



LUMUMBA LIVES IN HIS PEOPLE

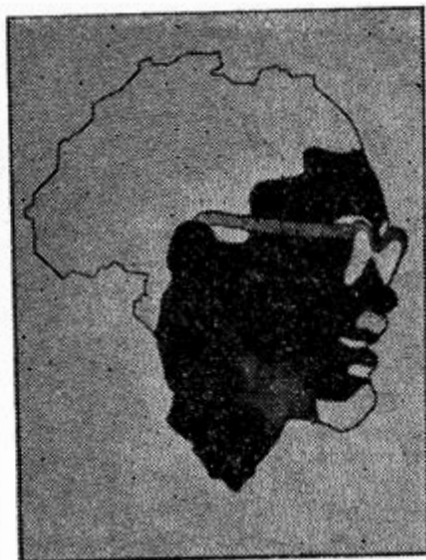
Eleven years have passed since February 13, 1961, when the peoples of the whole world rose in anger to indignantly condemn the cowardly murder of Patrice Emery Lumumba who, with his militant comrades Okito and M'Polo, was killed by the agents of imperialism, Mobutu, Tshombe, Kasayubu, Nendaka and Bomboko.

With this savage act the imperialists put into operation a vast plan to corrupt, divide and rule the Congo and its people in order to more effectively plunder its wealth and place at their

own service a neocolonialist regime to transform the country into a great and strategic economic and military base to gain control of the heart of the African continent and then transform all Africa into a zone under total imperialist control.

All these imperialist maneuvers were nothing but illusions. On the contrary, Africa, and especially the Congolese people, refused to fall into the trap and not for a single moment have they spared any effort in the struggle for their national independence, freedom and sovereignty.

Since their proclamation of independence on June 30, 1960, the Congolese people have had to face the imperialist-paid mercenary hords of traitors Tshombe and Kalonji in Katanga and South Kasai, and the fascist soldiers of Kasavubu and Mobutu; and today they are struggling to death against these gangs which are financed and headed by the CIA through its servant Mobutu.



Since 1963, Congolese patriots have foiled many enemy plans by their armed action. Politically, the US imperialists, who are chiefly responsible for the death of thousands of patriots, reap nothing but hatred and defeat. His gang

of servants gone, Mobutu — main killer of Lumumba and of all the people, whose demagoguery of false nationalist and revolutionary proclamations has failed — is nothing but a dictator whose power is based on fascist terror.

The pseudo-revolutionary Mobutu sought to deceive the Congolese people and the world. With this in mind, after having been Lumumba's chief assassin, he proclaimed his victim a hero. He announced that a statue would be erected to the apostle of the Congo's independence and that the house where he was murdered would become a pilgrimage shrine; neither of which have occurred.

Mobutu himself, loyal to Yankee interests in the Congo and with the same intention of deceiving the people, proclaimed so-called economic independence and started it with a sham nationalization of enterprise, which he himself belied during his trip to the United States by delivering a speech in which he asked US monopolists to increase their investments in the Congo and emphasized that he would never utter the word "nationalization."

At present US monopolies own all the national wealth. The gross national product is eight times smaller than the profits obtained by US companies. Over 90% of total investments belong to Yankee imperialists.

Following orders of the CIA and the White House, Mobutu demagogically stated that the Congo stood at the side of the other Third World nations and proclaimed that by 1980 the Congo would be a completely industrialized country. The truth is that by following the road along which this regime leads the Congo — in the service of the US imperialists — poverty and misery of all kinds will only be increased.

Under Mobutu's regime, the national per capita income of US \$87 in 1965 has dropped to US \$80 today. Puppet Mobutu himself uses 6% of the gross national product in so-called "prestige expenses."

Terror and death reign throughout the entire nation due to the fact that Mobutu's fascist troops are being advised by the US military. Victims of the repression are to be found among all strata of the population. University as well as secondary students, workers, peasants, middle-class and military patriots are shot to death or burned alive. Those who survive fill the jails, and the rest have no kind of liberty. But

in spite of the antipatriotic and anti-popular conduct of the murderer Mobutu and the CIA, the people of the Congo continue their resistance.

On January of this year, Mobutu himself announced furiously: "The revolutionaries continue killing men from my troops, the 1980 objective is encountering many difficulties, due to sabotage by the workers in industry; and this year no one who struggles will be spared, all will be killed. Any African state that offers support to the rebels will be invaded by my troops."

These pronouncements by the puppet Mobutu, prove that in spite of his so-called "changes" which are actually only political diversion and confusion, the masses are not fooled. Mobutu, as well as Yankee imperialism, knows very well that his time is up and that the people of the Congo — with the example of the apostle Lumumba, and thousands of martyrs of their country — will win their independence.

The Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL reaffirms its total and unconditional confidence and support for the struggle of the Congolese people, and calls on all its member organizations and all progressive peoples of the world to give their help to the victory of Lumumba's people.