

# STRIKES DISCLOSED BY LUANDA REGIME

Teachers and Others Halt Work in Central Area

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan. 12 (UPI)—Strikes were reported today in a part of central Angola held by nationalist forces that are supported by the Soviet Union.

The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola said in a broadcast from Luanda, its capital, that walkouts by teachers, electricians, bakers, nurses, mechanics and civil servants had almost paralyzed essential services in the town of Quibala and surrounding districts.

The Luanda radio called on the strikers to return to work immediately. It gave no reason for the strikes.

The Quibala area is near Angola's so-called southern front, where pro-Western nationalist forces last week called an unofficial temporary halt to the fighting to await the outcome of peace moves at the meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### Ready to Fight

Reports from the area said troops of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola and the National Front for the Liberation of Angola were ready to resume fighting if their leaders did not return from Ethiopia with a peace agreement. These pro-Western forces have been supported by South African military aid and soldiers.



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Military observers with the allied troops said that some of their positions had been attacked by Popular Movement soldiers but that the attacks had been turned back.

Luanda broadcasts monitored here today also said residents of the Popular Movement's capital should boil water from the city's reservoir because the purification plant had run out of chlorine and there was danger of a typhoid epidemic.

### Parachute Attack Reported

KINSHASA, Zaire, Jan. 12 (Reuters)—National Front commandos reportedly made a parachute attack on Popular Movement positions within 16 miles of Luanda last night. Zaire's Azap news agency said in a dispatch from Ambriz, Angola, that the commandos took hundreds of prisoners and seized important quantities of Soviet-made weapons.