

State Department Corroborates

Rocky-Allied Engelhard Behind Angola Massacre

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Aug. 8 (IPS)—The U.S. State Department has corroborated ICLC and Soviet charges that Rockefeller-dominated multinational corporations and Rockefeller-allied interests in South Africa are directly aiding the CIA's attempt to destroy the economy and population of the Portuguese colony of Angola. Confirming that Gulf Oil, which exploits Angola's oil reserves, "is backing from Zaire" units of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA)—the Chinese-armed gang now rampaging through the colony—the State Department specialist also deeply implicated several large South African corporations including the Rockefeller-allied Engelhard Industries in the attempted massacre.

At last reports, "groups of bandits terrorize, plunder and murder whole sections of the countryside," according to today's West German daily *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*. The report confirms that the FNLA invasion force — made up mostly of Zairean Army personnel led by European mercenaries — has broken down chaotically into smaller units and is carrying out the RAND Corporation scenario of randomly destroying lives and the Angolan economy.

The aim of the invasion is to obliterate the country — and massacre the pro-Soviet Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) — leaving only depopulated rubble as a RAND lesson to Africa's working class. The only areas that are being preserved at

this time are the rich petroleum reserves in the Cabinda district and the strategic Benguela railroad which transports a better part of the world's copper supplies.

The armed gang which has been holding the Benguela railroad area for the CIA, the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (UNITA), has been forced to drop its years-long "neutralist" position on the fight between the MPLA and the FNLA and has joined the FNLA in its rampage.

Gulf Support

"Gulf Oil is backing the FNLA from Zaire, of course," a State Department Africa specialist told IPS yesterday. A source at the Export-Import Bank corroborated that "Gulf Oil is supporting the FNLA and the FLEC (the Front for the Liberation of Cabinda, a Zaire and Chinese-backed, ethnic subdivision of the FNLA).

The State Department source also corroborated IPS evidence that American Metals Climax, Engelhard Industries and the Anglo-American Mining Corporation — all large South African interests — have the same role as Gulf's: "Yeah, they all cooperate with (Zairean President) Mobutu (on this)... you can lump them all together."

Engelhard has been a conduit of Rockefeller policy in Africa for several years. Charles Engelhard served as an intelligence advisor to the U.S. government before his death in the early 1970s. He has been amply replaced by his wife, who served under Nelson Rocke-

feller as a member of the Murphy Commission to reorganize the Federal bureaucracy to fit a Rockefeller dictatorship. Anglo-American had Engelhard as a board member and the family still holds substantial Anglo-American stock.

The source also indicated that First National Bank, Bankers' Trust, Mobil Oil and Texaco "might like to comment, being heavily involved in the area."

While no African government has yet answered the ICLC's call for an immediate investigation of the Rockefeller and Rockefeller-allied South African complicity in the genocide, two African states have begun mobilizing support for the beleaguered MPLA. The People's Republic of the Congo this week launched "an appeal to all progressive forces in Africa and the world to draw attention to the ties between the puppet agent movements in Angola and their masters," according to the Algerian daily *El Moudjahid*. The new military government of Nigeria has denounced the Cabinda secession movement, FLEC, demanding that it cease its activity immediately, recalling for the public the enormous damage done by the attempted Biafran secession from Nigeria. The influential *Daily Times* of Nigeria has also accused Zaire of encouraging war in Angola.

These attacks complement those of Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique, which recognize only the MPLA as the legitimate political leadership in Angola.