

NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY OF ANGOLA

(ELNA)

COMMUNIQUE

To the Press and the Angolan People

THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ANGOLAN NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELNA) - supreme organ of the armed revolution, is disposed to take various measures in order to oppose the atmosphere of confusion that Holden Roberto and his gang, in the name of UPA, are attempting to create in an effort to cover up the crimes they have been committing for so long.

In an UPA 'COMMUNIQUE' dated 3rd March, abusively signed in the name of the Army by a certain Rosario Neto, an attempt is made to give Commander Marcos Kassinga, Chief of the General Staff of the ELNA, the status of a 'mercenary' soldier.

It is well-known to everybody that the Chief of Staff of the ELNA finds himself in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), having recently come from Angola, as a refugee from Portuguese colonial terror and not for having stolen money for his own personal use, as did Rosario Neto (and his stooges) when he was an official of the National Treasury in Angola at Vila do Dondo. (Rosario Neto is the nephew of a former official of the National Treasury who was also a thief of monies from the National Treasury.)

Everybody also knows, from countless articles that have appeared in Angola and Mozambique in Portuguese newspapers and journals, the activity of this Rosario Neto as a propagandist and fierce defender of the colonizing work of the Portuguese and the fascist dictatorship of Salazar. We have these newspapers and journals in our possession.

And we have very much more to say of this Rosario Andre da Conceicao Neto (which is his full name).

Further: this same Rosario Neto cannot be unmindful of certain cheques that are to be found in his possession - some of them emanating from Portuguese with property in Angola - which were delivered to his gang in order to impede the development and organization of the armed struggle of the Angolan people.

Hence the systematic refusal of Holden and Rosario Neto regarding the indispensable formation of an Angolan Liberation Front, proposed so many times by true nationalist organizations, as the only path leading to the liquidation of the Portuguese colonial yoke in Angola.

The General Staff energetically warns the irresponsible, treacherous and ambitious ones who at present lead the Union of Peoples of Angola to immediately suspend their absurd and futile communiques, made in the name of the Army, against the person of the Chief of the General Staff of ELNA.

Otherwise, the Army will be compelled to denounce more heinous crimes of high treason committed in the name of UPA under the instigation of the sinister Holden Roberto and Rosario Neto during the time that the Army co-operated with this political organization.

The General Staff of ELNA simply wants the Army to be used for a just cause, worthy of the Angolan people, and not for the maintenance of commercial activities by corrupt and treacherous pseudo-politicians who are the present leaders of UPA.

In the name of all Angolans obliged to confront the Portuguese machinery of extermination on the battle-fields in the national cause; in the name of the higher interests of the Angolan people: the General Staff appeals to all good UPA militants to replace the present leadership without delay by another honest one led by a true Angolan, which will be capable of conducting the UPA, over and above personal ambition, to the level required by the sacred interests of the Angolan homeland.

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