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for liberation, both MPLA and UNITA's appeals for assistance from the United States and Europe fell on deaf ears, forcing them to look to the East. Not surprisingly, both the Soviet Union and China responded favorably by backing the MPLA and UNITA, respectively.

For reasons too complex to elaborate on in this column, the MPLA became the more effective and efficient force in the routing of the Portuguese. However, rather than seek a coalition government with his Angolan brothers, the opportunistic Savimbi chastised the MPLA as an "elitist, Marxist group," proclaimed himself as representative of the masses of Angolan people and vowed to wage war against the MPLA *ad infinitum*.

China soon thereafter withdrew its support for Savimbi, who then turned to racist South Africa, which was eager for a black surrogate to assist in its ongoing quest for destabilization in Angola.

For over a decade now, UNITA has been a nuisance to the MPLA (recognized by the United Nations as the legitimate government of the Angolan people). During that same period, the United States was legally prohibited from providing covert aid to UNITA by the Clark Amendment.

Unfortunately, that critical legislation was repealed last year by Congress, opening the door for the reactionary Reagan administration and its ultra-reactionary congressional cronies to provide military and economic aid to Savimbi -- aid that will unnecessarily prolong a war that is draining much-needed material and human resources from the Angolan economy.

Wake up, America. Any friend of my enemy is my enemy also. Thus, if Jonas Savimbi is a friend of Ronald Reagan, Jerry Falwell and South Africa, then he certainly cannot be a friend of the majority of African-Americans, nor can he truly be a friend of his own Angolan people. We in this country have had enough experiences with "Uncle Tom opportunists" to know that Savimbi is no exception. Do not be deceived by his pigment, his charismatic smile or his rhetoric. This man is dangerous.

If you want to help offset any overt or covert U.S. attempts to aid Savimbi, please immediately contact TransAfrica, 545 Eighth St., S.E., Washington, D.C., 20003, (202) 547-2550.

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Each camp session will be limited to 30 students, and reservations will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The camp is being sponsored by the mathematics/computer science department at WSSU.

Students will study BASIC programming on the Apple II microcomputer.

Other scheduled activities are problem-solving, tennis, art, music and swimming. Students must furnish their own tennis rackets, tennis balls (two per student) and swimming gear.

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