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WHAT DOES THE NUCLEAR WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS MEAN FOR THE AFRICAN CONTINENT?

Reports from various sources confirm that South Africa is preparing to acquire the nuclear weapon. South Africa is incapable of changing its policy of apartheid or realizing that mankind is advancing on the road to progress, even though at the irrevocable cost of the lives and sacrifices of its finest sons. Proof of this is to be seen in all small and major victories achieved by the world's progressive forces and in the independence of the former Portuguese colonies in Africa. The progressive regimes of those countries provide vital evidence of the peoples' unshakable determination to crush tyranny.

South Africa's intention to hold onto Walvis Bay, depriving Namibia of a strategic point, the puppet-show of bantustans with their respective marionettes, and the attempt to divide the country and prevent the creation of a feeling of national unity, serve no purpose other than to maintain the supremacy of four million white racists over eighteen million human beings and a part of the African continent rich in raw materials.

South Africa did not sign the treaty against the proliferation of nuclear weapons simply because it proposed to use such weapons to defend its odious regime, if hemmed in, and as a means of intimidation!

Imperialism has not laid down its arms, and it is corrupting Africans who are shamelessly betraying their people and continent. That is what Zaire has done by selling to the Federal Republic of Germany part of its territory for the establishment of rocket-launching pads, against its own continent and mankind as a whole.

By giving South Africa nuclear weapons imperialism is playing one of its last cards! We, the progressive forces of Angola and of the whole world, must remain vigilant and frustrate yet another shameful manoeuvre.

For an independent and united Africa,
For an alliance with all the progressive forces in the world.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES
VICTORY IS CERTAIN

THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE MPLA AND THE CREATION OF THE PARTY

The First Congress of the MPLA will be held very soon, and it will decide on the creation of the party of the working class.

To mark an event of such great historical importance to our country, workers in many enterprises have carried out special work programmes for socialist emulation and in tribute to the First Congress of the MPLA, and have thus achieved greater and better levels of productivity.

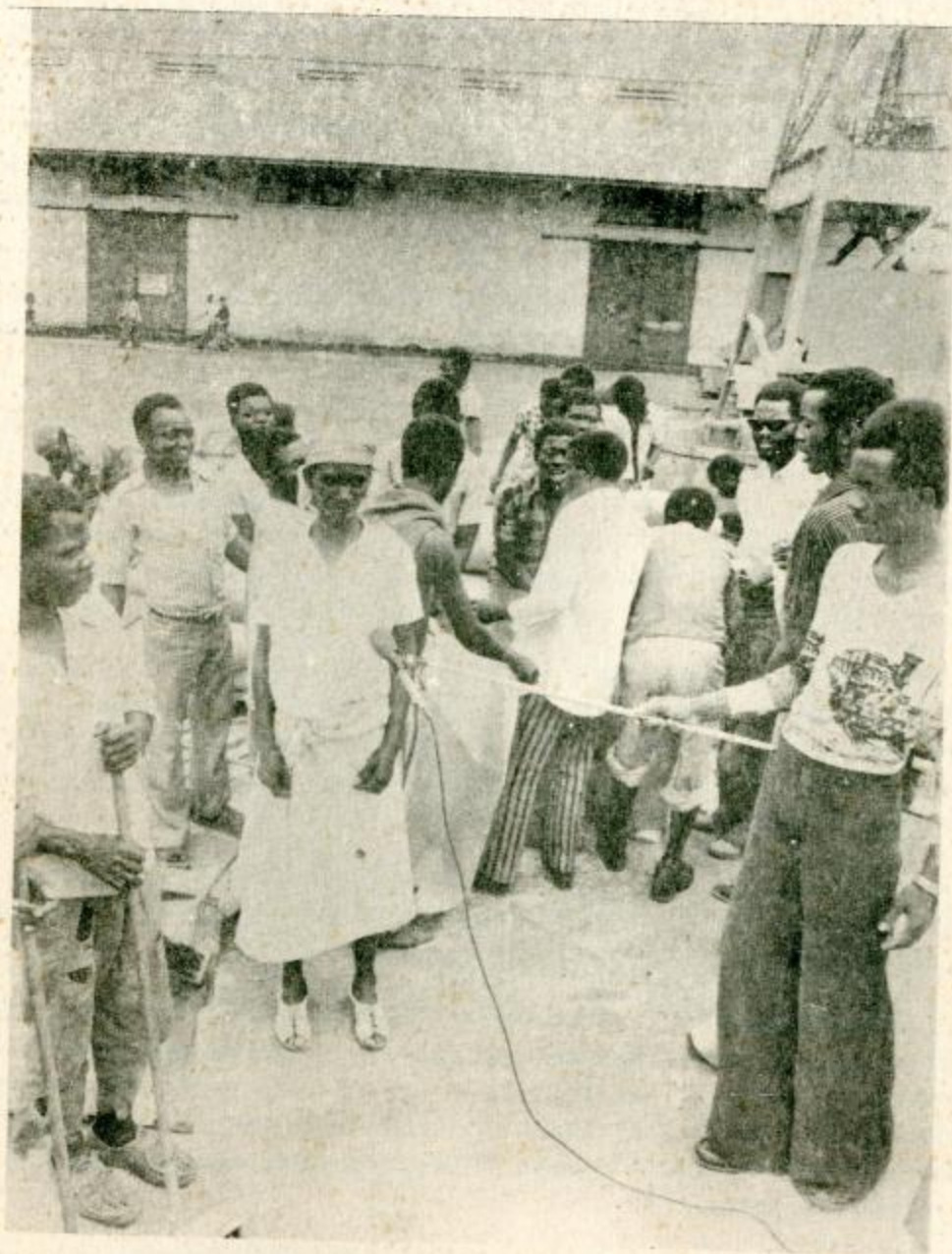
All over the country, the Angolan people are preparing for the First Congress of our Movement. In cotton harvesting, in coffee harvesting, in sugar-cane cutting, in the literacy campaign, in the vaccination campaigns, in the cleaning and beautifying of towns, people are coming forward to do voluntary work. Among other voluntary working brigades we might mention the 500 militants from Mexico, including women who came to work voluntarily in the port of Luanda for fifteen days, in order to help meet the basic expenses of our Congress. Although we have already had occasion to refer to many such gestures on the part of the population all over our territory, we have singled out this brigade because it involves the port of Luanda, a vital point for our economy and for our country's regular supplies, and because of the revolutionary impact which it will certainly have on the port workers.

Angola is living through moments of expectation because guidelines for our domestic and foreign policy and for advancing national reconstruction are expected to emerge from the Congress.

The militants of the future Party will be called upon to be present wherever the greatest difficulties arise, wherever the people require support, wherever the workers and peasants are in need of any explanation. Party militants will be the vanguard of our people who will lead our struggle to final victory

LONG LIVE THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE MPLA!
VICTORY IS CERTAIN.





The National Radio interviews an OMA comrade who has come from Mexico with a brigade of 500 volunteers, to work in the port of Luanda and thus contribute to the fund for the expenses of the First Congress of the MPLA.

OMA ACTIVITIES ABROAD

An OMA delegation went to the Zambian capital at the invitation of UNIP, the Government Party, and of the Women's Brigade, for an interchange of experiences between the two organizations.

A communiqué issued by the Women's International Democratic Federation reports the visit of a delegation of the Organization of Angolan Women (OMA) to its Berlin headquarters, describing OMA's efforts in the sphere of literacy teaching, health, child care and other social tasks. It further reports that OMA is participating in the preparation of the First Congress of the MPLA, and stresses the high level of consciousness of our people who are defending the gains of the revolution and repelling all the attacks of imperialism.

COMMEMORATION OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

November will see the commemoration of the great historic Revolution of 1917, when the economic foundations of the exploitation of man by man were forever destroyed in Russia, and mankind advanced towards the unavoidable overthrow of domination of every kind.

The French, British and Portuguese empires in Africa have been overthrown. The former colonies, now independent countries, have their own say in the concert of nations.

Those victories are largely due to the help given by socialist countries, and in particular by the Soviet Union where, with victory of the October 1917 Revolution, the first link in the chain of human enslavement was broken and where imperialism has ever since encountered an insurmountable barrier, and retreated, and continues to retreat, while the progressive forces of the world advance towards more just relations between human societies.

Lenin was a man of tremendous scope, humane, cultured and intelligent, who placed all his knowledge and energy at the service of his people and all other peoples. He was a revolutionary who both theorised and put his theories into practice. He established the power of the soviets, the first workers' country, the first government of workers and peasants.

Lenin emphasized the idea that a revolution cannot advance unless woman takes part in the revolutionary tasks, unless she is part of that revolution, for she is the fundamental pillar of any society.

For the Organization of Angolan Women (OMA) this date is particularly important because it opened the way not only for the liberation of all the peoples of the world — although the struggle is not yet over and in some parts of the world is a matter of life and death — but also for woman's emancipation, for her complete fulfilment as a woman, wife and mother, as a worker in the society in which she lives.

Today, when Angolan women are consciously participating in production, health, education, industry, in every task, they know that they are doing this not simply to earn a living but because they have the same right as men to work, independence and dignity. They know they have acquired civic, social and political rights as well as duties. And they will march forward in our revolution, under the leadership of our MPLA, the guide of the whole Angolan people. They will honour our flag and provide the country with pioneers who will continue the glorious march of this generation of heroic sons and daughters, liberators of the Angolan people, from Cabinda to the Cunene, whose sacrifices made Angola's independence possible.

All honour to Lenin! Honour to all the heroic sons and daughters who contributed to the great October Revolution, to the liberation of all peoples in order that science and technology might benefit all men.

**For fraternity!
VICTORY IS CERTAIN!**



Lenin, the great revolutionary of our century, who laid the foundations for more just relations between men.

PROGRAMME FOR COMMEMORATION OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION

1. Distribution to OMA branches of information on the women's revolution in Soviet society following the Revolution.
2. Showing of films about the life of women in the Soviet Union.
3. Giving special place to the Great October Revolution on wall newspapers.
4. A message of greetings to Soviet women to be published by the mass media.
5. Meeting with Soviet women in the capital.
6. Exhibition of photographs on the life of Soviet women and children.
7. Voluntary work by our militants in tribute to the October Revolution.
8. Opening of a creche to be named after an outstanding Soviet woman: Nadejda Krupskaja.
9. Angolan writers will also take part in celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution.



On 8 October, 19 years since Comrade Ernesto "Che" Guevara fell in combat, he continues to be a source of inspiration and strength for still oppressed peoples.

What did they do to you, the butchers?
Where are your restless hands
And your just and selfless ideas
And your breast from which love grew?...

... You are among us
In just yearnings
In the need to take up arms
In the selfless kindness of heroes...

..You did not die, Guevara
And we shall push onwards
We shall reach the mountain peak
We shall plant white flowers
Tinged with red
A symbol of love and peace.

VENCEREMOS

THE TASKS OF WRITERS IN BUILDING SOCIALISM.

As a part of the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution, on 16 October the Angolan Writers Union had a meeting, attended by Soviet writers Olias Suleimanoz and Alexander Mejirov, on the theme of the tasks of writers in building socialism. In his closing remarks to the meeting, Comrade Luandino Vieira recalled the Angolan writers who laid down their lives in the First and Second National Liberation Wars, including Nicolau Spencer, Gasmin Rodrigues, Emanuel Gorgo and Helder Neto.





Learning how to read and write is a revolutionary duty. A comrade who has already learnt teaches another.

TO TEACH LITERACY TO OUR PEOPLE IS A REVOLUTIONARY DUTY

**Angolan woman's contribution to this all-important task
Up to now 61,142 women and 4,582 men have become literate!**

This was announced at a ceremony held at the Bairro Nelito Soares Workers' Centre, in Luanda, at the launching of the second phase of the literacy campaign conducted by OMA, during which it is planned to provide courses for about two thousand Angolan women, as a natural follow-up to the literacy already achieved.

The Organization of Angolan Women (OMA) is represented on the National Literacy Commission and the related Provincial Commissions, which control Provincial Literacy Centres!

OMA has participated in the literacy campaign at every level and made an outstanding contribution, as these facts show.

THE ORGANIZATION OF ANGOLAN WOMEN AND HEALTH

More than 500 OMA militants at a "Health Defender" course

OMA has started a three-month course for the training of "Health Defenders". The course is being attended by more than 500 comrades from the nineteen zones of the Luanda Municipality.

OMA fights epidemics

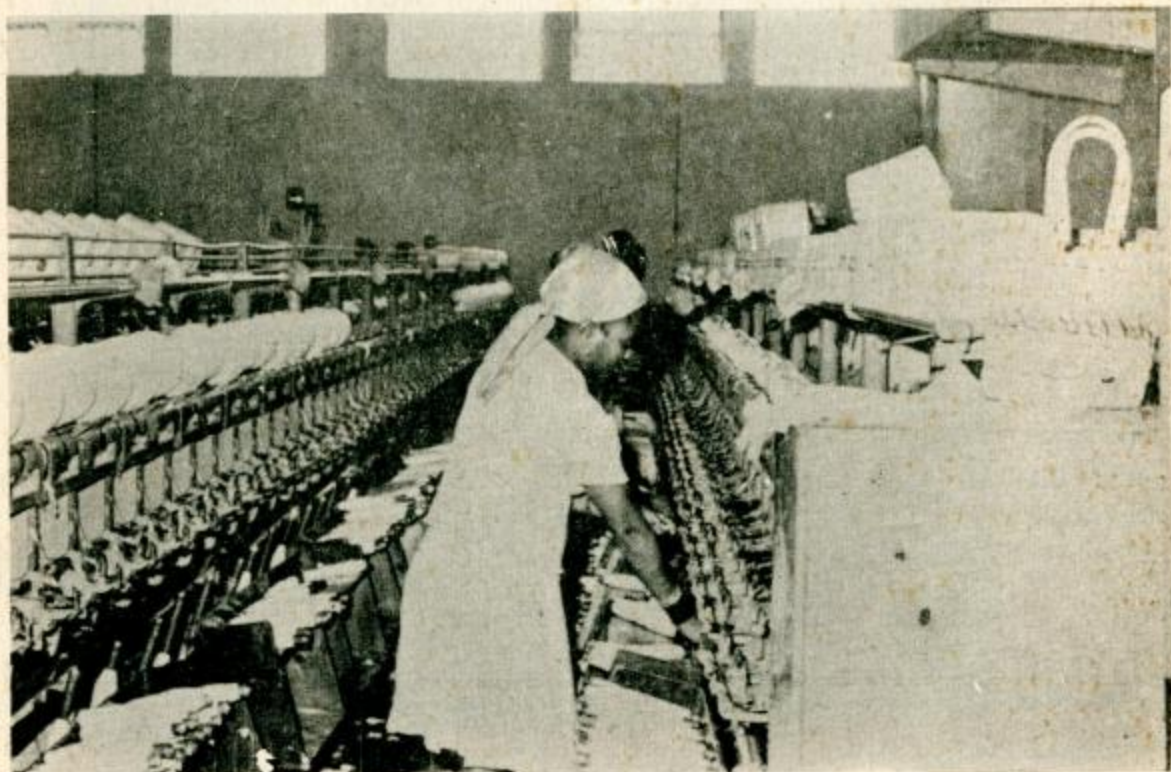
In cooperation with the Epidemiological Department of the Ministry of Health, OMA is continuing to participate in the vaccination campaigns against seven of the main diseases that have recently caused a number of deaths among our population. The Ministry of Health proposes to have the greater part of the population vaccinated by 1979.



An OMA comrade who works as a nurse and midwife at one of our health centres, in Luanda.



OMA in the anti-polio campaign.



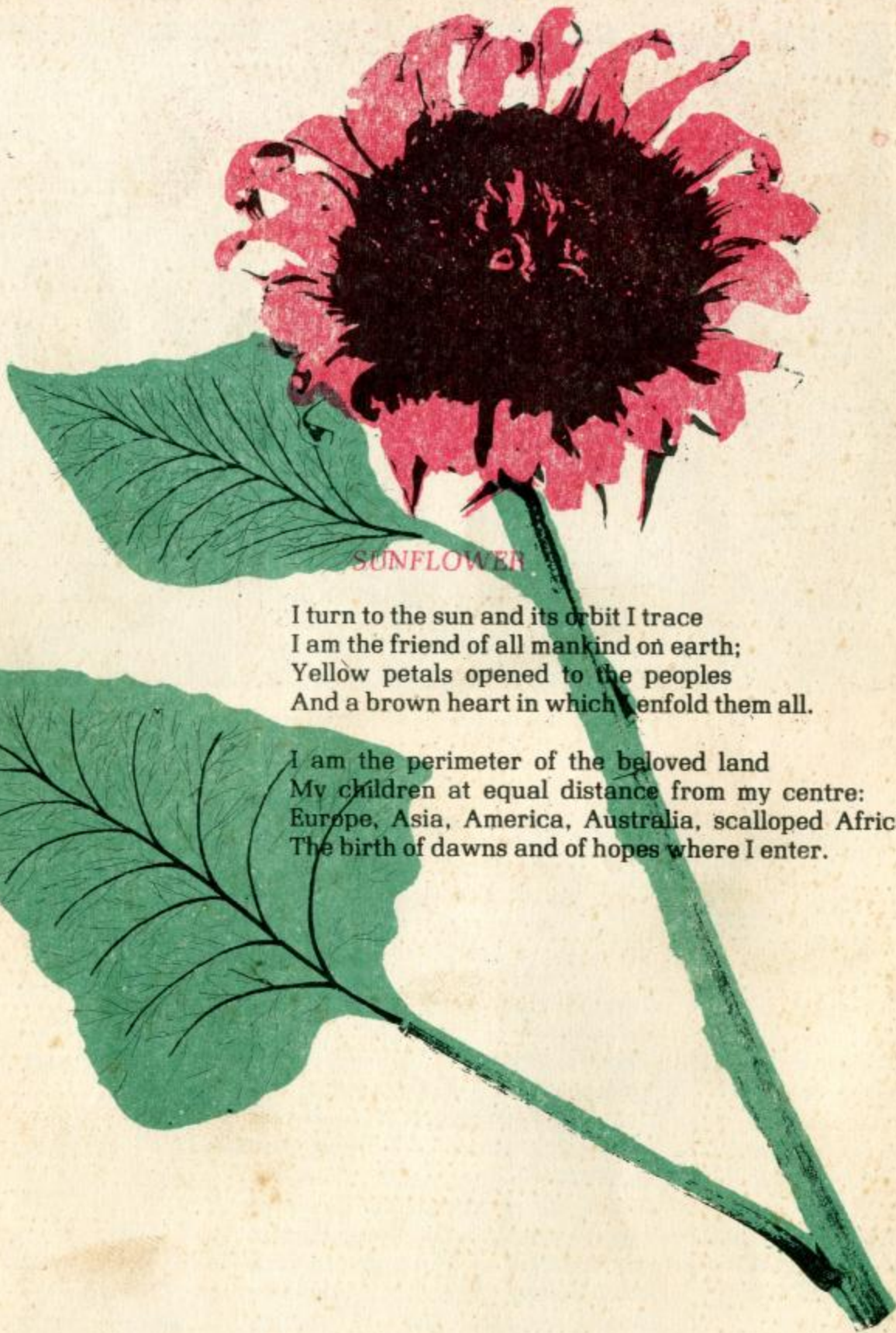
A woman in a cotton textile factory.



A woman taking part in the cotton harvest.

DAYS MARKED BY OMA

15 August	Revolutionary Union of Congolese Women
23 August	Constitution of the Federation of Cuban Women
23 August	National Council of Romanian Women
26 August	Women's Section of SWAPO
2 September	Union of Vietnamese Women
9 September	Democratic Union of Korean Women
9 September	Committee of Bulgarian Women
11 September	Committee of Mongolian Women
19/24 September	Women's Section of Guiné-Bissau
25 September	Organization of Mozambican Women
2 October	Revolutionary Union of Guinea-Conakry Women
7 October	Democratic Women of Germany (Demokratischer Frauenbund Deutschlands)
14 October	Madagascar
24 October	Zambia Women's Brigade



SUNFLOWER

I turn to the sun and its orbit I trace
I am the friend of all mankind on earth;
Yellow petals opened to the peoples
And a brown heart in which enfold them all.

I am the perimeter of the beloved land
My children at equal distance from my centre:
Europe, Asia, America, Australia, scalloped Africa
The birth of dawns and of hopes where I enter.