GUINEA - UNDER N.A.T.O. BOMBS
"Africa is more than an area to be exploited. Africa is for us a morally just cause and our 'raison d'etre' as a state. Without Africa we would be a small nation; with Africa we are a big power."

(from a speech of 8-4-70 by Portuguese dictator, Caetano)

There are three Portuguese colonies in mainland Africa: Mozambique, Angola, and "Portuguese" Guinea (Guinea-Bissau). Each is waging a war of national liberation against Western Europe's most anachronistic and impoverished country. Portugal has usurped and misdirected the human and natural resources of its colonies in the interests of its own ruling class. The wealth extracted has served not the colonized but the colonizers, the state-subsidized Portuguese domestic monopolies and their financial backers, and the foreign multinational monopolies as well.

The colony in which the struggle has made the most progress is Guinea. Under the leadership of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC), the vast majority of the 800,000 Africans (as compared with 3,000 Portuguese settlers) actively support the Revolution. About 2/3 of the countryside has been liberated from the colonialists since the beginning of armed resistance in 1963.

UNDER THE YOKE - "PORTUGUESE" GUINEA

The recourse to war is a response to the more than 500 years of Portuguese domination. The conquest of this small West African colony began in an effort to secure from that part of Africa what eventually amounted to over 2 million slaves for use on the sugar plantations of another Portuguese colony, Brazil. Since the abolition of slavery Guinea, along with the other Portuguese colonies, has served Portugal in other ways: as a source of cheap raw materials, as a preferential market for Portuguese manufactures, and as a source of foreign exchange earnings from primary product exports.

What have been the benefits of the Portuguese occupation for the inhabitants of Guinea?

1) an illiteracy rate of 99%
2) one doctor per 100,000 Africans
3) 99.5% of Africans without political or civil rights
4) forced cultivation of rice and peanuts for export, in spite of recurrent famine
5) labor conscription
6) heavy taxation
PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM FACES DEFEAT!

THE PROMISE OF INDEPENDENT GUINEA-BISSAU

In the liberated zones, in addition to eliminating the exploitive colonial economic system, the PAIGC is creating effective political and social developmental institutions and programs. In the midst of war and handicapped by lack of resources the Party has:

1) increased the number of students from 2,000 to 16,000 and the quantity of schools from 56 to 160.
2) trained over 300 para-medical personnel abroad and created 30 to 40 rural clinics.
3) organized democratically-elected village committees and village courts.
4) incorporated sexual equality into its institutions.
5) created village consumer cooperatives.
6) eliminated oppressive colonial taxes and forced labor.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Recently a United Nations fact-finding mission was sent into the liberated area of Guinea. Its conclusions were that the PAIGC should be recognized as the legitimate and sole representative of the people of Guinea-Bissau, that the liberation struggle should be aided materially by the U. N. agencies and member states, and that Portugal's continued repression and colonial war should be censured.

Currently Portugal has an armed force of 170,000 in the three colonies - 40,000 fighting in Guinea. 40% of the national budget is allocated to the military. The only way this nation of 9 million has been able to sustain such an effort has been through the support of its allies - the NATO countries, South Africa, and Rhodesia. The "arsenal of imperialism", the United States, furnishes much of the weaponry (despite official denials), some counter-insurgency training for Portuguese officers, and substantial financial aid. Only this year the administration signed a new agreement for over $400 million in aid to Portugal.

Guinea-Bissau is a small country. But it serves as an outpost of white domination and western control in Africa. Together with Portugal's Azores Islands, Guinea-Bissau (with the Cape Verde Islands) provides a strategic base for NATO's dominance of the Atlantic Ocean. The white powers of Africa see it as the first domino that must not be allowed to fall. Liberation in Guinea-Bissau is thus a significant step for liberation of the African continent as a whole, and for the rest of the world as well.
WHAT CAN WE DO?

In addition to assistance from African and Socialist countries, international material support has come from the ruling Social Democratic party of Sweden, the Labor Party of England, and support groups in other countries around the world. We hope to raise $2,000 to be sent to the PAIGC headquarters in Conakry, Republic of Guinea. This money is to be used for educational and medical needs in the liberated areas. Bombed schools must be rebuilt. Napalm burns need to be treated.

1) Send contributions to:
   Madison Area Committee on Southern Africa (MACSA)
   731 State Street
   Madison 53703

2) Plan to attend the films and benefit dance in October.
   Dates and locations to be announced.

3) Help canvass for donations.

4) Buy the literature available from MACSA. Inform yourselves and let other people know what is going on in Guinea.

5) Demand that U.S. aid to Portugal be stopped.

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