



committee for a FREE MOZAMBIQUE

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This week Comrade Matteus Childende was brutally assassinated by the Portuguese when a bomb exploded in a package sent to him in the FRELIMO branch office at Lusaka, Zambia. We unite in mourning the death of another freedom fighter, as we do for all who have fallen in the struggle for freedom in Mozambique. But as the freedom fighters have taught us, "the liberation of the Motherland requires blood, the blood of her best sons and daughters." We know that his dastardly tactic of the Portuguese cannot succeed in daunting the determined struggle of the Mozambican people for their freedom. The example of Comrade Childende, like that of Eduardo Mondlane and the many other Mozambicans who have died in the struggle, will only serve to intensify the unity and the strength of the liberation forces. For as FRELIMO said a year after Mondlane's assassination, "Out of Mozambican blood, shed for justice, new warriors spring up and their forces are multiplied by consciousness."

Dear Friends of Mozambique,

Just as the struggle in Mozambique gains new life out of death, so too must our efforts unite and increase in solidarity and support with the people of Mozambique. As mentioned in our last letter, the New York Working Committee was seeking suggestions for a specific item for a campaign to increase our material support for FRELIMO. In the Oct-Dec 1970 issue of Mozambique Revolution (FRELIMO official organ) FRELIMO announced that it wished to start a drive for portable short-wave radios to be distributed in the community centers of the liberated portions of Mozambique. Thus we have decided to launch a campaign here for transistor radios in honor of Comrade Childende's valiant struggle to free his people.

PROJECT TRANSITORS

FRELIMO needs radios for its program of national reconstruction. Radios will serve to overcome the difficulties in communication as well as the shortage of trained teachers, agricultural advisors, and health and medical personnel. Thus radios are of key importance in the struggle of the Mozambican people to conquer illiteracy, disease, malnutrition and isolation -- all the legacies of Portuguese colonial exploitation.

WHAT WE CAN DO

FRELIMO can purchase a portable short-wave radio for about \$40. We would like to be able to present FRELIMO with at least \$400 for 10 radios before the end of the year. We are asking you to send whatever amount you can, or better yet, make this project a fund and consciousness-raising campaign by mobilizing friends, students, community or church groups in your area. We will be glad to help you by sending additional copies of the enclosed leaflet. If you are involved with a group as a teacher or participate in a club, it would be a worthwhile project to have your group raise the money for the purchase of a transistor. Please send your ideas and your funds. Earmark your donation "Project Transistors."

You will find enclosed a proxy statement written by the Southern Africa Task Force of the United Presbyterian Church for the shareholders meeting of the Gulf Oil Corporation. We would urge you to read the leaflet carefully as it explains the campaign to force Gulf Oil to disengage from Angola. If you have shares in Gulf Oil, we urge you to:

- 1) vote yes for the shareholders resolutions
- 2) attend the Gulf Oil shareholders meeting and vote yes in person
- 3) contact the Gulf Angola Project in Washington, D.C. if you cannot attend the meeting but would like the committee to have the use of your proxy.

Our commitment to a Free Mozambique is only as real as our continued efforts and actual support of those fighting for and living in free Mozambique.

A luta continua,

Committee for a Free Mozambique

P.S. Order your poster or posters if you haven't done so already. Your favorite bookstore might be willing to sell them.

PROJECT TRANSISTORS

In northern Mozambique thousands of people have been freed from Portuguese domination. The Portuguese have retreated; the people of Mozambique themselves control their land. The people are free to construct hospitals, build schools and sell their agricultural products to Tanzania. The Portuguese continue to be driven back. The struggle goes on.

RADIOS... EDUCATION... FREEDOM

In the reconstruction of the liberated areas FRELIMO, the Mozambique Liberation Front, is desperate for materials that can help them equip their schools and hospitals. One item every village needs is a shortwave transistor radio. In "Mozambique Revolution" (Oct.-Dec. 1970) FRELIMO says, "For us particularly in view of difficult communication and because of illiteracy, radio is an extremely efficient way of mobilising the population. One problem we face is lack of radios. We are planning to launch a campaign to obtain radios for distribution in the liberated areas."

...forge simple words
that even the children can understand
words which will enter every house
like the wind
and fall, like red hot embers
on our people's souls.
from "Poem" by Jorge Rebelo



The Committee for a Free Mozambique supports FRELIMO, who provides the Mozambican people with needed materials. You can help. \$40 buys a shortwave transistor radio. Your donation of even one dollar can help in our campaign to buy radios for the free villages of Mozambique. Any money collected in Project Transistors goes directly for the purchase of radios. Send your dollars to the Committee for a Free Mozambique, 616 W. 116th St., #1A, New York City, NY 10027.