

SUPPORT THE MEDICAL CAMPAIGN

The FLNC says, "Our problem is international. Therefore our solution must be international." That's where we come in. We must stop U.S. support for Mobutu. The U.S. government keeps Mobutu in power, terrorizing the Congolese population. U.S. corporations bleed the Congo of its wealth while its people die.

U.S. imperialism is tightening its grip from El Salvador to Lebanon, from Puerto Rico to the Congo. The Reagan administration escalates arms spending and cuts back social programs. This adds up to a program of genocide against colonized peoples in the U.S.: Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Native Americans, and the New Afrikan (Black) nation. To repress these colonized peoples' resistance, the U.S. encourages the growth of white supremacist groups like the KKK and turns loose its local police in city after city to murder Black people. It's the same contradiction, in the U.S. as in Africa—colonialism. Malcolm X said, "You can't understand what is happening in Mississippi if you don't understand what's going on in the Congo." As we build a movement to support the FLNC and oppose U.S. crimes in Africa, we have to take a stand against the rise of white supremacist terror and reaction right here in the U.S.

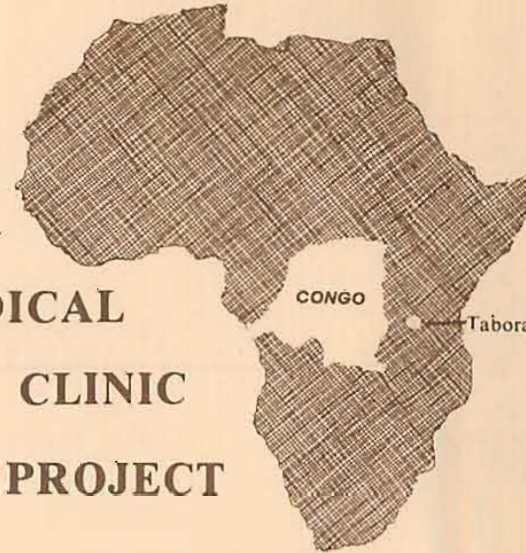
At great cost, the Congolese people are fighting to defeat Mobutu's U.S. armed soldiers and U.S. recruited mercenaries. One way we can support their struggle is by supporting the Medical Campaign. Every dollar we raise sends \$5.00 of medicines and supplies to the clinic in Tabora. Your support is a blow against genocide and a contribution to the victory of the liberation struggle in the Congo.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make a tax deductible contribution to The Capp Street Foundation earmarked for the Tabora Medical Clinic Project • Help us pack and ship supplies • Distribute more copies of this brochure • Arrange a slide showing about the Congo for your friends • Work on the Tabora Clinic Project with the National Medical Campaign Committee of FREEDOM RISING • Come to demonstrations, benefits and programs sponsored by FREEDOM RISING (and bring your friends!) • Call us or write us to find out more about the work of FREEDOM RISING! Africa Solidarity Committee and how you can participate.

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THE TABORA MEDICAL CLINIC PROJECT



Every day more people arrive at the Tabora Refugee Camp in Tabora, Tanzania, fleeing the desperate poverty and brutal terror of life in the Congo under the rule of Mobutu Sese Seko. Fully a million refugees have fled the country to survive—40,000 of them live in Tabora.

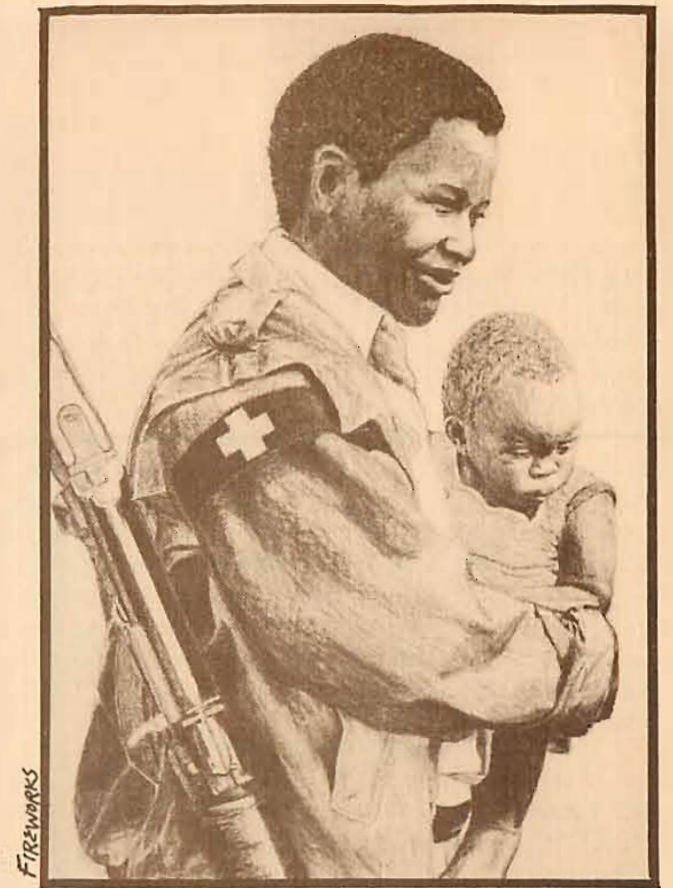
You might expect Tabora to be a depressing scene of hunger, disease, and utter dependence on outside relief. But instead, led by the Congolese National Liberation Front (FLNC), people in Tabora have transformed the camp into a community. With a doctor, two nurses, and paramedics, the refugees and the FLNC are meeting their basic health needs and becoming a training center for other refugee communities.

Experience from other Third World countries shows that the Clinic's preventive medicine measures can reduce infant mortality from one in two to one in ten and eliminate most cases of malaria and dysentery. Right now people are building latrines, digging wells, and immunizing the population. As soon as they have supplies they will start a training program for "barefoot doctors" to work both at Tabora and in the FLNC's liberated areas and operational zones in the Congo.

The Clinic has medical personnel, the political leadership of the FLNC, and the wholehearted involvement of the people. But they need medicine and supplies. Your help is essential.

Every dollar you contribute will be matched by relief agencies to provide \$5.00 worth of medical supplies.

The Tabora Medical Clinic Project is part of the National Medical Campaign in Solidarity with the FLNC.



SUPPORT THE NATIONAL MEDICAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE CONGO!

There is a secret war in the heart of Africa, in the Congo. On one side is the corrupt dictatorship of Mobutu Sese Seko (who renamed the country "Zaire"), propped up by massive aid from the U.S. and other Western imperialist powers. On the other side are the Congolese people, led by the Congolese National Liberation Front (FLNC). The people of the Congo, faced with starvation, prison torture, and foreign troops, are fighting to regain control over their own land and their own lives.

In the twenty years of Mobutu's rule, *not a single hospital* has been built. Women are forced to give birth to babies in the street, cutting the umbilical cords with their teeth. The FLNC has initiated a National Medical Campaign, calling on progressive people in the U.S. to raise money and medical supplies to help them in their struggle. The supplies will go to the FLNC in the Congo and to the Tabora Clinic, run by the FLNC in a refugee camp in Tabora, Tanzania (see box).

MOBUTU SESE SEKO: UNCLE SAM'S HIT MAN IN AFRICA

In August 1983, a cholera epidemic raged in Zaire's Kivu province, and thousands died without medical care. Mobutu, however, was in Washington to report to Ronald Reagan and to collect \$30 million in military aid. Mobutu had just airlifted 2,000 of his troops to Chad to help prop up the Western-backed government there. This is just the latest example of how Mobutu serves Western interests in Africa. He has turned the Congo into a CIA field office. He works with the CIA and racist South Africa to launch military attacks against independent Angola.

Mobutu has sold the Congo to 60 multinational corporations who rob Congolese people of their mineral riches. These include uranium, tin, copper, and the world's largest supply of industrial diamonds. Sixty percent of U.S. cobalt imports, essential to making jet engines, comes from the Congo. Mobutu has actually rented out *one tenth of his country* to a West German rocket company, OTRAG. The Western powers used this area to test the infamous Cruise missile and other nuclear weapons delivery systems. No wonder Ronald Reagan rolls out the red carpet for this brutal dictator.

**"BETWEEN FREEDOM AND SLAVERY
THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE.
WE CHOSE TO PAY THE PRICE OF FREEDOM!"**

—Patrice Lumumba

In the sordid history of Europe's rape of Africa, the Congo chapter stands out for cruelty, brutality, and greed. During the first 20 years of Belgian colonial rule a holocaust was unleashed against the people. About 15 million people—more than half the population—were killed as Western colonizers plundered the Congo's rubber. The Congolese had a saying, "Rubber means death."

But the Congo's people resisted. By the 1950's, led by Patrice Lumumba, the people of the Congo forced the Belgians to give up direct colonial rule. When Lumumba became Prime Minister in 1960, he said "We will show the world what the Black man can do when he works in freedom." The eyes of the world were focused on the Congo.

The U.S. wasted no time—within a year, the CIA murdered Patrice Lumumba and overthrew his government. The U.S., hiring thousands of mercenaries, installed Mobutu to continue the exploitation of the Congolese people and their land. In 1968 the Congolese National Liberation Front (FLNC) was formed to carry on the struggle for independence. In 1977 and 1978 they led massive uprisings that nearly toppled Mobutu's regime. Shock waves rippled through Western capitals, and the price of copper soared as capitalists feared the loss of the Congo's riches. Western leaders called on Alexander Haig to co-ordinate a NATO invasion. The



—Patrice Lumumba

Congo is still occupied by 10,000 CIA-recruited mercenaries and 20,000 troops from NATO and other countries. Since early 1983 thousands of Israeli troops have poured into the Congo, where they protect key mining areas, serve as Mobutu's palace guard, and train his army. This massive Western military force is all that keeps Mobutu's regime in power.

VICTORY TO THE FLNC!

Today, under the FLNC's leadership, the Congolese people are fighting a protracted people's war that is transforming their day-to-day lives at the same time that it is bringing Mobutu's regime closer to its grave. When the FLNC freedom fighters come into a village, they organize the people to meet their own needs—schools, sanitation committees, health teams, a women's committee. These are the seeds of the new socialist society where people will run not only their schools and clinics, but the mines, farms and factories of the Congo, taking control over their own lives. The fight for women's equality is a part of this social transformation. The FLNC takes the struggle of women so seriously that in the 1978 offensive they sent the Tigress Women's Battalion to attack Kinshasa, the capital. They wanted to show the women and men of the Congo, and the world, what women can do.

The Tabora Clinic is one place where people are changing themselves as well as their lives. They are not only becoming healthier in better organized villages; they are also becoming part of the struggle to overthrow Mobutu and to put power into the hands of the Congolese people.

THIS IS MOBUTU'S CONGO

Mobutu worked with the CIA to assassinate the Congolese independence leader Patrice Lumumba. Since then, known as the Shah of Africa, he has become the richest head of state in the world, with a personal fortune estimated at \$4 billion.

The Congo is a rich country with fertile land that could feed all of Africa. But because western corporations and NATO armies control the land and mineral wealth:

- * Half of all babies born in the Congo die before their second birthday.
- * Per capita protein intake in the Congo is the lowest in the world.
- * 250 people a day die of starvation in the capital city of Kinshasa alone.
- * Wages average \$13 a month and unemployment is nearly 80%.

In more than two decades of Mobutu's rule not one school or hospital has been built. Medicine is scarce and expensive—for example, aspirins cost a dollar apiece on the black market.

Mobutu's jailers systematically torture political prisoners. In a 1980 report Amnesty International documented beatings, disfigurement, electric shock torture, detention and execution without charge or trial.

These conditions will change only when Mobutu and his imperialist backers are kicked out of the Congo and the Congolese control their own country.

