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"UNIDADE POPULAR" (PORTUGAL)

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Unidade Popular, organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Portugal (Marxist-Leninist),

in a recent article denounced the Soviet social-imperialists for provoking a civil war in Angola and undermining its independence.

The article said: "Angola is very rich in natural resources and situated strategically in an important geographical position. The superpowers appeared there just as the Angolan people were struggling for independence. Each is eager to grab economic and military bases there, with a view to ensuring its own superiority over the other superpower in the contest for world hegemony."

The article added: "The current situation in Angola is characterized by the existence of a civil war provoked by Soviet social-imperialism," and "this superpower has done its utmost to undermine the unity of the three liberation organizations."

Despite "the regional, tribal and historical differences" between the three organizations, it pointed out, "they have a common characteristic: waging a protracted struggle for the overthrow of Portuguese colonialism by violence." After the signing of the Alvor agreement on Angola's independence and the summit conference of the three liberation organizations in Kenya, "the Angolan people were elated over the unity they had achieved and the new victories in their anti-colonial and anti-imperialist struggle. They also enjoyed the support of other African countries and peoples." But "at this juncture, Soviet social-imperialism launched a powerful offensive in Angola with the purpose of provoking a civil war and fishing in waters stained with the blood of African patriots."

The article noted that while styling itself a "natural ally" of the peoples fighting for liberation and a "supporter" of the resolutions of the Organization of African Unity, the Soviet social-imperialists have resorted to every trick and scheme to create a split among the three organizations which are internationally recognized and regarded as legitimate representatives of the Angolan people by the

Organization of African Unity. They support one of the organizations unilaterally. "The despicable purpose of their action is to control (Angola)," the article said. It pointed out that the Soviet Union had sent large quantities of arms to this country. All these are "sophisticated weapons which have never been given to the African patriots in the long struggle against Portuguese colonialism," it noted.