AMILCAR CABRAL

born: 1920

assassinated: Jan. 20, 1973

We must practice revolutionary democracy in every aspect of our Party life. Every responsible member must have the courage of his responsibilities, exacting from others a proper respect for his work and properly respecting the work of others. Hide nothing from the masses of our people. Tell no lies. Expose lies whenever they are told. Mask no difficulties, mistakes, failures. Claim no easy victories....
Amilcar Cabral, founder of the Partido Africano da Indepencia da Guine e Cabo Verde (PAIGC) was assassinated on January 20, by agents of the Portuguese colonialist regime; Aristide Pereira, aide to Cabral, and several assistants were kidnapped and tortured as well. From 1952-1954 Cabral travelled throughout Guiné as an agricultural agent, gaining extensive knowledge of the ethnic and national groups of his country, which led to the founding of a clandestine political organization in 1959. Massive demonstrations and strikes were organized, Portuguese repression of this activity quickly increased, culminating in a massacre of fifty Bissau dock workers and merchant seamen in August 1959. Following this, the movement decided to work in the countryside in preparation for armed struggle against the Portuguese. Cabral applied revolutionary theory to the particular situation in Guiné, as he expressed it, "that is what struggle means, turning weakness into strength."

The Portuguese have responded to this war of national liberation with the massive and lethal technology of modern warfare, supplied by the U.S. and its agent, NATO. As Cabral put it, "NATO is concrete countries, concrete governments and states. NATO is the USA. We have captured in our country many US weapons. NATO is the Federal Republic of Germany...." The imperialist governments of Portugal and America realize that a victory for the people of Guiné means a step closer to the liberation of Portuguese Mozambique, of Angola, and of South Africa and Rhodesia.

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MEMORIAL ROOM, WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL

THURSDAY 5PM

A film about the struggle in Guiné-Bissau will be presented, as well as speakers,
Tello Nkhereanye, an associate of Cabral (Hobart College)
Gerard Chaliand, author of Armed Struggle in Africa and The Peasants of North Vietnam
(Chaliand will also be speaking on liberation struggles in Africa and Asia at 8:15 in the auditorium of Uris Hall.

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