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Reds "Shall not Pass" UNITA: READY FOR ACTION

Angola's Communist FAPLA army, propped up by 35,000 Cuban troops plus numerous Russian, East German and North Korean military and civilian 'advisors', is expected to launch a major push towards the end of May against the freedom forces of Jonas Savimbi's Movement for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), which has some 60,000 troops in the field. The democratic forces, who control much of the southern and eastern parts of Angola, are said to be undeterred by the Communist threat, expected to come as soon as the rainy season ends.



Freedom Fighter Jonas Savimbi addresses UNITA troops within the UNITA controlled zone in Angola

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Speaking at an April meeting of the Surrey Monday Club, Sen. Marcos Samondo, London representative of UNITA, outlined the movement's origins and tactics. UNITA was officially formed in January 1976 following the Communist take-over of Angola by the minority MPLA in November 1975.

By March 1976 a strong base had already been established in south-east Angola, but the movement lacked sufficient equipment to counter the Communist air superiority. This meant that most military actions had to be of a guerilla nature, but UNITA's transport problems were reduced by its capture of 800 Government lorries. Fortunately, the armaments situation may be shortly resolved too, UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi announced in April that American military aid was starting to arrive in appreciable amounts. He was speaking from his base in Munhango, in the Liberated Zone.

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Sen. Samondo said that he hoped representations to the British Government would result in increased support for UNITA. The Government presently has diplomatic relations with Luanda, and would not tender direct assistance to "dissident" movements, even those supporting the concepts of a democratic assembly and a mixed economy in Angola against the present Marxist dictatorship.

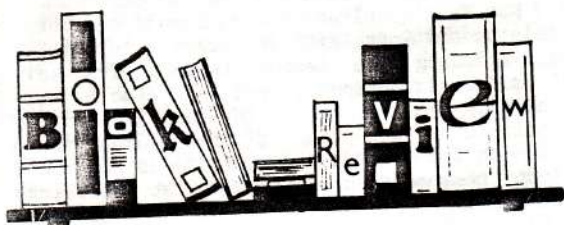
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Robert Lyle, Chairman of the Young Unionists UK Liaison Committee, spent several days in London at the end of March to discuss tactics with sympathisers in the YCs. He was in London as the guests of Euislip-Northwood YCs, the most active YC branch in the capital.

Addressing more than 40 branch members at an evening meeting, Mr. Lyle explained in detail his opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement and its implications for democracy in the province. Robert won a great deal of support from ordinary members of the branch, who had not heard the Ulster issue explained in detail. A private reception with members of the Greater London YCs followed the following evening.

Robert's hectic schedule was to have continued with an appearance at the London CPC conference, at which it was hoped he would be able to speak on a motion on Ulster. However, the conference had been cancelled owing to the Fulham by-election. In the evening, 30 members of the dining-ring King Edward VIII Dining Society gathered at a

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"THE NEW MERCENARIES"

By Anthony Mockler

(and other books on soldiers of fortune)

Reviewed by MARK TAHA

This book costs \$12.95 in hardback, and I therefore advise all readers to wait for the paperback edition. It covers the mercenary scene of the last quarter century, a fair bit of it being a re-hash of an earlier book by Mockler on the same subject. It's an excellent book (despite a few factual errors), and confirms my high opinion of mercenaries and low opinion of politicians. As a supporter of free enterprise and an opponent of Communism I'm all for private enterprise doing what governments can't or won't do - in fact, I don't think private enterprise has done nearly enough - why hasn't some philanthropist hired a hitman to rid the world of Gaddafi?

One gets the impression from this book that mercenaries exist to carry out government's dirty work for them in many cases. Certainly, while British mercs tend to be more 'independent', Mike Hoare's career has largely depended on the South African authorities. They backed him in the Congo, held him back in Angola and Mozambique, backed him and then threw him to the wolves after a show trial in the Seychelles. The description of French mercenary Bob Denard as "a tool of the French government" also seems accurate; the French have always pursued a realistic policy in Africa.

As for the morality of the mercenary trade, it was, at one time, agreed by all civilised men that war was an extremely unpleasant affair which should be left entirely to professionals. I believe that hiring mercenaries is more "moral" than drafting men against their will and it is my firm belief that the world would be a better place if wars were fought entirely by mercenaries. Would either world war have been as long or destructive if there had been no conscription?

Furthermore, we owe the men who fought in the Congo a debt for saving that country from Communism and barbarism; I myself believe that we should have backed Tshombe in Katanga. Biafra saw the only case this century of a Swedish war-hero, and as for Angola, mercenaries could have saved that country from Communism also with the right leadership and in the right numbers; the Cubans weren't that good in combat. Frankly, the West should use mercenaries more often - perhaps even following Ernest Van Den Haag's suggestion and forming an American Foreign Legion?

Mr. Mockler lists some book in an appendix: I will comment on those I've read and one or two others he didn't mention:

CONGO MERCENARY (Mike Hoare) First rate account from the man I'd chose for President of South Africa. "Mad" Mike was eminently sane and a commander whose unorthodox methods paid off. If only he'd been turned loose in Mozambique or Angola!

THE WAGES OF WAR (John Banks) Whether the author has a record worthy of James Bond or an imagination worthy of Walter Mitty is a debatable point! It's a good read, although the author leaves out his role over Angola - and I fail to see how his claim to be an idealistic anti-Communist tallies with his abortive attempt to recruit mercenaries to fight for the Communist-backed terrorists against Rhodesia. (At least two of them later joined the Rhodesian Army.)

YESTERDAY'S ENEMIES ^{News} Now forgotten 1976 play about the Angolan operation in which "Roche", the recruiting officer, is clearly John Banks - and more frank than in his autobiography.

IN SEARCH OF ENEMIES (John Stockwell) So inaccurate about British mercs in Angola it isn't true.

FIRE POWER (Chris Dempster and Dave Tompkins) First-rate account of Angola, definately **not** for the squeamish, by two men who were in it from beginning to end and would undoubtedly have been shot if captured. Required reading for anyone thinking of becoming a merc. Leaves one with a feeling of frustration that a war that could have been won was lost mainly due to the late "Colonel Callan", a man both totally fearless and totally insane. Chris Dempster, incidentally, has written two pretty good novels, "Hit", and "Contract". His autobiography would be worth reading.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE Excellent US magazine that deals with all aspects of the business; can't recommend it highly enough!

THE WHORES OF WAR (Wilfred Burchett and Derek Roebuck) "Hysterically funny bullshit" (Soldier of Fortune) on Angola by two Marxists. "Searchlight" loved it, of course.

WHO DARES WINS (Tony Geraghty) Excellent book on the post-war SAS, good on mercenaries.

THE DOGS OF WAR (Frederick Forsyth) Not only a excellent book in its own right, but said to be a fictionalised account of an abortive operation

financed by Forsyth himself. Unfortunately, it didn't come off. (I say this because it would have removed the world's worst dictator.) Also - it's a pity the CIA didn't read Forsyth's "Consumer Guide to Mercenary Commanders" before Angola. If anyone's interested, the real "Cat Shannon" was a Welsh-born South African, Taffy Williams.

THE LAST ADVENTURER (Rolf Steiner) Interesting memoirs from the man who appears as "Kurt Semmler" in "The Dogs of War".

and stability to the southern African region is demonstrated by the accords signed between Pretoria and two of its Marxist neighbours, Angola and Mozambique. Clearly, in the fight against Communism, the South African war-machine is a tried and trusted tool. Indeed, the South Africans are probably second only to the Israelis in their experience of combat against Soviet made equipment, as several an East German or Cuban stooge has found to his cost. "South African War Machine", in publicising this highly effective force, is therefore to be recommended.

Letters

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closest was Ronald Knox, the Oxford Jesuit who had written that "when we (i.e. Roman Catholics) demand religious tolerance in a Protestant country, we are appealing to its principles, not to ours". (See Knox's book, "The Belief of Catholics").

Andrew Sinclair
Edinburgh

Dear Stuart,

I read your article on the Socialist League and Paul Kopacki's on Anthony Eden with interest. I'd like, if I may, to add one or two bits to your article. As mentioned in the "Guardian" of December 31st 1985, the old DMG - now the Socialist League - split last November. Its membership had already sunk to about 400 and a total of 150 have now broken away to form a new group based around their bi-monthly journal "International". The split was over the issue of Messrs Benn and Scargill - the SL majority support them, the minority think they're too wet. One thinks Thatcher is the main enemy, the other thinks Kinnock is.

I must take issue with the article on Sir Anthony Eden: My own view is that we should either have left it to the Israelis to crush Nasser or told the Americans to go to hell and carried on. Mind you - I'd have had Nasser suffer a fatal accident first! Leaving this aside, I deeply dislike Eden for two reasons. Firstly, for preventing Princess Margaret's marriage to Group Captain Peter Townsend on the pathetic grounds that he was divorced (as Eden was). My view is that we should repeal the 1772 Royal Marriage Act and give the Royals the same rights as everyone else.

Secondly, Eden was, on the Nuremburg criteria, a war criminal. He, Macmillan and the rest of the Foreign Office were responsible for handing over millions of Russian anti-Communists to Stalin's butchers after the Yalta betrayal. Those responsible belong in the same category as the those who handed over the Jews to the Gestapo.

Mark Taha
Ealing

News

ANTI-COMMUNISTS TO MEET IN PARIS

Members of Western Goals UK are to send a delegation to a high-level anti-Communist conference to be held in Paris at the end of June. Up to seven members of the group will attend the "Democracy and the Dark War" conference being hosted by the right-wing Club Condorcet.

Club Condorcet is a pressure groups specialising in defence and foreign affairs concerns, and is staging the conference to highlight what it calls the "dark war" of Marxism against the Western nations.

Western Goals UK, which is affiliated to the Western Goals organisation in the USA and in Europe, was formed last year, (see report, "DREADNOUGHT 27"). It plans to start holding London-based briefing meetings on pro-Western issues within the next few months.

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Hillingdon hotel where they applauded Mr. Lyle as he condemned the main parties' policy of refusing to allow members in Ulster, thus making Ulster folk second class citizens. Robert said he was proud of his associations with the Conservative Party but he regretted that these were only possible through his membership of the Federation of Conservative Students. However, it was hoped that through regular contact with patriotic Tories on the mainland that progress could be made.

After the dinner, the diners retired to a birthday party for KE-8 President Stuart Notholt which continued until 10am the next morning...



KNOW YOUR ENEMY

No.13: 'London Labour Briefing' BY MARK TAHA

NB: The figures in brackets throughout this article refer to the edition of "London Labour Briefing" from which the quotation has been taken.

This organization is the fastest growing on Labour's far-left, it now has "Labour Briefing" groups all over the country and could be termed the leaders of the "left opposition" to Neil Kinnock. Unlike Militant, they do not have their own programme, nor are they a particularly secret organization. In fact, I think anyone can just walk into their editorial board meetings. Like Militant, they had a few candidates at the last General Election and now have MPs - Tony Banks, Jeremy Corbyn, and Henry Cohen, all of whom are members of the the pro-PLO Labour Movement Campaign for Palestine - although Cohen is Jewish!

They first hit the headlines in 1981 with an article supporting the Brixton rioters and Peter Tatchell's famous "challenge the Government's right to rule" article. I have a complete run of their paper "London Labour Briefing" from No.16 (December 1981) onwards. That particular issue included an article by Tatchell, a claim that deselected Bradford moderate Ben Ford was an electoral liability (it turned out he'd have won the seat had he been Labour candidate), an article about the Labour Co-ordinating Committee (a left wing group that's changed from being a Benn fan-club to a Kinnock fan-club!) and a call to "Ban Sexist Ads on London Transport".

Since then it's been more of the same. Some examples: Calls for more money for ethnic arts, along with a call for "Rasta Solidarity" (17) (a delirious thought - Rastas meet Feminists!), Labour MP Guy Bennet described as 'right-wing' (he voted for Heffer in 1983), attacks on Harold Wilson and Jim Callaghan for supporting the monarchy, recommendation of two pamphlets on sex by a couple of Labour leftists and statements that "the personal is political!" and the phrase and Englishman's home is his castle is "racist and sexist". (18) Issue No. 18 also heralded the publishing of their "Streetlife Supplement."

1982: no prizes for guessing their views on the Falklands war; Labour Briefing was behind the setting up of the Labour Committee for Withdrawal from the South Atlantic. (20-21) Enough said. Choice articles include an article by some female giving us an account of her two-timing her husband and a report on "International Women's Day in Ireland" by some bitches who seemed to regard meeting the IRA as something to boast about. Apparently "Republicans harboured no personnel differences against the Loyalists." (21) Further editions include one of many Israel-bashing

articles by Tony Greenstein (sic) (22) and a feature by the bloke who's wife's two-timing him on why he's a transvestite! Also a feminist claiming that beauty is over-valued (well she would wouldn't she?) (23) No.24 includes the amusing report that an attempt to set up a "Labour Campaign for Palestine" had been taken over by the Workers' Revolutionary Party.

"London Labour Briefing" has made clear the group's dislike of Kinnock by carrying headlines such as "No Confidence in Kinnock" (31) and in interviews with Tony Benn and others (29). Their belief is that Labour lost the last election by not being left-wing enough. They were, of course, for Heffer/Meacher in the leadership election.

No.33 saw the start of their "National Supplement", which included a report of a picket supported by Corbyn, Banks, Cohen, Ernie Roberts and pro-Moscow MEP Alf Lomas against a "shoot-to-kill" policy in Ulster. And a predictable supplement on pornography - some feminist: "I want censorship on my terms" - that says it all. The next supplement included an article by Labour MP Joan Maynard claiming that all the explosions she could remember had been of left-wingers, and No.3 included a far-left attack on Ken Livingstone as "the Barry Manilow of London Labour Politics"! An article on Grenada claimed "mass support for the movement to get the invaders out." - its supporters won 5% of the votes in last year's election in Grenada.

Other typical issues include handcuffing the police by various means, such as banning the use of illegally obtained evidence. (27) Extensive coverage is given to feminist and homosexual issues. One edition (27) includes an article by a feminist whining about being forced to neglect her children to go to meetings. (Then she should neglect the meetings!). Issue 41 saw support for "Gays the Word" bookshop against police raids, but they don't support normal sex shops.

What is the future of this organization? Frankly, I believe that it will split between, on the one hand, "pragmatists" who'll make their peace with Neil Kinnock and on the other hand, hard Leftists who'll continue to snipe at him. Similar divisions are evident in the varying opinions held on Ken Livingstone on the Left. Their problem is, of course, that much as they hate Kinnock, they must realise that he's Labour's only asset and that they've no-one to challenge him - so far even Tony Benn (whose image on the Left is much tarnished of late) has shown no desire to become a political kamikaze. Whatever the outcome, a long hot summer for Labour would work much needed wonders for us!