

South Africans May Leave

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Anti-Reds Retreating in

Lusaka, Zambia

Anti-Communist Angolan forces and South African troops were reported to be retreating in Angola yesterday after full-scale attack by the Soviet-supported faction in the African country's year-long civil war.

According to reports reaching this capital of neighboring Zambia, the Communist-backed Popular Movement, known as the MPLA, appears to have taken in

the past few days the towns of Cela, Santa Combo and Amboiva in the center of the country. The town of Huambo, recently declared the country's capital by the anti-Communist forces, is now threatened.

MPLA forces, backed by Russian tanks, missiles and helicopters plus a strong force of Cubans, are thought to be within 100 miles of Huambo.

The East German news agen-

cy ADN reported from Luanda that the MPLA has created a "Popular Air Force of Angola" that includes supersonic aircraft.

"Supersonic planes were shown for the first time" in flying demonstrations by Angolan pilots after the founding ceremony Wednesday, the news agency said.

The agency said that in a speech at the ceremony MPLA leader Agostino Neto declared

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that "the People's Republic of Angola comprises the entire territory of Angola."

Neto said that "foreign invaders have begun bombing various areas in the eastern part of the country since the beginning of the year," ADN reported.

In Washington, sources said intelligence officials have received reports that South African military units in Angola have been ordered home.

U.S. analysts believe the South African decision to pull out may stem from opposition at home to the Angolan involvement and the realization that continued operation there would involve the commitment of more troops to counter a growing Cuban force.

Pentagon officials, who have been watching Russian naval units approach Angola, reported they have now pulled back about 2000 miles from the Angolan coast.

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