DEFEAT PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM

International Week of Solidarity

NOVEMBER 19 – 23, 1973

SIGN THE PETITION CALLING FOR U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE NEW REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU WHICH AFTER 10 YEARS DEFEATED PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM, DESPITE MASSIVE U.S. SUPPORT OF PORTUGAL.


Attend a Community Educational on "The Portuguese in Africa"

FRIDAY 7 pm

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FISK UNIVERSITY AFRICA HALL
(Basement of Jubilee Hall)

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WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE NASHVILLE AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE IN THE STRUGGLE TO DEFEAT PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM

A. PORTUGAL HAS THE LARGEST COLONIAL EMPIRE IN AFRICA. Portugal claims Angola, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, and until recently, Guinea-Bissau as "Portuguese colonies." These territories cover almost 800,000 square miles, (about 25 times larger than Portugal), and includes over 12,000,000 people (larger than New York City).

B. PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM COMMITS GENOCIDE IN AFRICA LIKE USA IMPERIALISM DID IN VIETNAM. Even though chemical and biological warfare was outlawed by the Geneva Agreement in 1925 and by the United Nations in 1969, Portugal was given millions of dollars worth of napalm and herbicides by the United States and uses it to destroy crops, animal life, and the population of the liberated areas. Just like the atrocious act of the U.S. Army in My Lai, Vietnam where over 100 people were massacred, the Portuguese massacred over 400 Africans at Wiriyamu, Mozambique, in 1972.

C. PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM IS REALLY A DISGUISED FRONT FOR THE IMPERIALISM OR THE MAJOR WESTERN POWERS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES. Portugal is the poorest country in all of Europe. 40% of the people are illiterate and the average income is only $380. Yet Portugal's total military budget in Africa is more than $400 million yearly. HOW? BECAUSE OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN AID THAT PORTUGAL GETS FROM THE U.S. In December 1971, Nixon gave $436 million, and the total between 1946-72 was $334 million. The U.S. trained 474 Portuguese army officers in the U.S. over the last five years.

U.S. CORPORATIONS make millions of dollars from their exploitation of the labor and natural resources of Africa. Two-thirds of Gulf's profits come from foreign investments like Angola. Gulf paid Portugal over $40 million in 1970, a big contribution to the Portuguese war machine.

Some of the other corporations paying taxes to the Portuguese and investing in Mozambique, Angola, and Guinea-Bissau are: Chase-Manhattan, Firestone, General Electric, Holiday Inn, IBM, Mobil, Singer, Standard Oil, Texaco, and Union Carbide. From these super profits taken from our African brothers and sisters, corporations like GULF can afford to give scholarships to Black people, and the $50,000 they gave to Ralph Abernathy and SCLC two weeks ago.

D. THE HEROIC BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN AFRICA ARE WAGING A VICTORIOUS ARMED STRUGGLE TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM EXPLOITATION AND DOMINATION BY PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM. On September 24, 1973, the independence of the new REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU was declared--the success of almost 10 years of struggle. In Mozambique, the militant comrades of FRELIMO are leading the people in steady progress against the invading Portuguese with much territory already liberated. The Angolan people are likewise engaged in a fierce armed struggle for national liberation. The same is true in Sao Tome and Principe.

JOIN THE STRUGGLE TO DEFEAT PORTUGUESE IMPERIALISM!

VICTORY IS CERTAIN!

LONG LIVE THE NEW REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU!