

Amin Sets Priorities For Action on Angola

Addis Ababa

President Idi Amin of Uganda said yesterday the African continent's first priority is to stop bloodshed in Angola and to oppose any outside intervention there.

Amin, arriving on the eve of a summit conference of the Organization of African Unity, told reporters it is not up to the organization to endorse any of three factions in Angola.

"It is not for Africa to dictate to Angolans what is to be done by Angolans," he said.

Amin is the current chairman of the OAU and will preside at the emergency meeting of chief executives.

Commenting on intervention, Amin said, "We have not come here to discuss Russia, Cuba or anybody. Any force in Angola — South Africa, Europe, Russia — they are killing Angolans. We condemn everybody, even black Africans, if they are involved."

Amin, wearing a blue air force uniform with a pistol on his hip, also said he was "very, very happy" with

American policy on Angola after he received a letter from President Ford asserting that Washington would not interfere in the former Portuguese colony's internal affairs.

The OAU has before it two applications for recognition as the legitimate government of Angola, the oil- and mineral-rich west African territory set free by Portugal two months ago.

One is from the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, whose People's Republic of Angola is supported by the Soviet Union and Cuba. The other is from the National Union for the Total Independences of Angola and the National Front for the Liberation of Angola, which have formed a battlefield alliance as the Democratic Republic of Angola and have received U.S. and South African aid.

More than 20 African states have recognized the Popular Movement and many diplomats predict the OAU will seat the movement's delegates at its conference. Some, however, said the question is so divisive that the three-day summit might not even bring it up.

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