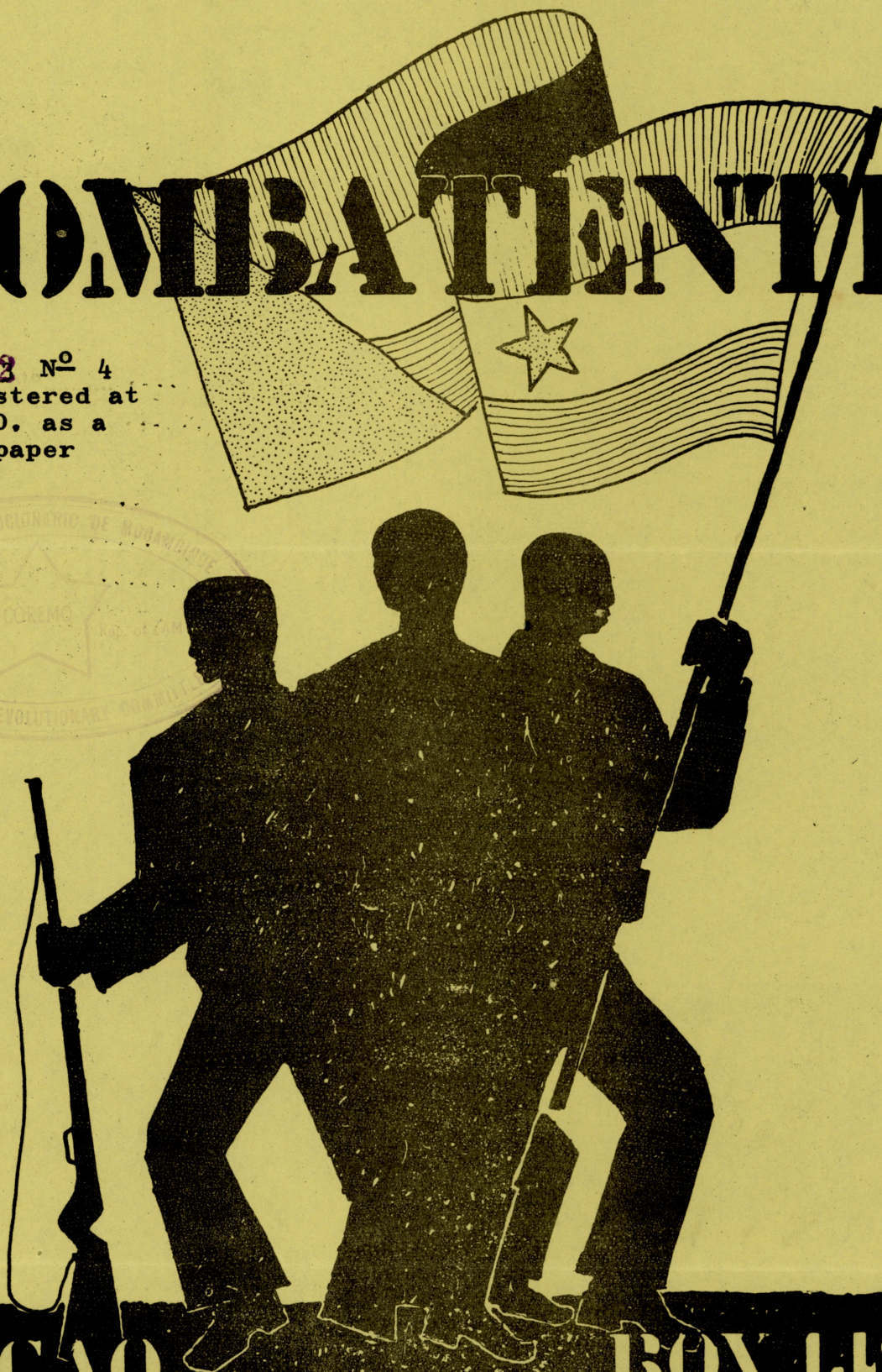


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A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MESSAGE
TO ALL MOZAMBICANS AT HOME AND ABROAD
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This message is not restricted to a certain group of people or party/^{but} to all freedom loving Mozambicans who cherish the same ideal to free themselves from the Portuguese colonial yoke.

Fellow freedom fighters and country men, it is now 5 years since the armed struggle for freedom and independence began in Mozambique and nearly 10 years when the first National Political Parties were formed.

Here I shall deal more with the problems concerning the armed struggle than the formation of the National Political Parties in the years of 1960 and 1961.

And the reason I talk about the first National Political Parties, is due to the fact that, long before the formation of this National organisations, there were many societies organised on Provincial, regional, religious and tribal bases.

This unfortunate past state of affairs, is the one that weakened our forefather's efforts to destroy Portuguese colonialism and imperialism in Mozambique. Thanks, to the present young generation of leadership who toiled vigorously to break the fascist Portuguese policy of divided and rule, making it easy for the African people of Mozambique to unite in their struggle for freedom and independence.

Sons and daughters of the soil, five years have passed since the Mozambican people decided^s after the stubbornness and refusal by Portugal to abide by the demands and wishes of the majority peoples of Mozambique the United Nations demands and many others Peace Loving countries and organisations in particular, the ORGANISATION FOR AFRICAN UNITY (O.A.U.), to grant the people of Mozambique and those of others colonies under her rule, self-determination which would eventually, lead into unconditional independence, to wage a National armed struggle for freedom and independence.

This noble and courageous decision taken by the African peoples of Mozambique, was highly accepted and acclaimed by the people at home and abroad and received a full unconditional support from the O.A.U. and peace loving countries and organisations all over the World. Because of the Mozambican people determination, the ailing dictator Salazar, with the help of her capitalistic and imperialist allies in NATO, with vast interests in Mozambique and other Portuguese colonies rushed thousands of troops equipped with NATO weapons, to quell what he termed to be a mere rebellion which, has turned into a war for freedom and independence. A fact that, Salazar, and the entire imperialistic World recognise today.

Comrades, let us examine ourselves on the achievements, errors and set-backs, made or encountered during the last five years of our armed struggle in Mozambique. At home, both true and dedicated revolutionary organisations who vowed before God and the people that ^{they} will, wage a relentlessly struggle against the Portuguese colonialists until Mozambique is completely free and a majority Democratic African Government is established have claimed many victorious and progressive achievements.

Others have claimed that, one fifth (1/5) of the country with well over a million (1,000,000) inhabitants has been liberated and that schools, hospitals, co-operatives, shops and light industries have been established under the directive of the people's defence force. And politically, the majority of the African people at home, have left many steps toward political consciousness after being isolated from the rest of the World for many centuries due to the Portuguese oppression. The masses of the people have demonstrated to us and the rest of the World that their determination to uproot Portuguese colonialism, imperialism and other vestiges of exploitation has more than increased.

Their political slogan in the areas we are operating from are, "UNITY is strength and give us weapons we shall do the rest". And they have since the inception of our armed revolution, given all the co-operation and assistance that, the revolution demands from them. They

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Have given our comrades who are in the fore front food, shelter, attended the sick and wounded; and many of them have abandoned their villages and dear ones to join our gallant comrades in the forest and mountains. Thousands have lost all their families and whatever possessions they had, due to their unflickingly stand against the Portuguese. Others have been arrested and criminal assaulted or killed in the presence of other village^{ts} by the Portuguese fascist troops.

But inspite of all these, the desire for freedom and independence amongst the masses of the people has not been reduced. This is a good sign of our revolutionary zeal at home.

External since our provisional Head-quarters are not inside Mozambique but, in friendly and brotherly neighbouring independent states, namely Zambia and Tanzania, let us look at the role being played by those leaders who were entrusted with the responsibilities and duties of leading the organisation in accordance with Party constitutions and Programmes.

Are we fulfilling the oaths we took when we were sworn in as leaders of the people's revolution? If the answer is yes, why is there so much uncertainty in these organisations?

Comrades, we have for the last past two years witnessed many setbacks, chaos, killings assassination and desertions in our revolution for freedom and independence. What has gone wrong in our revolution after such wonderful beginning? Could it be said that the enemy has managed to infiltrate its agents to confuse the whole situation? Or is it ourselves who have opened the way for these events to occur? Of course, we all know that the enemy is working very hard to confuse the whole revolutionaty situation as they did on the deaths of comrades Jaime Rivaz Sigauke and Dr. Eduardo Mondlane who were brutally assassinated by the enemies of our revolution.

But, what about the students upheval which stunned many Governments and organisations who are supporting the Mozambican struggle whole heartedly and give joy to the enemy when the school was closed. Many of these students are now reported to be roaming in the streets of the capitals of East and Central Africa. And early this year, while the Mozambican people and the peace loving countries were recovering from the shock of Dr. Mondlane brutal

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assassination, another dreadful chapter opened in the struggle of Mozambique, This time, it was the desertion of LAZARO KAVANDAME the biggest traitor that Mozambique had ever produced with unknown number of confused young fighters. And since this chapter was opened, many more have followed suit Cha-Cha, Magno and Zuka etc.

In late 1967, Amos Mauricio Sumane was sent to Malawi on party mission. Arriving there, instead of accomplishing the mission he was sent for, he entered into secret talks with the Portuguese ^{Consul} in Malawi which, resulted in the formation of a puppet Policia Internacional de Defesa do Estado (PIDE) organisation known as, Uniao Nacional Africana de Mozambique (UNAMO). This so-called organisation is backed by the Portuguese Government through their mission there. The aims of this puppet organisation lead by Sumane is to discourage many Mozambicans from joining armed revolution, and to those who are already engaged into armed struggle to surrender to the enemy.

And finally, one prominent and founder leader of one ^{of} the revolutionary organisations in Mozambique, has just recently for the reasons known to himself accused his comrades of the Presidential council and the party in general. This leader, confirmed in a public statement given to the international press that in his organisation, there exist destructive elements in the organisation and alleged that, his two colleagues are the authors of these elements.

Comrades, after analysing what I have pointed above, I must say that something has gone wrong in the minds of the Mozambican leaders. We must not only blame the enemy, but we must at the same time examine ourselves. I know that, we, the people of Mozambique, are still students of politics and revolution, but, something must be done to rectify the situation for the betterment of our revolution at home and abroad. There is nothing better than unity and understanding amongst people who are struggling for the same objective. It is up to us the struggling people of Mozambique to see to it that unity, understanding and comradeship is maintained irrespective of party affiliation and otherwise. Our political differences should not be used as stumbling block in the achievement of our immediate goals for freedom and independence.

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As the new year is approaching, let us enter into it, with a new revolutionary spirit and understanding. The year 1970, should be a decisive one to all the struggling people of Mozambique.

Let by gones be by gones and call National conferences of all Mozambicans irrespective of party affiliation, religious believes or tribe. The conference should be attended by all sections of the people of Mozambique who believe in freedom and independence. Its only through such conference that, the Mozambican people can achieve a really National and revolutionary unity.

LONG LIVE THE MOZAMBICAN REVOLUTION!!
LONG LIVE AFRICAN UNITY AND DOWN WITH COLONIALISM
AND IMPERIALISM!!

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THE FAKE DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS OF
DICTATOR MARCELO CAETANO.

Dr.Marcelo Caetano's returning to power on the recent so-called Democratic Elections in Portugal have cast an illusion to many Nations. This fascist Portuguese propaganda had deceived the world that, democracy in Portugal does exist. For the first time in the history of Portugal, the so-called opposition had been given chance to contest the 130 seats of the new National assembly.

Once again, the 130 seats have gone to the pro-government National Union, Portugal's only legal political party. The so-called opposition is no where. How was this achieved?

Was the election conducted on the line of democracy and justice of which Portugal spoke so highly during the election compaigh? This was the first so-called free and democratic election, which was going to decide the fate of 14 million oppressed and degraded African masses in the so-called Overseas Provinces.

The mere fact is that Portugal's ruling clique never intended to hold democratic elections in Portugal or elsewhere.

The opposition was denied the FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. Its leaders were not allowed to go on campaigning tours. Each opposition candidate had to confine his oratory to the district where he was enrolled as an elector.

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Is this democracy and justice? We were further told that the election was also to decide the fate of 14 million Africans who are under Portuguese bondage for more than 500 years. The opposition in her election campaign urged Portugal to end the senseless and costly wars and negotiate a settlement based on self-determination. But has the fascist regime accepted? Caetano said that Portugal would not waver to "spare ~~ouri-~~ Africa the calamities of a phoney independence." The Portuguese people were asked to show by their votes that they approved of the struggle to hold the overseas provinces. This, has by itself, demonstrated to the entire World that Caetano speaks fascist and democratic languages; and live in two Worlds of his own.

He is and will remain an arch deacon of fascism in Portugal.

How can a man like Caetano talk of the unknowns? If the so-called overseas provinces are part and parcel of Portugal, why does he need a vote to keep them? This would make sense if TRAZ-OS-MONTES E BEIRA ALTA, were trying to secede from the rest of Portugal.

But for, Mozambique, Angola and Guinea Bissau there is no sense for Caetano to ask the 1,800,000 Portuguese voters to decide the fate of 14,000,000 colonized Africans.

COREMO, has said time and again that, since Portugal does not want to comply with the United Nation Charter of self-determination and the wishes of the Mozambican people ^{forwards} freedom and independence, COREMO will, continue to wage a relentless war against the Portuguese intruders until Mozambique is completely free from foreign domination and all other vestiges of colonialism and imperialism.

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THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN
THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT.
(FRELIMO)

The Mozambique people have been watching with great interest on the development of the armed struggle for freedom and independence.

Since the formation of prior political parties there have been ups and downs, and misunderstandings. But never before, has been any split and misunderstandings amongst the leaders caused by foreign ideological differences, regionalism nepotism ~~and~~ tribalism as the case in FRELIMO today.

Political differences in any organisation are inevitable. A struggle backed by any organisation can sometimes achieve its goals through such differences. Mankind learns to put things right through his own mistakes. The differences in FRELIMO today, are no more considered as mistakes or internal.

They are political crisis which lead to indanger the lives of thousands innocent people who have sacrificed everything at home and abroad, so that they carry the revolution for the liberation of Mozambique to the end. Already the organisation is encompassed by perils, The "BIG THREE" who took over presidential powers after the brutal assassination of the first President of FRELIMO, Dr. Eduardo Mondlane in February this year, are fighting for power and glory.

They are now known as power hungry leaders. These leaders, have created a setback in the armed struggle, whereby the people of Mozambique are engaged.

Reverend Uria Simango, the former Vice-President and now suspended chairman of the triumvirate has for the reasons known to himself told the World at large that, regionalism, tribalism, nepotism and assassination have been imposed in FRELIMO; and that destructive elements exist in the party.

He has condemned the existance of these elements in the organisation and alleged that, his two colleagues are the authors of these elements.

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They are responsible for the death of Mr. Silverio Nungu, the former Administrative secretary of FRELIMO who was early reported to have died in Mozambique while on hunger strike, protesting against the sentence imposed on him by FRELIMO military disciplinary committee, who unvailed a plot of defection organised by himself to join the enemy with hundreds of freedom fighters.

Simango called upon them to be brought, before the court of Justice.

Why is Simango revealing only the death of one man and not the others? It is because, the others were not members of his tribe or from the same region or, is it because the other killings and assassinations which have been committed in FRELIMO in the past years had his most Reverend blessing?

In November, 1969, Reverend Simando accused Mr. Paulo Jose Gumane the President of COREMO in a secret document distributed to some government and organisations of being an accomplice in the elimination of certain elements in FRELIMO.

Is Simango trying to show his innocency on the crimes which were committed with his blessings, by incriminating the innocent leader of COREMO?

Since 1962, the year the Front was born, Mr. Simango has been Vice-President until early this year when Dr. Mondlane was assassinated. While in office as the Vice-President, many leading figures in the armed struggle have been assassinated. He in his capacity as the party's Vice-president did not however try to eradicate these calamities which were occurring within the organisation. These have led to a vast disgrace on the people of Mozambique who are straining to free themselves from the Portuguese colonial yoke.

In denouncing his two colleagues, proves that, FRELIMO has for along time been a corrupt organisation. Its existence is not for the benefit of the Mozambicans but only for a few individuals who head the Party.

Mr. Simango suspended in the ruling triumvirate bring about another gloomy situation in the party and to the World at large. For maintaining peace and security in the party, all members of the triumvirate should forget all their ideological and personal differences and get on to the really task of which Dr. Mondlane and many other comrades laid their lives for.

BLOODSHED IN THE PARTY OR AMONG THE MOZAMBICAN WILL SOLVE NOTHING.

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NEWS FROM THE BATTLE FRONT.

In the past : three months, from September to November, 1969, COREMO fighters have annihilated more than 78 Portuguese troops and five (5) highly ranking officers, in the districts of Manica e Sofala, Zambezi and Tete.

During the same period, arms and ammunitions were captured, three military trucks, and bridges were destroyed. In the areas of Vila Gamito, Zankue, Zumbo and Carinde 22 camps were destroyed, hundreds of prisoners and force labourers were released.

The majority of the released prisoners were found to be in a very bad state of health due to bad treatment and diet they received while serving their undetermined sentences and contracts.

It was shocking when we found in these camps young girls of 12 to 18 years of age who have been kept there for months to satisfy the sexual needs of the Portuguese army.

With all these in mind, we want to assure you comrades and all those who believe in freedom and equality of man that; our organisation, cadres and the masses in Mozambique strongly pledge to fight the Portuguese fascist regime until our country is free from the white domination. We shall never rest in this sacred task. We do not enjoy killings but the Portuguese forced us to do so. There is no alternative other than force to liberate ourselves from bondage. We are determined to meet Portuguese violence with revolutionary violence. All peace loving people will no doubt support our course.

Our revolutionary force has been able to equip itself with the weapons captured from the colonial army during the past years of bitter struggle for the liberation of our motherland.

The Portuguese soldiers have attempted to demoralise the high spirit of the masses in Mozambique by killings, burning houses, raping women and committing many other diabolical acts. COREMO, which is leading the struggle in Mozambique, enjoys the confidence of the masses who are waging the struggle.

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Happen what may, the Portuguese fascist will have to pay for the inhuman acts. We believe in a tooth for a tooth, eye for an eye and life for life struggle.

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