

STOP THE SALE OF PLANES FOR TROOP TRANSPORT IN PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN WARS

ACT NOW

- Protest this further step in Nixon's policy of more support for Portugal's colonial wars in Africa.
- Wire the President and Secretary of State William Rogers: No Planes for Portugal
- Write your Representative and Senators (copies to Senators Edward Brooke, Clifford Case, and Edmund Muskie): Stop the Sale to Portugal
- Organize visits when your representatives are home: U.S. - Out of Southern Africa
- Ask organizations, churches, schools, unions, your community to join the protest.
- If Boeing has a plant or office in your area, protest there too. (Boeing just gave \$37,000 to a South African university to establish a chair in aeronautical engineering.)
- Raise support for the African liberation movements struggling for freedom in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Cape Verde.
- Add the demand to all anti-war protests: No Aid to Portuguese Colonialism
- End the US - Portuguese Alliance

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NIXON SELLS LISBON 707s FOR TROOPS

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THE United States, in a major shift of policy, has authorized the sale of two Boeing 707 aircraft to the Portuguese Government. The 707 airliner seats 180.

The aircraft will be used mainly to transport troops to and from Portugal's African territories in the war against guerrillas. The planes are expected to be delivered within the next three months.

Critics in the United States contend that the sale contravenes the 1961 embargo on the supply of anything that might assist Portugal in the prosecution of her African war campaigns.

American officials deny that the sale breaks the embargo. Efforts to persuade the United States Government to agree to the deal are understood to have gone on for several months.

Agreement is interpreted in Lisbon as a deliberate act of policy by the Nixon Administration. A Lisbon official said: "We think the Americans wanted to show us a little goodwill."

It is confirmed that the planes are not for the Portuguese State airline, TAP, which has an all-Boeing fleet, including 707's, although the official purchaser is the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation.

It is not clear why Portugal needs Boeings on a regular troop run, but it is recalled that the Defence Minister, Gen. Rebelo, in a message to troops, spoke of the importance of air transport in the campaigns.

Military observers believe that one purpose of the aircraft will be to ferry soldiers home on leave quickly, thus improving morale among the 150,000 men in Africa.

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U.S. Clears Sale of 707s To Portugal

1st Such Transaction
Since Embargo in '61

By Marilyn Berger

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (WP).— In what is believed to be the first transaction of its kind since the imposition in 1961 of a partial arms embargo to Portugal, the United States has approved the sale of two Boeing-707s to the Lisbon government.

Although there has been an embargo against the shipment of arms for use in the Portuguese overseas territories, State Department officials said that there was no restriction on the use of the Boeing-707s.

Because the planes are long-range and, therefore, would be of little use in a country the size of Portugal, informed sources said that they fully expected that the Boeing-707s would see service to and from the African territories of Angola, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea.

The only limitation attached to the sale of the planes, State Department sources said, is the standard one that they cannot be resold to third countries without prior U.S. approval.

Approved in July

Daily listings of export licenses published by the Department of Commerce show that the transaction was approved last July. Boeing officials confirmed that the transaction was completed in Portugal with the director of civil aviation, whereas past sales have been to the Portuguese commercial airline, Transportes Aereos Portugueses (TAP).

The planes, Boeing officials said, are equipped with the "standard tourist configuration" of 178 seats each and have an extra "VIP kit" including a "heads-of-state" cabin and first-class seating.

The craft will be ready for delivery in July and August of this year, Boeing officials said. Planes of this type, they said, cost approximately \$9.3 million.

The probable use of the Boeing-707s for transportation to African territories appears to run the fine line of the U.S. embargo. U.S. policy has been to encourage self-determination for the territories of Portuguese Africa.