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FACTION IN ANGOLA SAYS RIVALS CLASH

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuters)—The Luanda radio said today that serious fighting was going on in central Angola between forces of two allied nationalist groups—the Union for the Total Independence of Angola and the National Front for the Liberation of Angola.

The radio, controlled by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, which has the support of the Soviet Union, said:

“The unity between these two pseudo-movements is a fake because each is more power-hungry than the other. “It is not surprising that they should start fighting each other for supremacy.”

To back up its allegations, the broadcast monitored here, gave what it described as a recording of an announcement over a local radio in Huambo that said: “There is no justification whatever for hostilities. The Council of Ministers calls for an immediate ceasefire throughout the city.”