RHODESIA GETS U.S. GUERRILLA-KILLER

The Los Angeles Times reported 2/28/77 that the white minority regime in S. Rhodesia had received four U.S. OV-10 Bronco aircraft through "roundabout channels" for use in their war against black nationalists. ANY SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO THE MINORITY WHITE GOVERNMENT IS A VIOLATION OF SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE U.N. IN 1966 AND SUPPORTED BY THE U.S.

The OV-10: A light counterinsurgency aircraft developed for Vietnam and other guerrilla wars. It can drop 2,400 pounds of bombs and can carry machine guns, rockets, and infrared sensors for night duty. First tested in a "combat evaluation" in Vietnam in 1967, Rockwell International's OV-10 has been sold to Germany, Thailand, Indonesia, Venezuela, and the U.S. Marines.

"It sort of makes you feel like a big, bare eyeball, relentlessly searching for that telltale sign"--U.S. Air Force pilot describing the experience of searching for Viet Cong in an OV-10 (Air Force magazine, 4/73)

How it will be used: As the white 4 per cent of the Rhodesian population tries to hold off the black 96 per cent calling for self-determination and economic justice, the fighting is becoming increasingly bitter. Short on manpower, the white regime is recruiting mercenaries and importing sophisticated weaponry.

The OV-10 will be used to spot gandangas (guerrillas) and direct artillery or aircraft fire on to their positions. It can be used to patrol the countryside at night and shoot down any human being found there. Under a decree issued August 22, 1976, "IF YOU MOVE OUTSIDE YOUR KRAAL AT NIGHT OR BEFORE NOON YOU WILL BE THOUGHT TO BE A GANDANGA AND SHOT."

"People have two motor cars, servants, swimming pools, a nice house. The cost of living is cheap. Look how pleasant life is here for the white people."--Former Rhodesian Prime Minister Roy Welensky 6/29/76 explaining what the fighting in Southern Rhodesia is all about

What you can do: Write your U.S. Senator or Representative and ask for a full-scale investigation of the means by which the OV-10's were sent to Southern Rhodesia. Enclose a copy of this leaflet.

"We could not sell these planes to Rhodesia without a U.S. government permit."--Rockwell International official quoted in the International Bulletin, 3/14/77

Write Robert Anderson, President, Rockwell International (600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219) to let him know your views on the OV-10 sale.

Help us work in favor of self-determination and majority rule in Southern Rhodesia/Zimbabwe. For more information, literature list, films, a slide show contact: Peace Education Program Resources, AFSC, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. A revised edition of AFSC's Action Guide on South Africa is now available ($1.00).

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