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AN OPEN LETTER
TO THE
ANGOLAN PEOPLE

I have joined the MOVIMENTO POPULAR DE LIBERTACAO DE ANGOLA (People's Movement of Liberation of Angola) M.P.L.A; after a long and careful study of the Party running and policy. To my discovery, M.P.L.A is the only true Party which can liberate Angola. M.P.L.A is well supported in the whole of Africa and at world large; By joining M.P.L.A does not mean that I am in the shadow of the past. We have achieved nothing since we opened UPA office here in Lusaka in March 1964. To my knowledge there was no link between us (at Lusaka office) and the UPA Headquarters in Léopoldville. The party officials from Léopoldville have made efforts to widen up the gap between us and Léopoldville and th as the matter of fact they have succeeded following our resignation in February 1965.

Since we resigned from UPA many smaller parties have been formed but have failed to run because there have been a grim struggle for leadership based on tribal tendencies. Many of us wanted to become the Office Bearers not because we had quality to lead but because we wanted to represent each one's tribe. This very factor caused our fall and has created a sort of enmity between ourselves. And during this period we have done nothing towards the liberation of Angola.

On the other hand while we have been wasting our time; for the last few months, our comrades in M.P.L.A have done great work. As I have already said that my joining in M.P.L.A has been due to long observation of the Party. I have discovered that there is unity and hard working. Their meetings are well conducted and are well disciplined, LEADERSHIP QUITE UP TO DATE.

In the event of the above I have joined M.P.L.A and I call upon all other Angolan Freedom Fighters and People to join M.P.L.A the only Party which can enable us to reach our GOAL, that is FREEDOM.

I advise those waiting for the formation of new parties that, they are wasting the PRECIOUS TIME for ACTION. In this case they are doing nothing but are becoming the ENEMIES for the Liberation of Angola and thus helping the Imperialists. If ever, they are fighting to free Angola, they should remember that, UNITY IS STRENGTH; SEPARATED WE FALL.
LET US ALL TOGETHER COME TO M.P.L.A AND FIGHT AS ONE.

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