

Congolese National Liberation Front

Revolutionary Vanguard and Fighting Arm of the Congolese People

*The Struggle Continues
Conquer or Die*



*All For the People
Nothing Without the People*

This speech was presented at the Second Party Congress of the Congolese National Liberation Front (F.L.N.C.) in December 1983, to the international forces in solidarity with the F.L.N.C. and the Congolese people. The event of the Second Party Congress was a significant advance for the Congolese people whose struggle since Belgian colonization has been to free the heart of Africa. The Congress comes at a critical time - when the international forces of imperialism, led by the U.S., are amassing extensive military strength in the Congo to maintain control over its wealth and to carry out plans to recolonize Africa.

The crisis of resources - strategic minerals for its war machine and labor - forces imperialism to develop these aggressive steps. This aggression is being met with resistance inside the country. The Second Party Congress affirms the commitment of the F.L.N.C. to lead this struggle until the U.S. - backed Mobutu regime is destroyed and a socialist society is established. This commitment demands that anti-imperialists here protest U.S./NATO intervention in the Congo, demonstrate when Mobutu meets with U.S. war criminals and raise material aid for F.L.N.C. Freedom Fighters. By opening up a fight here against all aspects of U.S. war mongering, we can provide space for the liberation struggle in the Congo.

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It is with revolutionary joy in the name of the oppressed and exploited Congolese people, exploited by the system of neo-colonialism and world imperialism, in the name of our Central Committee of our Vanguard Party-the FLNC and in my name I wish you a warm welcome.

Comrades: We are meeting in a time when the international situation is complex, tense and dangerous; where many zones of tension are maintained, exacerbated and are giving birth to new tensions. This is due to the imperialist design to maintain their hegemony to divide and redivide the world. To gain back markets lost to revolutionary forces and to open up new ones. The situation goes hand in hand with the expansion of their influence, the access to raw materials in the developing world and the protection of their investments. These designs, accomplished with military might are in order to maintain the status quo. It is for this reason that we say Imperialism means War. This is the state of affairs in the Congo. As proof of this argument you can remember the repeated military interventions of the capitalist countries through NATO: of the U.S., Belgium, France, West Germany, South Africa, and now Israel and China on the side of Mobutu against the popular will of the Congolese workers.

Comrades: Let me assure you that inside the country the situation isn't good for the forces of capital. The social tensions today are more acute than at another moment in the history of our people: famine, sickness, the black misery, the brutal repression are all manifestations of imperialism in the Congo. Another tangible proof: at the moment that I speak to you, there is, underway a general strike of teachers, student, and workers -- everything has ground to a halt.

For us of the FLNC the objective conditions for a revolutionary victory in the Congo are present. It is only a question of time until it is a reality.

Comrades: You who represent your parties and organizations, fraternal to our Congress, in these difficult restrictive conditions, have accepted to partake in our pain, you have again continued to witness us with an understanding and with a revolutionary love despite the restrictions which we are presently victim of. Moreover, we are particularly touched, Comrades, to see that you, in the citadel of world imperialism, represent support of an internationalist proletarian character. We certainly believe now that we have great friends among you. We are aware of your internationalist solidarity because it has contributed to our struggle for national liberation, whose goal is to install true democracy and socialism. For this help I thank you comrades, with all my heart. And also we recognize that the best way to thank you will be to liberate our country.

Comrades: The FLNC is an organization which is part of the proletarian internationalist movement. Within this movement and in struggle against Imperialism we are not alone or independent of one another, also we recognize our specificities, in consequence, here in the Congo we're not fighting only for the workers and the peasants but for you as well and vice versa. We have a common struggle because the enemy is common. That is why our path is scientific socialism guided by the revolutionary theory of Marxism Leninism.

Comrades: The FLNC reiterates our unconditional support towards your parties and revolutionary struggles. The FLNC will continue to strive for the consolidation of the international proletarian movement, for a classless society, a society where exploitation of man by man which constitutes the material basis of exploitation of women by men, will be sent to the museum of history. What we are fighting for excludes all forms of exploitation and subjugation of one people by another.

Comrades: Once more I make a vibrant appeal to aid us materially, with food, clothes, medicine, finances, propaganda, all forms of support according to your abilities. Today we are in need, tomorrow, after liberation of the Congo, you will find not only an ally but also a fundamental pillar for your struggle in particular and for the proletarian struggle in general.

Comrades: when you return to your country, and your respective organizations, transmit to your comrades, brothers and sisters, our revolutionary greetings in describing the situation we face. You have been eyewitness to certain facts; if not much but sufficient to understand how our struggle in the Congo, effects other struggles in the region and in Africa and the responsibilities and consequences which flow from this. During your stay here you have witnessed some manifestations that are part of our situation. This is why the assistance is more than ever necessary. I end, wishing you a good stay.

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