

The PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF ANGOLA (MPLA) thinks its duty to publish Mr. FIDELINO LOY DE FIGUEIREDO's letter to the Angolan People's Union (U.P.A.) Steering Committee last 28th July 1964.

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Steering Committee
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Countryfellows,

The resignation of GRAE Foreign Affairs Minister, Jonas Malheiro Savimbi, enlightens many facts that, well examined, emphasize the tragic situation of the Angolan Revolution today.

A shameful truth for all sincere freedom fighters. For more than three years of armed fight and despite the aid provided by the African independent states, today the fight is limited to small battles at the border. There is, therefore, a backward step. And, thus, facts came to light.

Once their task in Angola "almost achieved", the Portuguese are moving their soldiers to the so-called Portuguese Guinea to fight this colony's freedom fighters.

There are some other very serious facts against FNLA (UPA-PDA) leaders' behaviour.

The murder of thousands of our countryfellows, only because they are not from a certain tribe, is a crime. Important amounts provided by the African states for the Angolan people have been embezzled.

Our Léopoldville leaders are wasting huge amounts. Our party chairman and "GRAE" leader allows himself the luxury of a last style car. Each minister has a car at his disposal while the refugees are dying of starvation. Some foreign banks have huge amounts in the name of our leaders what is a theft to our people.

All these facts stated in Cairo were not disproved for truth came to light. The fight is drawing back.

As a party member and an aware freedom fighter, I cannot keep silent in face of such an evident betrayal to our people.

Lots of people have already died so that Angola may be liberated and our leaders' attitude is an insult to our people. It is a treason for the memory of our countryfellows who preferred death to colonialism. Leaders must be at the service of the Angolan masses and not the latter at the leaders' service.

One sees today that those who charge FNLA leaders with an irresponsible behaviour and with having a policy contrary to the Angolan people's true interests, are quite right.

We have always been ready to co-operate with our Revolution through the party that we then thought to be in conditions to serve our people. Today we see that we were wrong in trusting our leaders.

Savimbi was the second VIP both in the party and in the government. His charges are not from a plain ill-informed student in Europe. They come from a responsible man within the Revolution.

I am completely against our leaders' behaviour and I condemn their actions. Since the present structures both of the Party and the Front do not allow any action from their militants to intervene and replace the leaders, I decide to leave my Party. Henceforth, I am no longer connected with the Angolan People's Union - UPA - neither with its youth nor student organisations.

All steps I was taking to keep a GRAE information center in Austria cease from today on. I am not against GRAE as a Revolution leading body. I demand, however, a policy which may represent the Angolan people's interests. Whenever this happens, I will be ready to co-operate with it.

Sincerely yours,

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