

ANGOLA REPS MEET WITH BLACK PRESS IN CUBA

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MPLA REPRESENTATIVES to seminar with Americans in Cuba are interviewed by Moses J. Newson, AFRO executive editor. Team from Angola are (Left to Right) Miss Olga Lima, political affairs director, Ministry of Foreign Relations; Commandante Dibala, member of the Central Committee and political commissar of the Eastern Front, and Pedro Zinga Baptista, foreign relations for the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola. Commandante Dibala headed the delegation for the briefings in Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA — With the military situation under control, Angola has dramatically stepped up its nation-building campaign, boldly reaching out for broad-based international cooperation that would enhance the young socialist government's economic development and non-aligned stance.

In a significant and unprecedented step for such a newly independent African country, Angola President Agostinho Neto dispatched three members of his Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola to Cuba last week to discuss his nation's views, plans and needs with an unofficial, predominantly black U. S. delegation of 26.

A second-floor conference room of Hotel Free Havana was the setting for most of the far-ranging discussions hosted by Premier Fidel Castro's Cuba, a country which sent troops to Angola in response to MPLA appeals for aid.

when it faced military attack by aggression forces of several other nations.

In addition to providing an important informational forum on the MPLA and Angola, the seminar afforded U. S. participants an updated, first-hand review of how a revolutionary people and their supporters, including Russia, assess the southern Africa situation as result of Angola's successful liberation struggle.

A major unfinished military challenge is posed by the presence in Angola of several thousand South African troops.

That country's white-minority, apartheid regime claims it has a right to protect multi-million dollar

dam and hydro-electric installations erected in Angola while it was a colony ruled by Portugal.

MPLA spokesman disclosed that they were sure Cuban troops, which included enough black Cuban volunteers to surprise the people of Angola, would fight with them again if South Africa fails to pull its forces out of Benguela Province near the border with Namibia.

Cuba played a low-key role in the conference sessions, providing three-language translators and sending observers at the request of the MPLA delegation, which also invited the U. S. participants.

Representing Angola at the seminar were: Rui Falomeno DeSa, a member of the Central Committee and political commissar of the Eastern Front who is known as Commandante Dibala;

Miss Olga Lima, a member of MPLA's department of public affairs and director of political affairs for the Department of Foreign Affairs;

Pedro Zinga Baptista, a former underground agent now with the MPLA's foreign affairs department.

Commandante Dibala, chief of the MPLA delegation, set the tone for the meeting when he said his team was "not revealing state secrets here for carrying out plots against the government of the U. S. A." and thus everything said was for the public record.

The only questions MPLA representatives declined to answer related to the number of Cuban and South African troops in Angola.

Subjects touched on covered South Africa's troops in Angola, the MPLA's explanation of why it does not take threats of guerrilla warfare seriously, Cuba's military support and Russia's material backing, plans to improve the life of Angola's peoples, what will be expected of multi-national firms, hopes for diplomatic relations with nations that opposed the MPLA, and the holding of elections.

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Special Awards Highlight Founder's Day At South Carolina St. Carolina College

ORANGEBURG — Close to 1,000 faculty, staff, students and friends of South Carolina State College in Orangeburg witnessed the special recognition Sunday of Judge Matthew Perry professional football star John Gilliam and Coca-Cola executive Charles Boone during Founders Day activities at the college.

Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., president of the institution, presented each of the three men a plaque denoting his accomplishments and his services to South Carolina State College.

The ceremonies preceded a pageant tracing the college's 80-year history. Presented by the school's internationally acclaimed Henderson-Davis Players, the pageant was written and directed by Dr. H. D. Flowers, II, director of the group.

A reception was hosted by the Founders Day committee in the Nance Classroom Building after the pageant, and was followed by an alumni band concert featuring former band members from across the nation.

The Sunday afternoon activities climaxed the Founders Day celebration, which also recognized Mrs. Vera P. Wright as an inductee

into the Quarter Century Club, marking 25 years of service to the college. Employees with 10, 20, 30 and 40 years of service were also honored.

Gilliam and Perry are both alumni of S. C. State College, while Boone, national manager in charge of special markets for Coca-Cola, was honored as "a friend to higher education in general and a true friend to South Carolina State College."

A product of the S. C. State College Bulldog football program, Gilliam has played in the professional football ranks since his graduation in 1967. He has been named All-Pro a number of times, and was instrumental in the Minnesota Vikings' status as Super Bowl contenders. Dr. Nance noted of Gilliam, "He has distinguished himself as a gentleman and an athlete as we at S. C. State College are quite proud of him."

Perry, who holds a law degree as well as an undergraduate degree from S. C. State College, is noted as a spokesman for legal, orderly change in his efforts as a Civil Rights lawyer. In February of this year he was sworn in as a judge of the U. S. Military Court of Appeals, "bringing great honor to himself, his state, his race and his alma mater."

PORTERS WIN CASE TOTALING MILLIONS

DENVER, COLORADO — A historic class action case that found the Pullman Company had discriminated against black pullman porters by not making them conductors was decided here in U. S. District Court, and could bring damages in excess of \$10 million.

The case that represents some retribution for all the years of mistreatment of black pullman porters was handled mainly by the Washington, D. C. firm of Hudson, Leftwich and Davenport, with Willie Leftwich the "main catalyst" and the Denver firm of Conover, McClean, Burkhardt & Heppenstall.

The decision was handed down by Chief Judge Alfred A. Arraj. He found that the Pullman Company limited promotional opportunities for black employees and maintained racially segregated job classifications in that pullman porters could not become conductors until 1967 although as Pullman porter-in-charge they

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EXILED BLACK PANTHER leader Huey Newton poses with his family near swimming pool at Hotel Free Havana in Havana, Cuba. In Cuba for several months now, the Black Panther isn't permitted to give interviews. Family circle includes wife Gwen, daughter Jessie, 8, and son Ronnie, 10. Ronnie had just come out of the pool. (Photo by Newson).

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Senator Brooke Urges Blacks To Seek More Control Over Lives

United States Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) today called on black Americans "to seek more power in and control over" the institutions that directly affect their lives.

"We are no longer begging for our rights," said Sen. Brooke. "We are in the position to demand them; to work for them; to secure them."

The senator, delivering the convocation address at Howard University's Charter Day exercises at Dramton Auditorium, said that black America could not wait another hundred years for a "final resolution of the conflict between stated principles and actual practice."

In the face of increasingly subtle attempts to deny blacks their rights, Sen. Brooke said, black people "must shift from overt protest to a more pragmatic approach" to their problems.

Blacks should devote the remaining years of the Seventies to continuing their fight to seek inclusion "against those who would exclude us," he said, a fight that must be

conducted with the same vigor, concern and unity that blacks have used so effectively in the past.

As for those who would have blacks withdraw from celebrating the Bicentennial, Brooke, said that, though he sympathizes with the view, he sees a need for blacks to celebrate their achievements and to bring to all Americans "a reawakened dedication to the impulses" that founded America.

Senator Brooke underlined 1976 as a year for black Americans to rewrite their agenda for future accomplishments.

"At this point, we are a nation in flux," said Brooke. "Black Americans can transcend those difficulties which still plague us only by positive planning and forthright articulation of our needs and goals. In spite of the naysayers, we can effect change."

Characterizing Howard's role in the struggle for equality as "both symbolic and central," Brooke said that

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PORTIA DENEALE COTTON (left) of Weldon is crowned Miss Eastern Carolina Teenager for this area by Angela Rainey of Littleton, Miss Black Halifax County, after winning the title at a recent contest held at the Garysburg Elementary School here. Miss Cotton, a sophomore at Weldon High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Cotton of 919 Corbett Drive. The winner received a cash award and will enter the Miss N. C. Teenage Pageant in Raleigh. First runner-up was Miss Cynthia Ann Best, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Best of Garysburg; second runner-up, Miss Joyce Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bell of Enfield; third runner-up, Miss Patricia Ann High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence High, Sr. of Roanoke Rapids. Thirteen Northampton and Halifax county girls competed in the areas of evening gown, poise, sportswear, talent and question-and-answer. (Photo by Ray Spain)



10-YEAR-OLD FOURTH GRADER WALTER PRESIDENT smiles as he receives Appreciation Certificate from Police Commission president, Sam Williams in Los Angeles, Calif., for his part in apprehending a juvenile gang of burglary suspects. With the certificate went a real pair of handcuffs. Walter had used toy ones in physically catching one bad guy. (UPI).



HONORED DURING FOUNDERS DAY — South Carolina State College president, Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., right, presented distinguished service awards to these three men during the college's 80th Founders Day celebration Sunday, March 7, on the Orangeburg campus. Honored by the institution were, from left, Charles Boone, national manager for minority markets for the Coca-Cola Co. and friend of the college; John Gilliam, wide receiver for the Minnesota Vikings and an alumnus of the college; and Matthew Perry, recently appointed judge to the U. S. Military Court of Appeals, also an alumnus of the college.