



On 8 September 1972, a meeting took place at the University of Dar es Salaam with the University Branch of the Umoja wa Wanawake wa Tanzania, within the framework of the solidarity of women's organisations in African countries with the African liberation movements and their women's organisations. This solidarity shown by our Tanzanian sisters is in line with the resolutions adopted at the All-African Women's Conference held in Tanzania in June.

In her speech, our comrade Ruth Neto focussed on the role of women in the national liberation struggle and the road travelled by OMA from 1962, when it was founded, until today. She described the abnegation of Angolan women who, day after day, under bombing raids in the liberated areas, are tenaciously engaged in the reconstruction of our Angolan homeland.

The meeting was attended by a large number of people - lecturers, students and officials, as well as people from nearby villages which also come under the University Branch of the UWT.

Such gestures of solidarity not only encourage the Organisation of Angolan Women to carry on steadfastly until final victory, but they also make

us feel closer to women in other women's organisations. Experiences are exchanged in a climate of friendship and fraternity.

Our Tanzanian sisters appealed for funds at the meeting and collected 400/-, which they handed to the OMA Branch in Dar es Salaam.

It is our hope that such meetings between OMA and our UWT friends will take place regularly, for the good of our two organisations and peoples.

UNITED WE WILL WIN !



The Seminar of the All-African Women's Conference which marked the 10th anniversary of the organisation was held in Tanzania from 24 to 31 July.

The Seminar was attended by many delegates and a large number of observers from Europe, Asia and America. Special mention should be made of the presence of a Portuguese delegate who came on behalf of the Portuguese Democratic Women. Her presence was not only a sign of her full solidarity with the liberation movements of the Portuguese colonies and her unconditional support for our struggle, but it also reflected greater understanding on the part of our friends in the All-African Women's Conference of the problems of the Portuguese people, who are fighting to free themselves from the clutches of fascism.



OMA was represented by four delegates, with Comrade Ruth Neto as chairman of the delegation. OMA was elected as one of the Vice-Chairman of the Seminar. This gesture clearly shows the esteem in which our Organisation is held in Africa and the world. The resolutions of the Seminar dealing with the liberation movements were very positive, especially with regard to our Organisation.

APPEAL FOR THE DEOLINDA CENTRE

The Organisation of Angolan Women (OMA) wishes to inform all friendly organisations and all friends of the Angolan people that it is planning to build a Centre for training women cadres who will be sent to work in the liberated areas of Angola. This Centre will be called the "Deolinda Centre".

We shall be grateful for all donations. Money donations can be sent to the following address:

MPLA - OMA
National Bank of Commerce
Bank House Branch
P.O. Box 9031
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania

Gifts in kind can be sent to the address below :
Organisation of Angolan Women
P.O. Box 20604
Dar es Salaam
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On 5 October, at Yugoslav Embassy, in Dar es Salaam, Mr. D. Babic presented OMA with a 50-kilogram crate containing food for children, essentially milk and milk products.

OMA is immensely grateful for this gesture of solidarity on the part of our friends in the Socialist Alliance of Slovenia, for the benefit of Angolan children.

Such gestures are real encouragement in our struggle.



OMA attended the Second Conference of Afro-Asian Women held in Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia, from 13 to 18 August.

The main purpose of this Conference was to discuss the various problems facing the national liberation movements in the countries which are fighting for their political and economic independence. Also dealt with were international problems, with a view to decreasing international tension and consolidating peace in the world.

The Conference was attended by 67 Afro-Asian delegates and delegates from socialist countries and progressive organisations in other countries. OMA was elected Rapporteur. Hence,

our Organisation was not only able to benefit from the experiences of other organisations, but it also made an active contribution.



OMA was invited to attend a Seminar in Moscow, capital of the Soviet Union, organised by the Soviet Women's Committee, which took place from 28 to 29 August. This Seminar was quite important and it enable our Organisation to appreciate about the great experience of our Soviet friends and to benefit from it.

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DAR ES SALAAM

TO ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS OF YOUR COUNTRY ON OCCASION DAY OF AFRICAN WOMEN SINCERE GREETINGS OF FRIENDSHIP FROM WOMEN OF GERMAN DEMOKRATIK REPUBLIC STANDING IN IMPERTURBABLE SOLIDARITY AT YOUR SIDE IN YOUR HARD STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF YOUR PEOPLE AGAINST ALL MACHINATIONS OF IMPERIALISM WISHING BY ALL HEART THAT WOMEN OF YOUR COUNTRY WILL SOON CELEBRATE THIS DAY IN FREEDOM.

DEMOCRATIC WOMENS LEAGIE GERMANY

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The first Seminar of OMA Branches in the Southern Sub-Region was held from 29 February to 4 March 1972.

The Seminar discussed problems related to OMA's objectives, and especially :

- Angolan women from tradition to revolution;
- The involvement of women in the armed struggle for national liberation;
- The cultural and social education of women;
- Organisational aspects of OMA's work;
- The future OMA assembly.

Among the important resolutions passed were the following:

- That child care centres be established wherever there are OMA branches.
- That medium-level courses be provided in such subjects as child care, agriculture, massage, radio operating, etc., to produce cadres who would then train new cadres to work in the liberated areas.

