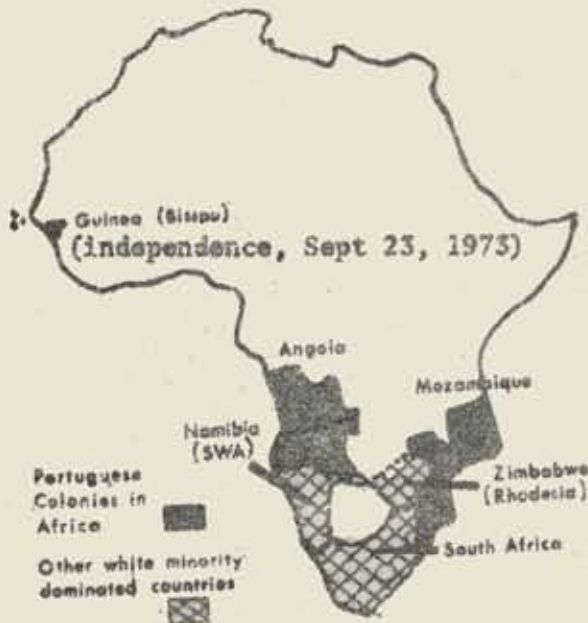


CELEBRATE THE PEOPLES' VICTORIES

IN AFRICA!



SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25 -- VICTORIES FOR AFRICA AND FOR OPPRESSED AND WORKING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

On September 24, 1973, after 12 years of fighting, the people of Guinea-Bissau declared independence from Portugal. On September 25, 1964, the Mozambican people began their armed struggle for freedom from Portuguese colonialism and imperialism. Today, after 10 years, their country too is on the path to total independence.

The people of the three Portuguese colonies, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Angola, have actually been fighting against foreign domination for 450 years. Portugal, supported by other European powers, only gained complete control over these areas in the 1920's. A very poor country itself, Portugal has managed to hang onto the African territories only with massive military aid from the US and European governments and economic investments. Gulf Oil alone has for several years provided equivalent to 1/2 the Portuguese military budget in Angola.

The same rich people who own everything while we do all the work, also rob the Africans of their natural resources and force them to work for starvation wages (For example, Gulf Oil robs Angola of 150,000 barrels of oil a day and in turn sells it to us for 60¢ a gallon; Gulf's profits were up 200% in 1973). These owners also limit the number of consumer goods produced in Africa, so that they have to be imported at sky-high prices;--we all know who pockets the profits!

The people of Portugal have also suffered tremendously; they were sick of fighting and seeing their sons die and their resources being drained away for a war they didn't believe in. The combined pressure of the African and the Portuguese people forced a military coup in Portugal last April. The new government promises "independence" to the colonies, but underneath, the new rulers really want to keep control.

The *Sun Times* says, "The US long has supported independence for Portugal's African colonies..." (September 1, 1974). Then why did the US train Portuguese officers and give them herbicides, napalm, helicopters and millions of dollars to fight against Africa? And the US is now considering giving Portugal several million dollars for continued use of the Azores Islands as a military base.

The Portuguese business interests and the big imperialist powers all over the world want to continue ripping off the people,--quietly, with a "low profile" (as in Vietnam today). BUT THE PEOPLES OF ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA-BISSAU ARE WINNING THEIR INDEPENDENCE THROUGH DETERMINATION, STRUGGLE AND UNITY. In the liberated areas they are building a new society free from exploitation and responsible to the needs of the people.

