

Staged Race Riots in Mozambique; Angola Next?

Sept. 19 (IPS) — A riot by blacks this past week in Mozambique, following a last-ditch effort by frantic whites to maintain their white bastion in southern Africa, amounted to an exercise in social engineering that enabled the CIA to kill two birds with one stone. A CIA-instigated Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) by whites running amok in the streets provoked an hysterical reaction among blacks, who reciprocated by demolishing any property of whites they could find. The whites were taught that they had to take care not to provoke violence by blacks. On the other hand, the liberation front FRELIMO and the black population generally, grateful that the Portuguese military had taken their side, realized their "obligation" to police the black population to avoid provoking any further UDI's by the whites. With the situation in Mozambique well on the way to being regulated, the secret meeting this past weekend between CIA agents Antonio de Spínola of Portugal and Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire marked the CIA's shift in attention from Mozambique to Angola.

Chaos, Racial Conflict Activated

Lourenço Marques, the biggest city in Mozambique, was chosen as the site for the incidents. It is in southern Mozambique, hundreds of miles from the area of FRELIMO guerilla activity. For years FRELIMO attacked and harassed white settlers in the north. People in the south heard about this but never experienced it. Last week the CIA made certain that the south felt the same terror as the north.

Events were kicked off by young whites running wild in the streets, screaming of a "free Mozambique," followed by a group of whites occupying a radio station and making a Unilateral Declaration of Independence over the air. At this, blacks disappeared from the streets. During this disturbance the Portuguese military and police did not intervene.

Generally, the whites involved in the UDI had accepted the idea of a multiracial state, but were disgruntled about

not being involved in any of the negotiations. The Portuguese sent two military representatives to Lourenço Marques, where they convinced the whites readily to abandon their adventure. At this point, after the UDI attempt was dissolved, the blacks went on a rampage, reacting against the UDI action of the whites *after* it had been abandoned.

Again the Portuguese military and police stood aside and watched while blacks attacked and looted white-owned shops in black-populated areas. The whites tried futilely to defend themselves and their property or to leave the country — which was difficult with blacks manning roadblocks.

After permitting blacks to vent their rage for a few days, the Portuguese military and police forces eased in to "help them" restore order. At the same time FRELIMO leader Samora Machel issued broadcasts from Dar es Salaam begging blacks to restrain themselves, in an effort to prove to the Portuguese that they were responsible and could be trusted to "maintain order."

Pacifying Angola

With the situation in Mozambique regulated to the CIA's satisfaction, attention has turned to mineral-rich Angola. So far, Mobutu of Zaire has failed to create a union between the three factions of the more or less pro-socialist MPLA and the other major liberation group, the CIA-controlled FNLA, which has its headquarters in Kinshasa. This union of liberation groups was intended to "negotiate" with Portugal, as did FRELIMO. At this secret meeting with CIA agent Spínola, Mobutu was instructed to redouble his efforts to "unify" the Angola liberation movement in order to present Portugal with some party willing to "negotiate" — even if the troublesome MPLA must be left out.

The CIA hopes that the spectre of staged race riots in Mozambique will convince dissident elements in Angola, white and black, to accept the Rockefeller-Spínola game-plan of "progressive fascism" for southern Africa.

Mobutu's CIA "Radicalism" in Angola

Sept. 20 (IPS) — Last weekend's meeting between Mobutu Sese Seko, President of Zaire, and Portuguese "progressive" fascist Antonio de Spínola, ostensibly for the purpose of starting negotiations on Angola's independence, entailed no negotiations whatever. These two Rockefeller branch managers met to boost Mobutu's image as "African statesman." Mobutu's task will be to

sell the most obvious CIA counter-gang in Africa, Holden Roberto's National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), as "spokesman for the Angolan people" and to finish the nearly complete destruction of the quasi-socialist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), headed by Agostino Neto.

That Mobutu is a CIA agent is no news to anyone ac-

quainted with the history of central Africa. Zaire's reputation among capitalists as a prime looting ground has been vastly enhanced in the decade since Mobutu was installed in power.

However, his well-deserved reputation as a puppet has put limitations on his usefulness as counterinsurgency coordinator for the area. Thus his public image has been changed radically since the beginning of 1972. The ludicrous doctrine of "Mobutism" has been introduced over the last two years, in imitation of Mobutu's newfound friend Mao Tse-tung, demanding "Zairean authenticity" in all aspects of life, outlawing European names among people and places, demanding "authenticity" in "... eating, dancing, singing, walking, loving, etc. . . ." This summer a special school was set up to teach party functionaries the finer points of these philosophical breakthroughs.

The Tavistock origins of this new ideology are evident in the degrading "jungle-bunny" self-conception it is designed to foster. This is epitomized by the new name Mobutu gave himself. From Joseph Desire Mobuto, he became Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga [translated: "The straight spear, the valiant warrior, the cock who leaves no chicken intact"]. A glance at the application of his new radical rigamarole is even more enlightening, and affords certain insights into the "radicalness" of other progressive African leaders, such as Tanzania's Julius Nyerere and FRELIMO head Samora Machel.

Mobutu's transformation led him to enter into close cooperation with Zambia and Tanzania in the people's struggles to liberate southern Africa for the CIA. He coordinated the political maneuvering by which the MPLA was busted and his long-nurtured CIA counter-gang the FNLA was brought to the fore.

Cultivation of FNLA

The FNLA was founded in the early 1960s, its military staff was trained by a U.S. Army counterinsurgency expert, its soldiers recruited from among Angolan refugees — by force. Rebellions within the FNLA were put down by the Zairean army, under Cyrille Adoula and later under Mobutu, and dissidents were shot. The FNLA has no following in Angola, and recruits are supplied from Zaire courtesy of Mobutu. Until 1972 it had virtually no military operations inside Angola. Its main fighting is against the MPLA, who have to cross Zaire from their bases in Congo-Brazzaville, as Kaunda has severely limited their operations in Zambia. The FNLA kills or imprisons MPLA guerillas. It is a straight, not even sophisticated, wrecking operation — and none but Mobutists would ever deny it.

Nevertheless, Zambia president Kaunda and that "unassailably honest and sincere" god of African

nationalists and petit-bourgeois radicals, Julius Nyerere, have followed the new radical Mobutu, as he slanders Neto, in establishing the "legitimacy" of the CIA's FNLA. This summer Mobutu took Holden Roberto, head of FNLA, to meet with Kaunda, Nyerere, and Samora Machel, head of FRELIMO's CIA faction, to force MPLA to form a "common front" with Roberto's thugs. Later in the summer Mobutu sponsored a meeting in Bukavu, Zaire, to the same end, in the middle of a CIA-manufactured faction fight inside MPLA. Nyerere, Kaunda, and Congo-Brazzaville's "radical" president Marien Ngouabi all attended, helping to split the MPLA further and isolate Neto. Through the efforts of these "progressive African nationalists" coordinated by Mobutu, the MPLA, the closest thing to a socialist organization in Angola, has been busted. Its head Neto has been neutralized as a possible danger to CIA plans for southern Africa. The Mobutu-Spinola meeting last week plotted the final phase of mopping up Neto and selling the FNLA as spokesman for Angola in the upcoming phony negotiations.

Domestically, Mobutu's radical turn is designed to consolidate his power. In a period of depression, with the collapse of the price of copper, on which the Zairean economy depends, a mere military puppet would not be able to institute the starvation measures necessary to keep the loot flowing into Rockefeller's coffers. Thus the need for "Mobutism," which was augmented this summer with the declaration of Mobutu as President for Life and chairman of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial committees of the government. "Mobutism" is the mass brainwashing of the population to be "authentic Zaireans" and, as in any other CIA-sponsored nationalist movement, to define themselves strictly within those parameters, submitting in the name of "authenticity" to unlimited bloodsucking now being implemented by First National City Bank, the World Bank, and Standard of Indiana.

The production of copper is undergoing a boom, marred only by the recent collapse of prices on the world copper market. The effect of the copper collapse is exacerbated by the fact that credit is to be cut off to Zaire in the near future. As of three months ago the foreign debt was roughly \$1.7 billion and information from Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank indicates that these bloodthirsty bankers have decided to consider Zaire "uncreditworthy" when their debt hits \$2 billion. The combination of oil prices, food imports, and disappearing copper revenues will put Zaire over this limit soon. At this point of national crisis, Rockefeller wants Mobutu to call on all "authentic" Zaireans to work themselves to death for the nation, and the debt service of \$2 billion. Mobutu's carefully developed radical turn is designed to serve just this purpose.