

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR THE
LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA)

C O M M U N I Q U E

While the consequences of the national liberation struggle in the Portuguese colonies were putting an end to the fascist regime established for nearly half a century, in Portugal, and thereby making it possible to foresee early independence, the PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, the standard bearer of Angolan patriots for the past eighteen years, was a prey to a crisis seriously affecting its unity.

This situation was all the more tragic in that the political climate in Angola was consistently deteriorating, leaving the masses more and more determined without a leadership in a position either to channel their action or to unite with other Angolan forces with a view to negotiations for the transfer of power.

In this climate, the MPLA Congress which opened on 12 August 1974 in Lusaka had sustained the hopes both of the Movement's militants and the Angolan people and of Africa as a whole.

The failure of this meeting upset its participants and disappointed Angolan patriots.

This is why, on the sidelines of the 9th Summit Conference of Heads of State of East and Central Africa held in Brazzaville from 31 August to 2 September 1974, and under the high sponsorship of Presidents Marien NGOUABI, Julius NYERERE, Kenneth KAUNDA and MOBUTU Sese Seko, We Leaders of the three tendencies in the MPLA met and reached agreement on the setting up of the following provisional leadership, with a view to guiding the MPLA's political action until the next Congress, to be held after the country's independence:

1. The Central Committee shall comprise thirty-nine (39) members apportioned as follows:
 - (a) Sixteen (16) members appointed by the present leadership of the MPLA;
 - (b) Thirteen (13) members appointed by the Eastern Rebellion Group;
 - (c) Ten (10) members appointed by the Active Rebellion Group.
2. A Political Bureau of nine (9) members appointed from among the Members of the Central Committee and comprising:
 - Three (3) members appointed by the present leadership of the MPLA;
 - Three (3) members appointed by the Eastern Rebellion;
 - Three (3) members appointed by the Active Rebellion.
3. The Presidency of the MPLA shall be entrusted to Dr. Agostinho Neto.

The two Vice-Presidencies shall be entrusted to Daniel Chipenda and Joaquim Pinto de Andrade.

- 4. The President and the two Vice-Presidents shall be in the Political Bureau.

The new leadership of the MPLA, thus constituted as above, calls upon all its militants and the Angolan people to redouble their vigilance to ensure that unity is preserved and strengthened, to intensify the struggle in the face of the common enemy until final victory.

VICTORY IS CERTAIN!

Signed in Brazzaville, 3 September 1974.

For the MPLA Leadership,

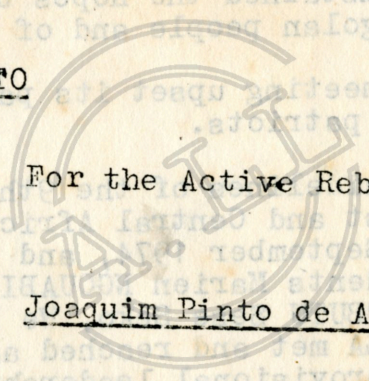
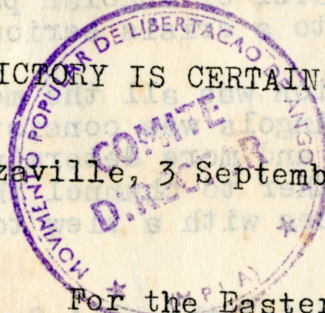
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