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PRESS RELEASE

STUDENTS OF AFRICA WILL FIGHT AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS

The Statement by General Francisco Costa Gomes, Portugal's Army Chief of Staff and Member of the new military regime that Portugal would continue its fascist-colonial war and perpetuate its oppression and aggression in Angola, Mozambique and the Republic of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde should be regarded as an outright insult on the peoples of Africa and the world progressives and forces of peace. It should also serve as a further testimony and proof that Portugal under the power of its imperialist-capitalist masters of United States, West Germany, Britain, racist South Africa etc, will never voluntarily, abandon the wealth, spoils, forced cheap labour and their investments in Angola, Mozambique, and in still occupied areas of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde Islands.

By how it should be very clear to all progressive forces that General Spinoza of Portugal seeks to continue and perpetuate Portuguese fascism, colonialism and power of exploitation over Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde and Sao Thome and Principe Islands through re-painted Caetano mask and disguised fascist-colonial shade.

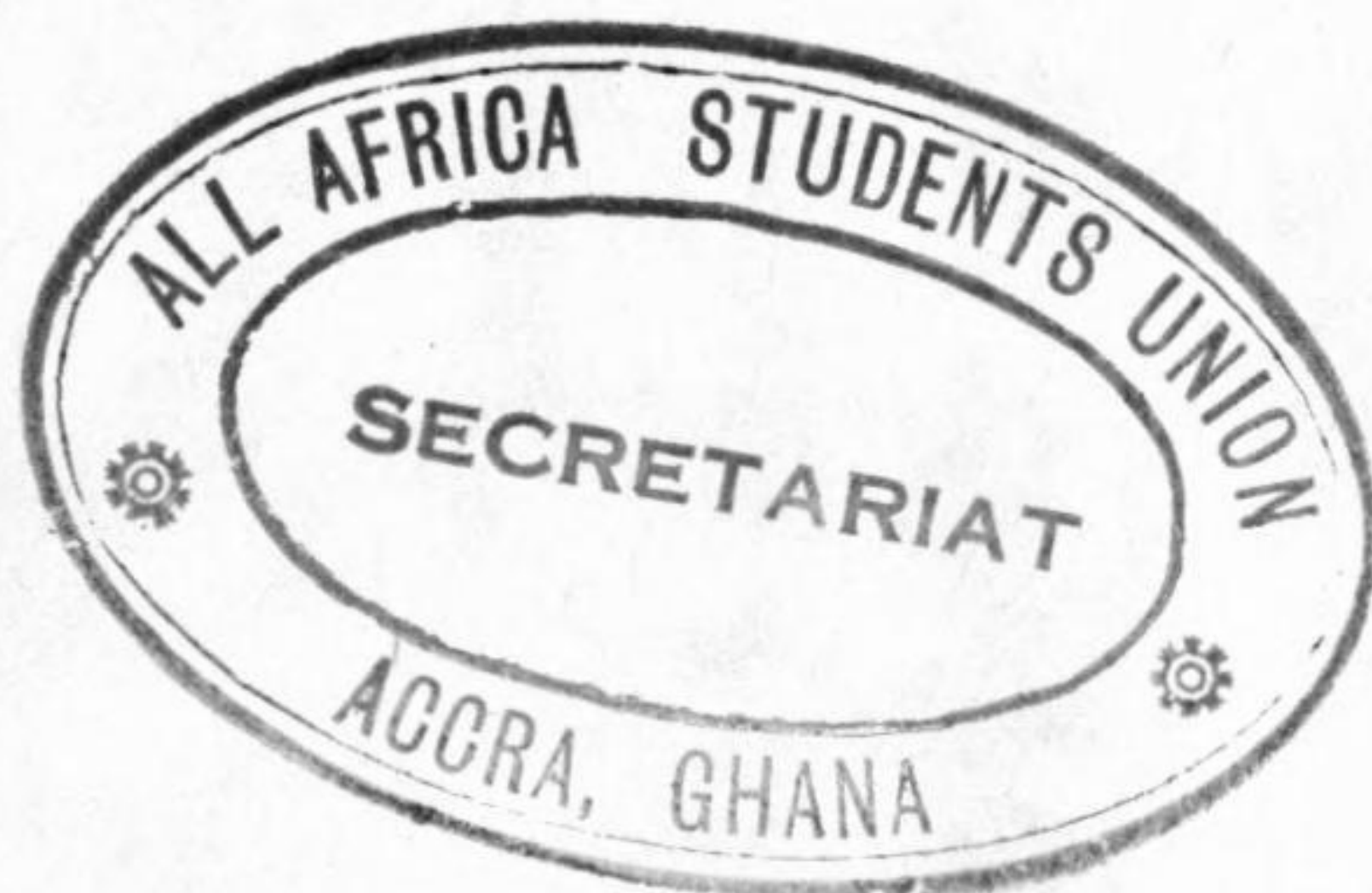
We of the ALL AFRICA STUDENTS UNION re-affirm our uncompromising stand against fascism, colonialism, imperialism, under any form and label or of any magnitude and seriously demand that the new regime in Portugal recognises the inalienable rights of the peoples of Angola, Mozambique, Sao Thome and Principe Islands to complete and uncommitted national independence; and that Portugal pulls out its colonialist forces from these countries and the still occupied areas of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde Islands and recognise the independence of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde.

We welcome the stand of the National Liberation Movements of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau to step up and intensify the armed struggle till the power of colonialism, imperialism and fascism and its state machines is smashed to its very foundation.

We call on all the Students, Youth and the toiling peoples of Africa to fasten their belts in support of our Comrades and fighters of the PAIGC(Guinea Bissau) FLERIMO(Mozambique) MPLA (Angola) and those of Sao Thome and Principe Islands.

May we live to see Mother Africa and the entire world totally liberated, united and democratically educated.

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AASU PRESS STATEMENT

PORTUGAL'S GENERAL DE SPINOLA  
SHOWS TRUE COLOUR - OAU ACT NOW

/that The deadlock and collapse in the peace talks between the PAIGC(Guinea-Bissau) and the Portuguese regime in Algiers over the weekend is yet a further and clear manifestation and testimony of the fact/the present regime in Portugal headed by General de Spinola and his fellow minions of NATO interests is not prepared to grant total and unconditional independence to its African colonies. It is time that Africa's doubting Thomases see this objective truth.

We of the All Africa Students Union have long before told and convinced ourselves that Spinola's regime will never voluntarily abdicate or abandon the wealths and the cheap labour in Angola, Mozambique and the still occupied regions of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde Islands. What is abundantly clear is the fact that the present regime seeks to perpetuate its hold in Africa through a re-painted Caetano mask and disguised fascist-colonialist face.

/and The stark truth is this. Not only will Portugal and its NATO bed-fellows be impoverished by the loss of the resources and cheap forced labour in the African colonies and present neo-colonies but NATO will resist at all costs any progressive move to dismantle its military and marine bases on and around the Cape Verde Islands. Most affected by the change will be racist South Africa to whom the Cape Verde Islands, /Canary Islands are the only left communication artery and the refueling base of its military and commercial planes to and from Western Europe.

AASU welcomes the OAU pledge at the Eleventh Summit of Heads of States and Governments of giving necessary military and financial support to Liberation Movements in Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde Islands etc. While de Spinola is preparing to meet the crook Nixon and Mario Soares is undergoing a fresh meditation under the school of NATO, the African people are waiting to judge which African Head of State will prove a sell-out on their pledge. For AASU knows very well that Portuguese manouvres for maintaining colonial domination under new forms began on the very day of Caetano's overthrow. The OAU should not allow any other penetration of imperialist machinations like we witnessed Smith's UDI without action. The OAU should not buttress the exploitative social and economic systems which prevail on the continent for another neo-colonial decade. The pilgrimages to Paris, London, Washington, etc immediately after OAU meetings must now stop.

The OAU must realise that the principal enemies of the African people both in the colonies and neo-colonies are the capitalist class in Western Europe and America who are sponsoring de Spinola's intrigues through NATO's hegemonism, and Japan.



The OAU must also realise that the liberation struggle and African Unity will only be carried out conclusively when the African allies of this international capitalist class and the African people all over are armed to defend themselves against petty bourgeois state hegemonism and international monopoly capital.

The AASU calls upon all progressive forces, organisations and institutions all over the world to heed to Africa's demands on unequivocal independence for Angola, Mozambique, Sao Thome and Principe Islands and its recognition of the sovereignty of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde as a Republic.

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