

end, according to Prensa Latina, the Cuban news agency. The meeting, called by Assad, was designed to give Syria a mandate to intervene in Lebanon in supposed defense of the left. The Iraqi statement reiterated support for the unity and integrity of Lebanon, according to Prensa Latina.

Partly due to Iraqi pressure, the left has begun to awaken regarding the issue of Syrian treachery — especially

as they find themselves increasingly fighting both the Lebanese rightists and the commandos of Arafat's Fatah and Assad's Saiqa Palestiniana groups. Le Monde reported Sunday that Assad's intervention in Lebanon has "served to pacify, greatly deceiving certain formations of the left, who saw in the Syrian Ba'ath (Assad's breakaway faction — ed.) a natural and very active ally."

MPLA Counterattacks Multi-Front Invasion of NATO-CIA Forces

Oct. 29 (IPS) — The pro-socialist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) has turned back the northern invasion of CIA-backed Zairean and National Front (FNLA) troops into Angola. The MPLA is contending with a four-front NATO onslaught into Angola, as the Nov. 11 date for Angola's independence from Portugal nears.

The NATO forces, including Zairean and South African regular forces, are attempting to prevent the pro-Soviet MPLA, which has the support of most of Angola's population, from being recognized as the official Angolan government on Nov. 11. NATO, with no hope of overthrowing the MPLA, is attempting to exhaust the MPLA forces in a multi-front war and then envelop the country in an endless war of brigandage and destruction.

The success of this all-out effort to prevent an MPLA victory is seen by NATO planners as vital to the outcome of the related NATO destabilization operations underway in Portugal and Lebanon. The NATO invasion — operating under cover of a near total blackout in the western European and American press — was planned at the highest levels of the major NATO governments, and has the active support of Maoist China.

French President Giscard d'Estaing, Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans, and State Department Africa expert Sheldon Vance — all top NATO leaders — visited Zaire during the late summer and fall for planning sessions.

According to well informed diplomatic sources, Giscard conferred directly with the FNLA politburo in Zaire, and has diverted arms ship-

ments originally destined for South Africa to the FNLA.

West German neo-Nazi and former Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss coordinated the South African invasion plans and the Chinese aid to the FNLA. Strauss, who calls Angola "a strategic priority for NATO and the BRD," spent fully three weeks this summer in South Africa on a "private visit" and subsequently went to see his good friend Premier Chou En Lai in China.

Northern Invasion Repulsed

Despite the extent of NATO preparations, the MPLA has managed to contain and turn back the northern onslaught of the FNLA and the Zairean army.

Over the weekend, the MPLA drove the FNLA-Zairean forces from the town of Quifangando, north of the capital of Luanda and the location of Luanda's water reservoir. The MPLA is reportedly preparing a counteroffensive in that zone, according to a diplomatic source in Europe. The MPLA also repulsed FNLA attacks on the oil-rich enclave of Cabinda last week. Cabinda is controlled by the MPLA and separated from Angola proper by a small strip of Zaire.

Zairean troops which invaded the diamond-rich Lunda and Malanje provinces were also beaten back, according to the Portuguese daily *Diario de Noticias*, and MPLA forces are advancing on the so-called stronghold of the second-string NATO countergang UNITA in the central highlands city of Nova Lisboa.

Reports from both diplomatic and

press sources state that both Holden Roberto, head of the FNLA, and Jonas Savimbi, head of UNITA, are making moves toward suing the MPLA for peace.

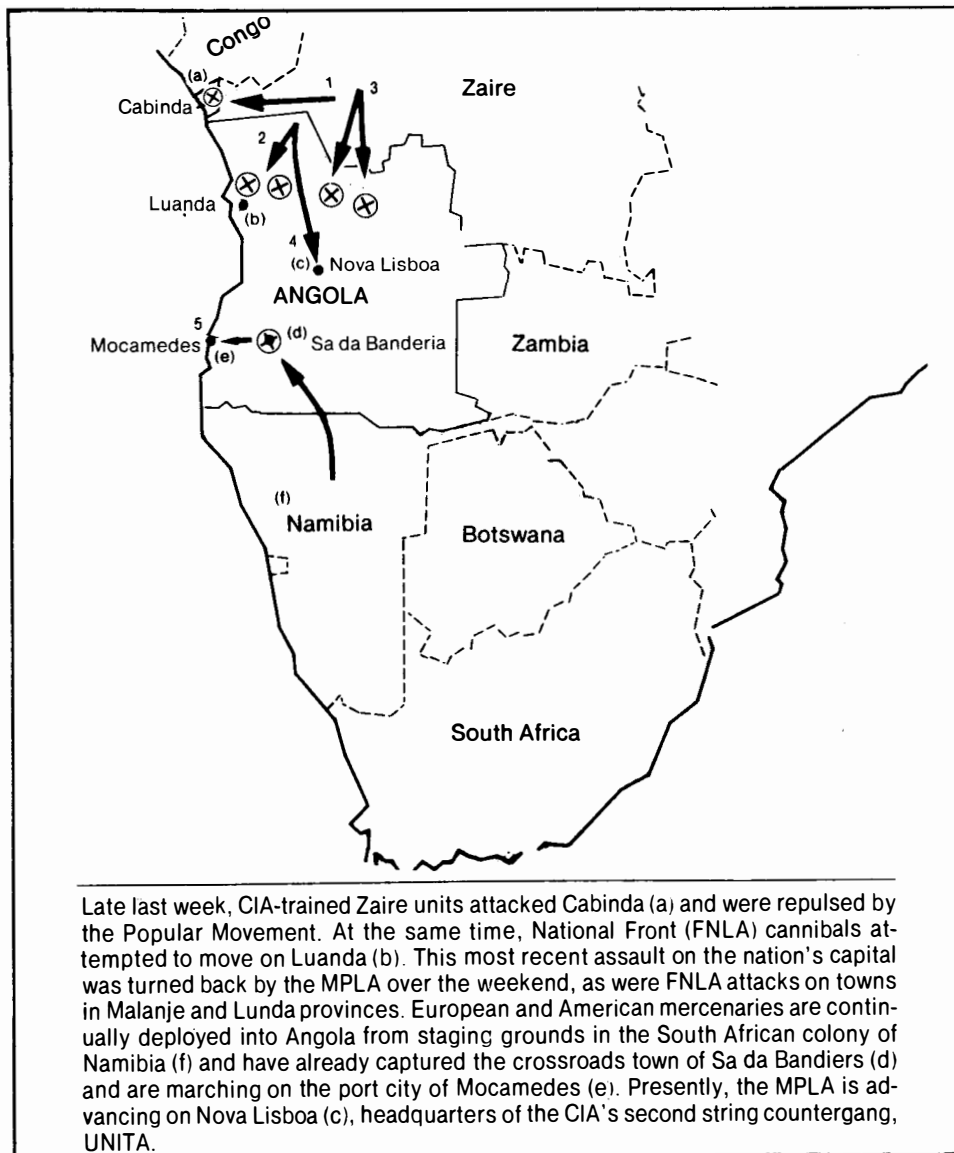
Spinola, South Africans Invade South

The attack in southern Angola, by a South African mercenary force, which includes representatives from most NATO countries and is spearheaded by exiled Portuguese President Spinola's fascist Portuguese Liberation Army, represents the most serious danger. Styling itself the "unified armed forces," the heavily armed gang of thugs has seized the important southern crossroads town of Sa da Bandeira, with the aid of French-made South African armored cars and helicopters, according to West German press reports.

The MPLA responded to the onslaught on Oct. 23 with a call for a total mobilization of men and women aged 18 to 35. The call has received overwhelming support. Long lines of recruits formed at recruitment centers in Luanda early the next morning, according to the Portuguese daily *O Seculo*, and the MPLA has been able to marshal 30,000 troops in Luanda alone.

Those unable to fight are being deployed to boost up the economy, under the slogan "Production is Resistance." Moreover, 10,000 white Angolans rallied on Oct. 22 in Luanda to wish the NATO-run Azevedo government in Portugal "ill health and a speedy demise," according to *Diario de Noticias*, and affirmed their unconditional support for MPLA.

Special Report:



Stop CIA-Run Invasion of Angola!

USLP Presidential Statement

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 — Over the last three days Rockefeller and Kissinger have ordered mercenary forces from South Africa, Belgium, West Germany, Tunisia, Zaire, and the United States to launch a major invasion from staging areas in South-West Africa and Zaire against the only legitimate government of Angola, the MPLA (Popular Move-

ment for the Liberation of Angola). These forces, backed with arms and training from pro-Rockefeller factions in nearly every European country, have been deployed in an all-out effort to prevent Angola's Nov. 11 Independence under an MPLA regime, and to release reactionary units of the Portuguese army now tied up in Angola to Portugal in order to suppress the revolutionary movement there.

Reports late today from the Voice of East Germany radio broadcasts and from diplomatic sources in Paris indicate that the MPLA forces have scored

major victories against both invasion forces. However, there can be no security for the multiracial, pro-development MPLA regime until the elected representatives of the U.S., France, and West Germany — in particular — cut off the massive gun-running and troop deployments being carried out by the National Security Council and its lackeys throughout the world.

Foreign Invasion

As has been made clear in the world press, there is no question that the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and National Union for