Quotes of Significance on the Crisis in Southern Africa and Angola

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Mr. Nielsen, a noted consultant to foundations and corporations on Africa, wrote this book in co-operation with the Council on Foreign Affairs.

Southern Africa: Proposals for Americans, United Nations Associations, (197-)

Oppressors responsible for violence in Southern Africa (UNA report)

"The Panel believes that responsibility for the use of violence, it if comes in southern Africa, will lie not with the non-whites - not with those who are struggling for their basic human freedoms - but with those who are denying those freedoms and have long used violence as an instrument of their oppression." (p. 31)

Portugal massacred up to 150,000 Angolans in 1961 (Nielsen)

"The situation was in Northern Angola in early 1961. Because of tight censorship, adequate data on the massacres carried out by the Portuguese after an armed uprising by blacks and half-castes are not available. But foreigners who were in the area at the time, including a number of American businessmen (some of whom politically were sympathetic to Portuguese policy) have estimated the number of deaths by burning, machine gunners, and bombing to have ranged from 75,000 to 150,000 over a six week period." (p. 353 ft.)

The Chance for massive violence is great (Nielsen)

"The (white) reduct, a U-shaped cauldron consisting of five geographically contiguous areas at the southern tip of the continent, under control of white minority regimes, is an area simmering with discontent which could boil over in massive bloodshed at some point in the future, arouse violent emotions throughout the world, and almost inevitably attract great power involvement, thereby presenting major hazards to peace. It is the most blatant and brutal example in the contemporary world of denial of the human and political rights on the basis of race." (p. 349)

A most attractive opportunity for Communist powers (Nielsen)

"For the Communist powers, it is a most attractive opportunity for unmasking the democratic pretensions of the West and for identifying their own policies with the aspirations of the vast number of ex-colonial and non-white peoples of the world." (p. 349) (Note: The Tanzam Railway, being built by China, to be completed by 1974-5)

Moral pressures unlikely to move Portugal (Nielsen)

"Portugal, an antiquated, authoritarian country, which has long been cut off from the mainstream of European political and intellectual development, remains ideologically fixed like a fly in amber in the sixteenth century. Although Portugal may in time give way to force, it is unlikely to be moved by moral pressures or democratic ideas as long as its present political system prevails." (p. 352)
The need for a radical transfer of political power (Nielson)

"Practically, then, the problem as it has developed is not one of mere political adjustment but of a radical transfer of political power to be accomplished between antagonistic and extremely unequal groups. It is in this sense nothing less than a revolutionary problem. That is why the application of appeals and indirect pressures has not worked." (p. 352)

Other pressures necessary (Nielson)

"Pressures strong enough to bring the present regimes to the point of negotiating and conceding real political power to the blacks can only be generated by the blacks themselves - by internal political activity, combined perhaps with external nationalist, political, and in all probability, military or guerrilla action." (p. 356)

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