

End the Imperialist Provocations Against Independent African States

The People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Socialist Republic of Rumania, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, represented at the Meeting in Berlin of the Political Consultative Committee of the states signatory to the Warsaw Treaty, state the following with regard to the colonialist aggression against the Republic of Guinea:

Imperialism has committed another crime against free Africa. On November 22 the Portuguese colonialists launched armed aggression against a sovereign state, a member of the United Nations Organization—the Republic of Guinea.

The purpose of this venture undertaken in gross violation of elementary standards of international law was to overthrow the progressive regime in Guinea, to bar the road to the building of a new life for the Guinean people, and to fetter them once again with the shackles of foreign oppression. At the same time the imperialists aimed their blow against other independent African countries as well. They still have not abandoned attempts to saddle these countries with regimes which would enable them to pursue a neo-colonialist policy of plunder and exploitation of entire peoples.

The aggressors also counted on impeding the liberation struggle of the peoples of Guinea-Bissau, Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, who are trying to break away from the grip of colonial and racist oppression and to order their own destinies. In embarking on this armed attack on the Republic of Guinea, the Portuguese colonialists acted as the strike force and instrument of imperialist forces, of all those who have their eyes on the wealth of the African continent. Portugal would never

have ventured on so brazen a move without the knowledge and support of the imperialist forces which supply her with arms and direct her policy, including her attempts to suppress the national liberation movement. The Portuguese mercenaries who attacked the sovereign Guinean state were armed also with weapons from NATO arsenals.

The imperialist gamble is being frustrated. With the support of friendly African and socialist countries, of all progressive and anti-imperialist forces, the people of Guinea are successfully repulsing the armed intervention, upholding their right to independent development.

The imperialist aggression against Guinea once again demonstrates the imperative need for the complete abolition of colonial and racist regimes with all speed. Colonialism is a threat to peace and the security of all peoples. So long as a single colonial regime remains in Africa, and until all the troops and all the military bases of the colonialists have been removed from this area, the peaceful and free development of the states of Africa will remain in jeopardy. The more united and resolute the stand of the independent African countries and peoples, in the Organization of African Unity and outside it, and the greater the unity of action on the part of all contingents of the world anti-imperialist movement, the sooner will colonialism and racism be completely eradicated.

The participants in the Meeting resolutely condemn the aggression against the Republic of Guinea and the other criminal acts perpetrated by the imperialists and neo-colonialists. They reaffirm their solidarity with the just struggle of the Guinean and all other African peoples for freedom and progress, for the full implementation of the U.N. Declaration on granting independence to the colonial countries and peoples. In their struggle for liberation, the peoples of Africa can count as before on the help of the socialist states.

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