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Americans, Angolans Meet in Cuba

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HAVANA, Feb. 27 — A discreet meeting is taking place in Cuba between high officials of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and representatives of more than 20 American organizations, many of them black, informed sources said today.

The talks are believed to center on the situation in Angola, plans for its future and possible support from the American groups for the Popular Movement.

The Cuban-supported Popular Movement, which is now recognized by many nations as the legitimate government of Angola, has virtually won the war in the former Portuguese colony.

The Popular Movement delegation here is headed by Mayr Dibala, political commissar on the the eastern front and a member of the movement's central committee. Two of its Foreign Ministry officials are also present, the sources said.

The meeting, which began yesterday and was to end today, has so far gone unreported here and its location was not disclosed.

The sources said American organizations represented included the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Coalition for a New Foreign Policy, the Anti-Imperialist Coalition for the Liberation of Africa, the Washington Committee on Africa, the Third World Coalition, the Chicago Committee on Solidarity with Angola, and Black Scholars.

Also represented are the Puerto Rican Socialist Party and the Venceremos Brigade, which organizes groups of young Americans to do volunteer work on building sites or in sugar cane fields here.

The meeting was believed to be one of the largest gatherings of Americans here since Cuba and the United States broke relations in 1961, two years after Prime Minister Fidel Castro came to power.