GULF HELPS PORTUGAL KILL AFRICANS

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WHAT DOES GULF HAVE TO DO WITH AFRICA?

Three African countries -- Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau -- are still being held by Portugal. Gulf Oil Corporation helps Portugal maintain colonialism with its Gulf Holdings in Angola. For more than 10 years the fifteen million people of these three countries have been fighting for their independence and freedom. Portugal has 170,000 troops fighting against the Africans.

Gulf provides Angolan oil for Portuguese tanks and planes which then fire on Angolan people. Gulf, the largest US investor in Angola, paid Portugal $61 million in 1972 taxes and royalties.

WHY IS GULF HELPING PORTUGAL TO STAY IN AFRICA?

Gulf's main concern is to make money. In order to stay ahead in competition with other oil corporations, Gulf continually seeks new areas to exploit. In 1954 Portugal gave Gulf the exclusive right to exploit Angolan oil. Therefore, Gulf wants Portugal to remain in power in this African country to safeguard its own profits.

HOW DOES GULF SUPPORT COLONIALISM TODAY?

Gulf supports colonialism in four ways:
1. IN REVENUE: 13% of the colonial and 60% of the defense budgets for Angola come just from Gulf royalties. When Portugal faced severe financial difficulties in 1968 due to the growing costs of its colonial war, Gulf paid its royalties in advance easing Portugal's financial crisis.
2. IN STRATEGIC WAR MATERIALS: Gulf has signed an agreement with Portugal to turn over all the oil produced if needed for the war.
3. IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE: Portugal saves on paying foreign currency for importing oil from elsewhere. In addition, Gulf's payments to Portugal are made in foreign currency which Portugal needs to pay to import other war material.
4. IN DEFENSE: Gulf has contracted military barracks and pays the Portuguese army to defend Gulf property. Gulf has a vested interest in colonialism.

GULF CAN DO WITHOUT ANGOLA
BUT ISN'T GULF CONCERNED ABOUT AFRICANS?

Yes, in that it is concerned about keeping Angolan development out of the hands of Africans, so that it can continue to exploit African resources for corporate profit.

Africans don't benefit from Gulf's investment: only 92 jobs exist for Africans in Gulf - Angola. The large royalties which Portugal receives do not go for development, nor for education or social welfare, but for the Portuguese war.

HOW CAN GULF AFFORD TO PAY SO MUCH TO PORTUGAL?

We've heard alot about the "energy crisis" and how we're running out of oil. That's supposed to be the reason we're paying such a high price for gas now and why some of us might be cold this winter. But the oil companies aren't suffering.

Gulf, the fourth largest oil company in the world, increased its profits an unprecedented 90% in the first quarter of this year over last year. (The other oil companies claimed a 16-60% increase.) In 1969, Gulf paid only 0.4% of its net income in federal income taxes. That same year a family of four earning $7000 would have paid 9% of their income in taxes.

Gulf is making money from the energy crisis by forcing the relaxation of environmental controls, by eliminating competition from the small independent firms, and by raising prices to an all time high. That money is used to pay Portugal for the privilege of robbing the Angolan people of their own natural resources.

AND WE CAN DO WITHOUT GULF
WHAT IS BEING DONE TO STOP GULF’S OPERATIONS IN AFRICA?

Gulf has already been condemned for its role in supporting Portuguese colonialism. The Dutch government has boycotted all Gulf oil imports from Angola. The United Nations has called for an end to all foreign investment which strengthens Portuguese colonial rule. In the United States, the city council of Dayton, Ohio rejected a low Gulf bid on a city contract because of Gulf’s minority hiring record and its role in Africa. These are but a few of the examples where public pressure has been put on Gulf to withdraw from Africa.

LET’S KEEP GULF FROM FINANCING PORTUGAL’S WAR

We can:
1. Boycott all GULF stations
2. Return GULF credit cards to the company
3. Inform others about the GULF boycott, Portuguese colonialism, and how GULF is profiting from the energy crisis.

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