NEWS IN BRIEF

FEBRUARY 4: DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA

Nine years ago, on February 4, 1961, African nationalists in Luanda, the capital of Angola, launched an attack on the main political prison, intending to free a number of their leaders who had been arrested. The attack failed in its intent, and was followed by savage and indiscriminate Portuguese reprisals against Africans in the slums. But it marked the beginning of armed struggle against white rule in Southern Africa.

The fighting is still going on in Angola, and now in Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Zimbabwe, and Namibia as well. Portugal, still fighting to deny independence to its African colonies, is a member of NATO. Its ability to continue the war has been substantially enhanced by the recent discovery of oil in Angola by Gulf Oil Company, which will shortly put Angola among the top 20 oil-producing countries. Proceeds to the Portuguese government in 1969 are estimated at $20 million, equivalent to approximately half the military for the province of Angola.

We condemn the support our government and businesses continue to give Portuguese colonialism, and express our solidarity with the people of Angola in their struggle.

ZAMBIAN PERMANENT SECRETARY VISITS MADISON

Mr. E.G. Kasonde, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Development of Zambia, is in Madison for six months, studying at the University. Mr. Kasonde is interested in meeting people who are concerned with Southern Africa, and he hopes to have opportunities to speak, depending, of course, on the time his busy schedule will allow.

PART-TIME SECRETARY IN MACSA OFFICE

Anne Crane will be working six to seven hours per week in the MACSA office at the Y.W.C.A., 306 N. Brooks Street, (phone: 257-2534). She will be there
regularly on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and she can also be contacted at night after 6:00 at 255-2484.

LITERATURE AVAILABLE FROM MACSA

We have already, or have on order, a number of different pamphlets and leaflets on Southern Africa and American involvement, from the American Committee on Africa, Anti-Apartheid Movement (England), Africa Research Group, Liberation Support Movement, the United Nations Committee on Apartheid and Colonialism, and the Southern African liberation movements themselves.

Selections from what we have on hand will be on sale regularly at a table in the U.W. Student Union (in February, every Tuesday), or at other times from Ruth Minter or Anne Crane at the University Y.W.C.A. Members should look over this literature and see what they can use for themselves, or when speaking to other groups.

MACSA OF THE MOVE

The Schools and Public Information subcommittees have merged and met twice during January. A series of newspaper articles and radio talk show appearances have been arranged, particularly for March. The film "Come Back Africa" was shown at a high school and a junior high school. Rich Siewalt is chairing this committee temporarily (his phone: 256-7324). The next meeting of this subcommittee will be on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the University Y.W.C.A. All interested particularly in getting information into the community are invited to attend.

Christmas vacation and exams have limited the activities of the Research and University committees. Some of the initial results of work on Wisconsin companies involved in Southern Africa appears in this newsletter. The University Committee arranged in January for the first time a table in the Student Union, where literature was sold. The convenors of these committees are George Lowe (251-1909) and Bob Newberry (262-2620).

The Religious Groups Committee has continued its program of speaking, and is working up a slide show on Southern Africa. They are especially in need of slides on Angola and Mozambique. If anyone knows where such can be obtained, please notify Wandile Kuse (256-2940), who is the Committee's convenor.

The Executive Committee, for its last two meetings, has been discussing long-term objectives and the plans for this spring. Two working papers have been presented for discussion. A summary of one of the papers, concentrating particularly on the spring, appears below. The discussion will continue at the general meeting on February 15, at 4 p.m., at U.Y.W.C.A.

Summary: We must face the fact that for now Southern Africa is not the number one issue for many people here; the Vietnam War or the domestic situation take priority. Nor can we expect the Nixon Administration's policies to change, except perhaps for the worse. The immediate goals therefore are to build a constituency of people conscious of Southern Africa, and to raise money for direct aid to Defense and Aid programs and to the liberation movements. The importance of these actions now rests on the assumption that the struggle in Southern Africa is going to continue and escalate. The impact of broader action later against U.S. involvement will depend largely on how well people are made aware now of what is happening.

There are three main foci of political consciousness on Southern Africa: people need to realize (1) the situation of oppression there, (2) the struggle in which the liberation movements are already engaged, and (3) the reactionary character of American economic, political, and military involvement in Southern Africa. Two continuing programs for us to get going are: literature distribution, and speakers, films, etc. Other more specific ideas that have been proposed for the spring include: (1) visits by liberation move-
ment spokesman, (2) a fundraising con-
cert, (3) attack on American economic
involvement, exposing Wisconsin compa-
"nies (the Research Committee is already
working on this). How much of this we
are able to do depends on how much time
members of the Committee are willing to
contribute.

If anyone is interested in working
directly with one of the four MCMA
subcommittees (Research, Public Informa-
tion, Religious Groups, and University)
or helping in other ways, such as speak-
ing, preparing the newsletter, handing
out leaflets, demonstrating, etc., please
contact Anne Crane immediately.

GENERAL MEETING IN TWO WEEKS

There will be a general meeting of
everyone who receives this newsletter
on February 15, at 4 P.M., at the Uni-
versity Y.W.C.A.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

There are in Madison many people
who have lived and/or travelled in
Southern Africa and are willing to speak
on a number of different topics relating
to that area. People who would like
to invite speakers to schools, churches,
clubs, dormitories, or other groups,
should contact Anne Crane or Ruth Minter
at the Y.W. office (257-2534). Also,
if anyone would be interested in speaking
and has not yet indicated so, please let
us know, and we will add your name to
our speakers list.

Topics for which speakers are avail-
able are listed below. We are in the
process of compiling a more complete
list of topics, along with information
on the people who are willing to speak.
This information will be sent out to
various organizations as soon as possible.

(1) The Realities of Oppression in
Southern Africa
(2) History of European Imperialism in
Southern Africa
(3) U.S. Economic and Military Involv-
ment in Southern Africa
(4) Current Politics in Southern Africa
(5) The Struggle of the Libration
Movements in Southern Africa
(6) The Role of the Church in Sou-
thern Africa.

The preliminary report on the involve-
ment of Wisconsin companies in Sou-
thern Africa was not ready at press
time, so it will be sent in a separate
mailing next week.

LONELY

It gets awfully lonely,
lonely;
like screaming,
screaming lonely;
screaming down dream alley,
screaming of blues, like none can hear;
but you hear me clear and loud;
echoing loud;
like it's for you I scream.

I talk to myself when I write,
shout and scream to myself,
then to myself
scream and shout;
screaming a prayer,
screaming noises,
knowing this way I tell
the world about still lives;
even maybe
just to scream and shout.

is it I lack the musician's contact
direct?
or, is it true, the writer
creates
(except the trinity with God, the ma-
chine and ho)
incestuous silhouettes
to each other scream and shout,
to mo shout and scream
pry and mate;
inbred deformities of loneliness.

Blake Kodisane
South Africa