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STATEMENT BY COMRADE PRESIDENT O.R. TRMBO AT THE
FIRST CONFERENCE ~ WOMEN'S SECTION ANC (SA) LUANDA
1019/1981.

Comrade Sam.Nujoma, President of SWAPO of Namibia,
Comrade Alfonso van Dunem Mhinda, Secretary of the Central Committee for
External Relations of MPLA Party of Labour, Member of the Central
Committee,

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Comrade Joao Heilonda, Representative of the CAD,

Comrade Maria Jose da Gama, Member of the National Executive Committee
of OMA,

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Member of the Central Committee of the MPLA Party of Labour,
Member of the Diplomatic Corps,

Comrades, representatives of the Socialist countries,
Comrade delegates to the First Conference of the Women's Section
Of the ANC'

Militants of Umkhonto we Sizwe and of PLAN,

Comrade Chairman and Comrades,

On behalf of the leadership and the general membership of the ANC and
its allies, on behalf of the women and other oppressed and exploited
people of South Africa, and on behalf of the heroic militants of Umkhonto
we Sizwe, we wish to express deep appreciation of the facilities, arrange-
ments and provisions made for the holding of this First Conference of the
ANC Women's Section in Luanda, the heroic capital of this heroic country.
We particularly wish to thank OMA, the Organisation of Angolan Women,
which has made detailed preparations to ensure the success of the Conference.
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Comrade Chair and comrades, we had hoped to have this Conference honoured
with the presence of Comrade President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, It has
been explained that as a result of pressure of national and international
work, at the last minute it proved impossible for him to be with us this
morning.
and for opening this Conference.

to Comrade President Sam Nujoma for his presence,

presence makes this conference a

We are grateful

His

most important event for the women and people of South Africa.

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alike, on behalf of our women and of the ANC, to thank all those who have

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spoken at the opening session of our conference.

Today the South African fascists, - not content with their illegal occupation
of Namibia, in fact because of their illegal occupation of Namibia; have

criminally invaded Angola and are occupying parts of its territory.

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Angolan people are engaging these fascist invaders with great heroism. They are fighting not only in defence of the independence and territorial integrity of their country, but also in defence of the right of the peoples of Africa to national and social liberation.

It is the United Nations itself that is

The barbarous invasion of Angola is the invasion of Southern Africa; this war is a war against the OAU. under attack, because the starting point of this criminal invasion is the defiance by the South African regime of the decisions of the United Nations over a long period of time.

It is a war that has filled the oppressed and exploited people of South Africa with righteous indignation and has reinforced their determination to destroy these fascists at all costs, no matter how long that takes.

battles fought in Africa in the course of the past

Angola has been the scene of some of the most fierce

6 years.

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By hep protracted and stubborn resistance to.the imperialist onslaught, _
Angola has become a revolutionary oru â\200\231b?.e where indie soluble bonds of
unity, solidarity and proletarian internetaidamĩ-\2011re beinr reinforced.
Here, we find supporters
It is the meeting point of Internetaional~ists.
of the cause of independence and liberetion; We meet fellow combatants;
we meet ttle friends of the Afrlcan revolution.
If Bethe is complaining
about the presence of Seviet citizens and Soviet personnel in Southern
Angela, if he and his allies are worried about the presence of the7people
of Cuba in this country, we on the other hand salute the Soviet Union
and the Soviet people; we salute Cuba and the-Cuban people; we saluteH
the Socielist.countries; we Salute the Afrlcan countries; we salute our
friends everywhrle in the world lnd welcome them in our midst, especially
in times of trouble and 011313 and War.

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rt"was precisely the brutal invasion of this country by the racist South
African Army in 1975 which drew the conscious world into Angela in the
first instance
It is the continuing abrrresalon against this country
and theContinuing illegal occupAtlon of Namibia which is drAWing the
conscious world to where the Wll is being foulht, in Southern Angela.
And if the racists and fascists peFSlst in their international crimes
against the peoples of Southern Af::ica, let them not be surprised if they
should Some dayâ\200\230nake up te l1nd Soviet citizens
and other citizens, not merelyin Southern Zimbabwe or Southern Namibi:l,
Afrlca Wlll apologise to me one for
but on the outskirts of Preterla.
Africa will be guilty of suiClde, if, when
having friends in the world.
threatened with death by'a crimlnel, it did not call for the support of
its friepds.

Cuban citizens, African

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Comrades, Angela will regain her territorial intergrity;

Namibia will be independent under the leadership of President Sam.Nujoma
and SWAPO of Namibia:

South Africa will be liberated by our heroic women, youth, workers and
the general masses and by the forces of our Peo70le' 8 Army, Umkhonto We
Sizwe, and there Shall then be pelce and security ln Southern Africa
and renewed progress in Africa.

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Comrade Chair and Comrades, the current atmosphere in international relations is characterised by severe tensions which clearly indicate a dangerous drift towards World War III.

This catastrophic course is

being pursued with relentless extermination by the Washington trio,

headed in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan. Like Hitler in 1930s Germany, Reymann

USA is making ready preparations today for world conquest and world

domination. It is organising a global military build-up of proimperialist, fascist, racist and other reactionary forces.

It is promoting regional wars

in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

supplying to its favoured allies the most sophisticated weapons of war

These will soon include the neutron bomb.

that these wars will be fought away from the United States territory.

is even dreaming of a nuclear invasion of the Soviet Union and the Socialist countries.

escape the consequences of world war as easily as it did those of World War II.

The fact has not yet dawned upon Washington that it might not

It is proceeding on the basis

It is producing 'and'

It

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These global designs of the Washington Administration, which take in and encompass Southern Africa, have their regional counterpart in the strategies of the South African fascist regime which are centred on the preservation of a criminal system through armed force, conquest and domination.

In this connection, it is of interest to note that within the regional sphere, the Pretoria regime, like its ally in Washington, is promoting, training and equipping puppet armies and counter-revolutionary groups whose criminal task is to install in the various countries of Southern Africa, puppet governments of the bent of any variety, in place of people's governments committed to genuine independence and social progress.

The support of the Reagan Administration for the continued occupation of Namibia and the invasion of Angola by the South Africa regime is without any reservations. And so, United States imperialism is yet again assuming responsibility for aggression, massacres and heinous atrocities and crimes that are committed against peace-loving nations and peoples, against the peoples of Angola and Namibia, against Africa and the Palestinian people, and against all opponents of Colonialism, fascism and racism.

It is in this context that the special attachment of the Reagan Administration to the South African racists should be understood.

In turn, isolated and facing inevitable defeat, have lost no time in exploiting the Reagan regime's commitment to colonialism, fascism, racism and Zionism.

They result in that in the perpetration of even nazism anything criminal.

its barbarous crimes the South African regime feels free to tell any lie, whatsoever, secure in the knowledge that the Reagan Administration will swallow it "hook, line and sinker"

South African fascists

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The racist regime; commit crimes of any degree of monstrosity, 999sured that 399mean will leap to its defence; it can 9dvance any theory, however ludicrous, and the Reagan Adminis traticn will adopt it. to pull the Reagan Administratien by the nose, mesmerising it with such "magic" woress: "terrorism", "communism", "cuhens"; "russiens"; "total communist onslaught", "strategic minerals", "cape see reuteĩ-\202. >Playing'on- these words, Bethe has turned Ree9g9n into a resolute racist,, In consequence, the famous Constitution of tr9 U3â\200\230A, as reflected in the policies of th Washington Administration, is beginning to look likeie rather unclean carbon copy of the infamous Constitution and legislative enactments of Racist South Africa (BSA).

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The growing international isolation of President R199en' Administration is precisely the triumph of Bothaâ\200\231s t9ctics. victory for the progressive forces who are beginning to isolate the enemies of the peoples of the world, an achievement which reflects the greater unity of these forces.

At the 99me time it is a

Angola is honoured today in Namibia and South Africa, in Southern Africa and on the continent, and is admired among the progressive forces of the world as the symbol, the embodiment, the expression of Africa's resolute determination not only to fight and win victories against the colonialists, fascists, racists and imperialists, but also to consolidate and fight to the last child in defence of those victories. the heroes of FAPLA. were it in these years of war, beginning from 1961 to date.

In this connection, we hail
We salute the women of Angola who have suffered the
We went to appeal today to

But comrades we must do more than honour and admire the heroism of the Angolan people and their dedication to the cause of liberation and independence. the heads of state of African countries, collectively to take over the defence of Angola, and with the support of the genuine friends of Africa to lead the struggle to drive the invading fascist forces out of this country and pursue them beyond the southern borders of Namibia into our territory, where our women will deal with them.

the OAU, the leaders of this continent,

The messages that have been received have been more than a mere inspiration. to us in South Africa. They have been received as a trumpet sound summoning the women of South Africa, the women of Africa, the women of the progressive world to the battle front, where maximum sacrifices are made. no doubt that our heroic ANC women will respond to this summons and will use this conference, held in Angola, to work out the strategies for ensuring that the struggle is waged at the highest possible level for victory in the shortest possible time.

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The heroism of the Namibian struggle has united mankind. A small people ~ small in numbers but giants in spirit ~ have taken on the fascist might of the South African racists and are fighting irresistibly towards the defeat of these fascists, this fascist power. conscription, not 10% of his 4%,- million citizens, but from the few. Namibian people. With the power of SWAPO and the People's Liberation Army of Namibia.

But he has had to resort to conscription because he cannot cope

The enemy has had to resort to

The seizure of the invasion into Angola defines the might of the people of Namibia, led by SWAPO. know that no matter how powerful the enemy might appear to be at any given time, his defeat is certain, and it is not a mere case of wishful thinking to say that we are assured of the victory of the Namibian people.

We have seen enough of liberation struggles to

There is no doubt that the struggle is constantly reaching new levels,

Conscious of our internationalist and solidarity duty to support the Namibian struggle, we, the ANC, have sought to escalate our own struggle in South Africa.

but even not to the extent which would force the fascists to retreat from their adventures outside our borders and return to defend themselves within our borders. {In our struggle we are also conscious of the fact that there can be no possible peace for any country in Southern Africa, and no end of

Wars, until the war of liberation in South Africa has been fought and won.

We therefore bear a sense of responsibility ourselves for the criminal invasion Angola is experiencing today.

We feel we could have spared the

Angolan people this horror by crushing the enemy at our own home, at our own base.

advances in leaps and bounds until victory is won by the people of South Africa and therefore by the people of this whole continent and of the progressive world.

But we shall spare no effort in ensuring that our struggle.

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