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Today Angolan people's right to fight Portuguese colonial domination is more than confirmed on the international level.

All independent states in Africa, those already sufficiently informed about the barbarous Portuguese colonial domination, have been firmly condemning such a domination and supporting the struggle of Angola's people.

The condemnation of colonialism in general and of Portuguese colonialism in particular by the UNO reveals still more the unyielding commitment of the Angolan people to fight for their self-determination and national independence.

What an heroic effort the Angolan people had to put on to have an international acceptance of the right of their reivindications and to have Portuguese colonial policy rebuked by all people!

For long years isolated from the outside world in the frame of a fascist colonialism, thousands of Angolan patriots have suffered and died in Portuguese jails without succeeding in their effort to have their voices reach the international conscience.

In face of a fascist and murdering colonialism, the people should either go on watching their best children die in the prisons or take up weapons to conquer their freedom and the active international solidarity.

Portugal's attitude of looking upon the UNO's resolutions proves that her government neither understads the language of wisdom nor respects the Right; however, for a long time the Angolan people are convinced, by their own hard experience, that Portugal did not understand a different language from force.

Thus, Angolan nationalism inaugurated its armed resistance on February 4, 1961. If, on one hand, the awakening of African and international solidarity towards the struggle of Angola's people gave them strength, on the other hand, it encouraged the false patriots to take profit of it for their personal and criminal ends. This fact is proved by the statements publicly made by Commandant Marcos KASSANGA and by Mr. André Martins KASSINDA, Secretary-General of the General League of Angola's Workers.

Messrs. Holden Roberto and Rosario Neto, respectively President and 1st Vice-President of the Union of Angola's Peoples (U.P.A.) are facing the judgement of the Angolan people and of international opinion.

These two main leaders of UPA have been publicly charged with grave crimes against the Angolan people. Whoever has followed with attention Holden Roberto's political activity, would not miss his lack of knowledge of Angola (he has never lived there), his allucinated action of spreading political confusion, his opportunism, his measureless political ambition entitling himself "chief" of the Angolan revolution and trimming himself with the posts of "president" and "director" of all organizations attached to the U.P.A.

Holden Roberto pretended in a sick and ridiculous dream to reduce Angola and the Angolan people to his own measure.

Aware of the fact that there are in Angola Africans with more character, education and capacity than his own, he has inspired and incited the physical liquidation of the assimilated and educated blacks. To conquer the support of the leaders of the protestant world movement, he tried to divide the Angolans according to their religion and he ordered measures to impose the protestant religion in the regions of Angola where some Africans misled by him were active.

Coming from families of S. Salvador (Angola), Holden recruited, in exchange of promises of political ranks in an independent Angola, people from S. Salvador as his principal agents within the colony. He fomented a policy of hegemony of

the people from the Congo district of Angola over those from other regions. Because he baldly knows the Portuguese language, Holden Roberto, short of the vision of reality, developed a campaign to impose French in independent Angola.

To gain the sympathy of the Western countries, Holden, without hesitation, labelled of Communists the nationalist organizations with which he always dealt as enemies and which (according to him) did not leave the Angolan political scene completely free for him.

On one hand, disguising with exaggeration his love for the black people, on the other hand, Holden received money from Portuguese farmers of Northern Angola to spare their farms.

To maintain his lies of UPA's exclusiveness in the armed fight, Holden gave orders to murder the militants from other political organizations involved in the fighting.

The thousands of arrested Angolan patriots have never deserved a word of appreciation for their nationalism, struggle and sacrifice. Ambitious and short of faithfulness, never has UPA's president made a reference, for instance, to the great patriot and fighter Dr. Agostinho NETO.

Holden always convinced himself (or he wanted to convince everyone else) that Angolan nationalism had come from him and it had developed only by his own efforts.

Showing disrespect for Angola and her people (whom he has always dealt with as his things), Holden had the boldness of trying to form with his UPA's friends, an Angolan Provisional Government.

A bad politician and blindly managing the weapon of racial discrimination, Holden was bold enough to defend his policy of genocide towards the mixed community of Angola before the African-Asian group during the XVI session of the UNO's General Assembly. Of course, the African-Asian group did not only withdraw its support from such a policy of genocide but also condemned it.

Doing of the Angolan people's fighting for their independence a source of money and of easy personal prestige, Holden was never truly interested in a fast solution of the tragic conflict developing in Angola. Hence, his systematic opposition to all policy favorable to the building up of an Angolan Front of Liberation.

An absolute lord of UPA's funds, Holden does financial chantage towards his less mild assistants and he tries to surround himself of obeying people like Rosario Neto, UPA's 1st Vice-President.

Rosario Neto's past (in Angola he had been sentenced for stealing) forecast that he could become, and he has become, the principal aid of Holden Roberto's criminal activities.

On the political level, unable to triumph through his own merits and character and through honest confrontation with Angolan patriots, Rosario Neto has carefully helped the horrible game of Holden and has also accomplished the role of redactor, in Portuguese (Holden hardly writes it) of his leader's lies, wrong informations and criminal aims.

People of Angola! There you have the two leaders of a gang of traitors who, because of their crimes, have been publicly unveiled by our countrymen, Commandant Marcos KASSANGA and by the Secretary-General of the General League of Angola's Workers, André Martins KASSINDA.

People of Angola! Abusing of your patriotic and heroic fighting and of the just struggle of the great black community of Angola for its dignity, this gang of traitors is trying to take personal profit of their brothers' blood, sacrifices and martyrdom.

On the behalf of truth, on the behalf of total respect that the courageous Angolan people deserves and in order that the sacred cause of Angola's people may triumph with the least sacrifice and without treason, through this Communiqué, the Peoples' Movement for the Liberation of Angola (M.P.L.A.) decided to comment on the revelations stated by Commandant KASSANGA and by Mr. André KASSINDA.

M.P.L.A. affirms its solemn and uninterested support to the dignified struggle that the true patriots of UPA are carrying to uncover the traitors

within their organization and to have the people's fighting going on in the cleanliness of its truth and reason.

M.P.L.A. renews its appeal for unity of action of all patriotic forces of Angola and for having the Angolan nationalist organizations decide themselves for a sincere effort aiming at the urgent creation of an ANGOLAN FRONT OF LIBERATION.

However, be as it may, nothing will be able to liquidate the struggle of the Angolan people and much less to weaken the desire for liberty from such a brave and dignified people.

The sacred duty of all Angolan patriotic organizations is to help the people overcome in the best conditions.

M.P.L.A. will not spare any effort to fulfill such a duty of honor.

LONG LIVE THE UNITED STRUGGLE OF ANGOLA'S PEOPLE!
SHAME TO THE TRAITORS!
DOWN WITH COLONIALISM!

Léopoldville, March 26, 1962.

Director Committee of M.P.L.A.

