

# Nkomo Sees CIA Role in Angola War

## Rhodesia Guerrilla Leader Denies Cuban Combat Aid

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Joshua Nkomo, a guerrilla leader fighting the Rhodesian government, says the CIA has continued to interfere in the affairs of Marxist Angola.

Nkomo, citing "those who know," said on CBS' "Face the Nation" program yesterday that they "believe (anti-government) Angolan forces . . . do get some aid from the United States" that is funneled through South Africa.

(Cuban President Fidel Castro, in weekend interviews, also charged the CIA has established new contacts with Angolan insurgents.)

Nkomo, leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union, is believed to have 8,500 men located in Zambia, which also shares a border with Angola.

**NKOMO PREDICTED** "victory" for his guerrilla forces against the Rhodesian government in the next six to 10 months.

"We have reached the hump," he said, adding that his group would establish a socialist state in Rhodesia.

"Socialism is an ideology very close to our own way of thinking as opposed to capitalism," he said.

He called attempts by the United States and Britain to reach a negotiated settlement in Rhodesia "out of date."

Nkomo denied a recent report attributed to him that Cuban military advisers were operating with his troops.

"Cuba is one of the countries that has positively answered our need for assistance," he said, saying the help has ranged from sugar to training of young black guerrillas.

But he denied Cuban military advisers were working with his men.

"WE HAVE ASKED ALL countries . . . to come forward to aid us," he said, but the United States and other Western nations have refused because Nkomo's troops are fighting "a brand of facism which gives profits" to corporations with interests in the United States.

He said he also gets arms from

Russia and help from East Germany that has ranged "from a pin to huge equipment to light our school" that he has established for young blacks. He said the United States did, however, through the United Nations,

send \$500,000 for the building of the school.

He called President Carter's statements on African "nice sounds and noises" that have not been put into action.

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