

# Soviet Indicates Rebuff to U.S. By Continuing Aid to Angolans

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MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (UPI) — The Soviet Union indicated today that it did not plan to drop its involvement in Angola despite the threat to détente with the United States. It alleged that collusion among the United States, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and South Africa could end in a joint anti-black offensive in Africa.

In apparent reply to warnings from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that Moscow's support for Angolan Marxists could endanger détente, the Government newspaper Izvestia said the West was misinterpreting Soviet motives.

"Support for the national liberation struggle of the peoples is an important principle of Soviet foreign policy, the same as steadfast struggle for improving international relations, the newspaper said.

"What is surprising," Izvestia said, "is that some people in the West are trying to conjure up some sort of contradiction between the relaxation of international tension and the Angolan efforts to repulse external forces, primarily the South African racist regime."

The Communist Party paper Pravda said of Angola that "there is enough evidence to confirm South African aggression is performed with the agreement and assistance of

certain United States circles and circles in other NATO countries."

"Secret cooperation" between South Africa and the military organization of NATO is so advanced that a real, if not legal, military union now exists, Pravda said.

## Drive Aimed at Rail Town

LUSAKA, Zambia, Dec. 25 (UPI) — Anti-Communist forces fighting for control of Angola announced today the start of a campaign to drive troops equipped by the Soviet Union out of a strategic railroad town on the Zambian border.

George Sangumba, an official of the Union for the Total Independence of Angola, said its forces had begun a drive through sparsely populated eastern Angola toward Teixeira de Sousa, the railroad town.