The American Revolution was a social movement—an uprising of people who launched a war for independence against an overseas colonial ruler, to secure for themselves the “inalienable rights” of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Angolan revolution, going on today, is also a social movement—an uprising of people who launched a war for independence against Portuguese colonial rule to secure for themselves the same rights. These two revolutions have much in common: the size of the territories involved is approximately the same, the population of the thirteen colonies at that time was 3.5 million—Angola's population is 5.2 million. The American army was never very large and was poorly equipped. The Angolan liberation movements are also relatively small in number and are poorly equipped by today's standards. However, the “Spirit of '76” and the Angolan Spirit are one and the same.

At the time of the American revolution other great world powers, such as France and Spain, came to the aid of the United States. Unfortunately, the reverse is true in Angola. Today the United States government and U.S. corporations, particularly Gulf Oil Corp. have switched sides and have come to the aid of the colonialists with financial assistance.

Just as in the 1770’s when the common folks, in communities from N.H. to Ga. enforced economic boycotts as a means of protest against unfair colonial rule so in the 1970’s Americans are again using an economic boycott as a way of protesting unjust colonial rule in Angola.

The Gulf Boycott Coalition calls on American Patriots to help Angolan Patriots in their struggle for independence by boycotting Gulf Products until such time as Gulf discontinues supporting the Portuguese government in Angola.

Gulf went over to Angola
Looking for some oil.
The oil appeared, the money paid
For exploiting Angola’s soil.
Yankee Doodle, keep it up,
Yankee Doodle dandy,
The cries of freedom are ignored,
As long as oil is handy.

Now Gulf has said it’s not taking sides
"Politically neutral" they say.
However, to us common folks
Gulf’s backing colonialism all the way.
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