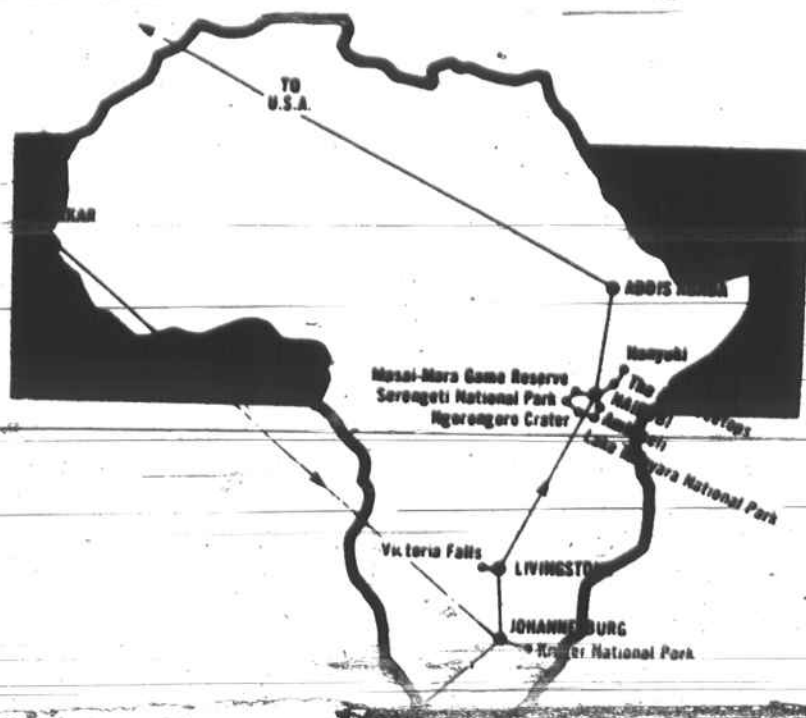


African Spotlight



Black Church Caucus Addressed Meeting

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., — The Black Presbyterian Leadership Caucus of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. heard three leaders of Black Presbyterians United at its sixth annual convention here Sept. 20-22.

They are Dr. Thelma Adair of New York, chairperson of Black Presbyterians United; the Rev. Mat. Rutledge, pastor of New York's St. Augustine Presbyterian Church; and Dr. Mildred Davis, psychologist with the Charlotte public school system.

BPLC's second annual Women's Consultation preceded the convention. The Rev. Ezekiel Bell of Memphis is BPLC chairman. New officers were elected Sept. 22.

Council For Minority Concerns Asked

The proposal for the new agency was discussed at the Sept. 6 meeting of the Committee on Assembly Operations by W.D. Tolbert of Miami, executive coordinator of the Black Presbyterian Leadership Caucus.

Tolbert explained that the idea was to phase out BPLC's programmatic aspects and lodge them in a council dealing with concerns for minorities, blacks, Indian Americans and Mexican Americans.

The Committee on Assembly Operations expressed "its recognition of the whole area of concern... (but) found some question as to the propriety, wisdom and even the power... to present or advocate such a recommendation (i.e. the creation of a new agency similar to the Committee on Women's Concerns to deal with ethnic and minority concerns) before the General Assembly."

The committee said that "before any further action is requested of any body it requires considerable clarification and study by its proponents" and expressed its willingness "to hear from Mr. Tolbert with a view to being helpful where it can should he wish to pursue the matter either here (with CAO) or elsewhere."

Note: Persons attending from the Winston-Salem area include Rev. Connell Osborne, Pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church and Vice Chairman of Area 111 and Elder James Ford, Member-at-large a member of Dellabrook Church.

Mozambique

The African nation of Mozambique, after over 12 years of war against Portuguese colonialist, is on her way to independence. Portugal took the first step in the road of eventual independence for Mozambique this month, when it handed to the members of Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo) the instruments of provisional government. The handing over of these instruments of power to the members of Frelimo marks again one more step in the dismantling by Portugal of her African colonial empire.

Few months ago another area in Africa, Guinea-Bissau, that has been under the rule of Portugal won her independence. Before the formal granting of independence to Guinea-Bissau by the Portuguese, Guinea-Bissau was controlled by the freedom fighters and the country had been recognized by many countries.

In the case of Mozambique, it was different. Although her overseas wars were draining more than half of her wealth, Portugal controlled the cities of Mozambique. Freedom fighters in Mozambique were inflicting heavy strain on the economy of Portugal and many people in Lisbon were getting weary of the long and painful African war.

Early this year, when the army took over power in Portugal and the right wing rulers were deposed, the new rulers headed by President Antonio de Spínola who resigned that past Monday vowed to dismantle Portuguese African rule. This April coup in Portugal by army officer is seen by many as the beginning of the end of the rule of repression by the Portuguese in Africa.

Nobody really expected the Portuguese to stay in Guinea-Bissau much longer. It was obvious to all African observers that Portugal was losing the war. The Organization of African Unity vowed to help the freedom fighters in their just campaign and Portugal had been feeling the strain of the war for many years.

In Mozambique the picture was just as bleak for Portugal. Freedom fighters here were determined to win by disrupting the essential services in the country. The only way that seemed possible for Portugal was to negotiate peace with the freedom fighters.

Yet there were those in Mozambique, mainly white settlers who will like to see Mozambique go the way of Rhodesia. White settlers in the African colony of Rhodesia illegally declared themselves independent from Britain and are ruling that African country by force of arm. The United Nations has banned all dealings with the illegal rule and no country has recognized Rhodesia. When the

white settlers in Rhodesia seized power, Britain did not do anything.

It was different in Mozambique.

As soon as it was announced that Portugal has reached accord with African freedom fighters and that provisional independence was near, white

settlers in Mozambique rioted. These white rebels tried to take over the radio station and for sometime actually took it over. They started broadcasting Rhodesia type messages to the racist South African people. They called on all the white people in Rhodesia and South Africa to cross over to Mozambique and help them.

Unlike Britain, Portugal acted immediately to stop the riot. The army with the help of Mozambique freedom fighters retook the radio station and many white settlers fled to the neighboring white ruled areas of South Africa and Rhodesia.

What happened in Rhodesia could not have been repeated in Mozambique for various reasons. When white settlers in the African country of Rhodesia seized power, the freedom fighters in that country were not organized. The Organization of African Unity was still young and many African countries were themselves struggling for independence.

Today, the story is different.

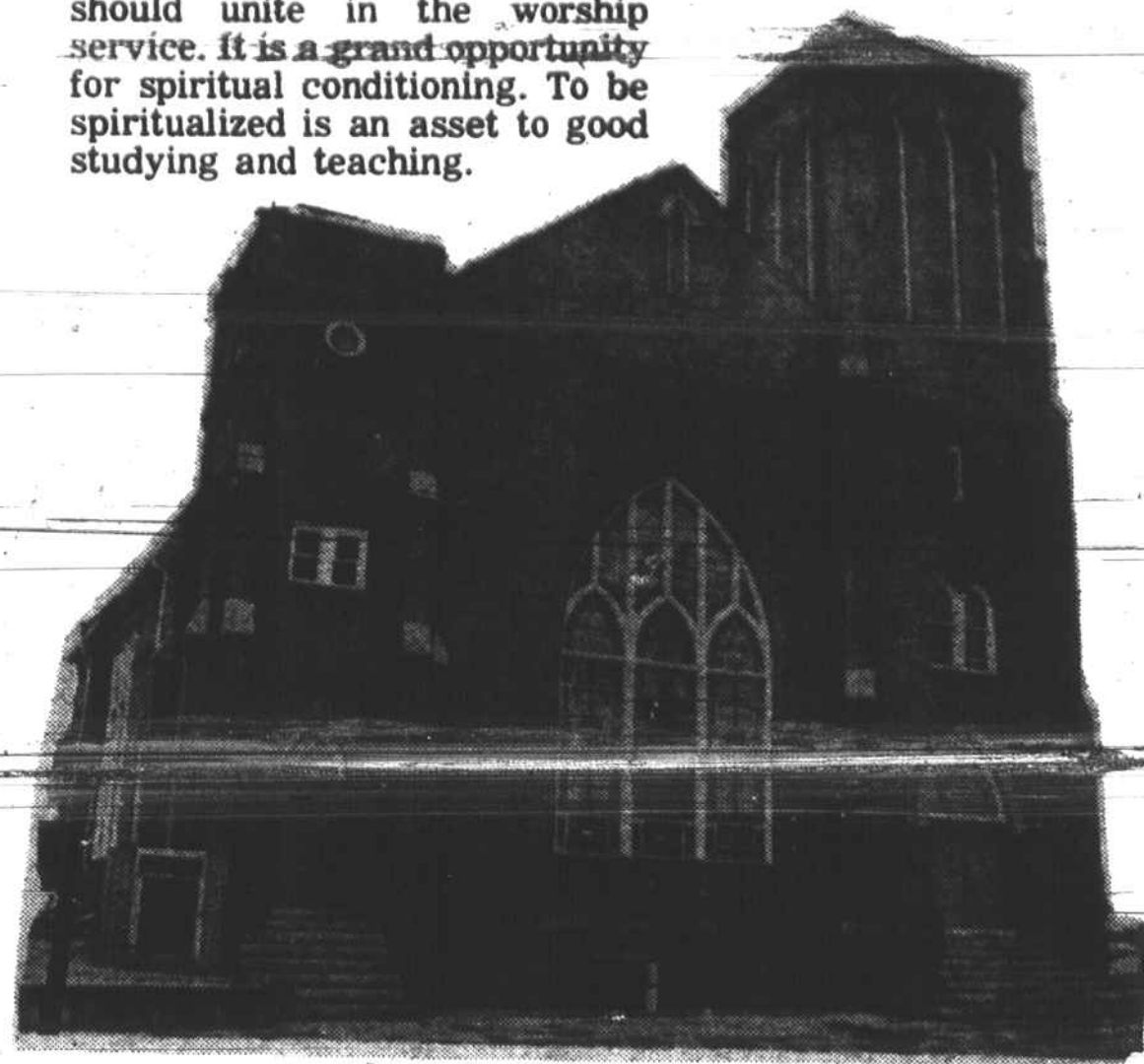
In Mozambique African Guerrillas have been fighting too long to give up now no matter who is in power. The Organization of African Unity would have regarded it a disgrace for them if another part of Africa is taken away by force. The freedom fighters are better organized and better equipped now than ever before.

Mozambique is relatively poor in mineral resources and the prospect of risking a long war over it is probably not economically sound for the racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia. The regimes in South Africa and in Rhodesia are now more sensitive to the weight of public opinion than they were ever before. The economy of South Africa will probably not support both sanction ridden Rhodesia and Mozambique.

No one need rejoice that all is well with Portugal's colonial policy in Africa at this time. The big test is coming in Angola. Angola is a very rich country. The transition to independence in that country may yet see a big bloodbath.

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