

N'DONGO CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTION IN ANGOLA

Sept. 1 (IPS)—The International Caucus of the Labor Committees received the following communication today from Mr. Sally N'Dongo, President of the General Union of Senegalese Workers and MPLA representative pro tem in France. The ICLC has been collaborating with Mr. N'Dongo and the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola internationally to mobilize political pressure against attempts by the United States, France, and South Africa to crush the Angolan revolution.

Call of Mr. Sally N'Dongo, President of the General Union of Senegalese Workers in France to the International Caucus of Labor Committees:

Since March 1975, a wave of violence has been unleashed on Angola. These grave troubles have provoked the deaths of several thousands of persons among the civilian population. It has comprised the process started by the Alvor Accords and confirmed by the Nakuru accords which foresaw the organization of general elections and which theoretically started from the proclamation of independence of November 1975.

During the national liberation struggle, three organizations were made the spokesmen of the Angolan population:

*The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, (MPLA), headed by Agostino Neto,

*The National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), headed by Holden Roberto, and

*The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), headed by Jonas Saviabi.

Of these three organizations the MPLA is the only one which, in the

struggle has refused racism and tribalism; the only one which has shown itself capable of defining a coherent political program for the entirety of Angola. It is for this reason that the MPLA had been recognized before April 25, 1974, as the exclusive partner by all the liberation movements and the great majority of African states.

After the change of regime in Lisbon April 25, 1974 and the unleashing of the process of decolonisation in Portuguese Africa, the multinational firms, the Western powers — principally the United States, France, and the reactionary regimes of the region — concerned with safeguarding and consolidating their interests, have multiplied their maneuvers to deprive the Angolan people of the riches which belong to them. If their initiatives received a favorable welcome from the FNLA and UNITA, they met with the radical opposition of the MPLA. This is why, resolved to bar the road to the MPLA, they have multiplied their maneuvers of division and diversion.

Therefore the card of the FLEC (Liberation Front for the Cabinda Enclave) has been played to provoke the secession of this enclave, which is highly valued because of the richness of its mineral deposits.

Today Angola is mired in a murderous civil war which can only profit the adversaries of the African Peoples and particularly the leaders of the "whitepower" of Southern Africa.

The United Nations, threats of partition and attempts at intervention strangely recall the process in Zaire 14

years ago, where after the assassination of Patrice Lumumba, Gen. Mobutu installed a dictatorial government in the service of Western interests in this strategic zone of Africa.

What is important now is not the pretense of external support for the MPLA, but the fact that this movement today represents the only organized force in Angola which is against the imperialist offensive, orchestrated above all by the United States.

The meetings held between M. Claude Pierre Brossolette, active in the name of the French government, and Jonas Saviabi and Roberto Holden, with whom he held long discussions on April 14 and during the months of May and June, confirm that the French state is not uninvolved in what is taking place in Angola today.

We make a solemn appeal to all governments, to all political parties, all trade unions, progressive socio-cultural organizations working in the interests of their peoples, to demonstrate their total solidarity with the MPLA, the only organization recognized by all progressive Africans and which defends the interests of the African peoples. In particular, we call on the black community and the peace organizations of the United States and the communist, socialist, and social-democratic parties, as well as trade-union organizations in Europe to mobilize their support for the MPLA.

This call asks not only for political support through information campaigns, but also for material aid, which the Angolan people greatly need.