

Portugal Losing In Angola

AFRICA

Assessment By British Newspaper

PATRIOT forces in Angola, though virtually unarmed by modern military standards, have succeeded in stemming the much advertised Portuguese offensive. Twenty thousand Portuguese troops—nearly half the regular army—now face the prospect of being bogged-down within the next few weeks, when the rainy season begins.

They will not be allowed to rest in peace. Roberto Holden, Commander-in-Chief of the Angolan Nationalist forces, has announced that the patriots will begin their

own offensive towards the end of next month. The offensive will be aimed at dislodging the Portuguese troops from Northern Angola and extending the war to other parts of the country.

● Holden claims that his effective force now amounts to 50,000 men and that the present rate of recruitment more than off-sets the admittedly high losses. Though their main problem remains the supply of arms, the Nationalists are confident that they already have enough to carry on the war for a very long time if necessary.

Portuguese troops are even now confined to the towns and villages they have managed to re-occupy, but their effective control over the

surrounding countryside does not extend for more than five or six miles, and then only in the day time. At night they retire to their strongpoints and watch impotently while patriot forces set fire to neighbouring coffee plantations.

● Nationalist forces are constantly evolving new tactics, making up in ingenuity for what they lack in arms.

The "Observer" correspondent, writing from Luanda, reports that "bridges—even of reinforced concrete—have been destroyed. Some have been dynamited. Others have been broken by other methods.

"One is to divert river currents against the earth banks supporting the piers, which ultimately col-

lapse. The other is to build great fires of brushwood below the spans and then to douse the concrete with water, repeating the process for hours or days till expansion and contraction cause a crack."

Other new tactics include the attacking of the third or fourth companies of moving columns when the companies ahead are unable to reverse their vehicles.

Portuguese casualties are believed to be much higher than those admitted by the authorities. Holden claims that at least 2,000 Portuguese have been killed, 1,300 in actions at Bamba and Toto alone. Malaria and dysentery are also taking heavy toll of the Portuguese troops, and the medical services have been obliged to take over a fourth auxiliary hospital in an attempt to deal with the problem.

● Settlers, impatient at the army's lack of success, are accusing the soldiers of cowardice and hint at the existence of a military and civil fifth column. Except among the paratroopers, army morale is not particularly high.

According to the "Observer," the Portuguese situation is "lost for good" if the patriot forces can continue to keep the Portuguese army in what virtually amounts to a state of siege. The current defence expenditure and trade losses caused by the destruction of most of the coffee crop will "force Angola—and Portugal—into bankruptcy within two years."

Overall comment of the Observer's correspondent in Luanda: **"PORTUGAL IS LOSING THE WAR IN ANGOLA."**

There has been a lot of talk in the daily press recently about the increasing number of refugees fleeing from East Germany to the West. In this article a noted British journalist discusses some of the reasons why they go.

CROOKS ARE HEROES IN WEST BERLIN

BERLIN.

VISITING dignitaries, journalists and others are now common in Berlin to "investigate" the reason why some East Germans go over to the West via West Berlin's open border.

These "investigators" visit a "refugee" centre. The occupants know the sort of story their visitors want to hear, and so they tell about how they "fled to freedom." Personally, I have greater faith in my own methods of sitting round in West Berlin pubs and cafes listening to rather frank conversations.

A young man, sideboards, D. A. haircut, shirt tied in front and black jeans, is boasting to an acquaintance:

"Well, I got her in the family way so I lit out for here. One of my pals did the same, but he got soft-hearted and went back to marry the girl."

Profitable

In an expensively quiet restaurant in Kurfurstendamm a doctor, steadily drinking scotch, tells a friend:

"I earned plenty of money in East Berlin—about 10,000 marks a month (£200 a week). But what can you do with it? I could only spend it, or put it in State investments. That's Socialism.

"Here I earn less but I can make it up and more on the side. No meetings to discuss policy and more time for profitable private work."

While I was in Weimar recently I met a young mother, 30, good-looking, with two girls of eight and seven.

Two years ago her husband finished his course and became a doctor.

Soon after, she said, he had some mysterious phone calls and went out several times without explanation.

"One day he said to me: 'I'm going to Berlin today to cross over. I've got a job there. Come if you want to, but I'm going anyway'."

She stayed. She intends to stay. She has a good job in a hospital laboratory.

"I'm not a Communist," she said, "but I was trained free here and I have an obligation. Besides, my kids have better prospects here where money is not so important as there."

Smuggling

You meet people in West Berlin like a young man who told me he got a few thousand marks together by smuggling across the border and now owns three strip-tease joints and a Mercedes.

Any man who decides to abandon his wife, any embezzler or crimi-

by Alan
Winnington

nal has only to pop over the line to become a "political refugee."

Not that they are all like that. Some are genuinely taken in by tales of the golden west, by agents who spend their time organising border crossings, espionage and the rest. Many of these dupes return soon after, fed up and broke, to start life again in the German Democratic Republic (GDR).

Worst Jobs

With wages at the same level, rents and fares are almost double in West Berlin and West Germany. Many essentials are dearer. Moreover despite all the promises, the newcomers get the worst jobs.

Quite a lot of youths cross over for the adventure and return to their families in the GDR before they reach the age of Dr. Adenauer's conscription.

All this goes to show the terrible abnormality of the Berlin situation.

But even more it never needs to be forgotten that the whole German people had 12 years of nazi indoctrination, and that those who are still under its influence regard West Germany as their spiritual home.

They still hanker after the Greater Germany to begin again where Hitler left off, and they gravitate to the West where the former

nazis have been restored to power.

In a sense it is a good riddance for the GDR but it is economically disruptive and has a bad moral effect.

When Willi Brandt, mayor of West Berlin, said that the main role of West Berlin was to "slow up as much as possible and disturb as much as possible the stabilisation" of the GDR, he spoke the truth.

Lord Home says that the Germans leaving the GDR are voting with their feet against Socialism. Which Germans?

I seem to recall some Tories were threatening to emigrate in 1945 if a Labour Government carried out Socialist policies.

In fact, between 1946 and 1959 1,600,000 British people left England to settle overseas.

Another Look

Now the GDR is carrying out a genuine Socialist policy. In East Berlin there are no striking differences in living standards, no manifestations of extreme wealth such as you see in West Berlin.

Not many workers cross over. Those who do are the sort who love overtime and regard trade unions as a barrier to their own ambitions.

Rather than try to make propaganda out of this question, it would be better for the "investigators" to look into the militarist and expansionist tendencies in West Germany which are so grave a threat to world peace.

French Plan To Split Algeria



This map shows up for the fraud that it is the latest De Gaulle plan to partition Algeria. FRANCE PLANS TO KEEP ALL THE PORTION SHADED IN BLACK, i.e. the fertile coastlands with all major cities plus the oil-rich Sahara region plus a channel from the Sahara to the sea. (The white spots in the Sahara represent oil derricks.)

No Israeli Arms For South Africa

Israel has refused to sell Uzziis (Israel-made sub-machine guns) to South Africa because the Israeli Government felt that these arms might be used by South African soldiers against the country's African population, according to a report in the Tel Aviv newspaper "Maariv."

Trade Union Protest To Verwoerd

A vigorous protest against the South African Government's assumption of new powers under the General Law Amendment Act, the mass arrests and ban on meetings "as violations of human rights," has been expressed by Omer Becu, general secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, in a telegram to Dr. Verwoerd.

"We insist that the South African people have a right to demonstrate their opposition to a system which refuses them their fundamental rights," says the telegram. The suppression of the demonstrations by armed force constituted a grave Government responsibility, and "the international free trade union movement will continue its forceful fight for the establishment of full human, political and trade union rights in the South African Republic."

Swastikas Are Carved On A Freedom Rider

NEW YORK.

THE violence that is traditionally smouldering in the South came to the surface in two recent incidents. In Sumter, S.C., a Morris College Freedom Rider, Harman K. Harris, reported he had been abducted, blindfolded, taken to the woods and threatened with castration.

He was returned to the campus with "KKK," crosses and swastikas

carved on his legs, arms and body.

In Trinity, N.C., a fight with knives and sticks broke out between groups of Negroes and whites after a white counter man refused to serve three Negroes. The town's 700 residents were terrorised through the night while the whites searched for a missing participant in the fight. The man turned up in the early morning, having spent the night under a house.

SOCCER MAKES A FRESH START

BEST news from the soccer field for a long time has come out of the two big meetings in Durban.

The Soccer Federation conference agreed to disband the national racial units by next year and set up a single non-racial union. This will involve hard work and demand sincerity from sports officials. **But it must be done.**

At the same time the Soccer Federation and the Soccer League got together to settle their differences. A commission headed by veteran S. L. Singh will go into the matter. **Both sides must do nothing to cause friction in the meantime.** The move for full integration is a triumph for George Singh and his team of officials after years of hard work.

HOWZAT CRICKET?

THE next moves must come from the National Cricket Body—due to meet in Cape Town soon. The provinces took a clear decision last year for a single integrated body. Action is long overdue.

Chances are that the old firm of Varachia and Co. will run the reorganised board. (There is too much bickering in the W.P.) **But they will have to start doing**

DEATHS

La Guma, Jimmy—sadly mourned by members of Congress of Democrats. Sincere condolences to his wife and family.

Deeply grieved at the passing of courageous leader Mr. Jimmy la Guma.—Dr. Padavachee, Durban. The Natal Indian Congress joins in mourning the loss of people's leader Jimmy la Guma.

The South African Indian Congress on behalf of the Indian people express heartfelt sympathy on loss of great freedom fighter. His untimely demise is a blow to the Coloured community and Congress.

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RUGBY SCRIMMAGE

HOW many people boycotted the phoney Coloured-African Rugby Test because it was naked racialism? At least it gave officials a chance to get together and build a non-racial body.

● Eastern Province has started drafting a constitution for a non-racial union absorbing the African and Coloured Boards. Other provinces could learn from this. At the same time the multi-racial E.P. competition has started with a bang.

BOOS

● For the Griqualand West Bantu Tennis Union: They're in a mess and won't do anything about it. Advice to players—get out of the mess and into a non-racial body.

FIXTURE

The Eastern Province Weightlifting championships and "Mr. E.P." and "Miss E.P." take place in Uitenhage this month.

SASA SNIPPETS

Several readers have asked for material about SASA's **Operation Sonreis** (Support Only Non-Racial Events In Sport). Lots more is available on request.

SASA has asked the S.A. Cricket Board if they can send an observer to the Cape Town Cricket Conference.

RESULTS

Matches of combined E.P. unions for knock-out cup played on Saturday July 21, 1961:

Sequel To May 29 Strike

CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING COMMUNIST PARTY LEAFLETS

JOHANNESBURG.

JUDGMENT will be given tomorrow (Friday, August 4) in the case in which Elmon Malele is charged with unlawful distribution of leaflets issued by the banned Communist Party in support of the end of May strike and the calling of a National Convention.

Judgment was reserved to consider a technical point raised by the defence that in terms of both the Suppression of Communism Act and the Unlawful Organisations Act of 1960 the South African Communist Party is not the same as the Communist Party of South Africa that was banned in 1950, and that it is therefore not a banned organisation.

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Bechuanaland

PEOPLE'S PARTY DEMANDS ONE MAN, ONE VOTE

Francistown, Bech.

At a meeting called by the Bechuanaland People's Party at Francistown, and attended by over 900 people, Mr. P. G. Matante, Vice-president of the Party, said that the Resident Commissioner could not rightfully decide the future of the Batswana.

The present Legislative Council was not elected by the people, Mr. Matante said, but by the Resident Commissioner, the tribal chiefs and the majority of White traders.

He also said that it was fantastic that the High Commissioner or the Resident Commissioner and not the people, could appoint or recommend a Prime Minister.

He called on the people of Bechuanaland to rally around the BCP and demand an immediate general election on the basis of one man, one vote.

More than 100 people joined the BCP at the meeting.

SWAPO CHAIRMAN

The South West Africa People's Organization has announced the election of Mburumba Kerina to the position of Chairman of SWAPO.

Soccer

TVL. UNITED TOO GOOD FOR DURBAN TEAM

From Joe Gqabi

JOHANNESBURG.

TRANSVAAL United beat Durban's Avalon Athletics 5-3 in a rather disappointing soccer match which had rare and brief moments of excitement at the Natalspruit Indian Sports Ground last Saturday.

It was obvious half way through the match that the boys from the Banana City were no match for the versatile United. United played rings around the Athletics, but excitement and tendency of placing reliance on individual play cost United many a goal.

The score at half-time was 2-0 in favour of United.

The second half started off dramatically when, within two minutes, Don Gillmore, United inside right, slammed through a full-blooded shot to strengthen the United lead.

Ten minutes later, Athletics registered their first goal through Reginald Geabashe. This put some life into the Athletics who, for a brief spell, found their feet and played well-balanced and co-ordinated football, only to fade away again.

United increased their score by two more goals.

Athletics, however, did not lose heart. They kept on trying and pressing. And their never-say-die spirit nearly paid them dividends when they burst out with colourful and thrilling football in a last-minute rally to even up matters.

But their effort was too late. Had they started earlier, the result might have been different.

S.A. CHAMPIONS BEATEN

From Willie Kgositsile

JOHANNESBURG.

Without phenomenal soccer display, Old Boys beat Moroka Swallows, the South African Soccer League champions, 4-2 at the Natalspruit Indian Sports Ground last Sunday.

The match started with systematic moves from both sides. After 15 minutes of the first half, Swallows left-wing, Phillip "Woo" Moloi, re-

ceived a good pass from his wing-half and netted Swallows' first goal. Old Boys' right-wing, Mike Thomas, scored their first goal to equalise. This was followed by two successive goals by Mike Thomas and Deva Moonian respectively to give Old Boys a 3-1 lead at interval.

The second half was hardly 5 minutes old when "Woo" registered Swallows' second goal. Swallows then appeared to be determined to teach Old Boys a thing or two about the techniques of football. But Old Boys would not let Swallows have things their own way. After a ten-minute action-packed struggle, Mike Thomas netted Old Boys' fourth goal.

The last 20 minutes were a do-or-die affair in which Swallows tried every move to even matters. But their efforts were foiled by Old Boys' solid defence.

Blackpool Beaten

By Berea

From M. P. Naicker

DURBAN.

The Blackpool (Transvaal) Berea (Natal) soccer clash for the R2,000 UTC competition at Curries Fountain last week was not as exciting as the standard of soccer provided by the non-white professional soccer league. Berea most certainly missed their two stars, Jerry Knayile and "Two by law" Mahaye who were not available on Sunday. Despite this handicap Berea won convincingly by three goals to Blackpool's one.

Berea's keeper Derick Desplace was at his brilliant best and Freddie, Berea's centre added to his laurels by scoring all three goals for his team.

Next week the colourful Aces United travel to Johannesburg to play against the league leaders Transvaal United in the knock-out competition, and Avalon Athletics meet Moroka Swallows at Curries Fountain in the same competition.

Transvaal United are due to play their final match in the first round of the UTC competition against Blackpool in Johannesburg on August 12.

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