



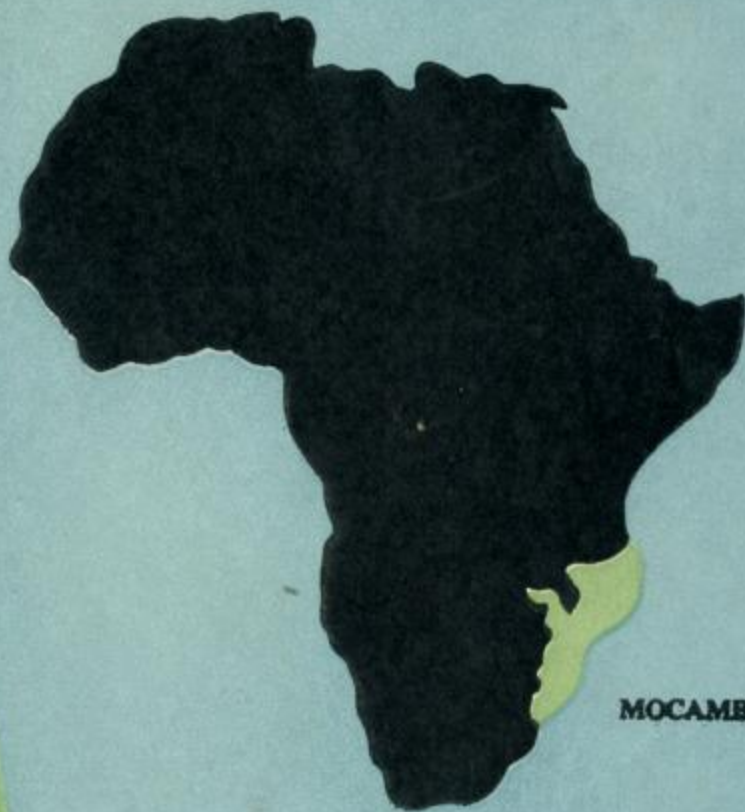
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MOCAMBIQUE

FRELIMO AT CONGRESS

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The first "FRELIMO Congress" was held in Dar-Es-Salaam Tanganyika from 23 September to 28.

Present in this Congress were, Dr. Eduardo Mondlane the party President and his Executive, Mr. Oscar Kambona the Minister of Interior and Mr. Rashidi Kawawa the Prime Minister of Tanganyika. Amongst the participants in the Congress were 160 branch leaders who represented different branches in Tanganyika and Mozambique itself. In his speech at the Dar-Es-Salaam airport, Dr. Mondlane said "My people, you have elected me to lead you into independence of our motherland. I here let you know that Mozambique's Independence lies on every Mozambican". Dr. Mondlane told a crowd of Mozambicans who had come to the air-port to meet him that "Mozambique is not mine but ours".

In his opening speech at the Congress, Dr. Mondlane said: "For quite a long time we



Third from left is Dr. Eduardo Mondlane the National President of FRELIMO addressing 1st Party Congress "Mozambique is not mine but ours".

Mozambicans have been deprived of our land, personality and human rights"; he drew the delegates' attention to the fact that, organising their people inside Mozambique was difficult and said it was high time to think over how Mozambique was going to be liberated. "We are the last people to form political movements all over the world" he said. He called his people to follow what he called "neutral line" because, he added, "we shall need unconditional help from all corners of the world". The same evening Dr. Mondlane met his executive for discussion. There again he pointed out that every Mozambican was responsible for the liberation of his country, "but before we put this into practice" he said, there must be unity. We have to learn what unity means, it does not need education but a matter of realizing we are all Mozambicans, belonging to one country and people that have suffered the same oppression during 500 years" he added.

On September 24 the planary session was opened and presided by the President Dr. Mondlane. Present in the planary session were Mr. Kambona Minister of Interior and Prime Minister Rashidi Kawawa who when welcoming the freedom fighters expressed his gratitude in seeing brothers united like an army under one "general". "You can rest assured brothers he said, the people of Tanganyika will do everything in their power to assist your struggle which is ours too". He went on to say Tanganyika's Independence was meaningless without a liberated Mozambique.

In reply to the Prime Minister's speech, the President of FRELIMO said, "My people and I; recognize the difficulties that confronted the people of Tanganyika before; the Inde-

pendence we are enjoying today, they were surrounded, he added, by imperialists, but because of their determination they gained Independence and are still determined to help us". "We have seen what fruit unity has brought to our brothers in Tanganyika; let us adopt the unity that exists in Tanganyika.

The planary session ended. At the same time the 160 delegates continued with the closed session that was divided into three committees: Educational, Economical-Financial and Political. Economical-Financial committee where he gave economical statistics of Mozambique, which showed Portuguese plunder.

The September 28 closing session resolu-

tions, drafted and approved by the delegates were read to the public by the President. His last appeal to people of Mozambique was one of unity of action, responsibility and prevention of another Congo.

"All of you know I have been in the United States for quite a period, working after my studies, but now that you have formed liberation movements and called me into the struggle I have resigned in order to come and join you in the struggle for our country". "Brotheren! you can rest assured, I will be with you in the struggle by February next year and I leave you with the unity that has been born and hope to find its progress". He concluded.

FRELIMO CONGRESS ISSUES

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

From the 23rd to 28th September 1962, the 1st Congress of FRENTE DA LIBERTACAO DE MOCAMBIQUE (FRELIMO) was held in Dar-Es-Salaam and opened in the presence of their Excellencies Premier of Tanganyika Mr. Rashid Kawawa and the Minister of Home Affairs Mr Oscar Kambona, who delivered warm messages to the Congress.

These two Great Leaders expressed moreover to Mozambicans the solidarity of our Brothers, People of Tanganyika and their Government.

During its Session, the Congress proceeded on a thorough analysis of the situation inside Mozambique on the National and International plans and adopted therefore measures to promote a wide development of the Mozambican struggle against Portuguese Colonialism and to bring about National Independence based on African Unity and Solidarity.

The Congress approved also the program and constitution of FRELIMO.

According to the Constitution the National Organs of FRELIMO are as follows :

- THE CONGRESS,
- THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,
- AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Congress proceeded finally with the election of leaders.

The New elected Central Committee consists of :

President

— Dr. EDUARDO MONDLANE

Vice-President

— Rev. URIA T. SIMANGO

General Secretary

— DAVID MABUNDA

Deputy G. Secretary

— PAULO GUMANE

Administrative Secretary

— SLIVERIO NUNGO

Treasurer

— JOHANES MTSICHEMBELESI

Deputy Treasurer

— JAMES MSADALA

Secretary of External Relations

— MARCELINO DOS SANTOS

Secretary of Information and culture

— LEO MILLAS

Deputy Secretary of Information

— PAULO BAYETE

Organising Secretary

— JOAO MUNGWAMBE

The decisions and resolutions adopted by the 1st Congress of FRELIMO are as follow :

Frente Da Libertacao De Mocambique (Frelimo) General Declaration

At the 1st FRELIMO CONGRESS held in Dar Es Salaam on the 23rd to the 28th September 1962, the delegates who came together analysed the present situation in Mozambique. The Congress is aware that Mozambican people are still subject to Portuguese colonial oppression in every field: Political, Economic, Social and Cultural.

CONSIDERING that the policies of the Portuguese Government in Mozambique are characterised by suppression of fundamental liberties:

CONSIDERING that the Portuguese Government does not recognise the inherent rights of the Mozambicans but reserves them to itself by obstinately maintaining the myth that Mozambique is an "Overseas Province";

CONSIDERING that the Portuguese Government instead of working for a peaceful solution to the conflict with the people of Mozambique the Portuguese colonial administration intensifies its methods of fascist

repression against patriots, by reinforcing military apparatus and by the development of P.I.D.E., (Political Police), causing the massacre of the innocent population, arresting and torturing the Nationalists, using intimidation, bribery and corruption.

CONSIDERING that such anachronistic attitude against good sense and the march of history obliges the masses to use appropriate means for self-defence;

CONSIDERING that the recent reforms promulgated by the Portuguese Government, are measures taken in the same spirit of colonial rule that has characterised Portuguese action in Mozambique: massacres taken unilaterally without the previous knowledge of Mozambican people, and therefore unacceptable; measures taken with a view to convince the Portuguese population resident in Mozambique that the Portuguese Government is ready to apply liberal measures, and to incite them to oppose the just wrath of the Mozambique nationalists. In these circumstances, such measures are racist, for they attempt to divide the African population, and serve only as new elements of political propaganda for the Portuguese colonial circles — trying to discourage the Mozambican people in their battle for Independence and delude the United Nations and World opinion;

THE CONGRESS:

CONDEMNS vehemently Portuguese colonialism, salutes all patriots that battle for the triumph of Independence, the cause of justice and of Mozambique liberty;

PROCLAIMS the unity of all Mozambicans without any distinction of tribe, class, religion, ideology or sex, in the fight, for the immediate and complete liquidation of Portu-



Picture shows Dr. Eduardo Mondlane announcing resolution passed by Congress. And seated are Party Representatives from abroad and branch leaders from Tanganyika and Mozambique.

guese colonialism and the achievement of National Independence by any means;

APPEALS to all Mozambicans to intensify the struggle for Independence, organising day by day within FRELIMO'S fold, in order to develop forcefully the battle against the enemy — Portuguese Colonialism;

DEMANDS that the Portuguese Government acknowledge solemnly and formally the right of the Mozambican people to self-determination and National Independence, essential pre-conditions for negotiations between the Portuguese Government and the Mozambican Nationalist forces in order to define the means of access to Independence of Mozambique;

THE CONGRESS:

Aware of the similarity of political, economic, social and cultural oppression in Mozambique and other Portuguese colonies;

CONSIDERING that the Portuguese colonialism is the direct enemy of the people of Mozambique, Angola, Guinea, Cape Verde, S. Tome e Principe and Timor;

DECLARES that unity in action between Nationalist Organisations of Portuguese colonies will constitute an inestimable contribution in the battle for the liquidation of Portuguese colonialism and for National Independence;

THE CONGRESS:

AWARE that the continuation of Portuguese Colonialism is the main factor for the conflict;

AWARE that only National Independence can allow Mozambican people to contribute towards the consolidation of peace and International Co-operation between peoples;

MANIFESTS her integral adherence to the Universal Declaration of the Human

rights, and of the principles of co-existence proclaimed by the Bandung Conference;

CONFIRMS the declarations and resolutions adopted by the All African Peoples Conference and of the Afro-Asian Solidarity;

DECLARES her active solidarity for all anti-colonialists World forces;

EXPRESSES her acknowledgement to countries that support the fight of the people of Portuguese colonies, taking measures of economic or diplomatic boycott against Portugal, and appeals to all Independent States of Africa, as well as to all peace-loving and free countries to reconsider their relations with Portugal;

THE CONGRESS:

In view of the Declaration concerning the right to Independence of the colonial peoples adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 14th December 1960;

INVITES all countries and peace and liberty-loving people to support the just cause of Independence of the Mozambican people, opposing the continuation and use of fascist repressive methods;

THE FRELIMO CONGRESS:

AWARE that the battle against Colonialism is now entering its final phase;

AWARE that the Colonial powers as a last resort have created a real FRONT to maintain their Economic and Military power in Africa; and being aware that such powers are using all their efforts, including cowardly assassination of leaders as happened with Patrice Lumumba — an African hero;

AFFIRMS her solidarity with people that wage war against all forms of colonialism and imperialism;

DENOUNCES and condemns the criminal alliance between SALAZAR/VERWOERD/ and WELENSKY;

CONDEMNS the policy of "Apartheid" in South Africa, demands an immediate end to white supremacy and calls for self-determination and for the rights and liberty of South African people to be respected;

CONDEMNS THE SOUTH AFRICAN Government policy towards South West Africa;

CONDEMNS the retrogressive policies of the Southern Rhodesia authorities; protests against the banning of ZAPU, demands a revocation of the ban and assures the people of Southern Rhodesia of her total solidarity in their fight for national Independence;

DENOUNCES, CONDEMNS AND DEMANDS the destruction of the Federation of Rhodesias and Nyasaland imposed against the popular will;

DEMANDS immediate Independence for all territories still under the colonial yoke;

THE FRELIMO CONGRESS:

After examining the need to maintain and win the fight against Portuguese Colonialism in Mozambique, declares its firm determination to establish an efficient organisation of Mozambicans for National liberty, and adopts the following measures which the Central Committee of FRELIMO must immediately put into execution:

1. The development and consolidation of the structure and organisation of FRELIMO.
2. Development and consolidation of unity between all Mozambicans.
3. The use of all organisation's efforts to promote a rapid accession to Mozambique Independence.
4. To promote and accelerate the formation of administrative machinery.

5. To utilise to the maximum the energies and faculties of every FRELIMO member.

6. To promote henceforth, the education of Mozambican people creating schools where possible.

7. To promote by all means the social and cultural development of Mozambican women.

8. To take necessary measures to establish different organs of FRELIMO.

9. To support and encourage the formation of unions for students, youth and of women's organisations.

10. Co-operative with Nationalist Organisations of other Portuguese Colonies.

11. To co-operate with African Nationalist Organisations.

12. To co-operate with anti-colonialist movements in all countries.

13. To obtain fund by making public appeals through organisations who sympathise with the cause of Mozambican people.

14. To obtain means for self defence and for developing and maintaining resistance of Mozambican people.

15. To disseminate information and use all means to awaken World Public opinion in favour of the Mozambican people's cause.

16. To maintain contact with all countries in order to mobilise campaigns and public protests against the atrocities, committed by the Portuguese administration, as well as for the immediate release of all nationalists held in Portuguese prisons.

17. Obtain moral, material and diplomatic help for the cause of the Mozambican people, from all Independent African States and all Liberty and peace-loving countries.

PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM

By David J. M. Mabunda
Secretary-General FRELIMO

For over four centuries now, Portugal has held on to her colonial possessions in Africa and Asia areas equivalent to that of western Europe. In Asia they are limited to Macao on the Chinese mainland, Timor in the Indonesian archipelago, and until recently when action was taken by the Indian leaders in liberating the townships of Goa, Daman and Diu on the west coast of India. In Africa there are much larger areas and these include Angola, Mozambique, Portuguese Guinea, the Cape Verde Islands, Cabinda, the Islands of Sao Tome and Principe which taken together are roughly twenty two times the size of Metropolitan Portugal. Over these vast areas Portugal has ruled ruthlessly and uncompromisingly over inhabitants exceeding twelve million. The rulers of Portugal have held absolute power, they have not only sought to subjugate the inhabitants and exploit them economically but have attempted to destroy completely their culture and society in order to reduce them to a position of inferiority for ever.

Discriminated as inferiors because of their colour and race, prevented from acquiring suitable education, forced to work without choice, separated from their families, cheated of their labour and left to die in bondage. The Portuguese colonised Africans are condemned to lead worse lives than slavery in their motherlands.

Portuguese rule is marked with terror and censorship. Inhuman treatment and torture is commonly and freely practised in the colonies. Portuguese colonies are under strict control and no one can escape from any Portuguese colonies. The police force has created an efficient intelligent system through a net-work of informers and agents; of both African stooges and European ones. Thus the life of an indigenous African is completely

controlled as he cannot move freely without a pass-book. He must be more than obedient and must work and see to it that he prevents mischief. If he fails to do this or shows a rebellious tendency, he is severely and brutally punished or even murdered. Corporal punishment is still common and is a daily practice in Portuguese colonies.

COLONIES ARE PROVINCES OF PORTUGAL

This is the theory which allowed Portugal to claim that the colonies are not really colonies but merely overseas provinces of Portugal. This claim would certainly be valid if the people in the colonies had agreed to that proposition.

In Angola and the so-called Portuguese Guinea, people are denying Portuguese citizenship with arms in their hands. In both Mozambique and other colonies under Portuguese rule, prisons are full of people who have refused Portuguese rule in their countries. But Portugal does not really want to believe, instead she turns her deaf ear towards the demands of the owners of the land, and here she wages a war to exterminate the African population. Even if we pretend to forget what is happening in Angola, can we say that the Portuguese colonial policies are justified? "NO".

The so-called "Portuguese civilizing Mission" is a force, so is the bluff made by the shameless minister of the imposed overseas provinces of Portugal Dr. Adriano Morreira in Portugal on the 28th of August, 1961 of "political equality for Portuguese Africans". If she really believed that the colonies were provinces, of Portugal she should have long attempted to implement this. There is no University throughout all the colonies and there are hardly any professional classes.

Assimilation is the most expensive method of colonisation. Roman Catholic christianity which the Portuguese have always put in the fore-front of their policy does not hold the country. Force labour is still common, Africans who according to Portugal's version are citizens of Portugal are still treated in the most brutal way.

Today we are in the midst of another attempt of "Civilising the African". We only hope that world opinion will, as it seems to, awaken before the mission is finally accomplished and the colonies become vast graveyards of the true sons and daughters of Africa. The land taken from the African is turned over to the white settlers who, with the force and cheap labour provided by the Government, cultivate the land.

The right of citizenship was conerred on the children born of local women by Portuguese fathers. In the early days this was an important measure there was therefore on alternative but to give people of the mixed blood (Mulatoes) full rights.

It is therefore a matter of great credit to the people of the Portuguese colonies that in spite of such ruthless suppression they have built up genuine Nationalist Organisations in all the colonies. Many of the Nationalists have suffered humiliation and tortured at the hands of Portuguese blood thirsty thugs.

It is however clear beyond any doubt that Portugal cannot hold on to these colonies for long. Shameless dictator Salazar seems to have lost all sense of proportion and is anable

to face reality. He lives in a dream world alive with happy memories of the bygone age. He has secretly made a pact with the god-fore-saken Republic of South Africa under the leadership of Monster Hendrik Verwoerd and white settler minority imposed Central Africa federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland under the leadership of gangster Roy Welensky, for military collaboration to crush the freedom Portugal has long spoken of her civilizing mission which written into the organic law. It is said that it is of the essence of Portugal's overseas mission to raise the moral and social levels of the Africans of her colonial possessions. But can such work of civilizing be based on total suppression of the truth? A denial of fundamental rights? A denial of the dignity of the human being and the oppression of man through the use of armed might? Or is it a mockery of the charter which binds the nations of the world together in a code of conduct based on justice and respect for International obligations?

Violence begets violence; and although Portuguese repression is ruthless, the nationalist urge is ever strong. A handful of gunmen will not be able to contain the upsurge of 12 million people if all nationalist forces in the countries can unite themselves in their struggle against the Portuguese colonial government. Should this be accomplished, should there be unity, Portuguese colonies will undoubtedly liberate themselves from the yoke of Portuguese colonialism and imperialism. The end will have come; and the people will be marching forward towards African unity and towards the United States of Africa.

PRESS RELEASE

FRELIMO CONDEMNS SALAZAR'S CONFERENCE OF PORTUGUESE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATORS

In the name of the Frente da Libertacao de Mocambique "FRELIMO", in the name of the suffering and toiling African people of Mozambique whom Salazar has made slaves, we wish to protest in the most unquestionable terms against Salazar's Conference with his so-called administrators to discuss what he calls among other things internal reforms in "Portuguese Africa".

In the first place we wish to warn Salazar that we don't recognise and we will never recognise Mozambique as an integral part of Portugal. Mozambique is a black man's country in the continent of Africa and has never been and will never be an extension of Portugal or an extension of any other continent besides Africa. Therefore, dictator Salazar has no right to name Mozambique as "Portuguese Africa".

The 100/hundred/delegates consisting of Portuguese and half-castes is a complete clique of Salazar's running dogs who are handpicked by Salazar's puppet the so-called overseas Minister the satanic Adriano Morreira, who tells one lie after another in an attempt to cultivate his personal prestige with dictator Salazar.

The predatory policies persued by Salazar's regime in Mozambique and other parts of Africa which are colonised by Portugal will always be condemned as diabolical and satanic. We are well aware that the purpose of this Conference is to accelerate the existing plunders and rapine in Mozambique, where the African population is being reduced daily through daylight and shameless killings, where all human rights as enshrined in the Charter of God are denied to the African.

Where Freedom of speech and where Freedom of Association are a crime for the African. Where human nature is denied to thrive.

We wish to make it clear that we have long passed the stage of considering such things as "REFORMS". We are now on the stage where we can only consider important and genuine matters such as Self-Determination and Independence for the indigenous inhabitants of Mozambique. Things such as reforms which Salazar still dreams of should have come to Mozambique 450 years ago. The Portuguese have been in Mozambique for 500 years now and in all these 5 "five" centuries Africans have experienced the worst slavery, the worst murders, the worst exploitation, the worst oppression in human history.

The new ideas and suggestions to be put by delegates at this Conference will be null and void unless they are based upon the principle of Self-Determination for the indigenous inhabitants of Mozambique. We wish to warn Salazar and his Conference that we will not recognise what he calls autonomy for Mozambique as long as it is under Portuguese foreign rule.

We wish to warn further that commercial Freedom has no meaning to us. It is merely an imperialist "catch-word" designed to entice the Africans of Mozambique into racketeering as this is the practice in Portugal. There is one, and only one thing which we demand and that is the handing over of the power of government into the indigenous inhabitants of Mozambique. Failing this we warn Salazar's Conference that we will apply the last resort in human struggle, and that is, to deal a really telling blow to his regime as India did in Goa. The lesson of Goa should have been a good lesson to Salazar and his delegates at the conference.

Things such as equal citizenship rights to

Africans and Europeans are a mockery to the indigenous inhabitants of Mozambique who have experienced that a Portuguese is a settler from Portugal and cannot be recognised as a citizen of Mozambique. This wishful thinking on the part of the Portuguese is like Salazar going to live with the bees in the Galia forests and then demanding that they should have equal citizenship as Galegos.

The indigenous inhabitants of Mozambique have nothing in common with the Portuguese dictators and murderers and therefore we will do everything in our power to stamp out any form of new ways of exploitation and

domination such as the suggested Portuguese Common Market. The Portuguese have fattened through our labours and they cannot expect anymore. The suggestion that Portugal is a motherland for Mozambique is an insult to the dignity and prestige of the African people in the entire continent of Africa.

THE MOTHERLAND OF MOZAMBIQUE
IS AFRICA!

F. G. MAHLUZA
Representative of
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Cairo, U.A.R.

Mrs. G. P. GUMANE'S

SPEECH AT THE ALL WOMENS CONFERENCE

Madam Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, on behalf of the Women of Mozambique, I wish first to thank the Government, peoples of the U.S.S.R. and all those who made it possible for us to meet here at this important occasion.

It is fitting in this hour and at this solemn moment to express to you in the name of all women of Mozambique, a sad situation in which they are found, the suffocating atmosphere, in which they live without hope of finding an exit.

Here, the air of freedom is breathed, one speaks what one thinks and wants, the truth is said in its ampleness without fear of being beheaded, shot or submerged into the sea. In short here reigns happiness, yet in my unfortunate country, Mozambique, African women and men groan, die, crushed by brutal and diabolical colonialism, one cannot say the truth as it is.

I feel very happy to be in this country of great accelerated progress, I am really touched to see that in exterior World, people live a free life, people work for the goodness of humanity, yet in Mozambique, everything is in an alarming backwardness.

The shortage of education, social truma, forced labour and bad pay in Mozambique are the things which made me to raise my voice in front of you today.

SHORTAGE OF EDUCATION

It is a man's nature to live in society. But for the woman to be anintearal part of this society, she should present herself with the necessary requisites. Their requisites, is the integral education. Physical, moral and interlectual education. In the shortage of one of

these elements, a woman becomes inapt for her engagement in this giant social building, and for her domestic functions she takes an



Mrs. G. Priscilla Gumane, Leader of FRELIMO Womens League at International Womens Conference.

undignified life of a modern lady. I understand, by education, is to take an individual from a stage of crude material, from the state in which a child is still unprovided with knowledge of exterior World projects, to another worthy state of a man. To educate is to give a child all qualities it needs in order to comfort with the society as a man not as an animal. For that, education is to be considered as complete, it has to include the physique and intellect, because a man is composed of material and spirit. How then, is the undignified woman of Mozambique educated.

Unfortunately, in the family circles, where education was supposed to begin, reigns tremendous deficiency. Cursed be (chibalo) the forced labour, disunites families. The mother of the family is forced to cultivate big fields of cotton and rice demarcated by the Portuguese imperialists authorities. If she fails to finish the acres she is lashed on the

body and in the hands. The racist colonialist fury is busy in the fields and the father is also arrested for forced labour, leaving the children without anybody to care for nor educate them. Children in Mozambique grow like wild plants, without knowledge of parental love or care.

IN THE SCHOOLS

A teacher in the school has a great role to play for the benefit of individual and societies. It is the teacher who completes and perfects the work begun by parents at home, it is he who opens new horizons and reveals new intellectual panorama to the child and prepares the future happiness of the fathers and mothers. Unfortunately, the intellectual education in Mozambique is far from taking the initiation of being a salvation. The few schools which do exist, are in the hands of the incompetents. Most of the teachers passed Std. III hence a qualification which does not enable one to teach, to read and write adequately.

The Portuguese are not happy to see Africans getting education, lest they open their eyes and demand Independence.

The secondary education is almost inaccessible to Africans in Mozambique. The fees in these schools are very high in so much that the parents cannot afford because they are lowly paid. The colonialists Portuguese Government does not give education facilities by means of building many schools, cheapening fees and providing suitable students with scholarships to study in the country and overseas. Those found preparing to leave the country in order to study outside, are being arrested and imprisoned. Universities are unknown in Mozambique. For five centuries we have been taught to say (Sim, Senhor) Yes Sir, by the Salazaarist gangsters.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

African girls of 14 years are forced to leave school in order to cultivate acres of

cotton and rice. Young people still dreaming of a bright future, are mistreated for the gross colonial and imperialist interests. To escape the forced labour work, most of the girls flee to towns where they become victims of delinquency. The cities not being industrialised, these girls can hardly get employment which always results, in the handing themselves over to the colonialists in order to kill their hunger. There they become mothers of thousands of coloureds. African women and men in the age of 90, are considered as girls and boys. There is a law in Mozambique which says any white man or child should not treat any African as equal no matter how much education he might have or whatever age he might be. All Africans are considered inferiors. We are not allowed to mix with the whites in any social functions or become members of few clubs which exist in Mozambique. If any African wants to be admitted to these places, he must be a member of Policia International da Defesa do Estado — P.I.D.E., a Portuguese Gestapo. African women are considered fit for forced labour and they are arrested to work on roads. Soldiers from Portugal were given orders to violate African women and their daughters in order to fill the country with coloureds. Women or girls who fall in the hands of some twenty or more soldiers, die instantly. Therefore, African women in Mozambique, cannot walk a distance of three miles by themselves. This kind of conduct, in this era, is not scoundulous to the Portuguese.

All these things are done by the people who claim to be the champions of Christianity. Therefore, we in Mozambique, we say if this is what is called Christianity, we ask the Portuguese government and their gangsters to pack and go with it. We have pleaded too long, while the Portuguese colonialists and imperialists are busy killing our people under the banner of the cross.

Madam Chairman, distinguished delegates, in Mozambique, one is afraid of his own brother, for the Portuguese Secret Police (P.I.D.E.), spy the entire population of

Mozambique. If two or three people are found walking or having some conversations, you will be asked to split. If one gets a visitor at home, he has got to keep all the windows open so that the P.I.D.E. can hear what you are discussing, failure would result in an arrest and thrown in jail as political suspects. Many people are arrested daily and others killed, others are taken by planes and dropped into the sea alive. In Mozambique, it is not unusual to see thousand of women mourning for their dear ones who have been killed by the Salazar blood-thirsty bandits. These P.I.D.E. are posted to all towns, villages and to the frontiers of the neighbouring Independent and Semi dependent African States.

Madam Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, in Mozambique, we are not allowed to take part in any political or Trade Union Organisation. There is no opposition in Mozambique. The only Party known in Mozambique, is the government party known as National Union of Portugal. Anyone who happens to oppose the Salazar party, is immediately arrested and killed without being tried in court. Few of our man folk or woman who knew anything about politics, are these who happen to be sold to the neighbouring countries such as South Africa, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland etc. or those who happen to escape to Independent African States.

In the present era, while women and men of Africa are fighting for their freedom, there arises a Nation which calls itself a civilised

and champion of Christianity, contradicts the peoples aspirations by exercising severe and inhuman persecutions to the man, woman, children and the old without a single motive of justification.

Madam Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I bring to you a request from Mozambican women that this conference adopts a resolution and sends it to the United Nations to force Portugal to grant Independence immediately to MOZAMBIQUE and all other Portuguese colonies.

These are among the things the men and women of Mozambique are experiencing from Salazar's gum-point government.

We appeal to this conference to :

1. Condemn the diabolical government of Portugal.
2. Release all political prisoners, men and women without delay and unconditionally.
3. Boycott all Portuguese products.
4. The immediate overthrow of Portuguese imperialism, colonialism and the granting of complete independence to Mozambique on the bases of One-man One-vote, without reservations.

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A ONE EYED MAN

By F. G. MAHLUZA
Representative Mozambique Office.

I remember during my school days when I read from one of the Portuguese Official text books where Salazar stated "after getting into power a one eyed man among the blinds is the kind". It was difficult for me to understand what Salazar meant by that, whether it was Portuguese indoctrination that had been planted in my head this I cannot tell, since at times when friends from other African countries asked who I was I used to say "I am... of Portuguese origin". Whether this was due to the little education they had promised me I do not know.

Since Salazar has been in power, his Portuguese brothers have been pushed around here and there by him. But do they see what this dictator is doing? They are still "blind". He has named all Portuguese colonies in Africa "Provinces of Portugal". Surely this colonies a hundred of miles away from Portugal, they will never be in any way "Portugal Provinces". The Africans are only people who have rights over this colonies, not the Portuguese. The African people have demanded their Independence through peaceful means, and now that the Africans have engaged themselves in a armed struggle the Portuguese still remain blind of the fact that the African people are advancing to victory.

The African Independent States have shown the Portuguese Government by practical actions that the Portuguese policy on these colonies is unacceptable, they still remain "blind". The charter of the human rights declared by the United Nations does not in anyway get into the ears of the Portuguese or Salazar himself because he is not only "blind but deaf".

Salazar's Portugal has been isolated by all African States and the Peace loving coun-

tries the world over. He has even denied his own Portuguese brothers the rights of humanity. But do the people of Portugal see this? Why because as he said, they are "blind".

We have no objection on Salazar's opinion when calling himself "a one eyed man" among the Portuguese. He has been in power since 1928, exploiting, murdering, depriving people of education and massacring his own brothers. But do they feel all these inhuman practices? Why? because as he stated "a one eyed man is a king among the blinds". His Government is not only rejected by the African Countries but all peace loving nations because of her savagery practices over human beings.

Salazar's Portugal has never recognised the African people's rights and has never recognised the African people's rights and has never educated people in her colonies. To maintain her satanic administration, she has imposed her brutal and criminal laws on the owners of these countries, he has bluffed the world opinion by proclaiming unpracticable laws; in his so-called "equality".

Recently Salazar the dictator, held a conference in Lisbon; where the participants in this conference were white administrators and coloured civil servants in the entire Empire where once more equality has been proclaimed.

Since the past 500 years of Portuguese rule the African people have learnt what sort of creatures the Portuguese are "they are blind buffalos". Salazar's conference with his power-hungry chronic blood thirsty brothers. And blood-mixed fools (coloured), for new reforms in the so-called "over-seas pro-

vinces" is not recognisable by the African people, since the oppressed are looking forward to independence, whether this independence means extermination, the Africans then choose death than perpetual slavery.

Equality is not an answer to the African demand. The people of Mozambique are determined to use all necessary means to achieve that rightly belongs to them. Reforms should have come a hundred years ago. "They are not acceptable today".

It is difficult to convince the African people in the colonies today that Salazar's announcements are practicable particularly these in Mozambique, as thousands of them are still being sold to mines in South Africa and the Rhodesias and most of them in the forced labour contract in Portuguese farms, plantations and road constructions in various Government works.

Every year Portugal sends to Mozambique thousands of illiterate "Galegos" the so-called "Colonos" to increase the number of settlers in place of the sold or murdered Africans. The people of Mozambique no more to hear of Portuguese propaganda because it is they themselves who should decide their

fate not the Portuguese. If forced labour is for the illiterate it should then be practised on Salazar's "Galagos".

The world is aware of Portuguese dictatorship, underdevelopment, illiteracy and human exploitation among the Portuguese themselves. Portugal is the most underdeveloped country in the hole Europe. It goes without doubt he, Salazar himself knows Portugal is a country of blinds. Perhaps it is the reason why he calls himself a "one eyed man" among the blind. Does Salazar in status as a dictator responsible for the atrocities committed in Africa and Portugal itself think the Africans are blind like his "Calegos"? It is known he leads a blind Government in an underdeveloped country whose reforms or no reforms do not affect the African people who demand nothing but Independence.

The African people in Mozambique, have made it clear to Salazar not to call himself a "one eyed man" in Mozambique by formong political movement. This in itself is evidence to the fact that the African new his right before Salazar was born. So in other words the Africans in Mozambique are now crushing Salazar's remaining eye. "Protect that eye by accepting to the African peoples' demand.

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