BIND A WOUND AND BUILD A NATION,

EMERGENCY RELIEF TO ANGOLA
These photographs show how medical supplies are packed in on foot to the revolt area of Northern Angola. ERA (Emergency Relief to Angola) was set up early in 1962 by the AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA not only to bring medical relief to the Angolans marooned in the midst of guerrilla war, but also to Angolans who fled the war and now live in destitution in the Congo.

ERA's aim is to bring help to all Angolans deprived of doctors and medicines because of the revolt.

To bring medical aid to the Angolans, and to represent those Americans actively interested in Angolan freedom, Dr. F. Ian Gilchrist went to the Congo in January, 1963. Using a station wagon which ERA supplied, Dr. Gilchrist is able both to assist at the Angolan clinic in Leopoldville and to go in person to groups of refugees scattered along hundreds of miles of the Congo-Angola border. Here, Dr. Gilchrist of ERA works with Dr. Liahuca, an Angolan in exile. The patient is a refugee child at the Leopoldville clinic.
WAR AT HOME ... OR WANT IN EXILE

Immediately after the start of the Revolt, villages in Northern Angola were indiscriminately bombed. The people moved to lower ground and built temporary shelters like this. When the bombs found them, they moved again deeper into the jungle and no longer risked construction of shelter, using whatever cover existed naturally.

Bombs are falling and this man is protecting his face. People seek shelter under overhanging rocks or in caves when possible.

An Angolan child receiving first aid from an American. This picture shows the beginning of ERA. John Marcum and George Houser went inside Angola in January 1962 and found that medical help there was badly needed. More important, they found that medicines could be taken across the border to the needy inside the war zone.

An old man. The Angola of his youth is gone, but he has faith that his grandsons will know freedom.

On March 15, 1961, revolt suddenly flared in Northern Angola. Why, in this apparently quiet part of Africa, did violence break out?

Forced labor, lack of educational opportunities, and life on a bare level of subsistence characterized Portugal’s 400 years in Angola. Her treatment of her African colonies was so flagrant that, by a vote of 99 to 2, the United Nations passed a resolution calling for self-determination.

It is not surprising that pent-up resentments, permitted no channel for expression, should lead to violence. Nor is it surprising that Portuguese reprisal was and is wholesale and ferocious.

Reports in late 1962 indicate that groups of Angolans attempting to flee the area of revolt are subject to bombing by planes and attacks from ambush. Of one group of 3,000, only 22 made it to the Congo!

ERA, however, is humanitarian. Its simple goal is to relieve Angolan refugees in the Congo and, when possible, to bring medical aid to the people of Northern Angola. Marooned in a medical vacuum in the midst of a guerrilla war, Angolan men, women, and children look to us for whatever help we can bring.

THE NEED IS URGENT!
THE WAY TO MEET THE NEED IS ERA

With your help, ERA will be able to—

- Sustain Dr. Gilchrist’s work.
- Stimulate regular shipments of medicines.
- Increase the means of transport from Leopoldville to the Angola border so that more medical help can reach inside the revolt area.

THE SUCCESS OF ERA DEPENDS ON YOU...

give generously. Thousands working together can provide the wherewithal to save Angolan lives.

publicize the needs of ERA through letters to the editor, announcements on radio and TV, and at public meetings.

organize others to back ERA. Clubs, churches, professional groups, unions—all the groups to which you belong—can raise funds to support and extend Dr. Gilchrist’s work. Group campaigns are vital to sustained and systematic medical aid. Film “Angola: Journey to a War” available.
I enclose $.................. for life-giving medical aid to the Angolan people.

I pledge $.................. □ monthly □ quarterly

or on ........................................... (date).

Kindly make checks payable to: ERA

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