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Amin Defends Soviet, Cuban Presence

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President Idi Amin of Uganda yesterday defended the presence of Soviet and Cuban advisers in Angola.

In what was seen here as a change in the president's attitude on the Angolan civil war, Field Marshal Amin said Cubans and Russians are in the former Portuguese territory to drive out South African forces.

"We should not let ourselves be brainwashed by the Western powers that the presence of Soviet technicians in Angola is an indication that the Soviet Union wants to colonize Africa," Amin said in a statement.

"When Africa is in trouble, it is the Chinese, the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries which come to our rescue and not the Americans or British. Africa must therefore support the Soviet Union and not be discouraged."

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