Another Vietnam in Africa?

Southern Africa is already Vietnam

"Southern Africa will not be the next Vietnam; it already is Vietnam. For nearly a decade a war has gone on. It is largely invisible to the people in the U.S. But it is not invisible to the people of Angola, Guinea Bissau, and Mozambique. Aerial bombardments, including the use of napalm, terrorist assaults against the populations of liberated areas, re-groupment of population in the occupied zones in strategic hamlets, provocation and aggressive acts against areas in neighboring countries, arbitrary arrests and detention, the use of helicopters, etc. This is Vietnam. This is also the 20th century. Human suffering mounts as people are maimed, brutalized, and killed. The war is not invisible to Portugal. She now stations between 130,000 and 150,000 troops in Africa. She seeks foreign capital to bolster her economy. U.S. companies, most notably Gulf Oil Corp., have made sizeable investments in Angola, and their monetary payments to the Portuguese government significantly assist the Portuguese in their colonial wars." (Senate Foreign Relations Hearings, Feb. 1, 2, 3, 1972, p. 97.)

Nixon Administration Allied itself with Oppressive Colonial Regime

"The Nixon Administration continued its increasingly open sympathy for the minority regimes of southern Africa by rescuing Portugal from financial crisis with $435 M in grants, loans, and credits in return for continued use of the Azores base. The Azores pact simply formalizes and strengthens the continuing objective U.S. support of Portuguese colonial rule, all pretences to the contrary having been dropped." (The Status of the Liberation Struggle in Africa, American Comm. on Africa, June 1, 1972.)

Azores Treaty a Result of Oil Interests?

"NATO's newest command IBERLANT designed to control the area lying between Gibraltar in the east and the Azores in the west and covering the whole of the Iberian peninsula from the Bay of Biscay to the Tropic of Cancer, was installed in Lisbon at the end of 1971. It is claimed that the Azores in the mid-Atlantic and the fact that Portugal itself lies at the centre of an area where over 400 ships, carrying most of Northern Europe's oil supplies, pass every day, are the factors which explain the attention paid to Portugal by its Western allies." (Anti-Apartheid News (U.K.), Apr. 1972, as reported in Facts and Reports, April 15, 1972.)

Foreign Policy Dictated by Oil Companies

"The State Department has often taken its politics right out of the executive suites of the oil companies. When big oil can't get what it wants in foreign countries the State Department tries to get it for them. In many countries the American Embassies function virtually as branch offices for the American oil combine." (Jack Anderson, quoted in Michael Tenser, The Political Economy of International Oil and the Underdeveloped Countries, Beacon Press, Boston, 1969, p. 53.)

Oil Companies Want American Victory in Vietnam

"Oil has been discovered off the shore of South Vietnam, and Gulf is one of the companies most visibly interested in exploiting it. It is certain that the Defense Department, which needs the support of a large domestic interest like the oil industry with the oil companies, are eager to exploit Vietnam's offshore fields. And there is no way they can do so without prolonging the U.S. commitment in IndoChina." (A Study in Exploitation, Committee of Returned Volunteers, April 1971, p. 8.)
U.S. OIL INTEREST WILL CAUSE NEW VIETNAMS

"It is clear that U.S. economic connections with Angola, Mozambique, and Portugal itself are rapidly becoming more dense and complex. When this happens the colonial power is strengthened immediately. It gains not only new finances to fight its wars, but also the increasing assurance that once American economic interests are at stake, the U.S. will stand firmly on the side of stability and the government in power against the growing attacks of the liberation movements. New Vietnams are being built in Africa today." (Africa Today, July-August 1970, p. 18.)

GULF OIL HAS 75% OF ALL AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN ANGOLA


GULF OIL WILL PAY $55,000,000 TO PORTUGAL IN 1973

"Increased production and the modified OPEC pricing system are expected to push Gulf's tax and royalty payments to a 1972 level of about $45 million. And since dynamic elements in the payments mechanism are rising, it is possible to forecast an average annual increase in payments over the next several years of $10 million or more." (Stephen B. Farber Report, Harvard University Gazette, October 6, 1972.)

GULF OIL IS CONTROLLED BY THE RICHEST FAMILY IN THE U.S.—THE MELLON FAMILY

"Out of the family bank came control of Gulf Oil, Alcoa, and the rest, and the richest family in the land...the Mellon Family's (Pittsburgh) aggregate of fortunes must be at least $3,000,000,000, and it could be much more, considering that a good deal is certainly out of sight...the $3,000,000,000 tip of the iceberg." And Fortune stated that its estimate was on the conservative side! ( Fortune, October 1967, "The Mellons of Pittsburgh.")

GULF OIL BELONGS TO AMERICA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL LOBBY—THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE

"The directors of the American Petroleum Institute contributed $461,639 to the 1968 national campaigns—$439,000 to the Republicans. The API with its estimated $10,000,000 annual budget is most effective. In response to API influence President Nixon pledged during the 1968 campaign to defend the oil depletion allowance. After taking office Nixon announced that all oil policy would be made from the White House rather than the Interior Dept." (Herbert E. Alexander, Financing the 1968 Campaign; and Los Angeles Times, January 1, 1971.)

THE MELLON FAMILY GAVE OVER $1 MILLION TO THE NIXON SECRET CAMPAIGN FUNDS

According to the New York Times the Mellon family gave $1 million of the secret $10 million Nixon campaign funds. The Mellons have been loyal Republicans. During the last six presidential campaigns only 10 contributors have given over $10,000 each campaign to the Republicans—three of them were Mellons. (Resource: Herbert E. Alexander, Financing the 1968 Campaign.)

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