

We would like to draw the attention of the X Committee or Conference to the facts of the failure of the UPA in Zambia and the true and right line of the M.P.E.A. in the struggle to liberate Angola.

HOW U.P.A. WAS ESTABLISHED IN ZAMBIA.

Establishment of UPA (Union of the Peoples of Angola) here in Zambia was the initiative of the Angolans living in Zambia. When we heard that Mr. Holden Roberto and others were fighting in Angola. We approached the Government of Zambia to allow us to open office in the country, of which we were allowed. All necessary funds required in the work were provided for by the people themselves. Very little help was received from the leader in the Congo despite our regular correspondence with them requesting for support. Many letters were sent there but we never received even one from the Headquarters.

When Mr. Holden Roberto heard that UPA (his party) was established in Zambia he sent Peterson, Kapilango, Wabara and Bastos to come and started to divide people. They said that we Angolans who are here in Zambia who can't speak portuguese were not required to do the work of UPA.

After we had a long argument with them and explained to them the problem of language among the Angolans, they believed us half way.

We submitted the list of young men and women who wanted to go for military training and education. But Mr. Peterson and his friend Kapilango picked only one girl and went with her to Katanga using her on their own leisure. She is Miss Joyce Chilila. The poor girl was left in Katanga badly stranded. She then started running with men in order to keep herself here and living. And when we heard of this we brought her back to Zambia. She is now working in Zambia.

When we saw that there was no correspondence from Headquarters we decided to send three men delegation. There were comrade Solomon Njolomba, comrade Simat Chata and comrade Dominges Gil. But these comrades were in Katanga at least a month and Mr. Holden Roberto sent Mr. Peterson to return them to Zambia without reaching Leopoldville. This was in September and October, 1964. Mr. Holden Roberto was invited by the Zambia Government to attend the independence celebration for the Republic of Zambia. We went him and explained to him the all situation concerning our movement in Zambia. He promised to visit us every two weeks or in every month of which he did not do. When he was leaving for East Africa he took with him Mr. Kapilango in order to bring back to us financial help. On his return Mr. Kapilango brought money for himself and used it on his own leisure.

On December 27th, 1964, Messrs Peterson and Haridick Neto met us in the office with another group of people who have been telling them to suspend all officials from the office. After a long and hot argument with them Mr. Peterson stood and said all what we did here to present party was not recognised by the Headquarters in Leopoldville. The group stated above used to keep them and buy them some beers and bring women for them.

On 13th January, 1965 we presented our memorandum to the Three Man delegation of the Committee of Nine in which we stated the all situation concerning UPA and the leadership of Mr. Holden Roberto the president of party. In the memo randum we suggested various ways and means to improve our movement and requested that our president should be ~~influenced~~ influenced to come to Zambia.

On 15th February, 1965 the Chief Representative of UPA here in Zambia Mr. Romalho Domingos Gil he resigned in protest of the complete disorganisation of the struggle inside the country.

On 17th February, 1965 we presented another memorandum to the Government of Zambia in which we deeply requested the Government to call Mr. Holden Roberto to come to Zambia in order to settle matters. The Minister of Home Affairs of Zambia Government sent many telegrams and letters calling Mr. Holden Roberto but all in vain.

On 23rd February, 1965 the following Regional Officials resigned from the party (UPA) :

1. Comrade Willis Ndumba Regional General Secretary
2. " Simon Chata Regional Treasurer
3. " Jacob Kamalata Regional Secretary of Refugees & Pan African Affairs
4. " Solomon Njolomba Regional Secretary of Education
5. " Moses Malata Regional Youth Director
6. " Nelson Chikomo Vice Chief Representative
7. " Anthony Nyal Vice Regional Youth Director
8. " Dennis Chipaya Security Officer
9. " David Kwanga Kapilanga Administrative Secretary.

During the organisation period UPA membership here in Zambia was more than 15,000 thousand and about 75 branches were established. There were more than 50,000 thousand followers in Angola.

Since the resignation of all Regional UPA officials from the office UPA work collapsed from that time. To day, there is no work going on here in Zambia. UPA office has closed its door and the building had been occupied by SWAPO. UPA property in Zambia had been sold and Mr. Kapilanga who took over the work had gone to United State for study.

As Angola struggle is concerned MPLA is the only Movement, we know, which is going to liberate the country. We have joined the MPLA and are confident the struggle will be accomplished and complete Independence for Angola will be achieved.

Yours in Angolan revolutionary,

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