

ANGOLA 12-12
NEW YORK (UPI) -- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MOUNTED A DLRS 50 MILLION AID CAMPAIGN TO SUPPLY ARMS AND SUPPLIES TO ANTI-SOVIET LIBERATION FORCES IN ANGOLA IN AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE A STALEMATE IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY'S CIVIL WAR, THE NEW YORK TIMES SAID TODAY.

THE TIMES QUOTED A HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON AS SAYING THE UNITED STATES HAS SENT DLRS 25 MILLION TO ANGOLAN FORCES IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS AND PLANS TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL DLRS 25 MILLION IN THE FUTURE.

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THE OFFICIAL TOLD THE TIMES THE U.S. SUPPLY EFFORT WAS AN ATTEMPT
TO CREATE A STALEMATE+ AND TO COUNTER SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION
IN THE MONTHS-LONG CIVIL WAR AMONG THREE RIVAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
THE SOVIET-BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA

THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA AND THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA.

THE OFFICIAL TOLD THE TIMES THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DISTRIBUTED THE FIRST DLRS 25 MILLION IN AID MOSTLY THROUGH ZAIRE, WHICH HAS A 1,200-MILE BORDER WITH ANGOLA.

THE U.S. SUPPLIES WERE FLOWN TO ZAIRE IN U.S. C-47 TRANSPORTS WHERE THEY WERE MOVED ACROSS THE BORDER TO NATIONAL FRONT TROOPS OPERATING OUT OF THEIR STRONGHOLD IN NORTHERN ANGOLA, THE OFFICIAL SAID.

HE SAID A SPRINKLING OF SUPPLIES WAS ALSO REACHED NATIONAL UNION TROOPS BASED IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. THE NATIONAL UNION REPORTEDLY HAS ALSO RECEIVED AID FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

THE OFFICIAL TOLD THE TIMES THE SOVIET UNION HAS PROVIDED THE POPULAR MOVEMENT WITH 27 SHIPMENTS OF SUPPLIES SINCE THE SPRING AND HAS FLOWN 30 TO 40 AIRLIFT SUPPLY MISSIONS TO LUANDA IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

THE OFFICIAL ESTIMATED ABOUT 200 SOVIET MILITARY ADVISERS AND NEARLY 5,000 CUBAN TROOPS ARE AIDING THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IN THE FIELD.

THE OFFICIAL TOLD THE TIMES THAT THE AMERICAN AID CONSISTED MAINLY OF INFANTRY WEAPONS AND ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-PERSONNEL MISSILE AND ROCKET LAUNCHERS. HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD SENT NO TROOPS OR ADVISERS.

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SUBJECT: SAVIMBI BLASTS RUSSIAN AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL PUBLISHED DEC 12, UNITA LEADER JONAS SAVIMBI STRONGLY ATTACKED RUSSIAN AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND CRITICIZED THOSE AFRICAN STATES RECOGNIZING MPLA GOVERNMENT.

2. ON RUSSIAN INTERVENTION, SAVIMBI IS QUOTED AS STATING, "THIS IS SERIOUS WARNING FOR AFRICA WHEN, FOR FIRST TIME, RUSSIA IS NOT ACTING WITH CAUTION AT ALL, THEY ARE OPENLY COMING IN, SENDING THEIR ARMS AND PER ONNEL...THE FACE RUSSIA IS SHOWING IN ANGOLA SHOULD BE A WARNING TO THE CONTINENT. IT SHOULD REMIND US OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLAVIA AND HUNGARY...NO ONE CAN ASSURE US THAT TOMORROW THEY WILL NOT INTERVENE IN ANOTHER INDEPENDENT COUNTRY."

3. SAVIMBI ALSO ACCUSED RUSSIA OF INTRODUCING CUBANS INTO THE CONFLICT AND USING THEM AS "CANNON FODDER". HE CLAIMED THAT 450 CUBANS ARRIVED IN ANGOLA TO JOIN MPLA BEFORE AUGUST 5 WHEN FIRST CLASH BETWEEN UNITA AND MPLA TOOK PLACE. "THIS GIVES US IDEA THAT MPLA AND SOVIET UNION WERE PREPARING WITH CUBA THE INVASION OF OUR COUNTRY." HE ADDED THAT UNITA WAS READY TO TAKE CUBAN AND KATANGESE PRISONERS TO OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. HE SAID "SOME OF THE CUBANS ARE READY TO EXPOSE THEIR OWN COUNTRY TO THE OAU AND HOW CO-OPERATION WAS MADE BETWEEN CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO INVADE ANGOLA."

4. AS TO ALLEGATIONS THAT UNITA WAS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA, HE CHALLENGED MPLA TO PRODUCE A SINGLE MERCENARY CAPTURED IN THE BATTLE AGAINST UNITA."

5. SAVIMBI ALSO ATTACKED THOSE AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA AS GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA AND SAID THIS WAS ENCOURAGING CIVIL WAR. "INSTEAD OF ENCOURAGING THIS CIVIL WAR THEY SHOULD DO ALL THEY CAN TO BRING THIS WAR TO AN END THROUGH POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS."

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