

A STORY OF DEPRAVITY: TERRORISTS IN ANGOLA

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Men, Women and Children—White and Black—Tortured and Maimed
on Explicit Directives Attributed to Communist-backed Leader

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SHOULD U. S. SUPPORT THE FORCES BEHIND THESE UNSPEAKABLE ACTS?

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This pamphlet was printed as a means of bringing to the American people the scope and depravity of the atrocities perpetrated on Portuguese settlers in the West African province of Angola early this year.

As the pamphlet shows, no age or sex was safe, babies being among those butchered. The victims included whites, mulattoes and Negroes—anyone who was Portuguese.

The atrocities were the result of an invasion by terrorists from the Congo outside Angola, and not, as has been portrayed, of a nationalist uprising. There is a great deal of evidence to show that the Communists helped plan, finance and direct this invasion and that the terrorists still depend largely upon Communist help. No less an authority than Lord Home, British Foreign Secretary, has indicated he felt the Angola fighting was the result of outside intervention on the same pattern followed by Communists elsewhere.

The Portuguese defended themselves against the invaders, whereupon their attackers launched a propaganda campaign at their victims. With typical Communist disregard for the truth, the terrorists tried to make the world believe that it was the Portuguese who were responsible for the fighting in Angola.

Nevertheless, the leader of the terrorists, Holden Roberto, in an interview in the Paris newspaper, *Le Monde*, of July 19, 1961, is quoted as admitting that the atrocities were a deliberate and coldly calculated part of the campaign against the Portuguese.

The interview in part is as follows: The reporter, Pierre de Vos, commented that the "insurgents are accused of the worst of horrors, and there is proof of the tortures perpetrated upon Portuguese men, women and even children, in the areas around San Salvador do Kongo (in Northern Angola). Do you deny the fact of those massacres?

"Holden Roberto, with no hesitation . . .

"No, it's all true, and I regret it more than I can say. But there is a reason behind all those horrors and the world has got to understand us." (Emphasis supplied.)

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In view of this terrible admission, and the circumstances in this case, we are unable to understand why our government is siding with the enemies of Portugal at the United Nations with regard to Angola.

In taking sides against our NATO ally, our UN delegation is in effect working with Soviet Russia which hates Portugal for its anti-Communist attitude and which would like to dismember and destroy a friendly nation as part of its campaign to smash the United States, itself.

Let us emphasize that our primary concern in the matter is the security of the United States of America. We think that censuring and helping to weaken a staunch NATO ally and faithful friend is detrimental to that security.

At the United Nations, our delegation has gone so far as to vote to censure the Portuguese for defending themselves against the horrible and almost unspeakable atrocities pictured in this pamphlet.

This we cannot comprehend. We feel that a public explanation is due, not only to Portuguese-Americans in this country but to the general public of the United States.

It is a matter of record that Angola has been regarded as an integral part of Portugal for centuries; that Portugal for generations has pursued an enlightened multi-racial policy, eschewing discrimination on the basis of skin color. Negroes are freely admitted into full social, and economic participation in all the Portuguese African provinces and, in fact, in Portugal, itself.

It also is a matter of record that Portugal has recently embarked upon changes in Angola, giving all natives full citizenship, and steps are being taken to raise their standard of living. The objective is to maintain and strengthen a fully integrated society, according to the Portuguese government, with each race contributing its resources fully in the interests of the whole. This seems to us a most desirable goal and one which should be aimed at in other parts of Africa.

In any case, there is no satisfactory explanation to us—and to many other persons—of our Government's hostile attitude toward our ally, Portugal. The explanations we have seen have been general in nature and bewildering in content.

We regret the fact that we felt it necessary to issue this pamphlet, which is harrowing in nature. We do so only in the interests of arousing the public as to what is going on in Angola. We hope that an awareness of the situation there will prevent other things like this from happening. We hope also that this awareness will serve the cause of peace and the welfare and security of the United States.

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