (?claimed that) South Africa is responsible for the tension and aggression in the region, and said that peace, security, and national independence in the continent, in particular in southern Africa, will only be possible with the complete liquidation of the racial situation of the racist regime in Pretoria. They called on the international community to increase support for the struggle in Namibia and South Africa and pay special attention to the refugees from the two countries. The frontline leaders expressed support for Angola and Mozambique in their struggle against the criminal bandits infiltrating from South Africa with the sole objective of provoking political, social, and economic destabilization. The Angolan president earlier took part in the summit of five African Portuguese-speaking countries held in Maputo. The Maputo summit also expressed support for the peace initiatives by Angola and Mozambique and the stated conditions for the solution of the regional conflict.

Envoy to France Scores Continued RSA Presence MB290930 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 28 Apr 84

[Text] Luis de Almeida, Angolan ambassador to France, has said in Paris that the South African troops were still in southern Angola in total disregard for the clauses of the Angolan-South African accord signed in Lusaka. Speaking at a ceremony to mark the 25 April Portuguese Revolution Day, Luis de Almeida recalled that the Lusaka Accord agreed to the withdrawal of South African troops from southern Angola and the cessation of all acts of aggression against our country and support for the UNITA puppet gangsters. The accord also provided for the application of UN Security Council Resolution 435/78 for the independence of Namibia. During the ceremony, Ambassador Luis de Almeida recalled the support that the Netherlands had granted the Angolan people in the struggle against Portuguese colonialism, and praised the government of Amsterdam for the same support for solidarity with the peoples of Namibia and South Africa who are fighting against the apartheid regime.

Reaction to Huambo Bombing by Cuba, UK Cited MB301618 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 27 Apr 84

[Text] The Cuban morning newspaper GRANMA has blamed those who finance, arm, train, and launch the attacks by counterrevolutionary gangs against Angola for the bombing in Huambo. In an editorial on the criminal plan against the expatriate workers' building in the city of Huambo, GRANMA says that resources and techniques which were used could only have been provided by the developed (?criminal) industry of the United States and its South African allies. GRANMA recalled that the Western press, especially the Voice of America, has been trying to present the attempt as a military action, and added that the explosion occurred opposite an 11-story building which merely housed Cuban civil workers. The organ of the Cuban Communist Party noted that actions of this nature demonstrate the despair of the armed bandits in their inability to face the hard blows dealt by the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola, and adds that attempts of that kind will never scare Cuba's civilian workers.

To confirm this stance, many Cuban workers at Huambo, whose mission had ended, have been asking for an extended tour of duty. The men and women who were wounded express ardent wishes that they will recover in the shortest possible period so that they may occupy their working places at the construction sites. Thousands of Cuban workers recently demonstrated in Havana against this barbarous action of 19 April in the city of Huambo which killed 24 Angolans and foreign citizens when a boobytrapped vehicle exploded. The demonstrators paid homage to the 14 Cuban internationalists who died while participating in the building of a new society in various sectors of our country.

With regard to the attempt, the British press has also condemned the treacherous action in Huambo city, and blamed the attack on the South African authorities who provide military and logistic support to UNITA. The morning newspaper THE OBSERVER also blames the U.S. espionage agency, the CIA, for this criminal action. The newspaper cites an accord signed at the end of 1983 between the CIA and the leaders of the UNITA puppet group during a meeting described as a secret one which was also attended by South African officials. According to the British newspaper, the Washington envoy instructed the UNITA lackeys to intensify economic sabotage. He also promised an increase in military and financial aid by the South African

authorities and Army. THE OBSERVER also revealed that an Israeli representative to an African country took part in the meeting as a party interested in the issue, having agreed to what was called a division of the workload in the plan to create economic instability and terror in the People's Republic of Angola.

ANGOP Commentary on Bombing MB271735 Luanda ANGOP in French 1030 GMT 27 Apr 84

[ANGOP commentary: "To Transform Sorrow and Suffering Into Weapons Against Reactionaries"]

[Text] Luanda, 27 Apr (ANGOP) — The Angolan nation is in mourning. Bandits armed by imperialism have once again sown death and destruction among the Angolan people in Huambo Province. In fact, these puppet gangs carried out a bombing at 1730 on 19 April on Huambo city's main road, 4 February Avenue, causing the deaths of 24 people, including 2 children and foreigners. A total of 30 persons, including citizens and foreigners, were wounded, 6 of whom are in critical condition. Among the victims were 14 internationalists who have worked alongside the Angolan people in the building of a new society.

Denouncing this barbarous crime committed by armed bandits against civilians and honest citizens who had just ended a day of hard work, the Angolan people have expressed their deep grief and demanded that justice be carried out against all adventurers whose main activity is to carry out criminal action.

Under the leadership of the local party and government structures, the entire population of Huambo has been mobilized to organize the funeral service for the victims of these criminal actions. Furthermore, during another day of popular demonstrations attended by leaders of the Angolan revolution, justice has been demanded against all the bandits who are preventing the Angolan people from working freely for the reconstruction of the nation. This justice should also be applied against all those who play the imperialist game and sow death and destruction among the suffering people every day. We demand justice against all those who play the game of the imperialist forces, because through these acts, their perpetrators have shown once again that they are acting under imperialist orders. Thus, the large amount of war materiel recently seized by our Armed Forces in the course of their great mopping-up operations constitutes sufficient proof that imperialism's right arm, represented in southern Africa by racist South Africa, is behind these puppet gangs.

As President Jose Eduardo dos Santos recently put it, "Angola has always been imperialism's favorite target. And it is in the name of imperialism that South Africa wages an undeclared war against our territory, either by directly using their regular forces or the puppet gangs."

The puppet gangs' objective, as has been noted, consists of destabilizing the country in all areas, weakening our economy so that the basis for the revolution may be destroyed, and finally forcing us to give in to neocolonialist proposals and designs on the political level.

It is within this enemy strategy that we must consider the actions of these bandits, be it at Cafunfo, Sumbe, Luao, or, lately, in Huambo. However, this murderous fury of the puppet gangs, which has been escalating over the last few months, partly as a sign of despair and partly to serve its propaganda needs on the international arena, has not had the desired and planned effect, thanks to the vigilance and determination of our people. The people's vigilance and determination to win demonstratesthat this is the only way for us to freely and surely advance toward [word indistinct] of the great tasks which are vital to the rebuilding of the fatherland. Proof of this engagement has been presented in the numerous communiques published by the national press which have revealed the actions of the people as a unit through the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola and other defense and security structures in the victorious struggle conducted against the puppet gangs which infiltrate Angola from Namibia, which is illegally occupied by South

There is no doubt that the enemy will not give up. It will always look for new ways to infiltrate and commit new crimes, as was the case in the city of Huambo. But we Angolans will never rest until all elements hostile to our liberation struggle are eliminated. Today we mourn our dead in the city of Huambo. But we shall not rest. We shall transform the sorrow and pain into weapons to fight against the reactionaries and we shall remain alert so that we may neutralize new criminal bandits. We shall not forget sumbe, Cafunfo, [words indistinct], Huambo, has left remainders of its criminal actions. And we shall not forget this until those crying for justice are avenged. We will transform our sorrow and our pain into weapons against the reactionaries and the sworn enemies of our people.

UNITA Communique Lists Operations 1-15 April MB300758 (Clandestine) Voice of the Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 29 Apr 84

[Communique issued by the UNITA General Staff for 1-15 April 1984 — date and place of issue not given]

[Text] During this period, the Armed Forces of the Liberation of Angola [FALA] launched many operations about which we inform you as follows:

In Uige Province on 3 April, a mine exploded between Cangola and Caiongo resulting in the destruction of an H-76 military vehicle with license number CD 574-28 and in the death of all its passengers. On 4 April, our forces clashed with a People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA]-Cuban company in the area between Buenga Sul and Sanza Pombo. The enemy fled in disarray and left nine dead. Their weapons were captured and our forces left the area in a northward direction to continue the operations in the area.

In Malange Province on 4 April, we attacked the village of Xa-Muteba and killed 21 FAPLA soldiers and 2 Cubans. We captured 48 small weapons, 1 B-10 cannon, 60 60-mm mortar shells, and 4,136 rounds of ammunition, and we released 721 civilians.

In Lunda Province on 5 April, the FAPLA forces in the area on the right side of the (Kakhele) River, south of the Chingufo village, southwest of Portugalia, were repelled by our forces, and 31 FAPLA soldiers and 3 Cubans were killed. We captured 23 AK's, several pieces of equipment, and 2 FAPLA soldiers named Rafael Humberto, a platoon commander, and Gregorio Pacheco, a logistics man. On 13 April, we attacked a Land Rover vehicle with license number 2105 on the (Cango)-Kafunfo road. We destroyed the vehicle and killed 11 FAPLA soldiers and a responsible official for the metallurgy department named Jorge Gaspar and seized 56,000 cuanzas. In the Cuanza Norte Province on 13 April, an anticar mine exploded between (Embalaginga) and (Angualuque), destroying a Berliet military vehicle killing its passengers. In Cuanza Sul on 14 April, an infantry company was attacked between Munenga and Lussusso. We killed 7 FAPLA soldiers and captured 15 AK's, 3 Makarov pistols, 2 RPG-7's with 6 shells, and 16 defensive hand grenades. The next day, six armed FAPLA soldiers who had been attacked the previous day surrendered to our forces.

In the Benguela Province on 15 April, a motorized column composed of 15 vehicles was attacked in the Benguela-Chongoroi Road near the (Coporolo) River. We destroyed 1 Ural, 2 IFA, 3 Star, and 2 Berliet vehicles and killed 12 FAPLA soldiers, 8 agents of the state security, 6 People's Defense Organization [ODP] members, and 4 Cubans. We captured 18 AK's, 7 G-3's, 5 RPG-7's, 1 Duga bazooka, and 23 antitank rocket launchers. The rest of the materiel was burned. In Huambo Province on 1 April, we attacked a column traveling from Huambo to Luanda and killed 19 FAPLA soldiers, 2 Cubans, and 1 ODP member. We captured an FAPLA sergeant named Marcelino Moissalo, 27 small weapons, 1 14.5-mm antiaircraft weapon, 3 RPG-9's, 4 Tokarev pistols, 441 rounds of AK ammunition, and 3 radio transmitters. We destroyed one (Uave) vehicle, two Land Rovers, and three (Crave) vehicles.

In Moxico Province on 3 April, we shelled the city of Luena-Luso. On 4 April, our sabotage commandos infiltrated into the city where they captured a state security official named Costa da Silva Muana and pamphlets were distributed in the city. On 8 April, we attacked an enemy platoon reinforced with Cubans near the (Canage) River, killing 2 Cubans and 12 FAPLA soldiers. We captured 8 AK's, 2 G-3's, 2 RPG-7's, 1 battlefield radio, 93 RPG-7 shells, 1 box of 7.32-mm ammunition, 76,846 cuanzas, and a map provided by Cuban intelligence. On 13 April, we attacked and captured the village of Leua on the Benguela railroad. We killed 23 FAPLA soldiers and 2 officers named Angelo Moises Sauoma and Menezes Kanagi. We captured 4 Czechoslovak AK'S, 3 German Mausers, 6 Soviet AK's, 2 PKM's with 6 belts of bullets, 1 75-mm cannon, 124 antipersonnel mines, and 2 82-mm mortars with shells.

In Cuando Cubango on 6 April, we attacked an FAPLA-Cuban group northwest of Cuito Canavale and killed five FAPLA soldiers and one Cuban. We captured two AK's, three Walter pistols, and twobattlefield radios. The group was completely dispersed. On 7 April, a (Coral) vehicle was destroyed by an anticar mine explosion, between Menongue and Luassinga. On 15 April our forces shelled the city of Menongue, causing the enemy to declare a state of emergency in this city. The totals of killed and captured during these operations are: 156 FAPLA

soldiers and 14 Cubans killed and 4 FAPLA soldiers captured. We destroyed 18 vehicles, captured 204 weapons, and released 721 civilians. UNITA suffered 8 dead and 15 wounded.

UNITA Radio Urges Support for Urban Warfare MB301503 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 30 Apr 84

[Station commentary]

[Text] The fundamental issue of the war which has been going on in our country for 9 years is the invasion of our country by the Cubans, who have imposed a minority, puppet regime on our people. The invasion of our country by the Cubans prevented the holding of free elections in October 1975, as had been provided for in the Alvor Agreement, which would have led to the formation of a democratic government elected by the Angolan people.

Such illegal interference in the affairs of another country, which wants to be genuinely free and independent, has resulted in extreme repression and injustices which have caused the greatest indignations to the Angolan people, in addition to famine, unemployment, delays in meeting the people's needs, corruption, interference by foreigners in all matters, and a police state.

What was the use of fighting for 15 years against Portuguese colonialism? Where is our patriotism? The Angolan people do not have any illusions. The means of regaining the freedom and the dignity which every Angolan had expected to see following the defeat of Portuguese colonialism is the armed struggle.

Only with weapons — and just with weapons — will we be able to force the withdrawal of the Cubans in order to establish the right of the Angolan people to freely choose and decide on the form of government they want. In the struggle against the Russian-Cuban domination of our country, against oppression, poverty, and the injustice inflicted by a minority government on our people, UNITA forces with the maximum support of the Angolan people are playing a decisive role in winning final victory.

The war will move from the countryside and rural roads to the big towns in order to take the struggle to the center of the enemy's economic activity, destroy his entire infrastructure, eliminate the Cubans and the ringleaders of treason, and create a total lack of security throughout the country. There is no other way to force the Cubans to leave our country and the MPLA to discuss national issues with the genuine Angolans of UNITA.

It is imperative for any sincere and patriotic Angolan and anyone who does not belong to the privileged cast of Russians, Cubans, and monied MPLA warlords — no matter what their political beliefs — to be actively involved, body and soul, in the fight against the Cubans in Angola by unreservedly supporting the urban guerrilla warfare which is being carried out by UNITA, which began with the bomb explosion at the Corte Real building on Fifth of October Road in Huambo town on 19 April 1984.

Out of Angola with the Cubans! The struggle triumphs! United we shall win!

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Guenther Kleiber has ended his visit to Syria. Before his departure he spoke to the Syrian press of the significance of the committee's eighth meeting and the agreements reached. They provide a firm basis for the long-term expansion of bilateral relations, particularly in the economic field. 'Abd al-Qadir Qaddurah and other members of the Syrian Government at Damascus airport gave a cordial send off to Guenther Kleiber and his delegation.

STOPH, MARJAI EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ECONOMIC TIES

LD271435 East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1222 GMT 27 Apr 84

[Text] Berlin, 27 Apr (ADN) -- Willi Stoph, chairman of the GDR Council of Ministers, and Jozsef Marjai, deputy premier of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic and chairman of the Hungarian side of the GDR-Hungary Economic Committee, praised the successful development of relations between the GDR and Hungary at a meeting in Berlin today. Taking as the starting point the agreements in principle by Erich Honecker, general secretary of the SED Central Committee and chairman of the GDR Council of State, and Janos Kadar, first secretary of the MSZMP Central Committee, they stressed that economic cooperation is taking place in line with the jointly laid-down goals and that mutual trade is increasing according to plan. This strengthens the certainty that the decisions taken by the 22d meeting of the GDR-Hungary Economic Committee will promote the further development and deepening of economic and scientific-technological cooperation between the two countries.

Current international matters were also discussed during the exchange of views. There was agreement that the safeguarding of peace is the most important present task. Both countries would continue to work with the USSR and the other socialist states to prevent the destruction of the present military balance by the most aggressive circles of imperialism.

The talk, which was held in a cordial atmosphere, was also attended by Wolfgang Rauchfuss, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and chairman of the GDR side of the GDR-Hungary Economic Committee, and Lajos Nagy, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Hungarian People's Republic to the GDR.

HONECKER'S CONDOLENCES ON BOMB ATTACK IN ANGOLA

Telegram to Dos Santos

AU261328 East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German 25 Apr 84 p 1

[Text] Berlin (ND) -- Erich Honecker, SED Central Committee general secretary and GDR State Council chairman, sent the following telegram to Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola:

Dear Comrade dos Santos: On behalf of the SED Central Committee, the State Council, and the GDR people I convey to you and the friendly Angolam people our heartfelt condolences and sympathy for the Angolan and Cuban citizens murdered in the bomb attack of the criminal National Union for the Total Independence of Angola gangs in Huambo. We share the grief and anger of your people at this severe loss and most resolutely condemn this disgraceful attack, which also claimed the lives of women and children.

Dear Comrade dos Santos, accept our renewed assurance that the GDR will continue to stand in firm solidarity at the side of the courageous Angolan people.

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Attack Denounced at UN

FL271428 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1202 CMT 27 Apr 84

[Text] United Nations -- Cuba has denounced before the United Nations the criminal dynamite attack on Cuban civilian workers in the Angolan City of Huambo. A statement presented to UN headquarters by the Cuban mission to the United Nations [word indistint] the act that took place last [word indistinct] Cuban internationalists and 10 Angolan civilians, including women and children.

The note states that the resources and techniques used to carry out the attack could only have been provided to the counterrevolutionary bandits by the well developed criminal industry of the United Stattes and its South African allies. The Cuban note presented to the United Nations stresses the fact that the Cuban people know the sacrifices that their internationalist vocation entails and accept them with a complete sense of their historical responsibility.

Toriello Extends Condolences

PA281248 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 26 Apr 84

[Text] Guillermo Toriello, president of the Anti-Imperialist Tribunal of Our America and representative of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity, has expressed to this radio station his solidarity with and condolences to the Cuban Government, people, and family members of the Cuban internationalists who were victims of a terrorist attack while offering their social services in the Angolan City of Huambo. Toriello said that imperialism will not intimidate the Cuban people with these aggressions, but will continue to encourage their firm decision to defend the revolution and maintain their internationalist principles.

U.S., South Africa Accused

PA290354 Havana International Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 28 Apr 84

[Excerpts] In hundreds of assemblies and meetings organized in labor centers, agriculutral and livestock cooperatives, and schools, our people have continued showing their willingness, whenever it proves necessary, to take the place of the Cubans who died during the criminal dynamite attack in the Angolan City of Huambo.

On Saturday the newspaper GRANMA published interviews with the six cooperating Cubans wounded in that attack. These men were taken to Cuba for medical care. The statements in GRANMA reconfirm the accusations against both the Washington and Pretoria governments, the perpetrators of this new crime, and reaffirm the willingness to continue fulfilling the principles of proletarian internationalism and facing the risks and sacrifices inherent in this stance.

A communique issue by the FMLN-FDR representatives in Cuba has accused the U.S. and South African Governments of supplying arms and explosives to criminal bands who murder defenseless civilians.

This action is no different from those directed by the CTA against Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Grenada, the Salvadoran revolutionaries' message asserted.

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However, despite this, a certain suspicion of Moscow has been registered, and this is interpreted from the constant deterioration of relations between Washington and Moscow, and from the as yet insufficiently publicly declared actual state of relations between the two largest socialist states, which have at the same time not ceased their discreet diplomatic negotiations, as well as from their public and more vociferous disputes and disagreements on important problems.

Officials, both on the Chinese and the American side, see in Reagan's visit a step further along the upward line of the overall Chinese-American relations, in which there are periodical stagnations and conflicts, as well as constant disagreements. It is also believed that it is in the mutual interest that the United States should reach the level of other Chinese partners -- Japan, Hong Kong, and the EEC countries -- in its trade with China, which is now relatively modest and totals some \$4.6 billion in both directions.

The Chinese position on the superpowers' competition, primarily in nuclear armament, is of interest to the rest of the world. The Chinese hold the view that all countries should exert pressure on the great powers so that they begin serious negotiations and reach a true agreement on reducing their nuclear arms. To say something of this sort to Reagan on this occasion, as well as to the other superpower on some other occasion, fits the aspirations of all countries that one should negotiate at every opportunity and at every place, primarily about peace and international security.

MARKOVIC EXPECTED TO VISIT PRC 'NEXT MONTH'

AU261115 Belgrade BORBA in Serbo-Croatian 24 Apr 84 p 12

[Text] Beijing, 23 Apr (TANGUG) -- Hu Yaobang, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, today met with a delegation of the Yugoslav Trade Union Federation led by Stojan Stojcevski, president of the Presidium of the Council of the Yugoslav Trade Union Federation. As is stated, the meeting was very cordial.

Hu Yaobang asked Stojcevski to convey greetings to Dragoslav Markovic, president of the LCY Central Committee Presidium, and to tell him that China is awaiting his arrival at the head of an LCY delegation. The visit should take place next month.

CUBAN MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA

AU261235 Belgrade POLITIKA in Serbo-Croatian 21 Mar 84 pp 1-2

[Petar Popovic article: "Cubans Will Leave Angola?"

[Text] Havana, 20 Mar (PL) -- Cuba and Angola announced last night that they will take up a "gradual withdrawal of Cuban forces" from this African country if the Republic of South Africa [RSA] agrees to fulfill certain "preliminary conditions," among which is the complete withdrawal of their troops from Angola and Namibia.

The statement signed in Havana by Presidents Fidel Castro and Jose Eduardo dos Santos points out that the talks, which lasted several days between the two countries' delegations, were directed toward "finding out the basis for solving the present conflict through agreement" with the RSA. By the way, the statement underlines that the Angolan Government had thoroughly informed the Cuban leadership during past months about the course of negotiations with the RSA and the United States.

The prerequisites in question were already included in the statement Cuba and Angola signed in Luanda on 4 February 1982.

Cubans will withdraw from Angola, both declarations state, if the RSA withdraws its troops, unilaterally and unconditionally, from the southern part of Angola, accepts the implementation of Resolution 435/78 of the UN Security Council on Namibia and the UN plan it encompasses, and completely pulls out its troops from this territory that it has been unlawfully occupying.

The Pretoria regime must also undertake the obligation to halt any direct aggression or threat of aggression against the People's Republic of Angola. This would also apply to the United States with whose mediation the agreement between Angola and the RSA was concluded in Lusaka last 17 February [as published].

Angola and Cuba believe that prior to the withdrawal of Cuban troops, the RSA must stop giving any kind of aid to the dissident National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA] movement and other puppet forces in Angola. The United States and their allies in Africa would also have to refrain from such intentions.

After recalling that about 200,000 Cubans have been in Angola during the past 8 years on civilian and military duties, the statement gives credit to the struggle that the peoples of Namibia and South Africa are waging against the hated regime of apartheid under the leadership of their only and legitimate representatives -- South-West African People's Organization [SWAPO] and the African National Congress [ANC].

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First-rate news! This is how, where Africa is concerned, one should assess the announcement of a Cuban military withdrawal from Angola that is (irrespective of the understandable conditions for this) in sight. The government of President Eduardo dos Santos has done everything for its part with a view to returning peace to its southern borders and to moving from the deadlock in Namibia towards its independence. All the rest, the departure of South African troops and the implementation of the UN Resolution 435 now depend on Pretoria and Washington. Moreover, they particularly depend on the United States, because their notorious "linkage" [the transcribed English word for "linkage" follows the Serbo-Croatian one in single parentheses] — first the departure of the Cubans and then negotiations on independence — has cut short all attempts made to date for the independence of the former German colony. This is a great obligation of President Ronald Reagan, whose administration had, even before coming to power, assigned Angola (because of the Cuban troops) as the most difficult area of the Soviet military and political presence in Africa.

Internationalists From the Faraway Island

During this time, there was much misunderstanding, but also quite an understandable suspicion about the Cuban military presence in Angola (and some other African countries as well). The misunderstanding was primarily to the detriment of Angola, because one forgot that the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola [MPLA] government had no other choice 8 and 1/2 years ago — when the first "barbudos" [Spanish word for "bearded ones"] discreetly stepped onto its territory — to face the powerful South African troops. Therefore, the "bearded revolutionaries" — called this during the days when they defended their revolution — found themselves in Africa to defend someone else's, the Angolan revolution.

Havana's military jump over the ocean to somewhere as distant as Africa moved Cuba "to the top" of all the more important news overnight. Especially when it was discovered that Cuban "advisers" found themselves at one time in as many as 16 African states that were usually within the area of the confrontation of the superpower's interests. What provoked suspicion of this presence in Africa was the Cuban explanation itself, of the mission of the "members of international bragades." Havan's explanations revived the at one time current and then rejected slogan of the "export of revolution" that was characteristic of Havana's policy at one time towards Latin American countries.

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OFFICIALS, CITIZENS REACT TO BOMBING IN ANGOLA

Acosta Expresses CDR Reaction

FL261744 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 26 Apr 84

[Text] Comrade Armando Acosta Cordero, alternate member of the party Politburo and national CDR [Committee for the Defense of the Revolution] coordinator, speaking at the closing ceremony of the second CDR-FAR national seminar, expressed the rejection of all CDR members of the vandalistic and criminal attack perpetrated against Cuban internationalist workers in Huambo, Angola, where they were giving internationalist assistance to the brother people of Angola.

Division General Senen Casas Regueiro, alternate member of the Politburo and first alternate of the FAR minister, had earlier expressed greetings from General Raul Castro, second secretary of the party Central Committee, in which he expressed his gratitude to our principal mass organization. Various ranking FAR officers addressed the CDR-FAR seminar that ended this afternoon at FAR headquarters, and the CDR 2 December contest was announced.

Rodriguez, Veiga Condemn Act

FL261302 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 26 Apr 84

[Text] For the past 24 hours all the people of Cuba have been expressing their disapproval of the barbarous imperialist and racist crime perpetrated against the Cuban civilian internationalist workers in Angola. These expressions have taken the form of demonstrations, statements, and messages.

As he signed the workers book of honor at the Ministry of Foreign Relations, Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, member of the Politburo and vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers, conlemned the criminal attack, which was carried out by agents in the service of Yankee imperialism and South African racists.

In Santiago de Cuba, Roberto Veiga, alternate member of the Central Committee and general secretary of the CTC [Central Organization of Cuban Trade Unions], said that at this time all our people feel the pain caused by the news that a group of brave Cuban workers was the victim of this criminal terrorist act. A declaration on the subject was issued in Havana by the CTC. It pointed out that the objectives of this abominable crime are in line with the fierce hatred which characterizes the action of Yankee imperialism and their puppet groups against the Cuban revolution and the brother Angolan people. The CTC declaration states: In the face of such repulsive acts, we state that tens of thousands of individuals are ready to occupy the places of those who fell.

Perpetrators Termed Assassins

FL262312 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2100 GMT 26 Apr 84

[Excerpt] Condemnation of the cowardly attack on Cuban civilian collaborators in Angola today continued in Cuba. At the Cuban Foreign Ministry, Minister Isidoro Malmierca presided over a meeting attended by all Ministry Workers. Marcelino Fajardo from the Labor Bureau [as heard] described as assassins those who had committed the brutal act.

Angolan Envoy Blames U.S.

FL270219 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 27 Apr 84

[Statement by Angolan Ambassador to Cuba Comrade Mwaete Joao Baptista on the killing of 14 Cubans in Huambo, Angola -- recorded]

[Text] We believe that the U.S. Government is trying to flagrantly meddle in our domestic affairs. This meddling has been demonstrated in Huambo, where builders, teachers, and physicians who were helping us overcome the serious difficulties we face now have to be buried or are confined to hospitals because of this criminal act.

We believe that the U.S. Government, the South African Government, and the international reactionary circles are full responsible for this action. The peace-loving and justice-loving forces should join in condemning this action, which violates all UN resolutions aimed at guaranteeing peace and tranquillity, and peaceful and harmonious cooperation among peoples.

Our response to this action is to struggle determinedly against these maneuvers, these crimes. We must organize ourselves in defense of the economy. We must mobilize our youths and organize them in brigades for vigilance, because our revolution has to arm itself to attain its objectives.

In our country, this action has resulted in spontaneous demonstrations condemning and repudiating this odious aggression, this bloody aggression against a peace-loving and justice-loving nation. Everybody should condemn this action, because in effect it is aimed at subduing a determined people, aimed at ending the aid offered by one nation to another still struggling to attain its objectives.

The cooperation Cuba gives us can only be appreciated by the Angolan people. We are the only ones who can say that the Cuban cooperation is exemplary, historic, directed at our people's well-being, and intended to foster bilateral cooperation.

MEETING OPENS ON COOPERATION WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA

FL261400 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 26 Apr 84

[Text] With the objective of discussing Cuban-Czechoslovak cooperation in the fields of public health, electricity, and the sugar, foods, mining and geology, and pharmaceutical industries, the plenary meeting of the eighth conference of the Intergovernmental Commission for Cooperation has opened in Havana.

Joel Domenech, member of the Central Committee and vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers, is presiding over the Cuban team at the negotiations, while Ladislav Gerle, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and vice president of the government, heads his country's delegation. The commission's work will conclude on 30 April.

RISQUET RECEIVES BULGARIAN WORKERS BRIGADE

FL261442 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 26 Apr 84

[Text] Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo and the Central Committee Secretariat, has received at the airport the Fidel Castro Construction Brigade of the People's Republic of Bulgaria. The brigade is made up of 82 construction workers who will work for 1 year on the Cienfuegos nuclear power plant.



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REPORTAGE ON BOMBING OF BUILDING IN ANGOLA

Tele Rebelde Reports

FL252000 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] We have made contact with Luanda, From there our correspondent in the People's Republic of Angola will inform us about the events in Huambo. Go ahead, Comrade Juan Perez Dominguez,

[Begin telephone relay] The information center of Tele Rebelde in Africa transmits the latest news about the criminal attack perpetrated by the counterrevolutionaries in the service of Washington and Pretoria in Huambo, People's Republic of Angola. First we are going to say that all the Cubans wounded in the terrorist action in the City of Huambo on 19 April are out of danger, according to the chief of the group of Cuban doctors, Dr Mario Fernandez (Regalado). Interviewed by the different news media here in Luanda, Dr Fernandez said that they are all recovering, including the 10 who were seriously injured. He pointed out that organizational measures were taken immediately in the Luanda hospital and thanks to the unselfish efforts of the doctors, nurses, and technicians in Huambo, which along with the two groups that were sent within 2 hours of the explosion, none of the injured died. The heroic attitude of the wounded Cubans, their bravery and determination, did much to help the efforts of the professionals and brought the group together in their efforts and in moving the victims, according to Dr Mario Fernandez (Regalado).

We can recount the events and conclude by saying that as has already been reported to all our people, last Thursday, 19 April, in the City of Huambo, located 650 km south of Angola [as heard], there was a criminal dynamite attack which killed 24 civilians, including Angolans and foreigners. Fourteen of the dead were Cuban internationalist workers. We can say that the attack was another terrorist act carried out by the declared enemies of the Angolan people -- criminals in the service of the racist regime of South Africa and Yankee imperialism. In their (?desperate) frustration in the face of the defeats they have received on all fronts, the puppets cowardly intended to explode a dynamite-filled car which they parked on the main street of Huambo, 4 February Avenue, an area transited by all citizens, whether they are workers or students. The device exploded at 1730.

That is the information we wanted to transmit to our people on this occasion. We add that we are expecting at our Tele Rebelde center pictures taken in the City of Huambo and some interviews with the injured individuals, who as we reported at the beginning of this transmission are completely out of danger after the medical attention they received in the hospital in Luanda. This was a report transmitted directly from Tele Rebelde's center in Africa and reported by Juan Perez Dominguez. [end relay]

MPLA Members Visit Wounded

FL252110 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] A PRENSA LATINA report states that Lucio Lara and Dilo Matros, politburo members of the MPLA [Popular Liberation Movement of Angola] Labor Party, have visited the Luanda hospital where the Cubans wounded in the Huambo terrorist action on 19 April are being treated. Lara and Matros were accompanied by Francisco Maida Espaiva, Central Committee member, and Venancio de Mora, Angola's vice minister of foreign relations.

The Angolan leaders talked with the wounded Cubans, who are teachers, technicians, construction workers, and other civilians, victims of this terrorist action. Lara and Matros conveyed to the Cubans President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos' greeting of solidarity.

GRANMA Article on Blast

FL251512 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1120 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] GRANMA, the official organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, publishes in today's edition an article entitled "Brutal Imperialist, Racist Act Against Cuban Internationalists and Civilians in Angola." It will be read by Julio Batista:

On 19 April, agents in the service of Yankee imperialists and South African racists perpetrated a criminal dynamite attack against Cuban civilian internationalists in the Angolan City of Huambo. A vehicle loaded with explosives which had been parked earlier on the avenue in front of the ll-story building housing the Cuban workers was detonated approximately 20 meters from the building.

Among the internationalists were construction, education, and public health workers. The brutal act killed 14 Cuban internationalist construction workers and 10 Angolan civilians, including women and children. The concussion from the explosion also caused almost 100 injuries to other individuals, including 66 Cubans -- 34 women and 32 men, the majority of whom were construction workers and education personnel and a few public health workers -- who with their compatriots were carrying out the noble mission of teaching, curing the sick, building houses, giving their modest internationalist support to the task of national reconstruction of a brother people, who suffered 5 centuries of colonial oppression and for nearly a decade have been victims of the aggression of the Pretoria racists and their lackeys.

All the wounded -- Angolans as well as Cubans -- received careful emergency attention and they are recovering satisfactorily. Once again, a group of unselfish Cuban construction workers have generously offered their lives in the task of helping in the economic and social development of other peoples.

Just a few months ago, in Grenada, Cubans were brutally and cunningly attacked by the invading Yankee soldiers, whom they faced in an unfair and heroic struggle. Now in Huambo they are brutally murdered in an explosion which was set off with the resources and techniques that can only have been supplied to the counterrevolutionary bandits by the developed U.S. crime industry and its South African allies.

The responsibility for this repugnant act of terrorism falls on those who finance, arm, train, and send the counterrevolutionary groups against Angola. These groups, which were severely beaten over the last few months by the patriotic Armed Forces, are carrying out desperate acts like this.

With their characteristic shamelessness, the imperialist news agencies and especially the Voice of America have tried to present the criminal act as an attack by supposed Angolan rebels on a military barracks, directed against Cuban and Soviet officers. There was not one Cuban or other nationality soldier living in this installation. Such a version shows once again the cynicism, the absolute disdain for the truth of the spokesmen of imperialism.

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It was a cowardly terrorist act against a building used for housing, located on one of Huambo's central avenues. The building only housed Cuban civilian workers, a large number of whom were women. The lives of humble bricklayers, carpenters, and plumbers were criminally cut short; the blood spilled an ignoble stain on imperialism and its lackeys. The claws of the Central Intelligence Agency and the sinister tracks of its agents are imprinted on this act of brutal terrorism, just as they are in the mines that today blockade Nicaraguan ports, just as they were in the bomb that destroyed the Cuban airplane over Barbados on 6 October 1976. Treacherous, cold-blooded, repugnant acts of this nature continuously show us the unscrupulous and bloody character of reactionary forces and imperialism in every part of the world.

But the imperialists and racists and their puppets are mistaken if with this infamous attack they are attempting to intimidate the Cuban civilian workers who are providing their internationalist service in Angola. The exemplary response which fills our people with pride has been given by many Cuban internationalists in Huambo whose mission has ended. They have asked to extend their term of service and the men and women who were wounded have expressed their ardent desire to recover as soon as possible and return to their posts at the construction projects, the education centers, and the hospitals of the city.

In the ranks of our worthy construction workers in white helmets, tens of thousands have been and are ready to join the internationalist contingents of construction workers, who have inscribed on their good record highways in the deserts of Libya and Iraq; schools in Yemen, Tanzania, Jamaica; factories in Ethiopia and Nicaragua; support in the reconstruction of heroic Vietnam; the incomplete airport in martyred Grenada. They, like our doctors, teachers, technicians, and internationalists in general have written brillant chapters of revolutionary solidarity with other peoples of the world who suffer the consequences of backwardness as a result of hundreds of years of colonial and imperialist exploitation.

Nothing and no one can ever intimidate them. Our people know the sacrifices involved in internationalist activity and they assume them with a full sense of historical responsibility. As our Commander in Chief Fidel Castro teaches us: The revolution inculcated in all of us the idea of human fraternity and solidarity. It made all of us dear brothers in that the blood of one belongs to all and the blood of all belongs to each.

Our brothers who have given their lives in the fulfillment of their internationalist duty are eternal heroes of the fatherland and their generous sacrifice is a monument to the solidarity which makes them a banner of struggle against imperialism, racism, and exploitation -- unfailing examples for present and future generations of our revolutionary country.

The names of the modest and unselfish construction workers who died in Angola, like those who died in Grenada, will never be forgotten. They will always be present in the iron will, in the indomitable and unconquerable spirit of our people. These are the names of the comrades who fell in this brutal crime of the imperialists and racists in Angola:

Hector Rodriguez Perez, Renigio Diaz Quintanilla, Jose Ramon Baracaldo Frias, Raul Palacios Amara, all from the Province of Sancti Spiritus; Gerardo Fernandez Rodriguez, Manuel Garcia Ponce, Raul Martinez Cabrera, Felipe Perez Francisco, Angel Perez Rivero, Luis Salomom Pier, and Lazaro Tardio Hernandez from Ciego de Avila; also from Sancti Spiritus, Inocente Garcia Gomez; from Havana, Ramon Morales Bedoya; and from Camaguey, Miguel Angel Rodriguez Cardozo.

U.S. Media Portrayal of Incident

FL252300 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2100 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] The capitalist press agencies, particularly the Voice of America, have tried to portray the brutal terrorist action against our internationalist as an attack by so-called Angolan rebels against a Cuban and Soviet officers military barracks.

This version of the incident is another demonstration of the shamelessness characteristic of the enemies of the people. Again they lie as they did when they invaded Grenada. We all remember when the U.S. Government and its spokesmen tried to justify that pirate-like action with 19 lies, unmasked publicly by our commander in chief.

At that time Commander in Chief Fidel Castro underscored that it was a cynical way of using lies and recalled Hitler's methods during World War II when he pointed out the 19 lies spread by the Reagan administration and its acolytes to justify the brutal intervention against the Grenadian people.

Now, with this criminal action against our internationalists in Angola, press agencies and other capitalists have spread the news that this action was carried out against a Cuban and Soviet military installation, the same lie, the same Hitler-like methodology in a different latitude.

French Note on Attack

FL252207 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1902 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] Owing to the attack in Huambo, Angola, the French Government has stated that nothing can ever justify terrorism and blind violence, French Ambassador to Cuba Pierre Decamps has told Radio Reloj. The diplomat added that the French people share the pain of the affected Cuban families and the emotion of the people in the face of this attack, which has caused the unjust death of Cuban collaborators and which will not contribute to peace in the area.

The French Government feels that the terrorist attack in Angola which took the lives of 14 Cuban internationalist workers and 10 Angolan citizens is unjustified. In a brief note released today, the French Foreign Ministry stresses that nothing can justify terrorism.

DELEGATION VISITS DPRK, MEETS OFFICIALS

FL252036 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] Kang Song-san and Ho Tam, first vice premier and minister of foreign relations of the DPRK, respectively, yesterday met in friendly conversation with the Cuban Foreign Ministry delegation headed by First Vice Minister Jose Raul Viera Linares. Kim Chung-il, DPRK foreign affairs vice minister, and Cuba's ambassador to this sister nation were also present at the meeting.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ANALYZED

PA260346 Havana International Service in Spanish 2310 GMT 25 Apr 84

["Our America" commentary]

[Text] An outburst of popular protest all over the Dominican Republic was started by the government decision to increase the price of food staples by 50 percent and to eliminate the subsidizing of essential items such as medicine which, according to reports, consumers will have to purchase with dollars.

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CITIZENS SENTENCED FOR VISITING FRG MISSION

LD241147 Hamburg DPA in German 1056 GMT 24 Apr 84

[Text] Berlin, 24 Apr (DPA) -- Several GDR citizens who were arrested after visiting the FRG Permament Mission in East Berlin have now been sentenced. This was reported Tuesday by church circles in Berlin. According to these reports, the Pankow regional court sentenced the 30-year-old former Curate Wolf Quassdorf to 14 months imprisonment last week. Quassdorf had applied to emigrate at the beginning of March and visited the Permanent Mission 14 March. The following day, he was arrested in his flat. No details are available yet about the other cases. A Permanent Mission spokesman refused to comment on Tuesday's reports.

According to the information, the court based its decision on Paragraph 219 of the GDR criminal code which punishes "unlawful association" with imprisonment of up to 5 years. Meanwhile, a larger number of GDR citizens have reportedly been arrested after visiting the Permanent Mission. This practice is in breach of the Madrid CSCE review conference final statement, signed by the GDR, which contains, among other things, free access to foreign missions.

After spectacular actions by GDR citizens wanting to emigrate, the GDR has considerably strengthened its guard on the FRG Permanent Mission since the end of January. Passers-by whom the guards suspect of being GDR citizens wanting to enter the Permanent Mission have their particulars checked in the street. After leaving the building, there are frequently further checks. A number of Western embassies, too, have had their security noticeably increased since the end of January.

YOUTH TOURIST GROUP CANCELS FRG TRAVEL PROGRAM

LD241554 East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1416 CMT 24 Apr 84

[Text] Berlin, 24 Apr (ADN) -- Klaus Eichler, the director general of the FDJ Travel Bureau "Jugendtourist," said the fact that sending groups of young tourists from the GDR was denigrated in the "1983 Report on Protection of the Constitution," just published by the FRG Interior Ministry, as being "subversive activities," is a severe strain on youth tourism between the GDR and FRG which has gotten underway thanks to the initiative of the FDJ. It can be concluded from this that youth tourism is being observed by the FRG secret services. An obvious result of this is the continual hindering of GDR youth tourist groups by FRG police organs. "In view of this situation," said Klaus Eichler, "and in the interests of the safety of young GDR citizens in the FRG, 'Jugendtourist' does not feel itself in a position to carry out its travel program to the FRG as planned."

HONECKER CONDOLENCES TO ANGOLA, CUBA ON BOMBING

LD241947 East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1535 GMT 24 Apr 84

[Text] Berlin, 24 Apr (ADN) -- The GDR shares the grief and anger of the Angolan people at the murder of Angolan and Cuban citizens in the bomb outrage by the criminal UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] gangs in Huambo and emphatically condemns this disgraceful attack, which also claimed the lives of women and children.

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BOMB IN ANGOLA KILLS 14 INTERNATIONALIST WORKERS

FL251220 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] The newspaper GRANMA publishes in today's, Wednesday's, edition a detailed article on the criminal dynamiting attack which was committed on 19 April by agents in the service of Yankee imperialism and the South African racists against Cuban civilian internationalists in the Angolan city of Huambo. A vehicle loaded with explosives, which had been parked earlier on an avenue near the 11-story building housing the Cuban workers, was detonated approximately 20 meters from the building.

Among the internationalists were construction, education, and public health workers. The brutal act killed 14 internationalist construction workers and 10 Angolan civilians, including women and children. The explosion also caused about 100 injuries to individuals of both nationalities, including 66 Cubans -- 34 women and 32 men.

The Cuban people indignantly condemn this criminal attack and express their disposition to continue carrying out internationalist missions.

UN ENVOY BLAMES U.S. FOR SERIOUS WORLD SITUATION

FL242131 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1902 GMT 24 Apr 84

[Text] Cuba has charged that the serious and dangerous international situation is due to the warlike behavior of the United States and some of its allies. In a speech before the UN Conference on Disarmament, Cuban representative Carlos Lechuga asserted it does not require much pondering to reach that conclusion because the facts are in plain sight.

Regarding the prohibition of nuclear arms tests, there is an impressive amount of documentation and 20 years of accumulated experience, but nevertheless the United States believes that only the first steps have been taken to reach the negotiations.

Lechuga indicated that the same thing is happening in regard to putting an end to the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament, issues on which not even a subsidiary body of with unlimited mandate has been established.

CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION ARRIVES FOR MEETING

FL250207 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 25 Apr 84

[Text] A delegation of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic this afternoon arrived at the Jose Marti International Airport. The delegation headed by Deputy Premier Ladislav Gerle was welcomed by Joel Domenech Benitez, vice president of the Council of Ministers, and Minister of Basic Industry Marcos Portal.

Gerle will head his country's delegation at the eighth meeting of the Cuban-Czechoslovak Committee for Economic, Scientific, and Technical Cooperation, which will hold working sessions from 25 April to 1 May.

The delegation will visit the Havana Province Hector Molina Sugar Mill, the Nuevitas thermoelectric power plant, and the developing Moa mining area, and will hold talks with party and government leaders.

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The governments of these two Central American nations were harshly criticized for having transferred their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, while the United States was strongly warned against any similar decision.

MPLA LABOR PARTY ISSUES STATEMENT ON ANGOLA

PA210156 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 21 Apr 84

[Text] The Central Committee of the MPLA Labor Party [Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola] has issued a statement at the end of a special session in which it stressed that the withdrawal of the South African troops from Angola, the end of all support to the counterrevolutionary UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola], and the application of UN Resolution 435 would help solve the problems of southern Africa. The statement added that the MPLA Labor Party believes that these three conditions are the basis for any solution of the conflict in southern Africa.

Regarding the imperialist attempts to link the decolonization process in Namibia with the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola, the document stressed that the Angolan-Cuban joint declaration signed in February 1982 defines the reasons for the presence of those international troops in that African country. Those principles, it added, were recently reinforced by the 19 March joint declaration signed by the chiefs of state and government.

PENTAGON ADMITS CRUISE MISSILE DEFECTS

FL210048 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 21 Apr 84

[Text] In Washington the Pentagon has admitted the existence of defects in 1,000 nuclear cruise missiles, the unit cost of which is \$1,700,000. The U.S. Defense Department tried to reduce the importance of this fact by alleging that the defects in the cruise missiles do not occur on a systematic basis.

U.S. REJECTS ASTORGA AS NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR

PA191934 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 19 Apr 84

[Text] The U.S. Government has rejected Nicaragua's plan to appoint Deputy Foreign Minister Nora Astorga its ambassador in Washington. It has been learned that the decision to turn her down was made because 6 years ago Astorga participated in the killing of Somozist General Reinaldo Perez Vega, who was an active CIA collaborator. Anyone else would have been acceptable, a high-ranking U.S. official who asked not to be identified has stressed.

When consulted, several Latin American diplomatic sources said that the U.S. rejection of Astorga's appointment is a new White House blunder in its Central American policy.

Confirms 'Unchanged' U.S. Policy

PA201659 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 20 Apr 84

[Text] The government of President Ronald Reagan has refused to accept the appointment of the Nicaraguan ambassador to Washington, Nora Astorga Gadea, confirming its unwillingness to engage in direct dialogue with the Nicaraguan authorities. A Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry note to that effect says that in appointing Nora Astorga, presently deputy foreign minister, the Sandinist government reiterated the seriousness with which it takes relations with the United States and its desire for a constructive dialogue between the two governments.



FARC 12th Front Supports Peace Agreements FARC Reportedly Executes 2 in La Colorada

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DELEGATION ATTENDS ANGOLA'S 1ST LABOR CONGRESS

FL141956 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 14 Apr 84

[Text] Luanda — Rene Penalver, member of Cuba's Communist Party Central Committee, and second secretary of the Central Organization of Cuban Trade Unions [CTC], has greeted Angolan workers who are meeting for their first labor union congress. Penalver, who is participating in the forum as head of the Cuban delegation, stressed the sincere friendship that exists between the Cuban and Angolan peoples and said that he felt the congress would serve to unite Angolans in their struggle against their enemies.

The first congress of the National Union of Workers of Angola [UNTA] began on 11 April and will end on 16 April.

Pascual Luvualu, Politburo member of the MPLA-PT [Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola — Labor Party and UNTA secretary general, gave the main speech sumarizing the principal problems of Angola's working class. More than 600 delegates from all of Angola's provinces and dozens of foreign labor union representatives are participating in the congress.

INTELLECTUALS COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING

FL140100 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 13 Apr 84

[Text] The permanent committee of the Committee of Intellectuals for the Sovereignty of the Peoples of Our America will meet from 20 to 28 April. The meeting will be held to study the holding of a second conference in 1985 and the holding of meetings by the national committees during this year. [as heard]

Some of the permanent committee members who will travel to Cuba for the meeting are: (Walter Yolanda), from Brazil; Ernesto Cardenal, from Nicaragua; Mario Beneveti, from Uruguay; Juan Bosch, from the Dominican Republic; George Lanning, from Barbados; and (Susy Castor), from Haiti.

GDR TO COOPERATE IN SUGAR INDUSTRY REMODELING

FL130220 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 13 Apr 84

[Text] The GDR will cooperate in the remodeling of Cuban sugar industry installations. A contract to this effect was signed today in Leipzig by the Chemical Installations Enterprise of that city.

POTATO FARMERS TO GIVE FIDEL 100,000TH QUINTAL

FL131356 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 13 Apr 84

[Excerpt] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro will be presented with a sack containing the 100,000th quintal of potatoes harvested by members of the Aniceto Perez Agricultural Production Cooperative in Guira de Melena, the first cooperative in Havana Province to attain that goal. The presentation is a testimony that the peasants of the cooperative will not fail to complete their stated goal of harvesting 300,000 quintals of food and vegetables this season.

This announcement was made by Jose Ramirez Cruz, alternate member of the Politburo and president of the National Association of Small Farmers, in a ceremony celebrating this feat of productivity, which has been achieved for the 2d consecutive year by the cooperative.



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Foreign Minister Interviewed on Cuban Involvement DW121359 Stuttgart ARD Television Network in German 1915 GMT 11 Apr 84

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MADAGASCAR

Cyclone Kamisy Causes Extensive Damage MB121354 Antananarivo Domestic Service in French 1030 GMT 12 Apr 84

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

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

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



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SOVIET NAVAL FLOTILLA HOSTS VISITS, TOURS

Diplomats Tour Ship

FL301253 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Mar 84

[Text] Members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Cuba have visited the Soviet naval detachment that is visiting Havana. Rear Admiral Fedor Starozhilov, who is in charge of the detachment, received the visitors as they arrived at the antisubmarine cruiser Leningrad, the main vessel of the flotilla. The diplomats heard explanations of the missions that this curiser can carry out and toured the ship's installations.

Pioneers Visit 'Leningrad'

FL310207 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 31 Mar 84

[Text] Our Pioneers, examples of future generations of revolutionaries, today visited the antisubmarine ship Leningrad, and toured various parts of that modern vessel. The Pioneers are primary students at Manifiesto de Montecristi and Angel Alanda Schools in the Havana Vieja Municipality.

The children were shown around the Leningrad by the ship's officers and a group of young Soviet sailors who explained to them the principal combat characteristics of the cruiser.

Meanwhile, the antisubmarine ship Udaloy was visited by numerous Soviets residing in Cuba, who are serving us through internationalist cooperation as technicians and advisers.

The flagship Leningrad can carry several helicopters and has the most modern equipment to carry out its military mission at sea.

Since their arrival in our country on 26 March, the members of the Soviet naval detachment have engaged in a large number of activities, including tours of Lenin Park, museums, historical areas, and military installations.

In addition to the two antisubmarine ships, the naval detachment includes a diesel submarine and a tanker. The detachment is completing an official and friendly visit to our country.

COOPERATION MEMORANDUM SIGNED WITH ANGOLA

FL301920 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 30 Mar 84

[Text] Cuban Government Minister Levi Farah and Angola's Minister of Construction and Housing Jorge Henriques Flora yesterday signed a memorandum on cooperation between the two countries at the Cubanacan Protocol Hall in our capital.

The two leaders held working sessions to examine developments of established agreements in the construction branch. The Angolan side asked the Union of Caribbean Construction Enterprises, UNECA, to begin construction of two tall buildings, and reported that negotiations for widening the paved area at the port of Luanda should be conducted directly between Angola's Ministry of Transportation and the Cuban enterprise.

The two sides also examined ongoing projects, and agreement was reached on the measures that should be adopted in each case. There are more than 1,000 builders in Angola, whose sector was the 1983 outstanding branch.

The U.S. military leadership has sent tens of thousands of devices for protection from chemical weapons to Europe for U.S. Armed Forces personnel. In addition, the U.S. Air Force secretariat [as heard] plans to send over 800 specialists in antichemical defense to the U.S. Air Force bases in Western Europe. The objective of the United States is to protect its troops in the event of a chemical war, but this does not apply to the civilian population, which would be virtually exterminated.

The entire world became familiar with the use of chemical weapons during the brutal U.S. war against Vietnam. One has to imagine what its use would be today, because many more terrible types of toxic substances exist at present. For this reason, the appeals of the USSR and other countries of the socialist community to stop the production and storage of chemical weapons are very important.

ANGOLAN ARMY CLASHES WITH MERCENARY GROUPS

PA011931 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 1 Apr 84

[Text] The Angolan People's Liberation Armed Forces have inflicted many casualties on the mercenary bands organized and trained by South Africa that operate in Angola. Abundant war materiel has also been seized from these bands. As officially announced in Luanda, these actions took place in the last 2 weeks, The most important of these actions was carried out on 25 March in (Sautar), in Angola Malange Province, where the Army seized rifles, mortars, rocket launchers, hand grenades, and other war materiel.

The report adds that 11 bandits were killed and 4 others were taken prisoner in different parts of southern Angola. Another group was wiped out in Cuando Cubango, and a large amount of propaganda, weapons, and ammunition was siezed.

According to the Angolan news agency, five civilians were killed in (Guacinga), in the fifth region, where the groups armed by the South African regime attacked the town, which has no military detachment. The local people, however, repelled the attackers and killed two of their men.

ECLA OFFICIAL TERMS L.A. SITUATION TRAGIC

FL301432 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 30 Mar 84

[Text] ECLA Executive Secretary Enrique Iglesias has described the Latin American situation as tragic. He said that this situation has resulted in a greater awareness for the need to exchange experiences among the countries of the region. Iglesias opened in Lima, the 20th ECLA Conference at the expert level. This meeting will be continued by ministers of the 39 member countries on Wednesday. ECLA was created in 1948 and this is the second time it has held a meeting in Lima.

PENTAGON DENIES U.S. TROOPS FOUGHT IN EL SALVADOR

FL310040 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 31 Mar 84

[Text] In Washington, the Pentagon this afternoon corrected an earlier statement, saying that U.S. military advisers in El Salvador have not been under enemy fire. The earlier statement from the Defense Department to the effect that U.S. advisers have engaged in combat on at least three occasions caused some congressmen to request an investigation of the legality of President Ronald Reagan's actions. During the most critical period of the Vietnam War, Congress approved a law requiring the President to have special authorization to keep U.S. troops in combat.



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SOVIET NAVAL OFFICERS MEET WITH COUNTERPARTS

FL281255 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 28 Mar 84

[Text] Raul Castro, second secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and FAR minister, has received Rear Admiral Fedor Starozhilov, head of the Soviet Naval flotilla, who has been in Cuba since 26 March on an official and friendly visit. The meeting took place at the MINFAR [Ministry of the Revolutionary Armed Forces] offices where the Soviet Navy flotilla officers, Division Generals Abelardo Colome Ibarra and Ulises Rosales del Toro, and Vice Admiral Aldo Santamaria Cuadrado were also present.

Army General Raul Castro said during the meeting, which was held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere, that the visit was a new contribution toward strengthening the unbreakable ties of friendship between the Soviet and Cuban peoples.

The Soviet Naval officers paid tribute to Jose Marti yesterday, and, during the ceremony held at Revolution Square, Rear Admiral Fedor Starozhilov placed a floral wreath at the Jose Marti Monument.

RODRIGUEZ RECEIVES MEMBER OF UK TRADE GROUP

FL281600 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1300 GMT 28 Mar 84

[Text] Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers, has received Lord Taylor of Gryfe, chairman of the Morgan Greffell (Scotland Ltd) Bank and member of the British delegation to the Anglo-Cuban Trade Committee. This committee is holding its first bilateral meeting in Havana.

Another British delegation, made up of Parliament members, has been visiting the Cuban capital for the past few days, invited by the National Assembly of the People's Government.

CEREMONY COMMEMORATES ANGOLA'S ANNIVERSARY

FL281449 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1300 GMT 28 Mar 84

[Text] The solidarity between Angola and Cuba has been reiterated in an event held in Havana to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the victory of the People's Republic of Angola over the aggressive troops of South African racists and the reactionary forces. Jorge Risquet, member of the Politburo, presided over the ceremony organized by the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples and the Cuba-Africa Friendship Association.

A keynote speech was given by Jaime Crombet, member of the party's Secretariat, who said that 27 March is a date to be noted in the glorious battles of the Angolan people. He said it marks a memorable milestone in the historic victory over imperialism, the racists, and their allies.

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FL281402 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1300 GMT 28 Mar 84

[Text] Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca and Upper Voltan Foreign Minister Hama Arba Diallo have denounced in Niamey the warlike intentions of U.S. imperialism in Nicaragua and the actions against Salvadoran patriots struggling for their liberation. The solution to the Central American conflicts must be the result of negotiations that include all the parties involved, the declaration issued in the capital [as heard] of Upper Volta added.



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SOVIET NAVAL SQUADRON TO VISIT CUBA 26 MARCH

LD231816 Moscow TASS in English 1751 GMT 23 Mar 84

[Text] Moscow March 23 TASS -- Under an agreement, a squadron of Soviet warships consisting of the Leningrad anti-submarine cruiser, the Udaloy big anti-submarine ship, a diesel submarine and a tanker, under the command of Vice-Admiral Fedor Starozhilov, will arrive for an official friendly visit to Havana port on March 26.

CUBA, ANGOLA RAP S. AFRICA, U.S. OVER NAMIBIA

PM231005 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 22 Mar 84 First Edition p 5

[Igor Tarutin "Commentator's Column": "Constructive Approach"]

[Text] Talks have taken place in Havana between a delegation from the People's Republic of Angola headed by J.E. dos Santos, chairman of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party, and F. Castro, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and president of the republic's Councils of State and Ministers. The sides discussed the situation in southern Africa.

It is well known that an extremely tense situation has prevailed there recently. The Namibian problem remains unresolved. Enjoying the patronage of imperialist forces and primarily the United States, South Africa is sabotaging the implementation of the UN resolution on the granting of independence to Namibia.

But is not only Namibia that is at issue. South Africa has essentially launched large-scale subversive activity also against the neighboring African states. It has set in motion methods of military, economic, and political pressure, ranging from acts of open armed aggression to trade sanctions. A special place has been given to the internal destabilization of young states. It is implemented by puppet groups of bandits who are fully maintained by Pretoria, like UNITA in Angola and the MWR in Mozambique.

Nevertheless, and despite the fact the hostile intrigues have inflicted considerable damage on the "frontline states," South Africa's attempts to bring them to their knees have failed. Having realized that it has failed to crush the "frontline states" and force them to renounce their support for the region's national liberation movements, South Africa has started maneuvering. Pretoria is now trying to don the robes of a "lover of peace." An agreement has been signed with Mozambique, and the withdrawal of South African troops from Angola under observation by a bilateral Angolan-South African commission has been announced.

The United States has actively joined in these talks and, as is well known, it fully supports and directs the "new course" of its strategic ally in southern Africa. Nevertheless, while demonstrating a "desire for settlement" for tactical reasons, the racists have not abandoned their goals. Evidence of this can be seen, for example, in the petty intrigues involving "internal" Namibian parties which they want to present as an alternative to the South West African People's Organization, recognized as the sole legitimate spokesman of the Namibian people. Nor have there been any firm guarantees yet about ceasing assistance to counterrevolutionary gangs.

In their joint declaration Angola and Cuba reaffirmed their principled position. They demanded the total withdrawal of South African forces from Angolan territory, full implementation of the UN resolution on Namibia, and cessation of all aggressive actions and threats against Angola by South Africa, the United States, and their allies. All these are indispensable conditions for ensuring the independence and fundamental interests of southern Africa's peoples.

CRENADA REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY REMEMBERED

PM231629 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 12 Mar 84 First Edition p 4

[Article by N. Mostovets: "Grenada: Trampled Freedom"]

[Text] It was 5 years ago that the news that a popular revolution had taken place on a small Caribbean island flew round the world. The hated dictatorship which had enjoyed the imperialist states' support fell. A people's government came to power, announcing the building of a new, democratic society.

That was the second people's revolution in the Caribbean, 20 years after the victorious Cuban revolution. Grenada was followed by Nicaragua, where the people, after many years of struggle, expelled the bloody dictator Somoza. Under the blows of the people's masses who had risen to the revolutionary struggle the colonial systems in the Caribbean basin began to collapse.

The history of Grenada, a small island with an area of 344 square km and a population of about 115,000, is rich in tempestuous events. For centuries the people of the island struggled against foreign colonialists. But it was only in 1958 that Britain granted Grenada, like its other colonies in the Caribbean, limited autonomy. And when in 1967 Grenada received the status of a "state associated with Great Britain," with complete internal self-determination, the prime minister was E. Gairy, leader of the United Labor Party, which won the elections. He steered a course toward cooperation with the local and foreign bourgeoisie, primarily the British bourgeoisie. Grenada in fact remained

But the struggle for genuine independence did not cease. It was headed by the New Jewel Movement Party headed by Maurice Bishop and formed in March 1973, which put to the people a manifesto calling on them to become the masters of their own country.

The masses' demand that the country be granted full independence led to the point where on 7 February 1974 Grenada received independence within the framework of the British Commonwealth. However, independence failed to bring relief to the Grenadian people and there were no changes in their life.

The masses' dissatisfaction with the bloody regime increase with every passing day and on 13 March 1979, at the call of the New Jewel Movement Party, they swept away the hated dictatorship. A popular government headed by Maurice Bishop came to power.

Bishop himself described the revolution thus: "The day of 13 March 1979 was a bright dawn for the people of Grenada and the working people of the entire Caribbean. The masses who rose up against Gairy, in the words of the Caribbean poet Edward Brathwaite, "broke down the door and entered the morning, confident of their future." We say resolutely: "Enough! Injustice, tyranny, and exploitation are doomed. A new and glorious chapter in Grenada's history is beginning: The building of a society of equality and justice by the poor, for the poor." [quotemarks as published]

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PM211147 Moscow KRASNAYA ZVEZDA in Russian 21 Mar 84 First Edition p 3

[TASS report: "Joint Declaration"]

[Text] Havana, 20 Mar -- A joint declaration of the Governments of the Republic of Cuba and the People's Republic of Angola has been published here.

More than 2 years ago, the Governments of the People's Republic of Angola and the Republic of Cuba, in their joint declaration of 4 February 1982, clearly explained their principled position regarding the tense situation prevailing in the southern cone of Africa. The period that has elapsed since then has only confirmed the justness of all the points contained in that declaration, which has won the approval of international public opinion and the virtually unanimous sympathy of all the countries of the world, with the shameful exception of the Governments of the United States of America and South Africa, which for a number of years have stubbornly insisted on the "linkage" of the question of granting independence to Namibia with the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola — a pernicious formula devoid of any legal or moral basis and is repudiated worldwide, except by its authors.

The heroic resistance of the Angolan people, firmly supported by their internationalist allies, has persuaded the imperialist aggressors of the impossibility of subjugating the People's Republic of Angola and liquidating its revolutionary process, and has obliged it to accept negotiations on new bases.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola has constantly kept the Cuban Government informed in detail on the course of the conversations currently being held with South Africa and the United States of America, with the objective, on the part of Angola, of searching for a principled basis for a negotiated solution to the conflict that the Angolan people have faced for years with the South African aggressors, and of creating conditions that will make viable the immediate application of Resolution 435-78 of the UN Security Council and the independence of Namibia.

In accordance with this peace effort on the part of Angola, the joint declaration of 4 February remains fully in effect and constitutes a principled basis for any negotiated solution that will eliminate the existing tension and ensure peace and total independence for the nations of this region.

Reaffirming their adherence to the provisions of that joint declaration, the Governments of Cuba and Angola stress that they will resume, by their own decision and in exercise of their sovereignty, the execution of the gradual withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist military contingent as soon as the following requisites are fulfilled;

- 1. The unilateral withdrawal of the racist South African troops from Angolan territory.
- 2. The strict application of Resolution 435-78 of the UN Security Council, the accession of Namibia to its true independence, and the total withdrawal of the South African troops that are illegally occupying that country.

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This assumption is based on the fact that ten days ago an American namal ship was cruising at a distance of 10 miles from the Nicaraguan coast. Two aircraft and a helicopter repeatedly took off from abroad the American namal ship and made circles over Port Sandino. They could perpetrate that criminal action. The Reagan administration and its minions wish to take the republic into their pincers, to close the ring of an economic blockade around it through a massive planting of mines in the sea ports of Nicaragua and thus block foreign aid to Nicaragua and the shipping to other countries of coffee, cotton, sugar and other Nicaraguan staple export items, Manuel Calderon pointed out.

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...Nothing presaged danger when "Lugansk" entered the water areas of Sandino Port, said captain of the tanker ship, A. Azov. A pilot and representatives of the Nicaraguan customs authorities went on board the ship. The tanker started a manoeuvre in order to moor at a dolphin berth. At 13 hours 50 minutes local time a heavy explosion rocked the ship. The 250 metre long tanker trembled several times and then began to tilt. The blast wave tore down a cargo boom, which fell onto the deck.

To all appearances, the captain said, the tanker touched by its bottom a floating magnetic mine, which had been planted in the place where ships make their manoeuvres. Due to a happy chance the explosion took place under a dry hold, had that took place near cargo-oil tanks, the consequences would have been catastrophic.

Together with the captain and M. Calderon, who heads the commission for investigation into the piratic act, we inspected the holds, the service space and crew cabins of the "Lugansk". As a result of the explosion a hole formed in the bottom of the ship through which water is pouring. Its pumping out is complicated as the blast wave tore off the foundations of the fire and drain pumps and destroyed them. The crew are pumping water only with a feul pump, which has been partially put out of action. The detonation from the explosion deformed the steel partitions of the tanks. Some pipelines and the galley were damaged.

At a critical moment all of the 42 crew members of the tanker ship were acting with determination and without panic, A. Azov said.

Two of the five injured crew members have been taken to hospital.

The captain of the Soviet tanker ship spoke highly of the aid given to the "Lugansk" by the Nicaraguan rescue service. The local drivers have already twice gone underwater to inspect the holes. Considering that it is dangerous to carry out urgent work in the tanker ship, the question is being decided of the use of other methods of patching the hole.

At the dawn of March 21, the Nicaraguans started sweeping mines in the harbour to ensure safe passage of the Soviet tanker ship to the berth. Only after that it will be possible to start pumping oil.

CONCLUSION OF CUBAN-ANGOLAN TALKS NOTED

LD212214 Moscow Television Service in Russian 1800 GMT 21 Mar 84

[From the Vremya newscast]

[Text] Official Cuban-Angolan talks have ended in Havana. Comrades Fidel Castro and Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the president of the People's Republic of Angola, who had been paying a friendly working visit to Cuba, signed a joint declaration.

The document reaffirms solidarity with the southern African people's struggle for freedom and independence.

Later in the day Eduardo dos Santos left Havana for home. He was seen off by Fidel Castro and other officials.

BOVIN ON INCREASED U.S. PRESENCE IN C. AMERICA

LD190224 Moscow Television Service in Russian 1500 GMT 18 Mar 84

[From the "International Panorama" program, presented by Aleksandr Bovin]

[Text] If failure in Lebanon is fairly obvious, and the Americans are arguing mainly about who is to blame, then the assessments of the situation in Central America are more varied. Some feel that Reagan's policy has already collapsed, others say not yet, but things are going that way. Reagan, as befits those of his mold, is full of optimism. It is difficult to choose objective criteria here, but one can consider things this way, for instance: The White House asserts that U.S. policy pursues two aims, speeding up socioeconomic development and reinforcing democracy. Let us ask, now, have people started living better in these 3 years in Guatemala or Honduras? Is there more democracy there? I don't think even Reagan would risk an affirmative answer to these questions. And what about El Salvador? In the last 3 years the gross domestic product has fallen by 25 percent. One-third of the workforce is without jobs. The number of partisans has almost doubled. The right-wing terror continues. The only thing that has increased everywhere is the blood, violence, corpses, suffering, and hatred.

U.S. journalist Anthony Lewis of THE NEW YORK TIMES wrote rightly -- I quote: Reagan's policy is bringing the opposite results to those desired, and the reason for this is obvious. They assert that it is a policy aimed at establishing public order in El Salvador. But in practice, it gives support for those who have undermined this society, and have exploited it for decades, and who intend to stay in power by force. What has been said applies not only in El Salvador. Well, what more is there?

The critics say it would be better to get out while the going is good. We have got into a mess, and must finally get out of it — that is, for example, what Lehman, member of the House of Representatives, said to Secretary of State Shultz. But the President will not give in. All that is needed is more arms, and everything will be all right. Meanwhile, the presidential election is approaching in El Salvador, it is to be held on 25 March. There are seven candidates, but as they say, there is no one to vote for. They are either extreme right-wingers or just right-wingers Of the extreme ones, the most extreme is the well-known Major D'Aubuisson's candidacy be canceled, and has given the central electoral council information which compromises him. The Christian Democrats have finally found out that the major does not possess lofty moral qualities, and that the country's public connects him with the death squads. In response, D'Aubisson has stated that he could equally successfully lay charges of madness against the Christian Democrat candidate, Jose Napoleon Duarte, because that is just what the public things.

On the eve of the election, the Americans have added M-16 automatics to the light weaponry which their military advisers have there. But that is, in general, a trifle. The aircraft carrier America, with accompanying vessels, is drawing towards the Central American shores. The number of U.S. military in the area of the Salvador-Honduras border has been increased. That is not trifle.



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Dos Santos Returns From 4-Day Visit to Cuba MB220712 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 22 Mar 84

[Text] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, returned home yesterday from the Republic of Cuba, where he paid a 4-day friendship and working visit.

In Cuba the Angolan head of state held talks with President Fidel Castro Ruz and other Cuban officials on bilateral relations and international issues, namely the tension in southern Africa. These talks culminated with the signing of a declaration which reaffirms the statement of 4 February 1982 that the Cuban troops will only withdraw from Angola on the condition that South African troops unilaterally withdraw from the People's Republic of Angola. The gradual withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist troops from the territory of the People's Republic of Angola will also take place on the condition of the strict implementation of UN Security Council resolution 435/78, the attainment of independence by Namibia and the total withdrawal of South Africa's illegal occupation troops from Namibia. The Angolan-Cuban declaration adds that the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola will also depend on the cessation of any act of direct aggression or threat of aggression against the People's Republic of Angola by South Africa, the United States, and their allies.

Members of the MPLA-Labor Party Political Bureau and Central Committee, the government, and grassroots organizations were at the 4 February international airport to greet the president of the republic on his return to Angola.

FAPLA Successes, Minister's Tour Reported MB220725 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 22 Mar 84

[Text] An assortment of weapons and ammunition was captured from UNITA puppets on 15 March during a clash between them and the glorious People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] combatants when the bandits sought to establish themselves some 30 km from the city of Huambo.

Recently, FAPLA forces captured 1,400 rounds of AK ammunition and annihilated 8 bandits following clashes in the vicinity of the Lovua commune in the 10th military region. Thus, FAPLA operations are continuing with success in all areas where the puppets have tried to operate.

The minister of transport and communications, Bernardo de Sousa, met yesterday with the Commission for Support to the War Effort and held talks with Huila Province officials to assess transportation difficulties experienced by the local residents. The day before yesterday Minister Bernardo de Sousa visited Namibe Province, where he toured the local harbor and held talks with provincial authorities.

UNITA Reports Fighting Between FAPLA, Cubans MB211526 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 21 Mar 84

[Station commentary]

[Text] !ncreasingly acute contradictions between the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] and the Cuban troops have been reported throughout the country lately. In Menongue, these contradictions have reached the stage of armed conflict. On 22 February, a heavy exchange of gunfire took place between FAPLA forces and Cubans and, according to our underground cells in Emnongue, resulted in the death of four Cubans and two FAPLA soldiers. Despite the efforts by the MPLA chieftains to hide the explosive differences between FAPLA forces and Cubans, the situation is spreading rapidly throughout the country in protest against the presence of the Cuban intruders in Angola, which is also condemned by the Angolan patriots in the MPLA.

Comrade President Jonas Malheiro Savimbi, the UNITA supreme commander has appealed to the compatriots within the MPLA who are still motivated by patriotism to fight against the presence of the Cubans in our country. In this year of the anti-Cuban patriotic front, all of us who are true Angolan patriots, even those in the MPLA, should seek with our Angolan national pride to fight with every means at our disposal against the foreign occupation of our country and in the defense of the honor of our motherland.

'Primitive Brutality' of Huambo Revolutionary Tribunal MB211930 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 21 Mar 84

[Station commentary: "Primitive Brutality"]

[Text] Fellow Angolans: On 20 February 1984, year of the anti-Cuban patriotic front, the Angolan people were horrified by another criminal act—the bogus trial held in the city of Huambo by a revolutionary tribunal. Under the cover of a so-called revolutionary tribunal, once more we witness a masquerade of justice which culminated in the conviction of four peaceful citizens who were falsely accused of charges such as committing offences against the authorities and espionage.

Compatriot (Isais Jeremias Nhagolo) was condemned to death by firing squad; (Maria Aline Lucas Calundungo) was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment; (Angelino Iakele) was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment; and the youngster (Laurinda Frederico Mussile) was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment.

As part of the same outbreak of criminal activities, a number of civilians, including old men, women, and children were massacred in cold blood in the vicinity of Huambo on 15, 16, 19, and 20 February. In the same period 254 people were arbitrarily arrested in Huambo. In the peaceful village of Leua, 14 traditional chiefs were publicly executed together with District Commissioners (Mauricio Calacala) and (Antonio Matchimbo).



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Pik Botha: Angolan-Cuban Statement 'Unacceptable' MB201840 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1836 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Text] Cape Town, March 20, SAPA — The minister of foreign affairs, Mr Pik Botha, has asked for an "urgent clarification" of the Angolan Government's position following a statement issued by the Cuban and Angolan presidents in Havana yesterday. He issued a statement in Cape Town today saying it would have to be established whether the Havana statement was a repudiation of the Lusaka agreement and whether it indicated a call for the end to the activities of the Joint Monitoring Commission [JMC] by the Angolan Government.

Mr Botha said that the statement issued by President dos Santos and President Castro yesterday "starkly contradicts the spirit and letter of the Lusaka agreement and the constructive relationship which has developed in the JMC."

He referred to the final paragraph of the Havana statement as language "unacceptable to the South African Government." In the paragraph the two governments expressed their "admiration of and solidarity with the heroic struggle being waged by the peoples of Namibia and South Africa under the direction of their sole and legal representatives, SWAPO, and the African National Congress, against the disgraceful apartheid regime, and reaffirm their conviction that such a repugnant regime is historically condemned to disappear."

The minister said that if that was an accurate reflection of the Angolan Government's views it would be more consistent for it to negotiate the withdrawal of South African forces from Angola with the ANC. "If it wishes to promote a solution to the SWA question it would also be more consistent for the Luanda regime to do so with SWAPO". Mr Botha said. "If the Angolan Government is so strongly committed to solidarity with SWAPO's heroic struggle, then its current role in the JMC makes no sense. It is also evident from the statement that the Angolan Government identifies itself with SWAPO's aggression against SWA and the ANC's violent activities against South Africa," Mr Botha said.

He pointed out at a press conference where his statement was released tonight that the JMC had decided at a meeting at Cuvelai yesterday that in the light of progress made in implementing the Lusaka Agreement, the JMC would move its head-quarters to Mupa. The commission's scheduled departure from Cuvelai had been delayed by, among others, the continuing presence of SWAPO in the monitored area and other violations of the Lusaka agreement.

The minister confirmed that clashes had taken place between JMC patrols and SWAPO on March 8, 11 and 12 in which eight SWAPO members and two JMC men were killed. The South Africans on the JMC were satisfied, at this stage, that adequate steps were being taken to resolve violations in terms of the Lusaka agreement, including the removal of SWAPO from the monitored area.

Mr Botha expressed South Africa's satisfaction with the cooperative relationship which had developed between the Angolan and South African components of the JMC. "South Africa's position remains that it is prepared to seek a peaceful settlement to the SWA/Namibia question on the basis of Security Council Resolution 435 within the framework of the understanding reached with the United States and the Western contact group. The one remaining issue still to be resolved is the withdrawal of the Cubans from Angola, on the understanding that they will not be replaced by any other hostile forces. Firm agreement will have to be reached on the fundamental requirement of Cuban withdrawal, and a commitment will have to be obtained from the Angolan Government regarding the implementation of such an agreement." Mr Botha said.

He believed the proposal for an all-party conference would help to create the atmosphere for the resolution of the region's problems, including the withdrawal of Cuban forces. "However, before there can be any progress on these questions, the South African Government will have to obtain an urgent clarification of the Angolan Government's position, in the light of the critical situation which has been brought about by the Angolan/Cuban statement of March 19. In particular, it will have to establish whether this joint statement constitutes a repudiation of the Lusaka agreement and whether it indicates a call for an end to the activities of the JMC by the Luanda regime," Mr Botha said.

Cuban Withdrawal From Angola Seen as Open Question MB201610 Johannesburg International Service in English 1500 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Station commentary: "The Cubans in Angola"]

[Text] After Nkomati it was to be expected that southern Africa's attention would turn west to obstacles there to subcontinental stability, and that Cuba's military presence in Angola would come in for increasingly critical scrutiny. The Havana statement is the outcome. What remains to be seen is whether the conditional willingness it expresses to remove the Cuban troops represents genuine accommodation to a turning tide or merely a diplomatic maneuver. Hopes of a breakthrough must be tempered by recognition that crucial questions have still to be answered.

Notable in the southern African reaction to the Nkomati accord has been the regional theme in much of it. It reflects the view that the accord opens doors to a much larger multilateral order of security and cooperation if remaining confrontation situations can be resolved on similar lines. In that view, the Lusaka agreement, providing for a disengagement of forces in southern Angola, is much more than an advance for Angola or South-West Africa. Like the treaty between South Africa and Mozambique, it also is a potential building block in a new regional order.

Thus, the nature of Soviet involvement in Angola, and in particular the presence of 25,000 Cuban surrogate troops there, reemerges as a preoccupation of southern African governments. Its submergence since the days when President Kaunda described it as the involvement of the plundering tiger and her deadly cubs had been the result not so much of changing convictions as of capitulation to an apparent shift in the power balance. And with the present withdrawal of South African troops under supervision, even the ostensible reason for the Cuban presence was disappearing.

In the fast-changing climate, the Soviets and Cubans have found themselves at risk of growing diplomatic isolation in southern Africa. Renewed suspicions about their motives had to be preempted and the Havana statement is the result.

The optimists may be right. Perhaps Cuba under diplomatic pressure is indeed preparing to withdraw from Angola, but developments up to now do not support the rhetoric, and until they do it would be wise to suspend judgment.

MNR Reportedly Attacks RSA Trucks in Mozambique MB201102 Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL in English 20 Mar 84 p 1

[By Chris Steyn]

[Text] Eight giant trucks — one a Rand 100,000 South Africanregistered Pantechnicon — were destroyed and their Frelimo guards killed by gunmen in an ambush near Tete at the weekend. The attack is thought to have been carried out by members of the Mozambique Resistance Movement [MNR].

Three of the truck drivers were wounded and the drivers of the eight burned out vehicles were stripped naked and robbed. Other trucks in the convoy, comprising about 50 "Juggernauts", were abandoned by their panic-stricken drivers.

The weekend attack follows an incident two weeks ago in which 14 Frelimo soldiers escorting two trucks were shot dead by MNR rebbels and the trucks gutted.

Late last night it was not clear how many Frelimo soldiers had died in the ambush on Sunday. The trucks were travelling along the Zimbabwe-Tete-Mozambique route, the shortest and cheapest available to South African exporters. The only other route, through Zambia, is much longer and costs exporters up to 25 percent more.

A spokesman for the South African Foreign Trade Organisation (SAFTO) warned yesterday that using the "cheapest" route to southern African importers could result in financial loss and delay. He said exporters must look at the risks involved, and take into consideration the problems experienced by shipppers in the past.

Mr Kerry Curtis, managing director of Truckafrica, which lost a truck carrying 25 ton of tobacco in Sunday's ambush, said exporters had experienced trouble from the MNR on the Tete route over the last two years.

"The MNR's activities have hotted up dramatically over the past two weeks since an agreement between the South African Government and the Mozambican Government to sign the Nkomati Accord," he said. Mr Curtis said the incidence of ambushes along the route had been "frequent" over the past weeks.

Rebels shot Frelimo escorts without warning, and then burned vehicles. Truck drivers were usually left unharmed...until Sunday, when three were wounded in the shootout between soldiers and the gunmen.

Mr Curtis urged exporters to use the longer, more expensive — but safer — route.

Business Leader Urges Joint Panel With Mozambique MB210835 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 21 Mar 84

[Text] The chief executive of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa, Mr Raymond Parsons, says the private sector in South Africa should consider the formation of a bilateral South African-Mozambican chamber of economic relations in the wake of the signing of the Nkomati Accord.

Mr Parsons told the Witbank Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the enormous role that business had to play in the success or otherwise of the recent developemnts in southern Africa. He said the economic strength of South Africa was one of the greatest assets in relations with other political and economic systems in southern Africa.

Namibian Issue Said Linked to MPLA-UNITA Talks MB200826 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Station commentary: "Realism and UNITA"]

[Text] While the mood of realism in southern Africa prevails, there is no point in sweeping any issue under the carpet, no matter how delicate, controversial, or difficult to resolve. Such an issue is the one that has become known as the UNITA factor which, although appearing to be an internal Angolan affair, carries with it implications relevant to the entire southern African region and, in particular, South-West Africa.

One thing is certain: UNITA, one of the three political parties to whom the Portuguese handed over power when they hastily departed from Angola, has become a force to be reckoned with. Despite the best efforts of Angola's FAPLA forces, bolstered by some 30,000 Cubans, the charismatic Dr Jonas Savimbi's UNITA movement is expanding its power base daily. In more than one-quarter of the country UNITA has no opposition. Its fighting force of some 35,000 men is growing at the rate of 2,000 a year; and it is capable today of waging a semiconventional war, taking it out of the category of a mere guerrilla movement.

The impact UNITA is having on the Angolan scene was recently underlined by the British minister of state responsible for Africa in the foreign office, Mr Malcolm Rifkind. Following a visit to Luanda, he remarked that the conflict in Angola had assumed the level of a substantial civil war. Today, the only remaining reason for the huge Cuban presence in Angola is the threat which UNITA poses to the MPLA government. The South African threat, as perceived by the Angolan Government, has been removed in terms of the Lusaka accord. This indicates, it goes



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Castro Hosts Farewell Banquet

FL201420 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro last night hosted a farewell banquet for Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party and of the People's Republic of Angola, and for other members of the delegation accompanying him on his visit to Cuba.

Army Gen Raul Castro, second secretary of the party and FAR minister; Politburo members and alternate members; Secretariat members; Councils of State and Ministers vice presidents; FAR chiefs and officers; and other guests attended the banquet.

Cooperation Agreement Signed

FL202005 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Text] Jesus Montane Oropesa, alternate Politburo member and member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee, has met with Alfonso Van Dunen Mbinda, secretary of the Central Committee of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party [MPLA], who was a member of the delegation headed by Angola's President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

At the meeting, which was held in a climate of mutual understanding and friendship, the two leaders discussed various aspects of bilateral relations between their two parties. Later, Montane Oropesa and Mbinda signed the cooperation agreement which Cuba's Communist Party and Angola's MPLA have renewed.

Pedro Joao (Bengui), chief of the Latin American section of the MPLA's foreign affairs ministry, and Cuban officials also attended the meeting.

Dos Santos Departs

FL201519 [Editorial Report] Havana Television Service in Spanish at 1330 GMT on 20 March began a live broadcast of the departure of Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos from Havana's Jose Marti International Airport.

Cuban television announcer Antonio Pera interrupted programming to announce the departure ceremony taking place for President Dos Santos.

An establishing shot showed Cuban President Fidel Castro and Angolan President Dos Santos saluting the flags of both countries while the national anthems of Cuba and Angola were played in the background.

After the playing of the national anthems, Lieutenant Colonel Guerrero Ramos, chief of the honor guard, marched toward Castro and Dos Santos and announced to Dos Santos that the honor guard was ready to be reviewed. The camera followed the two heads of government as they reviewed the honor guard, then focused on a cordoned off area where a crowd was waving flags. Meanwhile, the announcer said that President Dos Santos had ended his "friendly working visit" which began at midday on Saturday.

After waving to the crowd, Dos Santos shook hands with representatives of the diplomatic corps and members of the Politburo and Central Committee, which included Ramiro Valdes Menendez, Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, Juan Almeida Bosque, Armando Hart Davalos, Pedro Miret Prieto, Jesus Montane Oropesa, and Jose Ramon Fernandez.

After shaking hands with Fidel Castro, Dos Santos boarded the IL-62 Aeroflot airliner at $1350~\mathrm{GMT}$, while the announcer said that the two countries will continue their "eternal friendship."

Coverage ended immediately following the departure of the airplane at 1358 GMT.

COMPARISON OF CUBA-ANGOLA JOINT DECLARATION

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish at 1145 GMT on 20 March broadcast the "text" of the Cuba-Angola joint declaration issued at the conclusion of the talks between Cuban President Fidel Castro and Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

The Havana Domestic version has been compared with the Havana International version published in the 20 March Latin America DAILY REPORT, pages Q = 2-4, revealing the following variations:

Page Q 3, last paragraph, line four reads in the Havana Domestic version...heroism of the 150,000 Cubans who have... (noting change in figure)

Page Q 4, paragraph two, line one reads in the Havana Domestic version... Issued in the city... (noting word "simultaneously" omitted) FIRM POSITION IN STATEMENT WITH ANGOLA PRAISE

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FL202217 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2100 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Commentary by Ezequiel Perez Martin: "Internationalism Goes Hand in Hand With Justice"]

[Text] A joint statement between the Governments of the Republic of Cuba and the People's Republic of Angola has just been signed in our fatherland. This is tantamount to writing a new page in the history of proletarian internationalism. Marti's statement that "Fatherland is Humankind" resounds with a louder echo in the African jungle.

The heroic resistance of the Angolan people has forced their enemy to accept negotiations on new bases and these talks are now under way with South Africa and the United States.

The inability to overcome the Angolan patriots and Cuba's military cooperation with the land of Agostinho Neto have resulted in the Cuban-Angolan decision to not withdraw our troops until there is no longer any danger to the sovereignty of Angola and until peace and independence for the nations of that region are guaranteed.

In the recent statement signed by Cuba and Angola it is stressed that the Cuban military contingent will not be withdrawn from Angola until the following requisites are fulfilled:

- 1. The unilateral withdrawal of the racist South African troops from Angolan territory;
- 2. The strict application of Resolution 435-78 of the UN Security Council on the independence of Namibia;

3. An end to any act of direct aggression against Angola, as well as any aid to the counterrevolutionaries who are trying to overthrow Jose Eduardo dos Santos' popular government.

This firm position is the greatest homage to the more than 150,000 Cuban men and women who have served in Angola. It is also a recognition of the heroism of the Angolan people and of a duty toward proletarian internationalism.

GRANMA VIEWS ANGOLA-S. AFRICA WITHDRAWAL TALKS

WA200772 Havana GRANMA WEEKLY REVIEW in English 4 Mar 84 p 5

["South Africa Forced To Hold Talks With Angola on Troops Withdrawal From Southern Angola and Namibian Independence;" translation of item published on p 8 of the 22 February Spanish-language edition of GRANMA]

[Text] Luanda (PL) -- In view of world condemnation, repeated UN Security Council resolutions, and the military strengthening of the People's Republic of Angola, which is firmly supported by Cuba and the Soviet Union (as was shown at the recent tripartite meeting in Moscow), the racists in Pretoria and their allies in Washington have been forced to start talks on a negotiated solution to the withdrawal of South African forces from southern Angola and to Namibia's independence.

Officials of the racist regime have acknowledged the economic burden of their military occupation of Namibia and of fighting against the liberation struggle with SWAPO, the only legitimate representative of the Namibian people.

The local media have been reporting on the talks in Lusaka between official delegations from Luanda and Pretoria.

The official organ of the Angolan government, JORNAL DE ANGOLA, added another element which would explain the current position of the Reagan administration: "Most observers of the situation in Namibia agree that the outlook for a South African opening could be related to the election campaign in the United States."

According to the ANGOP news agency, the Luanda talks were based on the four conditions presented last year by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos: withdrawal of the forces occupying Angolan territory, an end to support for the UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] counterrevolutionary organization, elimination of linkage between Namibian independence and the presence in Angola of Cuban internationalist forces, and implementation of UN Resolution No 435 on Namibia's decolonization.

After increasing its attacks on countries in the region, the fact that South Africa has sat down to talks shows above all that its policy of using force has failed.

JORNAL DE ANGOLA said that "the apartheid regime's real intentions are not clear since it wants to appear to be making concessions on alien soil from which it must withdraw unconditionally."



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ANGOLA

'Audacity' of RSA's Namibia Proposals Blasted MB191549 Luanda ANGOP in French 1140 GMT 19 Mar 84

[ANGOP commentary: "The Irreverence of Pretoria"]

[Text] Luanda, 19 Mar (ANGOP) — Pretentiously presenting themselves as southern Africa's guardians of peace, the authorities of Pretoria want to impress upon the international community that they are the party most interested in creating a climate of peace in this region of Africa.

The South African minister of foreign affairs thus declared that his government was ready to participate in a conference with all the parties involved in the Namibian conflict, without any preconditions other than the attainment of peace. He would even permit the inclusion of representatives from the Government of the People's Republic of Angola in the conference.

Pretoria's cynicism goes beyond the most attentive observer's predictions. Roelof Botha's declarations, far from contributing to the establishment of the Lusaka accords, create a thick cloud which may obfuscate the peace proposals put forward by the occupants of Namibia.

Roelof Botha's audacity is undeniably aimed at creating confusion. The Government of the People's Republic of Angola has always made it clear that South Africa and SWAPO are the parties involved in the Namibian conflict. It is up to them to study methods for the application of UN Security Council Resolution 435. Up to the present moment, the clarity of the decisions taken by the highest international organizations are unquestionable or, at least, irrevocable.

Nevertheless, Angola's supposed participation in this conference clearly contradicts these Angolan intentions.

The creation of a joint military commission between Angola and South Africa, with a view to securing the withdrawal of South African troops from the Angolan territory is not an integral element of that resolution, despite its contribution to Resolution 435.

It is necessary to separate the good grain [words indistinct]. The South African racists sat down for talks with the Angolan authorities after realizing that their military designs were doomed to failure, given the Angolan people's determination to defend their fatherland.

The process of gaining Namibia's independence has always been hampered by South Africa through various maneuvers. In convening a conference on Namibia, with the participation of foreign forces, Pretoria has introduced yet another element to divert attention from the plan which will lead the Namibian people to their liberty and independence.

In a declaration made public on 12 March, the Angolan Ministry of Foreign Affairs coherently states that a conference can only take place under the auspices of the UN secretary general and

within the framework of the study and implementation of methods for the application of Resolution 435/78 of the UN Security Council

South Africa has again, more than ever before, a splendid opportunity to demonstrate at least once and with practical actions what it proclaims worldwide, namely: to contribute to the peaceful solution of the Namibian problem.

Actions speak louder than words. The international community, and the peoples of southern Africa in particular, want to live in a climate of peace and harmony.

Conferences and meetings on the Namibia question will not contribute to a solution to this question on their own, as was proven by the Geneva conference held in January 1981, whose outcome was a failure for which Pretoria must bear full responsibility.

It is important to remember the words of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, stating that we — the Angolan people — think that it is necessary for South Africa to define whether there will be a cease-fire accord in Namibia and whether that territory's free elections will take place based on an electoral system. Only in this way will all political parties in Namibia have a chance to peacefully solve their independence problem, under the supervision of the United Nations.

Algerian Envoy Brings Dos Santos Bendjedid Message MB191940 Luanda ANGOP in French 1230 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Luanda 19 Mar (ANGOP) — Juliao Mateus Paulo, Angolan minister of state security, received in Luanda last Saturday Djelloul Nemiche, Algerian minister of veterans affairs, who carried a message from Chadli Bendjedid, the Algerian head of state, to Jose Eduardo dos Santos, his Angolan counterpart.

During his visit to the People's Republic of Angola, the special envoy of the Algerian head of state will hold talks with different Angolan authorities on issues relating to the situation prevailing in southern Africa.

Health Cooperation Agreement Signed With USSR MB162246 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 16 Mar 84

[Text] A cooperation agreement in the field of health was signed in Luanda yesterday between the People's Republic of Angola and the USSR. Ferreira Neto, Angolan health minister, and Sergey Burenkov, Soviet health minister, signed the agreement.

On the occasion, Dr Ferreira Neto said that the agreement just signed will clearly show the new efforts made by the Angolan authorities in the field of health and will permit the strengthening of the cooperation already existing between the peoples, parties, and governments of the respective countries. The Angolan health minister said he was quite sure that with Soviet support, Angola would be able more and more to achieve its goals. In turn, Sergey

Burenkov, Soviet health minister, stressed the excellent ties of friendship between Angola and the USSR and said this agreement is the result of the fraternal relations existing between the peoples, parties, and governments of the two countries.

Meanwhile, yesterday afternoon the USSR health minister gave a press conference in Luanda to the national media. Sergey Burenkov began by saying that his visit to our country gave him the opportunity to improve his knowledge of the different aspects of Angola's health system, of which he had received a good impression. The Soviet official recalled during the press conference the agreements signed between Angola and the USSR in 1976 in the technical, economic, and scientific fields, and in 1982 in the science and culture fields, which, he said, play a predominant role in the development of cooperation between the two countries. Sergey Burenkov, who has been in Angola at the invitation of his Angolan counterpart, is scheduled to end his visit to the People's Republic of Angola today.

Soviet Health Minister Departs MB191930 Luanda ANGOP in French 1340 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Luanda, 19 Mar (ANGOP) — Mr Sergey Burenkov, the Soviet minister of health, left Luanda last Friday for home.

On his departure from Luanda's 4 February International Airport, the Soviet minister was bid farewell by his Angolan counterpart Ferreira Neto, as well as by Mr Arnold Kalinin, the USSR ambassador accredited to Angola.

It should be recalled that last Thursday Mr Sergey Burenkov signed an accord of cooperation in the field of health with his Angolan counterpart in Luanda, within the framework of strengthening the already existing relations between both peoples, parties, and governments.

Also on Thursday, during a press conference he stressed that cooperation between his country and Angola in the field of health will bring about more dynamic development in the future.

UNITA Spokesman Says MPLA Against Reconciliation MB200745 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Text] A spokesman for the UNITA resistance movement in Angola, Mr (Wilson Fernandes), says the Angolan Government is trying to create the impression that it can impose a military solution on the Angolan civil war. This is to counter the American view that national reconciliation in Angola is necessary to bring peace to the region. Mr (Fernandes) said the superpowers believed that without UNITA, the overall question of southern Africa could not be resolved.

Mr (Fernandes) said in an interview with Radio RSA that the Cubans were in Angola not because of South Africa — which was withdrawing its forces from southern Angola — but because of the internal threat that UNITA posed to the MPLA government. He said the visit by President Eduardo dos Santos of Angola to Cuba was aimed at strengthening existing relations

between the two countries, and consolidating its position in the event of negotiations with UNITA.

Dos Santos Signs Joint Communique With Cuba

For Havana reportage on the visit to Cuba by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and his delegation, their activities, talks with Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the Cuban Communist Party and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, and the text of a joint communique detailing conditions for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, see the Cuba section of the 20 March Latin America DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

Jorge Visits Romania for Cooperation Conference

For Romanian accounts of the visit of Minister of External Affairs Paulo Teixeira Jorge to Romania for the fourth session of the Joint Romanian-Angolan Intergovernmental Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation, see the Romania section of the 15 March Eastern Europe DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

COMOROS

'High-Ranking' Government Officials Arrested NC192108 Paris AFP in English 1934 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Paris, March 19 (AFP) — Several opponents of the Comoros Government have been arrested on the islands, the International Legal Defence Committee for Political Prisoners in the Comoros said here today.

Five people, including high-ranking officials, have been held in the capital, Moroni, since last Thursday, according to a statement from the Union for a Democratic Republic in the Comoros, the exiled opposition party.

The Comoros, situated between the east African coast and Madagascar, are currently negotiating with France over the status of Mayotte, one of the four main islands. The Comoran Government wants to integrate the French-administered island into the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros.

Former Comoran Foreign Minister Mouzaouir Abdallah told Agence France-Presse in an interview that he feared the arrests could harm plans for the reintegration of Mayotte.

The French Government is to consult the people of Mayotte about their future during this year. The majority of islanders have already rejected rejoining the other islands in 1978 and have called for full overseas department status.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Pik Botha Declines Comment on Nujoma Appeal for Talks
MB191602 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1555 GMT

[Text] Cape Town, March 19, SAPA — The foreign minister, Mr Pik Botha, today declined to comment on an appeal by the SWAPO leader, Mr Sam Nujoma, for urgent, direct talks between SWAPO and the South African Government on the SWA/Namibia dispute. Mr Botha was asked to comment on statements made by Mr Nujoma in Lusaka in an exclusive telephone interview with SAPA in Windhoek. "I do not consider it advantageous for the initiatives launched by the South African and Angolan Governments to promote peace in the border area continually to react to the public pronouncements of individual leaders of South West Africa," Mr Botha said.

Government To Study Cuban-Angolan Communique MB200717 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Text] It is reported from the Cuban capital, Havana, that Cuba has agreed to the gradual withdrawal of its troops from Angola, subject to certain conditions. In a joint communique issued after 3 days of talks in Havana, President Fidel Castro and President Jose dos Santos of Angola said the conditions were the unilateral withdrawal of South African soldiers from Angolan territory; acceptance of the UN ruling calling for true independence for South-West Africa and a withdrawal of South African forces from the territory; and an end to what they term all acts of aggression against Angola by South Africa, the United States, and it allies, as well as an end to aid for so-called counterrevolutionaries. The joint communique says that the Governments of Cuba and Angola would restart - on their own decision, and exercising their sovereignty - the gradual withdrawal of troops as soon as the conditions were met. In a brief official note in which the Accord of Nkomati between South Africa and Mozambique was welcomed, Cuba and Angola also said that they hoped the accord could serve as a basis for peace in southern

Over the past few days Western diplomats have speculated on the possibility that Angola would ask Cuba to withdraw its troops as part of a peace plan for the region which could pave the way for independence for South-West Africa. They said that while most of the conditions for a troops withdrawal appeared to be the same as in the past, the timing of the declaration was crucial. It showed that the Cubans were definitely prepared to go along with recent peace moves in southern Africa. Political observers pointed out that apart from the accord with Mozambique, South Africa has also reached a cease-fire agreement with Angola.

In Cape Town, a spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs said the government would study the statement from Havana before commenting.

U.S., UK No Longer To See Reports on Soviet Ships MB191328 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] A Defense Force spokesman has confirmed in Cape Town that South Africa is to stop supplying the United States and Britain with intelligence reports on the movements of Soviet warships round the Cape by the end of the year. A spokesman for the South African Embassy in Washington told a conference on defense strategy at the weekend that long-range patrols by South African Air Force Shackletons would not be continued after the end of the year. He said the arms embargo made it impossible to keep the aging Shackletons flying, as spares were too difficult to obtain. The spokesman told the conference that the Shackleton patrols were vital to the West, adding, however, that the abandonment of the patrols would not affect South Africa as the country could obtain information for the defense of its territorial waters by other means. South Africa supplies the United States and Britian with up-to-date information not only about every Soviet naval or merchant vessel that rounds the Cape, but also on Soviet naval activity in Angolan and east African waters

Government Announces Resettlement Plans in Natal MB201046 Umtata Capital Radio in English 1000 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Text] The government has announced new plans to resettle thousands of people in Natal. Carmel Rickard in Durban has the detailer

[Rickard] The future of three groups of people in Natal was spelled out last night by the minister of cooperation and development, Pieter Koornhof. He told parliament that 902 families from (Hutton) farm near Estcourt were to be moved to other farms in the district. From the Dannhauser emergency camp, 1,223 people are to be moved, to be resettled on (Flint) farm, near Newcastle. In a third area, (Hopewell) farm near Pietermaritzburg, 3,166 people are to be moved. Organiser of the Association for Rural Advancement, (Ian Donald), said this morning that the people at (Hopewell) had never been informed officially of the government's intention to move them. The planned resettlement, he said, showed once again the state's determination to consolidate KwaZulu no matter what the cost in suffering to the people concerned.

SWAZILAND

Liqoqo Returns National Authority to Queen Regent MB191717 Mbabane Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] The Supreme Council of State, Liqoqo, has announced that powers of signature on certain national issues are to be exercised by Her Majesty the Queen Regent Ntombi. A statement issued by the Liqoqo Secretariat today says on 24 August 1982, His Royal Highness Prince Sozisa was appointed authorized person, and this appointment was reaffirmed on 12 September 1983. It says the following day, on 13 September

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Dos Santos Honors Jose Marti

PA191550 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 18 Mar 84

[Text] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the People's Republic of Angola, and his delegation has placed a floral wreath in front of the monument dedicated to national Cuban hero Jose Marti at the Plaza of the Revolution, in Havana.

The Angolan president arrived in the capital this afternoon at the Jose Marti International Airport and was received by Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Dos Santos has come at Cuban President Castro's invitation, and it is expected that during his stay in this country he will hold talks with the Cuban chief of state and with several ministers.

Leaders Meet for Talks

PA191551 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 18 Mar 84

[Text] President Fidel Castro and Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos presided over the official talks that began today between the two countries in Havana. Various aspects of the relations between the two parties and governments and of the international situation, particularly developments in southern Africa, were discussed.

After the talks Fidel Castro hosted a reception in honor of the Angolan delegation, attended by Cuban Communist Party Politburo members and government leaders.

Delegation Visits Isle of Youth

FL191405 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Maria (Manboca), MPLA Central Committee member and secretary of economy [as heard], headed the Angolan delegation which has toured places of interest in Cuba's special municipality of the Isle of Youth. Minister of Education Jose Ramon Alvarez Fernandez has been accompaning the Angolan delegation headed by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

Maria (Manboca) gave a short speech to the Angolan students who are studying at the (Fray Mirieda school). She told them that they were the vanguard of Angola's reconstruction. She also thanked Cuba for its position of solidarity with Angola.

Bilateral Issues Discussed

FL191410 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1145 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Commander in Chief of Fidel Castro, first secretary of Cuba's Communist Party Central Committee and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, and Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, MPLA chairman, have met for talks.

The talks, which began on Saturday, have taken place in a climate of mutual understanding and friendship. During the official talks the leaders discussed various aspects of bilateral relations between the two governments and parties as well as a detailed study on the international situation, particularly developments in southern Africa.

After the talks, Commander in Chief Fidel Castro hosted a reception for the Angolan delegation. Officials from the Politburo, Secretariat, Council of Ministers vice presidents, ministers, FAR officers, state organization representatives, and others attended the reception. Fidel Castro and Dos Santos toured the Cuban countryside on Sunday.

Talks Conclude

FL200254 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0225 GMT 20 Mar 84

[Text] The official conversations between the Republic of Cuba and the People's Republic of Angola concluded in Havana today. They were presided over by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the party Central Committee and president of the Councils of State and Ministers, and by Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola.

During the conversations, which took place in a fraternal friendly atmosphere of mutual understanding, the two leaders discussed bilateral relations between Angola and Cuba and conducted a detailed study of the international situation, especially in the southern cone of Africa.

At the end of the conversations, the two comrades, Fidel Castro and Jose Eduardo dos Santos, signed a joint declaration reflecting the common position of the Governments of Cuba and Angola on the basis for a negotiated solution to the conflict in southern Africa that will eliminate present tensions and assure peace and full independence for the nations in that region.

Joint Declaration Issued

PA200502 Havana International Service in Spanish 0415 GMT 20 Mar 84

["Text" of Cuban-Angolan joint declaration signed in Havana on 19 March by Cuban President Fidel Castro and Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos on the occasion of the latter's visit to Cuba]

[Text] More than 2 years ago, the Governments of the People's Republic of Angola and the Republic of Cuba, in their joint declaration of 4 February 1982, which was disseminated worldwide, clearly explained their principled position regarding the tense situation prevailing in the southern cone of Africa. The period that has elapsed since then has only confirmed the justness of all the points contained in that declaration, which has won the approval of international public opinion and the virtually unanimous sympathy of all the countries of the world, with the shameful exception of the Governments of the United States of America and South Africa, which aberrantly maintain the pernicious formula of the so-called "linkage" [in English], which is devoid of any legal or moral basis and is repudiated worldwide, except by its authors.

The heroic resistance of the Angolan people, firmly supported by their internationalist allies, has persuaded the imperialist aggressors of the impossibility of subjugating the People's Republic of Angola and liquidating its revolutionary process, and has obliged it to accept negotiations on new bases.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola has kept the Cuban Government informed in detail on the course of the conversations currently being held with South Africa and the United States of America, with the objective, on the part of Sola, of searching for a principled basis for a negotiated solution to the conflict that the Angolan people have faced for years with the South African aggressors, and of creating conditions that will make viable the immediate application of Resolution 435-78 of the UN Security Council and the independence of Namibia.

In accordance with this peace effort on the part of Angola, the joint declaration of 4 February remains fully in effect and constitutes a principled basis for any negotiated solution that will eliminate the existing tension and ensure peace and total independence for the nations of this region.

Strictly in keeping with the provisions of this joint declaration, the Governments of Cuba and Angola reiterate that they will reinitiate [reiniciar], by their own decision and in exercise of their sovereignty, the execution of the gradual withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist military contingent as soon as the following requisities are fulfilled;

- 1. The unilateral withdrawal of the racist South African troops from Angolan territory.
- 2. The strict application of Resolution 435-78 of the UN Security Council, the accession of Namibia to its true independence, and the total withdrawal of the South African troops that are illegally occupying that country.
- 3. An end to any act of direct aggression or threat of aggression against the Republic of Angola on the part of South Africa, the United States of America, and their allies.

Together with these three requirements it will also be necessary, as the Angolan Government expressed in its 26 August 1983 declaration signed by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, to end all aid to the counterrevolutionary organization UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola], and any other puppet organization by South Africa, the United States, and their allies. Satisfaction of these demands would mean respect for the norms of international law and the UN Charter, and compliance with the many resolutions issued by the UN Security Council and General Assembly, the Nonaligned Movement, and the OAU.

The Cuban Government, on behalf of the Cuban people, honors the heroism of the Angolan people, who for almost a quarter of a century have been waging a liberation war against the colonialists, the racists, and the imperialist masters and their lackeys, and who have paid a high price in blood in order to gain Angola's independence and to provide internationalist aid to other brother countries.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola expresses the infinite gratitude of the Angolan people for the internationalist aid of the Cuban people in Angola's liberation struggle during the past two decades, and expresses its highest praise for the generosity, sacrifice, and heroism of the 200,000 Cubans who have been sent to Angola to help in the military and civilian fields in order to secure the independence, territorial integrity, and national reconstruction of Angola, thus offering a historic contribution to the cause of all the peoples of the continent.

The two governments express their admiration of and solidarity with the heroic struggle being waged by the peoples of Namibia and South Africa under the direction of the sole and legal representatives, SWAPO [South-West African People's Organization] and the African National Congress, against the disgraceful apartheid regime, and reaffirm their conviction that such a repugnant regime is historically condemned to disappear.

Issued simultaneously in the city of Havana on this 19th day of March, 1984, in Spanish and Portuguese, each original document holding equal validity.

[Signed] Fidel Castro Ruz, President of the Councils of State and Ministers of Cuba

[Signed] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, President of the People's Republic of Angola

ECONOMIC MEETINGS HELD WITH ALGERIAN DELEGATION

FL191713 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Delegations from Cuba and Algeria have begun meetings on their respective economic planning systems and on expanding cooperation between the two countries. Humberto Perez, alternate member of Cuba's Communist Party Politburo, vice president of the Council of Ministers, and minister president of JUCEPLAN [Central Planning Board], heads the Cuban delegation. The Algerian delegation is headed by Ali Oubouzar, minister of planning and national development.

It was announced that during the meetings Algeria expressed an interest in Cuba's experience in areas of social, education, public health, and demographic planning as well as successes Cuba has had in establishing a centralized economic system. Both Humberto Perez and Ali Oubouzar emphasized both governments' interest in furthering bilateral cooperation and extending it to encompass all economic areas.

SCIENTIFIC DELEGATION ARRIVES IN PRAGUE

FL191912 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Wilfredo Torres, member of Cuba's Communist Party Central Committee and president of the Cuban Academy of Sciences [ACC], is heading a delegation which arrived in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The delegation will participate in the third CEMA meeting on scientific-technical cooperation.

The CEMA member countries will study programs they wish to carry out over the next $15\ \text{to}\ 20$ years, particularly those concerning microelectronics and automation.

MEXICAN IMSS DELEGATION ARRIVES FOR MEETINGS

FL191634 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 19 Mar 84

[Text] Ricardo Garcia Sainz, director general of the Mexican Social Security Institute [IMSS], has arrived in Cuba at the head of a delegation. He was met at the airport by Joaquin Benavides, Cuba's minister president of the State Committee for Labor and Social Security [CETSS].

Some of the activities which the Mexican delegation will be participating in include visits to organizations and meetings for exchanging information and experiences dealing with social security and medical attention for workers.



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President dos Santos Leaves on 4-Day Visit to Cuba MB161947 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 16 Mar 84

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, left Luanda this afternoon for Havana on a friendly, working visit to Cuba. He is traveling on a special airplane. The presidential airplane left the 4 February International Airport at about 1800 and was expected to make a technical stopover at the Amilcar Cabral Airport in Sal Island, Cape Verde.

The chairman of the party and president of the republic heads an important party and government delegation which includes, among other officials, Colonel Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale, member of the Political Bureau and minister of defense; Domingos Evaristo Kimba, member of the Political Bureau and minister of agriculture and provincial coordination; Maria Mambo Cafe, Central Committee secretary for economic and social affairs; Lieutenant Andre Pitra Petroff, Central Committee secretary for production; and Afonso van Dunem Mbinda, Central Committee secretary for external relations.

This visit will last 4 days and is made at the invitation of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee.

Meeting With Castro Scheduled MB181257 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 18 Mar 84

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, today entered the second day of his visit to the Republic of Cuba, where he has been at the invitation of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee. The Angolan head of state will remain in Cuba until 0800 tomorrow and is scheduled to meet Commander Fidel Castro, Cuban president, and tour the Youth Island where hundreds of Angolan youngsters are studying.

According to PRENSA LATINA, the Angolan presidential delegation will also meet various ministers of the Cuban Government (?to discuss) matters related to bilateral cooperation with that friendly government. [passage indistinct]

UNITA Reportedly Kills Civilian in Huila MB160640 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 15 Mar 84

[Text] The criminal and destructive nature of UNITA has come to light once again in a puppet attack on two civilian vehicles used in the transportation of goods. This criminal action was committed in the Cacula region, Huila, and resulted in the death of one of the passengers and the wounding of four others. The UNITA criminals then plundered the goods and burned the two trucks. With this action the puppet gangs have once more deprived the

residents of much needed goods, besides destroying two transport vehicles and killing one person.

It is worth recalling that a few days ago Moxico residents identified a toxic product which the UNITA criminals had offered the peasants as cooking fat. Four peasants died and others were seriously ill after eating the product.

BOTSWANA

President Masire: Mozambique 'Obliged To Sign' Pact AB161420 Paris AFP in French 0923 GMT 16 Mar 84

[Text] Kasane (Botswana), 16 Mar (AFP) — Mozambique has been obliged to sign the Nkomati pact, Botswanan President Quett Masire declared during a press conference held last night in Kasane in the north of Botswana, according to the SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS AGENCY (SAPA). "I think South Africa intimidated all her neighbours to make them sign such agreements and that it is fear that makes us accept them," the president affirmed.

The Botswanan head of state said that the non-aggression pact could bring stability and progress to southern Africa, provided it does not impede the action of those fighting for equal opportunities and a share of power in South Africa, SAPA added. Mr Masire said that he was willing to meet South African Prime Minister Pieter Willem Botha "if he was sure that through this discussion he could convince him to talk to Nelson Mandela," the leader of the African National Congress (ANC, an antiapartheid movement) sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964.

LESOTHO

Spokesman Denies Country Planning Treaty With RSA MB170858 Maseru Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 17 Mar 84

[Text] A spokesman for the Government of Lesotho described as wild speculation a report in the Johannesburg newspaper THE STAR of Thursday, 15 March 1984, that a nonaggression treaty between South Africa and Lesotho was on the negotiating table. The spokesman further denied that Lesotho was among the countries that were next in line for the signing of a treaty similar to the one signed between South Africa and Mozambique. The spokesman said that it was this kind of speculation by overzealous South African officials and newspapermen that tended to cloud issues. He added that Lesotho had clearly stated that she was not considering a nonaggression pact with South Africa, and no negotiations whatsoever were taking place between South Africa and Lesotho on this question.

The prime minister of Lesotho, Dr Jonathan, had made a policy pronouncement on this question and there will be no deviation from the position he had stated clearly: That the problems of southern Africa would not be solved by pacts of this nature, but by the dismantling of the policy of white supremacy in the region.



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The situation created by the United States near the Honduran border with Nicaragua and El Salvador is extremely tense and dangerous. Commander Daniel Ortega, coordinator of the Junta of the Government of National Reconstruction, pointed out the gravity of the situation in a message read to the entire nation. The message was also sent to heads of state and to government, international, political, and solidarity organizations all over the world.

The Nicaraguan Government document gives an account of the attacks suffered by Nicaragua since Ronald Reagan became U.S. president, and points to the fact that there has been a dangerous increase in the use of technical-military methods in the planning and implementation of these terrorist operations. In addition, the document reports that an apparent attempt to stage a trade blockade against Nicaragua is already under way.

Nicaragua notes that these incidents coincide with the deployment of thousands of U.S. troops in Honduras and of U.S. warships off the Central American coasts. This threatening display of force comes only 5 months after the U.S. military invasion of Grenada.

The Nicaraguan Junta of the Government of National Reconstruction notes that the 82d Airborne Division, which participated in the U.S. invasion of Grenada, is the same one now being deployed in the Honduran-Salvadoran border area.

Nicaragua once again charges that the U.S. Government is increasing the prospect of a military intervention in Central America. It also says that in this sense, the U.S. Government is harming the Contadora Group peace efforts and encouraging the warlike feelings of those who oppose a political solution to the Central American conflicts and the forces in Honduras that are seeking a war with Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan message, which is also directed to the American people, demands that Washington immediately withdraw its troops and war materiel that have been sent to Central America. It also calls for an end to all attacks against Nicaragua and demands that the U.S. Government work toward a quick and reasonable political solution to solve the Salvadoran crisis.

The message, which was read by Daniel Ortega, encourages the Nicaraguan people to continue preparing and strengthening themselves to confront and defeat imperialist intervention. The coordinator of the Junta of the Government of National Reconstruction asked other governments of the world to provide Nicaragua with the technical and military means that the Nicaraguan people need to defend themselves from the state terrorism unleashed by the U.S. Government. Finally, he reiterated the Nicaraguan Government's determination to continue institutionalizing the revolution and strengthening democracy. He pointed out that Nicaragua's peaceful nature and its people's determination to defend the country's sovereignty are inexhaustible.

PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA ARRIVES FOR VISIT

Invited by Castro

FL161341 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 16 Mar 84

[Text] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the MPLA [Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola], will arrive in Havana tomorrow, Saturday. He has been invited by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the Cuban Communist Party and president of the Councils of State and Ministers. Havana citizens will bestow a warm welcome to the delegation from the brother country of Angola at Jose Marti International Airport.

Welcomed at Airport

Fil71820 [Editorial Report] Havana Television Service in Spanish at 1716 CMT on 17 March carried live coverage of the arrival of Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos at Havana's Jose Marti International Airport.

Cuban television announcer Mar lo Ortega, speaking over a still photo of Dos Santos, said that Dos Santos' plane would arrive in a few minutes.

An establishing shot showed the terminal building of Jose Marti International Airport. Crowds were waiting on the observation platforms and a banner on the building read: "Welcome President Dos Santos."

The picture then cut to an airplane, identified by the announer as IL-62 Aeroflot carrying Dos Santos, which land at 1723 GMT. Cuban President Fidel Castro was then shown walking toward the airplane.

The airplane's door opened at 1727 GMT and Dos Santos descended, followed by his delegation. Castro greeted and embraced Dos Santos and then greeted the other members of the delegation. Castro and Dos Santos were then shown walking along the runway and standing at attention as a military band played the Cuban national anthem. The announcer identified the next march as the Angolan national anthem and while it was being played a split screen shot showed Dos Santos and the Angolan flag.

Castro and Dos Santos then walked toward an honor guard. They stood at attention as a military officer presented the honor guard to Dos Santos. Castro and Dos Santos then shook hands with a line of people identified by the announcer as members of the Cuban Politburo, Central Committee, and military, and members of the diplomatic corps. As Castro and Dos Santos greeted the dignitaries, the crowd was heard chanting: "Cuba, Angola: United we will conquer." Castro and Dos Santos stood at attention on the runway as the honor guard passed in review playing the Cuban national anthem.

Castro and Dos Santos were then shown entering a black limousine. which immediately drove away with two other cars.

No speeches were broadcast. Live coverage ended at 1744.

MONTANE MEETS WITH VISITING TANZANIAN OFFICIALS

FL160200 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 16 Mar 84

[Text] Jesus Montsane Oropesa, alternate member of the Politburo and member of the Central Committee Secretariat, today met with Adam Sapi Mkwawa, speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania, who is visiting our country. Also present in the meeting were several members of that country's National Assembly and its secretary, (Valees Azola), as well as officials of the International Relations Department of the Cuban National Assembly of the People's Government and the Central Committee

The meeting was held in a warm and fraternal atmosphere in accordance with the relations of friendship and solidarity existing between the peoples, parties, and governments of Tanzania and Cuba.

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The defense zones guarantee the observance of Army General Raul Castro's orders: to make war a battle which, historically, no aggressor has won because there isn't an army that can face an entire population, and to make the frontline wherever the enemy is.

AGRICULTURALISTS ASSIST INDUSTRIES IN ANGOLA

FL141955 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 14 Mar 84

[Text] Malanje Province, Angola, is described as having the most fertile land in the nation. It is also the area where 47 Cuban agricultural internationalists are working. Some of the main products grown in this area are manioc, corn, cotton, vegetables, and fruit.

As in the other 17 Angolan provinces, a national emergency plan is being implemented in order to strengthen state-owned companies, cooperatives, and farmers associations, making this sector of the economy more dynamic. Patricio Sanchez, head of the Cuban work force has said that in Malanje his group is giving technical assistance to a wide range of industries in areas such as agriculture, veterinary medicine, and agricultural machinery.

ARGENTINES TO DISCUSS TRADE, INDUSTRIAL ISSUES

FL141915 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 14 Mar 84

[Text] Argentine Secretary of Commerce Ricardo Campero arrived in our country today. He is heading a large delegation which includes officials, businessmen, and performers who will participate in the International Tango Festival to be held here.

The Argentine delegation will meet with Cuban ministers and vice ministers involved in economics. The agenda of these meetings includes trade exchange topics, maritime transportation, and industrial matters.

NICARAGUAN STUDENTS MEET VISITING UNION LEADERS

FL142030 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 14 Mar 84

[Text] The 331 Nicaraguan students who are attending an emergency course at the Frank Pais Teachers' School in Santiago de Cuba have held a meeting with union leaders from their country who are visiting that city. During the meeting, the youths of that sister nation praised the fantastic attention they are receiving at the school, and expressed a willingness to teach in the most difficult places in Nicaragua and to give their internationalist help to El Salvador when that country rids itself of its oppressive yoke.

Meanwhile, the union leaders urged the students to assimilate the lessons they are learning because the mission they will fulfill in their country will be one of the most beautiful of the Sandinist revolution.

The Nicaraguan youths studying in Santiago de Cuba are members of the 50th Sandino Death Anniversary Brigade and are training to become primary school teachers.

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Mr Salim forms part of a Tanzanian delegation headed by President Julius Nyerere, which arrived in Maputo this afternoon for a brief visit, during which they had 3 hours of talks with the Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party headed by President Samora Machel. Mr Salim said President Samora and President Nyerere had held extensive discussions in Tanzania at the weekend on developments in Southern Africa, and the Central Committee of Tanzania's ruling party, Chama Cha Mapinduzi, had met later to analyze the situation. They had decided that it was logical for President Nyerere to visit Maputo. Mr Salim said the consolidation of the independence and stability of Mozambique was of primordial importance in the struggle of the people of Southern Africa for dignity and freedom. He said South Africa's commitment not to commit aggression against Mozambique was a position which the frontline states had always fought for. Tanzania, he said, fully understood the circumstances which had led Frelimo to decide to sign a nonagression accord with

The Tanzanian delegation left Maputo just over an hour ago.

NAMIBIA

Multiparty Conference Approves Botha Proposal MB140839 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 14 Mar 84

[Text] The multiparty conference on the future of South-West Africa/Namibia says it is prepared in principle to take part in peace talks with other interested parties in southern Africa. A statement issued by the party in Windhoek says participation will be by the multiparty conference as a group in its own right and not as part of another delegation.

The party was responding to a proposal by the South African foreign minister, Mr Roelof Botha, over the weekend that a regional peace conference should be held on the future of Southewest Africa/Namibia. The idea was to get the internal parties in the territory—SWAPO, Angola, and UNITA—to take part. SWAPO has said it was willing to take part on condition that Angola is not discussed. Angola refuses to talk to UNITA. President Kenneth Kaunda has offered to act as a host to such a conference.

SOUTH AFRICA

Foreign Minister Reiterates Cubans Must Leave Angola MB140733 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 14 Mar 84

[Text] The minister of foreign affairs, Mr Roelof Botha, says South Africa is committed to the United Nations plan for the independence of South-West Africa/Namibia.

In an interview published yesterday, he said South Africa's call for a regional conference on the territory was not an attempt to bypass the plan. He reiterated, however, that the Cubans would have to pull out of Angola. He explained that he had merely suggested that if everyone wanted peace, then those shooting at each other should sit down and talk.

UN Leader Asks RSA To Clarify Resolution Stance MB140742 Johannesburg International Service in English 0630 GMT 14 Mar 84

[Text] The United Nations secretary general, Dr Perez de Cuelar, has asked South Africa if it still accepts the key UN Security Council resolution on South-West Africa/Namibia, following its call for a regional conference on the territory.

A UN spokesman said the secretary general had seen the South African representative, Mr Kurt von Schirnding, who had undertaken to seek clarification from his government. The spokesman, Mr (Francois Guelliani), told reporters that Dr de Cuellar habeen surprised by the reports that South Africa had proposed a conference that seemed to sidestep United Nations involvement in the South-West Africa/Namibian peace process.

Peace Conference Not Attempt To 'Circumvent' UN MB140723 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 14 Mar 84

[Text] Government spokesmen in Cape Town have rejected as false reports that South Africa is attempting to circumvent the United Nations by means of its proposal for a conference of all interested parties from South-West Africa and Angola. Our political correspondent reports that the spokesmen said that South Africa's only aim with the conference proposal was to obtain peace for the region. The spokesmen said that all that South Africa was doing was to take note of the realities of the situation.

South Africa had already concluded an agreement with Angola and that country was bound by its terms. Elements of UNITA, however, could cause problems in the area under the supervision of the joint South African-Angolan monitoring commission because UNITA had not been included in the agreement. South Africa was prepared, as the spokesmen put it, to take notice of SWAPO, but it was also time that notice should be taken of the other side.

Referring to reports that Cuba was now more willing to withdraw its troops from Angola, the spokesmen said it was still too early to attach any value to such statements because the basic problem still existed. Part of the problem was that Dr Jonas Savimbi of UNITA would gain control if the Cubans were to withdraw from Angola. The Cubans could therefore only be withdrawn from Angola if agreement was reached between the MPLA government and UNITA, and there was no sign of such an agreement at present.



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Foreign Ministry: Namibia Talks Require UN Framework MBI 30636 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 13 Mar 84

[Statement issued by the Foreign Ministry in Luanda — date not given]

[Text] According to various international news media, the South African foreign minister has said that his government is ready to participate in a conference with all parties involved in the Namibian conflict with the sole aim of achieving peace. Representatives of the Angolan Government would be included as participants in such a conference.

It is worth stressing here that the parties involved in the Namibian conflict are SWAPO and South Africa, and not the People's Republic of Angola. Accordingly, a conference on Namibia would only make sense if it is held under the auspices of the UN secretary general with a view of studying and establishing the modalities for the implementation of Resolution 435/78 of the UN Security Council without introducing any elements alien to its content.

As the People's Republic of Angola is one of the frontline states, its possible participation in such a conference could only take place within that [word indistinct] framework and as an observer— a position which has already been taken during the Geneva Conference in January 1981. Responsibility for the failure of that conference lies squarely at the door of the Pretoria regime.

President dos Santos Reportedly To Visit Cuba LD130021 Lisbon Domestic Service in Portuguese 0000 GMT 13 Mar 84

[Text] We heard about an hour ago that President Jose Eduardo dos Santos is to pay a visit to Cuba. The news is not yet official but diplomatic circles in Havana regard the visit as certain.

The trip to Cuba by the leader of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola may be connected with the possible withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angolan territory following the recent Lusaka agreement between Luanda and Pretoria.

Defense Minister's Speech Closes Party Seminar MBI 20936 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0700 GMT 11 Mar 84

[Text] The methodological meeting of the coordinators of the party commissions associated with political bodies and the coordinators of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] party cells ended in Luanda last night with a ceremony conducted by Colonel Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale, minister of defense. The meeting analyzed the activity report on the preparatory phase of party growth within FAPLA. It verified that minimum conditions exist to begin recruiting new members of the party within the Armed Forces.

This meeting conveyed the participants' practical suggestions for promoting the party's growth in the FAPLA and on several experiments regarding control conditions in the MPLA-Labor Party, the Armed Forces, and the USSR Armed Forces. To conclude the ceremony, Colonel Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale made the following speech:

[Begin recording] Comrades, you have been meeting for 3 days. You have studied the tasks of political work and the structures of the defense and security bodies. Naturally, you have paid heed to the superior orientations which guide the party's associated political conditions, its tasks, its objectives, and its running. You have also studied the regulation which perfectly and clearly defines the tasks of the above-mentioned commission, and have also gained some knowledge of the running of the party's associated commissions with the USSR Armed Forces, within the Central Control Commision of the MPLA-Labor Party and the MPLA-Labor Party's Organization Department.

Comrades, official comrades, and participating comrades: The debates which have taken place here, throughout the seminar which I have the honor to close, are the basis for the reinforcement and strengthening of the party's leading role in the forces for defense and security, in the political vigilance for the defense of the revolution. They are, therefore, without a doubt, one of the points which the participants to this seminar have studied.

We are convinced that, upon leaving this seminar which ends today, the comrades will have been further enlightened on the principles guiding the political work and methods at hand in the great task which is delegated to us by the party — that is, the growth of the party within the defense and security bodies.

This task must be carried out by the coordinators of the party commission associated with the defense and security bodies and by the party's grassroots bodies within the Armed Forces in order to fit all combatins within a political framework, thus guaranteeing a high degree of political and ideological awareness of the part of the defense and security members. Several gaps have been filled which often prevented us from carrying out the concrete task of building the party's grassroots structures within the military units, duties, and all working areas of the defense and security bodies.

Participating comrades in this first seminar, the degrading political-military situation in our country, provoked by the South African invasion and the counterrevolutionary activity of the puppet gangs, demands the total participation of all levels. The participation of all of us will only be possible if based on the political work orientations outlined by our party and the enlightening of the combatants, the workers, and our people on the objectives we intend to attain through the defense of our revolution.

I must point out, once again, that we find ourselves in a period of fighting against the puppet gangs paid by the international imperialism. This requires greater dynamic activity, sacrifices, and abnegation on the part of the party's grassroots structures and members, in order to constantly and permanently strengthen the political and ideological awareness of the combatants in the

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During the delegations' visit, meetings were held with Cuban officials covering areas of economic and scientific-technical industrial cooperation, specifically in the areas of leather and footwear.

Leaves for Czechoslovakia

FL121943 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 12 Mar 84

[Text] Comrade Miroslav Kapoun, minister of industry of the Czech Socialist Republic, left for his country last night. Kapoun remained in our country for several days to complete a working visit.

Light Industry Minister Manuel Millares, Basic Industry Minister Marcos Portal, Czechoslovak Ambassador Milos Vojta, and other Czechoslovak and Cuban leaders saw Kapoun off at the airport.

During his stay in Cuba, Kapoun held talks of mutual interest in the areas of the shoe, textile, and glass industries. As a result of the talks among the three ministers, a cooperation agreement was signed which includes technical assistance, the supply of products, and trade in various areas.

ANGOLAN PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY TO PAY VISIT

LD130021 Lisbon Domestic Service in Portuguese 0000 GMT 13 Mar 84

[Text] We heard about an hour ago that [Angolan] President Jose Eduardo dos Santos is to pay a visit to Cuba. The news is not yet official but diplomatic circles in Havana regard the visit as certain.

The trip to Cuba by the leader of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola may be connected with the possible withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angolan territory following the recent Lusaka agreement between Luanda and Pretoria.

CASTRO ISSUES LETTERS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION

FL121505 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1203 GMT 12 Mar 84

[Text] Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz has sent letters to workers at the agro-industrial centers of the transportation and sugar ministries in Villa Clara Province. The text of the letters stressed the importance of the special effort expected from these centers, their administrative leadership, their political and labor organizations, and their workers in the country's struggle for maximum energy conservation.

Fidel's letters to the workers of Villa Clara Province added that a thorough analysis of the country's energy savings will soon begin in all state agencies in an effort to abide by the energy savings measures included in the 1984 social and economic program. He said that these analyses, to be made at assemblies convened by the unions, must be prepared as thoroughly and objectively as possible, and must include factors which effect an optimum use of electricity, fuel, and lubricants.

RADIO STATIONS ANNOUNCE NEW PROGRAMMING

FL121925 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 12 Mar 84

[Text] New programming will go into effect on Monday, 19 March, as a result of the disappearance of Radio Liberacion. According to Radio Progreso Director Juan Rivero, 10 Liberacion programs will be aired by Progreso because of its larger audience.

Meanwhile, Radio Rebelde Director Juan Hernandez announced that his station will air music and various information 24 hours a day.

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DEL VALLE, MONTANE MEET WITH DPRK'S CHONG

FLO21446 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 2 Mar 84

[Text] Sergio del Valle, Politburo member and minister of public health, has held a fraternal meeting in Havana with the delegation headed by Chong Chun-ki, candidate member of the Politburo of the Korean Workers' Party and vice premier of the State Administration Council of the DPRK. The North Korean delegation was also received by Jesus Montane, alternate member of the Politburo, member of the Secretariat, and chief of the General Department of Foreign Relations of the Central Committee. Both meetings took place in a friendly and fraternal atmosphere.

MONTANE, PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST LEADER MEET

FL022348 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2100 GMT 2 Mar 84

[Text] Jesus Montane Oropesa, alternate member of the Politburo and member of the Secretariat's Central Committee, has met with (Carlos Galliza), secretary general of the Socialist Party of Puerto Rico, who is visiting our country. The two men discussed matters of mutual interest relating to the international situation and Cuba's complete solidarity with the people of Puerto Rico and their struggle for independence.

BULGARIAN DELEGATION VISITS VILLA CLARA PROVINCE

FLO21908 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 2 Mar 84

[Text] A delegation of the Academy of Social Sciences and Social Work [Academia de Ciencias Sociales y de Cestion Social] of the Communist Party of Bulgaria is visiting Villa Clara on its tour of our country at the invitation of the party. (Aleksandur Kolev), vice rector of this institution, and (Georgi Konstantinov), director of the Center of Economic Management [Centro de Gestion de la Economia], were received by Eugenio Friol Hernandez, member of the Executive Bureau of Villa Clara Province.

BRAVO LEAVES FOR ANGOLA, CONGO, ZAMBIA

FL031425 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 3 Mar 84

[Text] Flavio Bravo, member of the Central Committee and president of the National Assembly of the People's Government [ANPP], has left Havana for Africa, heading an ANPP delegation. On its tour, the delegation will visit the People's Republic of Angola, the Republic of Zambia, and the People's Republic of the Congo to complement parliamentary exchange visits planned for this year. Before boarding the plane, Bravo stressed the importance of strengthening relations in this way with three important countries with close ties to Cuba. He also noted that it is advantageous to have a mutual understanding of the opinions and stands of governments in view of the serious times that the world is currently experiencing.

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Dos Santos Receives Message From Zaire's Seko MBI 80855 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 18 Feb 84

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the People's Republic of Angola, received a personal message from Mobutu Sese Seko, Zairean head of state, yesterday afternoon. The message was delivered by (Mini Nadgira Ngimbi), director of the office of the chairman of the MPR, who has been in the country since yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Assuncao dos Santos, director of the office of the president.

UNITA Asserts Position on Cease-Fire Talks MB190938 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 19 Feb 84

[Communique issued by Jonas Savimbi, president of the UNITA Central Committee on 12 February at "UNITA General Head-quarters in the Free Territory of Angola"].

- [Text] 1. The UNITA Central Committee most vehemently denies the accusations by the MPLA that UNITA is receiving support from the State of Israel. It also categorically denies that UNITA has training camps in neighboring independent African countries.
- UNITA's relations with Arab countries are well known, and the ties of solidarity between it and those countries are so strong that they firmly withstand the slanderous speculations of the MPLA.
- 3. The MPLA has run short of arguments against the UNITA resistance, which has moved from Cuando Cubango to the northern provinces of Cuanza Norte, Luanda, and Uige, and is making a last-ditch effort to involve neighboring countries which have recognized the illegitimate and illegal Luanda regime in the struggle.
- 4. The UNITA Central Committee takes this opportunity to draw the attention of the powers involved in organizing a ceasefire in the southern part of our country, Angola, to the following undeniable facts:
- a. These powers are dealing with a weak government which, despite the backing of 45,000 Cubans, is losing more ground to UNITA with each passing day.
- b. They are dealing with a government isolated from the people, even including the people of northern Angola, who the MPLA claims are its unflinching supporters [reduto inexpugnavel].
- c. They are dealing with a government incapable of reaching a decision on either war or peace, and effectively honoring any agreement which might be signed.

- d. They are forgetting, because of the current expedient need, that any cease-fire in any part of Angola particularly southern Angola will never work without UNITA's participation. UNITA regards the MPLA, and no one else, as the only party it can deal with [interlocuto] in the civil war which is setting the country ablaze.
- 5. In view of the rapid pace with which these negotiatons are being held, so as to take advantage of the confusion which can overwhelm the minds of people at critical moments, UNITA is moving quickly to assert its postion in accordance with the nationalist ideal. The coming weeks will prove whether UNITA has a commitment [palavra] and can honor the commitment it made to the Angolan people and international opinion.

The struggle triumphs. United, we shall win.

General Headquarters of UNITA in the free territory of Angola on 12 February 1984, year of Anti-Cuban Patriotic Front.

General Dr Jonas Malheiro Savimbi, president of the UNITA and supreme commander of the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola

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Cuban Minister Ends Visit, Comments on Angola MBI 80845 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 18 Feb 84

[Text] The Cuban deputy minister of foreign affairs, Mr Oscar Oramas, left Gaborone yesterday after a 3-day official visit to Botswana.

During his stay in Botswana, Mr Oramas, accompanied by the Cuban ambassador to Botswana who is based in Lusaka, Mr (Hariberto Sereodi), met the president, Dr Quett Masire; the minister of external affairs, Mr Archie Mogwe; and the minister of mineral resources and water affairs, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe.

Mr Oramas told reporters at the airport before his departure yesterday that discussions held with officials in Gaborone centered on matters of bilateral concern to Botswana and Cuba.

He said that the two countries were members of the Nonaligned Movement, and as such, exchanged views of issues of common interest. Mr Oramas said he was impressed about the way Botswana were prepared to go forward and consolidate its development in the face of the current vicious drought.

Commenting on the recent talks between South Africa and Angola, and whether Cuba will be prepared to call its troops from Angola, Mr Oramas said that Cuba and Angola made a joint declaration on February 1984, and as such Cuba will fulfill its engagement in Angola.

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FL140213 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Matyas Szuros, secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party, arrived in our country this afternoon. Julian Rizo Alvarez, member of the Central Committee Secretariat of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC], and Rafael Polanco, first deputy chief of the Central Committee's General Department of Foreign Relations, greeted him at the airport.

Szuros is thus responding to an official invitation from the PCC. During his stay, he will meet with PCC leaders and will visit places of historical, economic, and social interest.

CABRISAS MEETS WITH JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADER

FL140224 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Cuban Foreign Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrisas today began a busy schedule of talks with distinguished Japanese personalities as a preamble to the Sixth Bilateral Economic Conference. Cabrisas met with (Yoshikiro Imiyama), president of the Federation of Economic Organizations, [words indistinct] the conference. The Japanese business leader showed interest in the ideas expressed by Commander in Chief Fidel Castro in his book "Economic and Social Crisis in the World." (Imiyama) recently received a copy of this book in Japanese.

ICRT WELCOMES SPANISH TV, RADIO DIRECTOR GENERAL

FL112055 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Excerpt] Jose Maria Calvino, Spain's director general for television and radio, has arrived in Cuba at the invitation of the Cuban Institute of Radio and Television [ICRT]. Nivaldo Herrera, president of the ICRT, and Juan Larrogue, Spain's ambassador to Cuba, met Calvino at the airport. Other members of the Spanish delegation are Trystal la Rosa, director of international relations, and Ramon Triado, television director.

EFFORTS OF COMMUNICATION WORKERS IN ANGOLA CITED

FL140157 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] The Cuban communication workers who are fulfilling their internationalist mission in the People's Republic of Angola are complying with their creed of carrying out their task in wartime as well as in times of peace.

David Ruiz, chief of the communication workers, explained in Lubango -- capital of Huila Province -- that their main advisory task [word indistinct] includes technical assistance to (ENAFEL) [not further identified] and to the National Radio of Angola. He added that telephone and radio communications for Huila and Namibe were installed.

FERNANDEZ CALLS FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION IN C.A.

PA140235 Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish 4 Feb 84 p D-16

[Text] As far as Cuba is concerned, the Central American issue can only be resolved by peaceful means such as talks and dialogue, and certainly not with any military option, according to Jose Ramon Fernandez, vice president of the Council of Ministers in the only socialist republic in the Caribbean, who is visiting Caracas.

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This agreement established that our country will acquire several pieces of technological equipment for the Felton Thermoelectrical Plant to be built in Holguin soon. The installation will help in speeding up the region's economic development and will be one of the most efficient plants in the country's thermoelectric system.

Diplomatic personalities participated in the signing of the commercial agreement.

WORK OF DOCTORS, NURSES IN ANGOLA PRAISED

FL101643 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] The Cuban internationalist brigade, serving in (Namibe), the People's Republic of Angola, has conducted between 2,000 and 3,000 medical examinations. Seven doctors, seven nurses, and two technicians are also training qualified personnel, thus making a significant contribution to medical assistance in this Angolan province.

Dr William Napoles, leader of the internationalist brigade in (Namibe) Province, stated that with the increase in the number of health personnel the people now have access to more efficient service. He described the general attitude of the group as good and praised the performance of two doctors and two nurses serving at the Porto Alexander Municipal Hospital. He said that with few resources these doctors and nurses are carrying out an admirable mission in Agostinho Neto's land.

COSTA RICAN COMMITTEE RAPS REFUGEE RELOCATION

PA110433 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] The Costa Rican Committee of Solidarity with the Salvadoran People has denounced the fact that thousands of Salvadoran refugees in Honduras will be forced to move because of U.S. demands. The committee says that as a result of growing U.S. intervention in Honduras, the refugees will have to go to the Atlantic coast because when the joint U.S.-Honduran maneuvers have ended a new military base is going to be established in the region where the refugees are now. In order to justify this action, the Honduran military officers argue that the refugees' relocation is necessary because they are in a zone where conflicts are taking place.

SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES IN COSTA RICA

PA121950 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 12 Feb 84

 $[{\sf Text}]$ In San Jose, Costa Rica, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme has criticized the militaristic approach of the report the so-called Kissinger commission drafted for the Reagan administration.

Shortly after his arrival in San Jose from Nicaragua, Palme told the press that the United States is making a mistake by looking at the conflict in Central America in the context of an East-West confrontation. The region's problems are both political and socioeconomic, the Swedish prime minister said. Palme then praised the FMLN's proposal for the formation of a government of broad participation in El Salvador. According to Palme, this step deserves a positive response from Alvaro Magana's government.

The Swedish official also referred to his talks with Nicaraguan leaders. He expressed optimism about the process of institutionalization currently under way in that country.



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FL092208 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2109 GMT 9 Feb 84

[Text] Armando Hart Davalos, member of the Politburo and minister of culture, has met in Moscow with Boris Pastukhov, chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Publishing Houses, Printing Plants, and the Book Trade. Hart also met with Filipp Yermash, chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Cinematography. The meetings dealt with different aspects of development and cooperation in the two fields.

EDUCATION MINISTRY STAFF IN ANGOLA TO INCREASE

FL091620 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1529 GMT 9 Feb 84

[Text] This year the number of Ministry of Education personnel teaching in Angola will be increased to 1,856 teachers, professors, and methodologists, according to (Evaristo Perez), chief of the Cuban contingent of educators in Angola. (Perez) added that 356 of this total are members of the Ernesto Che Guevara Third Internationalist Detachment and the remainder of the Frank Pais Detachment.

The internationalist educators in Angola are active in 28 municipalities and 16 of the 18 provinces and have a total of 100,000 students. The subjects taught are natural science, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, geography, history, pedagogy, psychology, teaching of special sciences, and technical subjects.

MPSP ON DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH POLISARIO

FLO91827 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 9 Feb 84

[Text] The Cuban Movement for Peace and Sovereignty of Peoples [MPSP] has issued a declaration of solidarity with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Sagui el Hamra and Rio de Oro [Polisario] because of the increase in the number of attacks unleashed by the United States together with Morocco in the northeastern part of Africa. The document warns that the imperialist and reactionary objective is to ignore the OAU peace initiatives and the victorious struggle being waged by the patriots of Western Sahara.

MEXICO'S FISHERIES SECRETARY, OFFICIALS ARRIVE

FLO91737 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 9 Feb 84

[Text] Mexico's Secretary of Fisheries Pedro Ojeda Paullada has arrived in our country, accompanied by a group of officials of that branch of the economy, in response to an invitation of the Cuban Government. This working visit will further strengthen and develop the already fruitful relations between Mexico and Cuba in the matter of cooperation in the fishing industry.

During its stay in our country, the Mexican delegation will tour fishing ports and areas, and will exchange experiences with Cuban representatives.

SHULTZ' GRENADA VISIT 'LEGITIMIZES' OCCUPATION

FLO91900 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 9 Feb 84

[Text] U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has returned to Washington after his 9-day trip to Caribbean, Central American, and South American countries. Shultz visited Grenada, Barbados, El Salvador, Venezuela, and Brazil. The purpose of this trip was to reinforce U.S. military intervention in regional matters while rallying the most reactionary forces in the struggle against the growing national liberation movement.



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IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH ANGOLA

FI.260042 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 25 Jan 84

[Text] Leaders of the Cuban Communist Party and the MPLA [People's Liberation Movement of Angola]-Workers Party have signed an agreement in Havana in the field of ideological work. The document was signed by Antonio Perez Herrero, alternate member of the Politburo, and by (Paulino Pinto Joao), chief of the Department of Information and Propaganda of the MPLA-Workers Party.

Among other things, the document noted cooperation in technical and educational areas by cadres and teachers from the departments of political and ideological education, culture and sports, and information and propaganda at the Dr (Docina) Neto National School. Both parties will promote the strengthening of relations among the different mass broadcast media, Angola's national radio and people's television, and the ICRT [Cuban Institute of Radio and Television], as well as between the ANGOLAN PRESS AGENCY and its Cuban counterpart, and among the party organizations.

SELA SECRETARY TO VISIT, ALSO TO TOUR MEXICO

FL251610 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 25 Jan 84

[Text] SELA Permanent Secretary Sebastian Alegrette has begun a tour of Mexico and Cuba as part of an effort to strengthen relations between the regional organization and its member states.

SELA's press office announced in Caracas that Alegrett will stay in Mexico until next Sunday and that then he will visit Cuba until 1 February, when he will return to Caracas. In Mexico, Alegrett will be received by President Miguel de la Madrid and [Foreign] Secretary Bernardo Sepulveda. He will also hold meetings with government officials to study agreements adopted at the Latin American Economic Conference, held recently in Quito, Ecuador.

CORRECTION: EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS WITH ECUADOR

The following correction pertains to the item headlined "Exchange of Ambassadors With Ecuador Announced," published in the 25 January Latin America DAILY REPORT, page Q 1, second paragraph, lines four and five:

...Carlos Zamora Rodriguez. Since 1981, relations between the two countries...(changing "1961" to "1981")

JESUS MONTANE CLOSES SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

FL252138 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 25 Jan 84

[Text] Jesus Montane Oropesa, alternate Politburo member and chief of the General Department of Foreign Relations of the party's Central Committee, has said that the most imperative task which the peoples of the world are currently facing is the struggle for peace. The leader made this statement in closing the 2-day International Scientific Conference, "Characteristics of the World's Revolutionary Process and the Developing Nations" which was held at the Cuban Academy of Sciences.

Montane thanked the delegations from the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Hungary, the GDR, Poland, and Czechoslovakia for the solidarity shown by their participation in this event, dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the revolution. He also stated that the seventh session of the Commission on the Multilateral Problems of the Developing Nations' Economy and Politics will be held in our country for the first time. This meeting will begin today and will end on Friday. Participants will be from the academies of science of the socialist countries.



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[TASS report "Soviet-Angolan-Cuban Consultations"]

[Text] Soviet-Angolan-Cuban consultations were held in Moscow 11 January, in the course of which the situation in and around Angola was examined, particularly in connection with the exacerbation of the situation in the south of Africa caused by the Republic of South Africa's aggressive actions against the People's Republic of Angola.

The exchange of opinions was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere and in a spirit of complete mutual understanding.

Solidarity with the Angolan people's struggle in defense of their revolutionary gains was stressed at the consultations. An understanding was reached, also, on providing aid to the People's Republic of Angola in the matter of strengthening its defense capability, independence, and territorial integrity.

NIGERIAN PAPERS CITED ON SUPPORT FOR NEW REGIME

PM121559 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 12 Jan 84 First Edition p 5

[TASS report: "The Situation in Nigeria"]

[Text] Lagos, 11 Jan -- The majority of the Nigerian population expresses support for the military government's measures aimed at improving the country's economic situation and combating inflation and unemployment, the newspaper NIGERIAN OBSERVER writes.

Workers, teachers, merchants, and various public organizations, the newspaper stresses, welcome the new leadership's steps to revive industrial production and its desire to put an end to speculation and unrestrained price rises and to eliminate the shortage of essential goods. The introduction of measures intended to limit the flow of currency from the country has been announced here. The inhabitants declare their readiness to help the new administration.

The mass media are commenting widely on the statement by the country's new leadership on it intention of pursuing an active, independent foreign policy. Before the previous government came to power, the NEW NIGERIAN newspaper stresses, the republic adhered to a principled stance on the problems of the continent's decolonization, which was the pride of all Nigerians and which upset the plans of Washington, Paris, and London with regard to Africa. But then the foreign policy was reoriented toward the West, the NIGERIAN TRIBUNE notes. The former president adopted pro-Western positions, in particular on the questions of granting independence to Namibia. It is characteristic that the government even kept quiet about the U.S. aggression against Grenada, the newspaper notes.

Confusion and contradictions were characteristic of the foreign policy of the ousted government, the NATIONAL CONCORD newspaper notes. The authorities were unable to elaborate a clear position on the problems of Chad and the Western Sahara. On these and other issues the country subjugated its own interests and those of Africa as a whole to imperialism's policy. In effect, the newspaper writes, Nigeria made political concessions in return for the econonic assistance received.

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ANGOLA'S ROBERTO HOLDEN VISITS U.S. FOR 'WEAPONS'

LD052318 Moscow TASS International Service in Russian 1200 GMT 5 Jan 84

["With Washington's Encouragement and Support" -- TASS headline]

[Text] Moscow, 5 Jan (TASS) -- TASS observer Vasiliy Vasin writes:

Roberto Holden, head of the anti-Angolan terrorist band, has been received in Washington with emphasized hospitality. In the U.S. capital they consider him to be "their man." AS THE NEW YORK TIMES has admitted, for more than two decades Roberto has been receiving monetary rewards from American espionage for "regular services."

Having arrived in Washington, the paid agent of the CIA is not attempting to hide the purposes of his visit. In an interview published in THE WASHINGTON TIMES today he said he had come for "weapons and other material assistance."

Roberto's present visit to the United States has been undertaken at the very moment when South African brass-hats are widening the scale of their aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

On Wednesday the UN Security Council met in urgent session to again discuss this question. The discussion shows again that the racist regime of Pretoria could not behave in such an impudent and provocative way were it not for the fact that it receives support and encouragement from Washington. The United States not only sends arms to the Republic of South Africa, which are used for aggression against Angola. The Reagan administration's "strategic cooperation" with the South African racialists also provides for coordination of subversive activity against the People's Republic of Angola by means of widespread support for reactionary bands.

The world community is deeply indignant over the escalation of aggression against Angola and demands that it immediately be ceased. And at the same time Washington demonstratively parades its close links with the terrorist Roberto. This is yet more evidence of the fact that international terrorism has been elevated by the present Washington administration to the status of the state policy of the United States.

U.S. PROPAGANDA 'BLITZ' HITS CUBANS IN ANGOLA

LD041838 Moscow TASS in English 1654 GMT 4 Jan 84

[Text] Moscow, January 4 TASS -- TASS political news analyst Sergey Kulik writes: With the United Nations Security Council opening a discussion of the South African aggression against Angola today, American propaganda has lauched a blitz to convince public opinion that it is the presence of a Cuban military contingent in Angola rather than Pretoria's aggression that is the initial cause of the explosive situation in southern Africa.

It is common knowledge, however, that the C.I.A.-planned South African aggression against Angola had begun long before first Cuban internationalists appeared on Angolan soil. On October 28, 1975, the racists' regular army, operating out of earlier captured bridgeheads in the Angolan province of Cunene, seized Mossamedes, the main port in southern Angola, and on November 7 it entered the major Angolan industrial centres Lobito and Benguela. On November 9 the enemy was just 26 kilometres away from the capital of Angola.

John Stockwell, who was then the C.I.A.'s chief of operations in Angola, admitted in his book called "In Search of Enemies" that the Pretoria regime and its Washington patrons had hoped to place in power in Luanda a venal neocolonialist regime with Roberto Holden and Jonas Savimbi at the head, to use their terrorist gangs to suppress the SWAPO movement in Namibia, and then to launch a crusade against other patriotic forces in the region. One can imagine the serious consequences which the fulfillment of that ominous plan could have had for all Africa.

It was in those conditions that Angola's first president, Agostinho Neto, asked friendly Cuba in full accordance with the U.N. Charter to help his country to repulse the external aggression. This help was given and was highly appreciated all over the world, including by the OAU and the vast majority of African countries.

Later the program of gradually withdrawing Cuban troops from Angola, which was drawn up, was frustrated again and again by continued acts of aggression against Angola by South

It was emphasized in the joint statement of the foreign ministers of Cuba and Angola of February 5, 1982, which contained an explicit answer to bourgeois propaganda insinuations about hidden motives for the presence of Cuban internationalists in Angola: "The Cuban troops remain in the PRA to help prepare the People's Army for protecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Angola which is being subjected to threats and attacks by racist-ruled South Africa, imperialism, its mercenaries and puppets." In the future, it said, Cuban troops will be withdrawn by a decision of the sovereign Government of the PRA if the threat of any aggression or armed incursion into that country is removed.

The current, large-scale intrusion into Angola by racist-ruled South Africa, which hurled against Angola a 10,000-strong regular army and modern combat equipment received from the United States and other NATO countries, shows that this threat, far from having been removed, has grown even further.

In these conditions the clumsy attempts by American propaganda to pass a consequence for the cause and artificially to "link" the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola with the granting of independence to Namibia are only playing into the hands of the South African aggressors. Responsibility for the racists' bloody crimes in Angola is shared with them by their Washington patrons.

COMPARISON OF STATEMENT ON S. AFRICAN AGGRESSION

Moscow PRAVDA in Russian on 6 January carries on page 4 a "TASS Statement" demanding an end to South African aggression against Angola. The PRAVDA version has been compared with the TASS English version published on page J 1 of the 5 January Soviet Union DAILY REPORT, revealing the following variation:

Second paragraph, antepenultimate line reads in PRAVDA:...are numerous victims among the civilian population... (substituting word)

ANGOLAN, CONGOLESE LEADERS DISCUSS RSA, NAMIBIA

LD281042 Moscow TASS in English 0935 GMT 28 Dec 83

[Text] Luanda December 28 TASS -- Angola is living through a difficult period in its development as South African racists, encouraged by the forces of international imperialism, are widening the scope of their barbarous aggression against it, Jose Eduardo

dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Workers' Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, said in the course of talks with Denis Sassou-Nguesso, chairman of the Central Committee of the Congolese Labour Party and president of the People's Republic of the Congo, who is staying here on an official friendly visit.

The regular South African Army, the Angolan leader said, has intruded into Angola to a depth of more than 200 kilometres. This incuresion by the Pretoria racists, he emphasized, aims to destablize the situation in Angola and force on it the will of the international imperialists. The imperialists and the reacists are also seeking to frustrate the process of decolonizing Namibia.

The question of granting independence to Namibia, Jose Eduardo dos Santos said, should be resolved on the basis of fulfilling the corresponding resolution of the U.N. Security Council. Ensuring independence and freedom to the Namibian people, he said, will facilitate the attainment of peace and calm in the south of the African Continent and will create real prerequisites for eliminating the disgraceful regime of apartheid.

NEW NIGERIAN LEADER HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

LD051908 Moscow TASS in English 1852 GMT 5 Jan 84

[Text] Lagos January 5 TASS -- The Nigerian leadership which came to power on December 31 of last year will concentrate the attention in its foreign policy on African problems, specifically questions of ultimate decolonisation of the continent, said chairman of the Nigerian Supreme Military Council Muhammadu Buhari. Speaking at the first press conference here today, the new head of state said that Nigeria is prepared to observe its international commitments, both bilateral and militateral ones, to continue maintaining with friendly countries the relations based on mutual respect, equality and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

Touching upon the domestic policy of the military leadership, Muhammadu Buhari said that is aimed at restoring economy through the effective use of manpower and material resources so as to improve the life of all Nigerians. He said the Federal Military Government plans to work out the measures to cut government spending and ensure reasonable management of national resources, increase of the production of food, agricultural and petrochemical raw materials. It will try to end Nigeria's orientation at import and will exert the efforts to create the self-reliant economy.

USSR GROUPS CONGRATULATE CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT

PMO51225 Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 4 Jan 84 First Edition p 1

[Text] To Comrade Aristides Maria Pereira, secretary general of the African Independence Party Cape Verde and president of the Republic of Cape Verde Islands:

Dear Comrade Pereira!

We send you cordial congratulations on your 60th birthday.

You are known in the Soviet Union as an eminent African politician and loyal continuer of the cause of Amilcar Cabral.



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Thus, the Cuban leader stressed, as long as Angola is threatened with aggression, Cuba will maintain its military presence there.

Rodriguez said that the African countries, and more recently the international community, through the United Nations, have stressed that the U.S. efforts to compare Cuba's presence in Angola with that of South Africa in Namibia flagrantly contradict international law. They explained that the Cubans are in Angola legally, at the request of the government in Luanda, in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter. Rodriguez said that on the other hand, the South African troops currently in Namibia violate this and other articles of the UN Charter.

He said further that Cuba is willing to examine the possibility of withdrawing its troops from Angola once Namibia is granted full national independence and is freed of the troops that currently occupy it. In this regard, he noted, Cuba fully respects the position of the Angolan Government.

ANGOLAN PRESIDENT SENDS ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

PAO40210 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 4 Jan 84

[Text] Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos sent a congratulatory message to Cuban leader Fidel Castro on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the victory of the Cuban revolution. In his message, Dos Santos points to the victories of the Cuban people in all aspects of national life, as well as to their profound solidarity and international spirit, which have earned them respect and admiration throughout the world.

SOVIET MINISTER OF CULTURE, DELEGATION VISIT

FLO41926 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 4 Jan 84

[Text] Petr Demichev, member of the CPSU Politburo and minister of culture of the USSR, heads a delegation which left the Soviet Union for a visit to Havana. The delegation was invited by the party leadership and the Government of Cuba.

Demichev and those who accompany him will participate in the unveiling ceremony of a monument to Lenin built in the Havana city park that bears his name.

Among the members of the delegation are Valentina Tereshkova, chairman of the Committee of Soviet Women, and Pyatras Grishkyavichus, first secretary of the Communist Party of Lithuania.

Moscow Reports Visit

For Soviet reportage on the visit of Soviet Minister of Culture Petr Demichev to Havana, including his arrival and welcome by Juan Almeida Bosque, member of the Political Bureau of the PCC Central Committee and vice president of the Cuban Council of State, and Armando Hart Davalos, member of the Political Bureau of the PCC Central Committee and Cuban minister of culture, see the Latin America & Caribbean section of the 5 January and subsequent issues of the Soviet Union DAILY REPORT.

VISIT BY SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOUNCED

FLO42004 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1903 GMT 4 Jan 84

[Text] At the invitation of Cuban Foreign Minister Tsidoro Malmierca, Fernando Moran Lopez, minister of foreign affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, will arrive early tomorrow.

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Dos Santos May Accept 30-Day Truce With RSA MB031935 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 4 Jan 84

[Text] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the People's Republic of Angola, admitted on 30 December 1983 the probable establishment of a 30-day period of truce with South Africa as of 31 January this year in the wish to contribute toward a rapid, peaceful, and lasting solution of the Namibian problem. In a letter addressed to Javier Perez de Cuellar, the UN secretary general, the Angolan president set as conditions the need to get the agreement of SWAPO, the withdrawal by the South African Government of its military units from Angolan territory, and the solemn promise on the part of South Africa to initiate the implementation of UN Resolution 435 on Namibia in the following 15 days without conditions alien to its contents.

Recalling the active role played by Angola in the search for peace and stability for southern Africa, Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos reiterated that there is no involvement of Angolan armed forces on Namibian territory and regretted that his policy of peace, which has been reiterated on a number of occasions, is confronted with systematic acts of military aggression by the South African Government.

In his letter the Angolan president called attention to the real intensification of military escalation, rather than a disengagement as announced by the Pretoria authorities on 15 December 1983. He also stressed that the UN Secretary General has been empowered to hold consultations between the belligerent parties, namely SWAPO and South Africa, with a view to attaining a definitive cease-fire in Namibia.

On the same day Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos sent a letter to his counterparts of Mozambique, Nigeria, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, France, the FRG, Great Britain, Canada, Ethiopia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, the OAU, and the Nonaligned Movement, asking them to take the necessary steps with a view to assuring respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola to avoid aggravation of the military situation, the consequences of which could be unforeseeable.

Dos Santos Greets Castro on Cuban Anniversary MB031340 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 3 Jan 84

[Message from Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, to Fidel Castro Ruz, first secretary of the Cuban Communist 2rty and president of the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba on the 25th anniversary of the Cuban revolution —date not given]

[Text] On behalf of the Angolan people, the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola, as well as on my own behalf, I am pleased to express through you our warm and fraternal congratulations to the Cuban people, the Communist Party Central Committee, and the Government of the Republic of Cuba on the occasion of 25th anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban revolution. Since that historic date, the Cuban people have achieved many victories in all fields of national life, and their profound spirit of solidarity and internationalism has attracted great esteem and admiration in the world. Thanks to the enormous sacrifices that it has endured while taking the necessary risks, the Republic of Cuba, wisely led by its experienced party and Comrade Fidei Castro Ruz, has always been on the front line of the struggle for freedom, peace, and social progress for the oppressed and exploited peoples.

The Angolan people and the MPLA-Labor Party have always counted on the militant solidarity of the fraternal people of Cuba and their Communist Party, ever since the inception of their long struggle against Portuguese colonialism and imperialism. On this date of great significance in the history of the Cuban people, the Angolan people and MPLA-Labor Party share in their happiness and festivity, convinced that the links of friendship, solidarity, and cooperation that unite the two peoples will increasingly be strengthened for the sake of progress, peace, and social well-being.

May you, esteemed Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz, accept our best wishes of health and prosperity and of new successes and prosperity for your people.

Highest and fraternal consideration.

[Signed] Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola.

Defense Ministry: RSA Using Chemical Weapons MB032017 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 4 Jan 84

[Communique by the Ministry of Defense issued on 3 January 1984]

[Text] The aggression of the racist South African Army continues against our territory, and it is achieving increasingly greater proportions. In the town of Cuvelai our troops have been fighting the enemy, which at this moment has introduced forces up to a brigade supported by artillery and air forces. In view of the resistance of our troops, the racist invaders have launched bombs with toxic products against our troops and the civilian population, thus shamelessly violating the international agreements which prohibit the use of chemical weapons.

Meanwhile the racist South African troops have been bombarding the town of Caiundo in the Cuando Cubango Province with air forces and artillery.

With this serious escalation of aggression by the racist South African troops, which use chemical weapons against our troops and civilian population, the Ministry of Defense alerts international public opinion to the unforseeable consequences that this can have for peace and security in the region.

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Q 3 Political prisoners went on a hunger strike to demand the dissolution of the military regime's secret police, the National Information Center, which is held responsible for the murder, abduction, and torture of thousands of Chileans.

At present, the military police, using sticks and trained dogs, are again attacking the downtown Santiago street vendor; who, pressed by the extremely serious economic difficulties, are filling the commercial neighborhoods during this time of precarious festivities in order to sell merchandise.

The Association of Merchants of Santiago and the Democratic Alliance [Alianza Democratica] Democratica], an opposition coalition, have protested police repression of the street vendors, dozens of whom have been detained. They have also demanded the dissolution of General Pinochet's secret police.

Despite a ban by the Santiago Intendancy, open meetings were held last week in the communities of San Miguel and (Loerbida). Participants at those meetings included not only the local residents, but also the leaders of the Chilean People's Democratic Movement, a leftist coalition, and of the center-right-wing Democratic Alliance. On that occasion, Democratic Alliance President Ricardo Lagos warned that the path to the reestablishment of democracy in Chile will be obstructed unless an in-depth change is brought about. Democratic Alliance has called numerous demonstrations to demand the prompt reestablishment of a democratic government system. To this end, it also sponsored a dialogue with the military authorities, which turned out to be a complete failure.

The Communist Party of Chile, which is part of the Chilean People's Democratic Movement, has addressed a letter to the Democratic Alliance, stressing that it would be better for the cause of democracy to leave aside the (?Byzantine) discussion between opponents and advocates of the use of violence, in order to advance toward an understanding of all the forces that oppose Pinochet's regime. The letter stresses that to this end it would be advisable to respect the style of struggle of all the opposition forces and to correctly value all those actions that contribute to the development of the mass struggle, to the destabilization of the military regime, and to bringing the end of the dictatorship closer. Most Chileans are demanding Pinochet's immediate removal from office and the establishment of a democratic system of government.

The more the opposition forces coordinate their efforts, the more rapidly the Chilean people's democratic aspirations will be fulfilled.

ANGOLAN DEFENSE MINISTER INTERVIEWED BY BOHEMIA

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["World Event" commentary]

[Text] The use of chemical weapons against the Angolan people by South Africa and by UNITA's counterrevolutionary bands is one of the most condemnable and censurable of the acts which the government of Luanda has denounced to the world.

In an interview with the Cuban magazine BOHEMIA, Angolan Defense Minister Pedro Maria Tonha said that South African racist troops and UNITA are definitely using ammunition that contains chemicals. These substances, Tonha added, cause our men breathing problems in the areas where those weapons are used. They cause not only throat irritation, but also poor vision for a period of time. This has occurred in the Provinces of Cunene and Malange as well as in the zone of (Carlango).

Furthermore he said, UNITA's troops are receiving all types of supplies, from the most fundamental to the most modern, manufactured by the United States and by South Africa. With these provisions they can conduct guerrilla warfare or conventional combat maneuvers.

We have charged that these arms are delivered by parachute to the invading troops in Angolan territory, Tonha indicated.

On the enemy's strategy of occupying part of Cunene Province, Tonha said that it is aimed at destabilizing the People's Republic of Angola and at altering the course of the revolution and of the liberation movements in that part of Africa. This action seeks to destabilize all revolutionary movements in that part of the African Continent. The enemy's strategy is to promote the advance of all those who can serve their interests, so that later they can promote disorder in Angolan communities. The enemy is trying to consolidate the position of those who later will be used to attack national interests, and at the same time it is trying to find a way to destroy the peoples' struggle in Namibia and in South Africa.

The Angolan defense minister, whose nom de guerre during the national liberation was Telale, told BOHEMIA during the interview that in relation to actions against the counterrevolutionary bands and their bosses, Angola has charged that the country is living in a state of undeclared war. Tonha said: First we should mention South Africa's aggression. South Africa has invaded our country for the second time. The first aggression was immediately after we gained our independence on 11 December 1975. The aggression continues with the occupation of a portion of Angolan territory in Cuene District. This has permitted the puppet bands, mainly UNITA, to carry out their actions according to the strategy outlined by the South African fascists and the U.S. Government.

The Angolan defense minister mentioned sabotage and attacks on economic centers, energy centers, bridges, highways and railroads in the Provinces of Benguela, Mocamedes and Malange. All these actions, Tonha pointed out, are part of the strategy of imperialism. He added that a great offensive is currently in progress against the enemy's positions, mainly in Angola's central and southern districts. For this reason, the counterrevolutionary bands are having difficulty in carrying out their plans despite massive South African and U.S. support. The territory of Namibia, illegally occupied by South Africans, is used as a corridor.

Finally, Tonha said that Angola's youth has enthusiastically enlisted for military service and that there are more volunteering to defend the country than are legally required to report for military service.