

Africa Unity Group Meets on Angola

Addis Ababa

The Organization of African Unity meeting on Angola opened yesterday with calls for cohesion and careful moderation—but condemnations of South Africa and an appeal for the recognition of the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola won the applause of the delegates.

The potential divisiveness of the Angolan question on the continent was underscored by General Tafere Nante, the chairman of the host country Ethiopia's Provisional Military Administrative Council, who issued the welcoming address in Africa Hall, the seat of the OAU.

Tafere cautioned the foreign ministers and representatives of the 46 member states that Angola represents the greatest challenge to African solidarity since the continental organization was founded 12 years ago—greater even than that posed by the Congo secession.

"With the forces of apartheid having taken the offensive in southern Africa," Tafere said, "the struggle for Angola has become the struggle for Africa."

"Avoid forcing the issue prematurely," said Tafere, who added that in furtherance of dialogue he was holding in abeyance the views of his government on the three competing Angolan nationalist factions.

But other nations did not follow the Ethiopian's advice.

The Egyptian representative, for example, sketched what was regarded as a nonaligned position by repeatedly calling for an end to all foreign intervention, "both material and human," in Angola,

in references that were presumably meant to include Soviet arms shipments, Cuban military participation, United States support and South African involvement.

However, the only country mentioned by name was South Africa, whose "flagrant intervention" was condemned.

Egypt is one of the 25 member nations that have not yet recognized any Angolan faction. The other 21 have all established diplomatic links with the Popular Movement for the liberation of Angola (MPLA).

The Ghanaian representative, in a similar statement, roused a part of the assembly to cheering when he declared that "the most serious impediment to the anti-colonial mission that unites us all is South Africa."

The MPLA, he said, is allied with Namibian nationalists struggling against South African domination. And, he declared, "the other factions in Angola that have agreed on the expediency of alliance with South Africa cannot serve the interests of African solidarity. The Popular Movement is the only group that does."

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Center Renamed

Edwards AFB

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's flight research center at Edwards was renamed the Hugh O.L. Dryden Flight Research Center yesterday in memory of NASA's first deputy administrator.

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