End U.S. complicity with Portuguese colonialism!

Total Independence for Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde! Support MPLA, FRELIMO and PAIGC!

JULY 4, 1776 - The "American Revolution" began with the Declaration of Independence. But to achieve that independence, the people had to take up guns against overseas colonial rulers.

TODAY, 1974 - The African people of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde are fighting with guns to likewise secure their independence from foreign rulers - Portugal, backed up by England, West Germany, and the USA. For over a decade the PAICCG (African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde), MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola), and FRELIMO (Mozambique Liberation Front) have been leading the struggle to secure the sacred and inalienable rights of their people.

- Their successes on the military front and in reconstructing a new society in the liberated areas has led to international recognition of their just cause.

- Their successes helped create the economic and military crisis within Portugal which led to the recent coup d'etat of April 25, 1974.

- Their successes have forced the new Portuguese government to seek negotiations with the liberation movements.

The three movements are united in their position:

THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES OF MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, GUINEA BISSAU, CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, AND OTHER COLONIES IS INALIENABLE AND NON-NEGOTIABLE.
In Guinea-Bissau: On September 24, 1973, the Popular Assembly proclaimed the independence of Guinea-Bissau. PAIGC firmly controls two-thirds of the territory. The new government is operating in the liberated areas with schools, hospitals, peoples' stores, and agricultural projects. Already 84 nations have recognized the new Republic.

Portugal and its ally the USA have refused to recognize the independence of Guinea-Bissau. Portugal continues to illegally occupy a few towns and the Cape Verde Islands. Attacks against the people, with NATO-supplied weapons, are continuing everyday. PAIGC has recently repelled Portuguese attacks from the air and sea.

In Angola and Mozambique: The liberation movements are likewise succeeding in their struggle. In Angola, the MPLA controls one-third of the country, and is setting up a new life for the people. The Portuguese war machine is aided by another enemy of the Angolan people - GULF OIL CORPORATION. Gulf contributed $20,000,000 annually to Portugal's budget from its exploitation in Cabinda province.

FRELIMO in Mozambique controls one-third of the territory, where over one million Mozambicans are for the first time in 500 years enjoying schools, health care, and the right to work their own land. FRELIMO is pushing further south, and recently attacked Portuguese rail links between two key cities, Beira and Lorenzo Marques. The huge Cahora Bassa Dam, financed by South African, Western European and U.S. capital, has been a frequent target of FRELIMO attack.

In Portugal: While "democratic reforms" are promised to the Portuguese people, General Spinola's new government still refuses to recognize the right to total independence in the African "colonies". Spinola himself has a long Fascist record (he fought with Franco in Spain; was trained by Hitler in Germany; and engineered the assassination of Amilcar Cabral, PAIGC leader).

Foreign economic interests in Portugal, especially England, West Germany, and the USA, are urging a "go-slow" attitude towards domestic reforms and in dealing with the African colonies. They are interested in a solution which will enable foreign corporations to continue reaping large profits from their investments in Portugal and in the colonies. The USA continues to supply Portugal with arms and military training, including Vietnam-type tactics of napalm, herbicides, massacres, strategic hamlets, and political assassinations. Right now the USA government is in process of re-negotiating the Azores Agreement, which will give Portugal more aid.

Portuguese workers are daily engaging in massive strikes, demanding better wages and an immediate end to the colonial wars in Africa. They see their poverty as directly linked with the colonial wars.

WE CALL FOR:
- An all-out Boycott of Gulf Oil
- An end to the Azores Agreement
- An end to U.S. military support of Portugal
- Immediate recognition of the independence of Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau, under the leadership of MPLA, FRELIMO & PAIGC.

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