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Today in Southern Africa, men, women and children are being massacred, napalmed, machine gunned and imprisoned for no other reason than having elected to seek freedom and self determination. They are the victims of an all out military effort being waged by the Portuguese government against the determined African liberation movements within Portuguese occupied Africa.

Portugal in Africa

For the past 500 years, Portugal has enslaved and exploited the Black people of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, the Cape Verde Islands, Sao-Tome and Principe. With a population of about nine million in a 35,000 sq. mile corner of Europe, Portugal still attempts to rule 14 million Blacks occupying nearly 800,000 sq. miles in Africa. Portugal, the only remaining European country with a major colonial empire has shown no indication of relinquishing her control. Having exhausted all avenues to a peaceful settlement, since 1961 armed African freedom forces have been challenging Portugal's brutal exploitation of African land, resources and labor.

United States Support of Portugal

As Europe's poorest country, Portugal is incapable of financing its wars against Africans alone. It has received the necessary funds from western governments and multi-national corporations like Gulf Oil that invest in the Portuguese held African territories. In 1971, the U.S. government agreed to pay Portugal a total of \$435 million ostensibly for the use of a military base on the Azores Islands. Through NATO, Portugal has received from the U.S. both funds and weapons. All of this in the face of United Nations resolutions that have called for the U.S. to stop its military aid and assistance to Portugal.

Gulf Oil: Partner In Oppression

As the largest investor (\$200 million) in Portuguese occupied Africa, Gulf accounts for twice as much investment as the other 29 U.S. companies combined. In 1972 alone, Gulf paid over \$45 million to the Portuguese government. As Angola is the site of the Gulf operation, it seems relevant to point out that the provisional Angola budget allocation for military expenditure had over 50% of its needs met by the Gulf payments alone. "Gulf's" oil fields in the Cabinda region of Angola are surrounded by eight foot barbed wire fences and spotlights. The Portuguese government has agreed to provide military guards to protect these oil fields if necessary. In return, Gulf has agreed to aid the Portuguese in "securing peace and order."

Gulf justifies its collaboration with the Portuguese by saying it provides jobs for Africans (of 5 million Angolans, Gulf employs 33) and makes financial contributions to Portuguese controlled African education. But the issue here is not jobs or scholarships. The issue is **African Land** and who will control it. When the world has condemned the evils of colonialism, Gulf materially supports the Portuguese effort to maintain the empire.

World Opinion

All of the liberation movements of Southern Africa, the true and legitimate voices of Southern Africa, have demanded that Gulf withdraw its support of Portugal. They have been joined in their demand by the Organization of African Unity (which comprises the 41 independent African countries), the United Nations, and the World Council of Churches. In the U.S. they have been joined by the Congressional Black Caucus, the African Liberation Support Committee and countless other concerned groups.

The people of Southern Africa have demonstrated that they don't want Gulf's bribes. They

want control of their land and their lives. African independence and freedom will not be sold for a few beads and trinkets. The natural wealth of Africa belongs to Africans and is not Gulf's or Portugal's to barter and trade.

What Can I Do?

African liberation forces are fighting valiantly for freedom against tremendous odds. We can hasten the end of this cruel war by forcing Gulf to withdraw from Angola, thus ending their financial support of Portugal. Every Gulf dollar received by the Portuguese government means that the war must last a little longer and more people will die.

You can participate in the struggle for African freedom by **refusing to buy Gulf products** and in that way hit both Gulf and Portugal where it hurts — in their money bags!

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