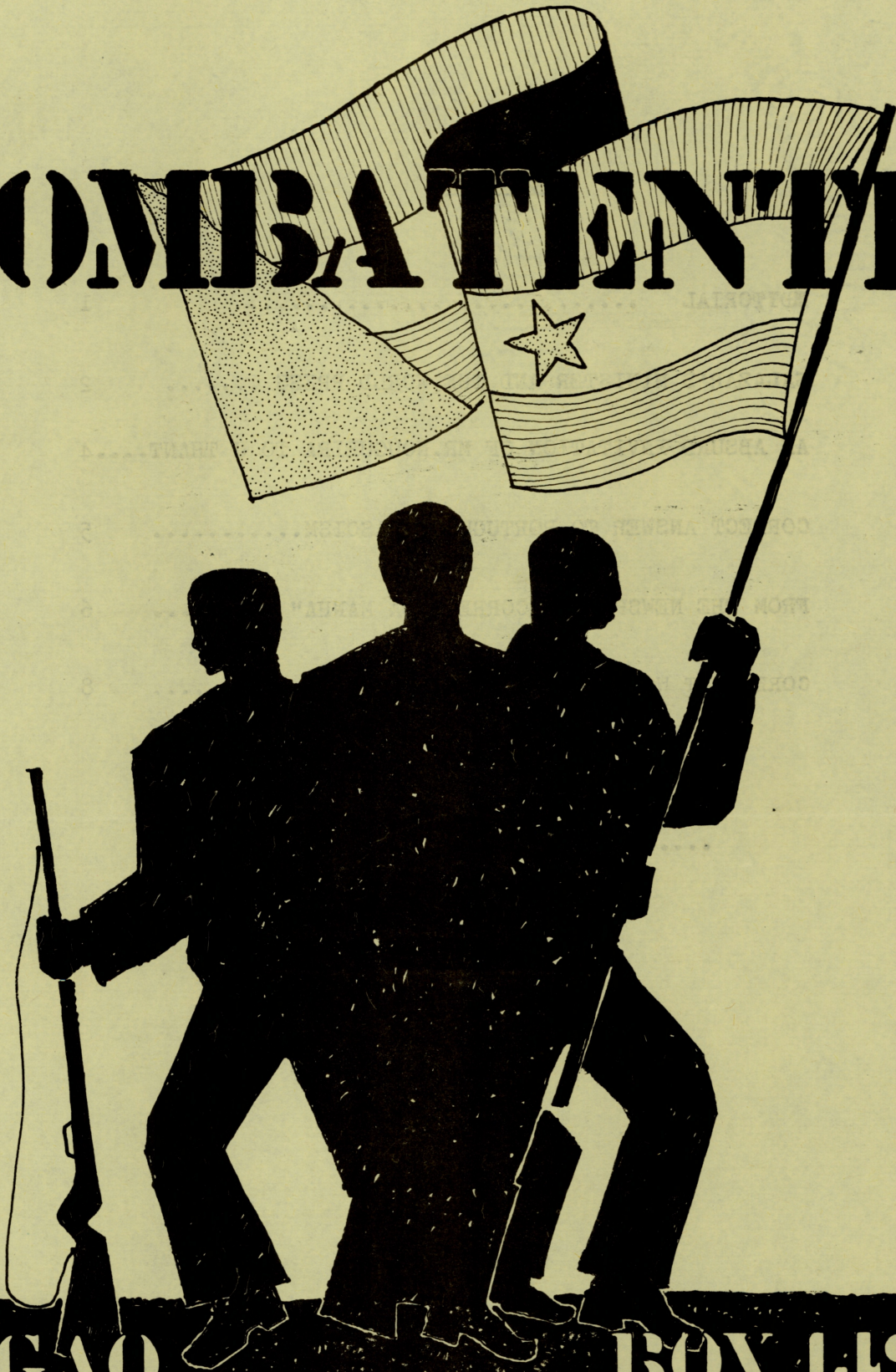


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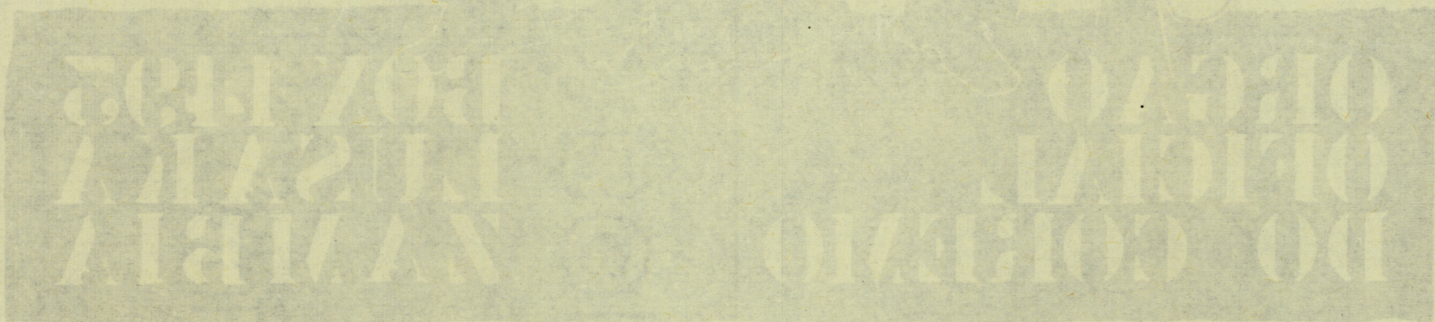
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EDITORIAL

THE EMPTY CIVILISING MISSION OF SALAZAR

After a dead silence of more than eighteen months the aged Portuguese fascist Prime Minister Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar broke off in a senseless speech on the first of last December on Southern Africa Policy. Dr. Salazar as always made a long speech but said nothing in his 4,000 word address in what concerns new changes in the colonial Policy. He repeatedly worried the listeners by calling to arms the Portuguese people in order to resist at all cost our demands for freedom.

In his hopeless speech which was a result of a terrible blow, Portuguese fascist had suffered some few days ago from the Brazilian Government when the latter refused to be a complice in wrong-doings of Portugal in Angola and Mozambique, Dr. Salazar claimed that although many good friends have abandoned him, his country would hold in the hollow of its African territories indefinitely.

"We are sure that we can make our resistance last indefinitely" said he.

The speech which was an address to the delegates of Municipalities from Mozambique had aimed at a camouflage, by shame of Dr. Salazar himself to make a public confession of political defeat of his Salazarism, synonym with fascism, in Africa. While the fascist by one hand boasts to hold out for much longer, on the other hand he contradicts himself when talking of Portugal's continuing fight against Nationalist guerrillas in African territories, he says :- the problem would be different if Portugal was confronted by a general uprising.

This, is in fact, a farce. What does he mean by a general uprising? Is there any part of his three colonies in Africa, where there is no fighting?

Meanwhile the Portuguese racist and colonialist Prime Minister went very far to the point to denounce his bogus and empty civilising role in Africa based indeed on equality when he said : But the facts were that the guerrillas killed more Africans in their fields than members of European or local forces guarding them. Why now this discriminating term Africans in countries where the fascist claims to be "Overseas Provinces of Portugal?" The Africans are no longer Portuguese citizens?

It is de facto, ridiculous and ludicrous to hear Salazar speaking on civilising mission of Portugal which is a past phenomenon. The odd thing is that Portugal itself compared with other European countries, is soci-

ally, economically, political and almost in very sense a backward country which verges on being a colony of the big powers. And Salazar continues trying ^{to} hold on the colonial empire in spite of ~~an~~ record of backwardness of Portugal in the past and at present.

To Mr. Salazar, the terribly repressive methods adopted by his Government in the colonies is a civilising mission! The indiscriminate killing of defenceless African population in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea and countless case of raped women, these records of crimes means to Dr. Salazar civilising mission of Portugal!

In fact, Portugal Policy in Africa is a dirty game which can be identified with that of an idealistic and confused man such as Salazar. In the colonial Policy of Portugal, no change has been made compared with that of previous centuries. Thus the colonial historian Gomes dos Santos was closer to the reality of their (Portuguese) rule in Africa when he wrote bitterly in 1903: "We did not know, and we do not know, how to colonise.... We are utopian dreamers, a race of inept sluggards who have always been with national sovereignty".

Dr. Salazar yet still believes in the use of force to solve colonial problems. In this context Salazar must admit that his "civilising mission" has completely failed and that the only alternative now remained is to destroy a little of history made by Portugal in these territories.

The question remains that even Salazar ^{rides} / a horse more days to come, the true fact is that the "fierce resistance to the disintegrating forces" as called by Salazar in his speech, will one day vanish as a smoke.

Since Salazar is a war-monger and trouble maker, we do not see other way to solve the colonial problem than to continue our struggle for freedom and independence until victory is achieved.

SALAZAR'S MINISTER AND THE WORLD PRESS

Portugal nailed in the extreme West of Europe, in the Spanish Peninsula, is an old small very backward State which has been ruled by a fascist regime since 1927. The country, which for years has been a Kingdom, became a Republic in 1910 when a military coup d'etat toppled King Carlos I, who together with the crown Prince, D. Manuel Filipe were executed in Rocio square.

Since then confusion of struggle for power took place until 1927, when a Professor of University was summoned to take over office in the Ministry of Finance the Professor is DR. ANTONIO DE OLIVEIRA SALAZAR, a bachelor and former priest novice. In 1928, the President of the Republic, MARCHAL ANTONIO OSCAR DE FRAGOSO CARMONA sympathetic with the Minister of Finance - Salazar - immediately summoned him to take over office as Premier.

From then began the story of a dictator-fascist who is still holding tightly the helm of power as an incontestable and unreplaceable leader of the Portuguese Government. Why is it so? Because Salazar immediately took over office, established a Press Censorship and free association.

The President of Republic has no power over the Primer Minister. Internal regulations for office work is bound to many restrictions which make a free Minister to be a yes Sir boy of Salazar. A Minister in Salazar's Cabinet must speak, write and discuss according to Salazar's wish. The Portuguese people are forced to adore Salazar like God. They say that Salazar is God's envoy who had prevented every kind of suffering against Portuguese people. So, no one dares to say no to Salazar.

As result, recently while in an official visit to Brazil, the Minister of Finance, Ulisses Cortez failed to satisfy the Brazilian Press. It said that during the Press Conference he held at Rio de Janeiro the Minister, failed to answer some of many questions directed to him by the pressmen. It said that Mr. Cortez requested the interviewers to submit their questions in writing. The aid-officers of the Minister were in charge of receiving and censoring the questions before handing them to the Minister.

According to the news, the Minister had to take about thirty minutes to give an answer to each question. This is, of course, the effect of the Press Censorship established by fascist Salazar who punished by expulsion from the Minister otherwise transgressor may face imprisonment in case of some political suspicions conceived in the mind of P.L.D.B gang.

It is, therefore, well-known that Salazarist Minister, are not free to answer any democratic question and thus the reason they do not want to be questioned.

The same hapened with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Franco Kouzeira, when last October he visted Brazil, he skilfully refused to comment the general lines of the conversation he had with Brazilian counter-part Mr. M. Pinto. He alleged that their discussions had dealt with political,

economic and cultural problems between the two countries. However, Salazarist Foreign Minister pointed out that their troops in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (BISSAU) may be withdrawn at any time as soon as the activities of terrorist bands which are militarily based in the Congo and Tanzania, countries from which they receive lodging support areas are once stopped, he said.

The Portuguese Foreign Minister also denied the information that the United States of America had forwarded a request in order to install military base in Portuguese territories.

Salazar's machinery of censorship does not cover only the civil servants but it also goes up to the ordinary man who often finds himself involved in a dirty game of politics without being a politician.

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AN ABSURD INVITATION OF MR. NOUGUEIRA TO U THANT

According to NEWSPAPER (FOLHA DE S. PAULO), 11/10/67 Mr. Nogueira during his visit to Brazil criticised the Secretary General of the UNO. U THANT by his refusal to visit Portuguese colonies in Africa. The Portuguese Foreign Minister said:- "If our Overseas Provinces constitute a threat to Peace, nothing is more natural and necessary than the Secretary General of the International Organisation to pay a visit to them".

Mr. Nogueira also revealed that his Government spends 23.7 per cent of its budget in order to maintain its troops in ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE and GUINEA (BISSAU).

By extending an invitation to the Secretary General of the United Nations to visit what Mr. Nogueira insists to be "OVERSEAS PROVINCES of PORTUGAL" he has deliberately made an absurd and ambiguous gesture, It is in fact madiculous and ludicrous. How could the Secretary General of the UNITED NATIONS call on Provinces of an independent State? Does this mean that Mr. Nogueira has cunningly admitted that the old term COLONIES is only suitable one for the case? Otherwise he must agree that the so-called "PROVINCES" are really a threat to PEACE and international security.

While Mr. Nogueira at one hand denied Nationalist uprisings in Portugal's "OVERSEAS PROVINCES" on the other hand he stressed that his Government has been spending a lot of money 23.7 per cent in maintaining troops in Africa. Is not this enough to shame Mr. Nogueira and to make him a doubtful and idealistic politician? Would he like to see the Secretary General of the United Nations being received by fire-Arms of the Nationalist Moviments of those areas?

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A CORRECT ANSWER TO PORTUGUESE FASCISM

Mr. Franco Nogueira, Minister for Foreign Affairs in Salazar's Government was guest for a week of the Brazilian Government last October, Mr. Franco Nogueira arrived at the International Airport of Rio de Janeiro very confident to win the sympathy and support of the Brazilian authorities in regard to his Government colonial Policy. When the fascist's envoy arrived in Brasil practically, all local information Agencies took frontal position against the hypotheses of the Brazilian Government towards Portuguese colonial fascism.

It is true to say that the visit of Mr. Nogueira was a complete fiasco. The Brazilian Press unanimously condemned the colonial Policy of Portugal. Even the most moderate newspaper in Brasil (Jornal do Brasil) broke off the normal line in order to dedicate a few lines against Nogueira's aims on visiting Brasil.

During a Press Conference held by Mr. Nogueira in Rio de Janeiro the Portuguese Foreign Minister, suffered a tremendous setback when he refused to answer some questions directed to him by some journalist about freedom of the Press in Portugal and in what he claimed as "internal matter".

Being Brasil a democratic Nation the attitude assumed by Mr. Nogueira deeply shocked not only the Representatives of the Press themselves, but also the public opinion of Brasil as a whole.

In order for the readers to have an idea of the reactions provoked by Mr. Nogueira's visit following we quote some of Editorials of the most important newspaper of the Rio de Janeiro.

From (Jornal do Brasil, October 15):-

.....Because of the vital importance that the colonies have for Portugal's economy, we perfectly understand the hard struggle waged by Portugal in order to preserve its dominatio over relations with its Overseas territories.

In this struggle, Brasil has been, at the United Nations, the best and loyal friend of Portugal.

We have always voted against in so many resolutions that blame Port-

tuguese colonialism and we have tried all we could to gain over for our side other Latino?American countries support.

"But there is no doubt that Portugal's position which is against the course of history, has deteriorated year after year at the United Nations. Last General Assembly, in spite of all our efforts, Brazil's was and isolated voice among Latino?American countries in the votation of Afro-Asian sponsored resolution blaming Portugal.

"It seems that the efforts of Mr. Franco Nogueira to obtain more compromise from us for the defense of Portugal at the United Nations found now firm resistance from the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Mr. Magalhaes Pinto. The Portuguese must understand that for their own benefit Brazil owes to maintain safe and sound its prestige of champion of anti-colonialism cause, so that we may have authority to help the sister country in its vicissitudes at the United Nations. The old pretension to pass over to our shoulder a part of the colonial burden through the creation of "LUSO-BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY" only could have as a result complete Brazilian ~~INDIFFERENCE~~ at the UNO in order to give to Portugal one more friend in her difficult position.

"It is justifiable that Portugal request from us all to prove of our friendship, which, in truth, we have been so prodigal in offering, but she would be asking for convictions in order to help her to carry on our shoulders, the cross of colonialism in which she found no way of relief.

FROM THE NEWSPAPER CORREIO DA MANHA,

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..... "We cannot cooperate in the maintainance of colonialism whether formally declared or not, even if it embelished in good terminology, which in truth, could only be considered as an act of meaningless coutersy at the UNO.

"If the former Government, and especially what the Minister for Foreign Affairs who has assumed what can be called a secret diplomacy, some compromises in connection with external Policy of Portugal and in which the present Government could not accept it and in fact did not accept. And this was communicated to Mr. Nogueira himself.... And among these compromises that of sending troops to ANGOLA if need be and in case Lisbon may request.

"This would mean direct participation of Brazil in colonial war, which contradicts our position regarding our historical orientation which constitutes, since independence, a inviolable patrimony. It is in complete disagreement with the best traditions of our armed forces, our people and, in one word our dignity.

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"At the United Nations we have prejudiced, in this way, Portugal when we hesitate or avoid to tell her that we cannot collaborate to maintain its colonial structures.

....."Brazil of 1967 is not that of FRIENDSHIP TREATY and CONSULTATION of 1953. And the clause signed by the former Government it seems to presuppose that Brazil still dependent on Lisbon. Our relations with Portugal are not a corner-stones of our External Policy, but they have importance in a line of moral preoccupation and affective order. These two point must go together for the complete and correct each other".

As we can conclude from these two editorials of two most popular Brazilian NEWSPAPERS, the answer to Portuguese fascism was correct and given in a proper time. All our credit goes to the present Government of Marshal Costa and Silva who has made a significant approach by revising External Policy of Brazil especially in regard to the colonial Policy of Portugal. Brazil, in so doing, has understood our dire situation which cannot differ with that of Brazil of 1822. We are fighting Salazar's PROVINCIALISM. FORWARD YES, BACKWARD NEVER.

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COREMO AT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Last October from the 25th to 30th Albanian was a host country for several hundreds of delegates from every corner of the World where they gathered in an International Women's Congress. The progressive and revolutionary women of the World did denounce the U.A. aggression in South Vietnam.

At the end of the Conference the delegates were allowed to visit some Albanian historical places throughout the Peoples' Republic of Albania.

Following is the speech to the Conference delivered by our delegate Mrs. Priscilla Gumane in her capacity as the Secretary for Women's Affairs in COREMO:-

"On behalf of the Mozambique Revolutionary Committee (COREMO) and the Mozambique Women Revolutionary Union, I would like in the first place to convey hearty greetings and sincere good wishes, on the occasion of this symbolic Congress".

"Madame Chairman and comrades, Mozambique lies on the South-Eastern coast of Africa. It is a country of 33,200 square miles (778,000 square Kms), with a population of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ million Africans, who have been oppressed by the Portuguese colonialists and imperialist for over four hundreds years. In all these years the Portuguese have Muled Mozambique with an Iron Rod".

"In Mozambique the Portuguese are practising a war of genocide against the entire African population. In this August Congress I am not going to tell you about what rights women have in Mozambique or the emancipation of women that is taking place as African women have no rights, in many unfortunatute country, because of Portuguese oppressive laws against Africans".

Mozambique is country of sorrow, poverty and disease, where women have to watch their children and husbands die slowly, and where women have to wath their husbands and sons taken to forced labour camps the system which operates in Mozambique, the worst system that was ever practised by man to fellow man. It is a form of slavery in which men and women are treated not as human beings but, as chattles to be moved from place to place the whim of the white Portuguese local authorities (ADMINISTADORES e CHEFES DE POSTOS) district and region officers.

"Madame chairman and comrades, these diabolical acts have been going on for years, hence the re-organisation of the armed struggle by the Mozambique Revolutionary Committee".

"Women have been taken to the mountain to fight shoulder to shoulder with their husbands and sons. We are not a blood thirsty people and we do not enjoy killing but we have been driven to it by the Portuguese imperialism. Since there is no other alternative than force to liberate ourselves from bondage we are determined to meet Portuguese violence with revolutionary violence. All peace loving people support our course".

The Portuguese soliders have attempted to demoralise the high spirit of the masses by indiscriminate killings, burning house, raping women and committing many other diabolical acts. Come what may, the fascist rulers will have to pay for all these inhuman acts, for we believe in tooth for a tooth, eye for an eye and life for a life struggle. We say what blood debts must be payed in blood this is a point of no return.

PIDE IN ACTION:-

PIDE means (POLICIA INTERNACIONAL E DE DEFESA DO ESTADO) State Security Police which is organised in Hitler pattern. These masters in torture are trained in order to deal with anyone suspected of Nationalism you need not be involved in politics, only being a suspected is enough for the police to arrest you, and even children women, old or young are not spared by the PIDE. Women and children are tortured in order to give the police information about our guerrilla militants who are prepared to endure all that suffering for freedom.

Never in the history of the World have the colonialists become so vicious and inhuman.

"Madame chairman and comrades, let me congratulate the women of Albanian for being the pillars of Leninism and Marxism in order to build a strong Socialist country. The Women and men, the brave sons and daughters of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the sisters and brothers of socialist Albania today constitute the storm centres of the world. The Women of Mozambique is will always stand together with the women of the People's Republic of Albania in their fighting to establish a truly peacefully World. We, like you, love peace, but like you, love freedom more. No force of earth will break the solidarity between our women and the women of Albania. This, comrades is the message which I bring you from the revolutionary women of Mozambique.

"LONG LIVE THE HEROIC AND REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN OF SOCIALIST ALBANIA!

"LONG LIVE EVERLASTING FRIENDSHIP OF THE ALBANIAN AND MOZAMBIQUE WOMEN!

"LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM!!