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On 4th April at the conference hall of Hotel Costa do Sol, UNITA's Vice-President, Eng. Antonio Sebastiao Dembo, met with UNITA's parliamentarians, UNITA's Delegation to the JC and members in the Government of Unity and National Reconciliation.

The meeting had as its main objective the orientation and briefing of party members on the occasion of the arrival of UNITA's leadership in Luanda.

The meeting also served to introduce the Coordinating Team of UNITA's political activities in the capital and in the provinces. Under the chairmanship of Eng. Antonio Sebastiao Dembo, the Coordinating Team consists of the following party members:

1. Deputy Secretary General - Mr Martires Correa Victor.
2. Secretary of External Relations - Mr. Alcides Sakala.
3. Secretary for Organization - Mr. Franco Marcolino Nhany.
4. Head of Delegation to the JC - Mr Isaias Henrique Ngola Samakuva.
5. Chief of UNITA's Parliamentary Group - Mr. Abel E. Chivukuvuku.

Subsequent steps to be given in Luanda were also addressed in the meeting, as well as the reinauguration of the Party's Headquarters.

The UNITA Vice-President gave reassurance of the willingness of his Party to consolidate Peace, Democracy and build a true National Reconciliation.

GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE JC TRAVELLED TO ANDULO (Source: LAC Radio, April 08)

Today the head of the Government delegation to the JC, Faustino Muteka, travelled to Andulo to discuss with UNITA's leadership the pending matters of the Lusaka Protocol. Faustino Muteka will convey a message from the Angolan President to Dr. Jonas Savimbi. The delegation consists of the of Government Delegation to the JC, Higino Carneiro, UNITA's Vice-President, Antonio Dembo and UNITA's head of Delegation to the JC, Isaias Samakuva.

The UNITA's Secretary for External Relations, Alcides Sakala, today admitted that the announcement of the long awaited press conference of Antonio Dembo, would take place this week, after his return to the capital. According to him the date for the press conference might be announced this afternoon upon the arrival of the delegation from Andulo.

PEACE STILL A DREAM FOR THE ANGOLANS

(Source: Angop Bulletin, April 07)

Peace still constitutes a dream for Angolans. On Sunday the Catholic Priest of Bocoio, Benguela Province, Matias Miapa, affirmed that peace is the only dream for the angolans. He appealed to everyone to continue applying efforts for the attainment of Peace and National Reconciliation.

On the same day MPLA Municipal Secretary, Eurico da Silva, also called on his party's militants for the pacification of the spirits and consolidation of peace and democracy in the country. He also appealed for freedom of expression and free circulation of people and goods.

CHAIRMAN OF THE 99th 'UIP' CONFERENCE WISHES PEACE RESTORATION

(Source: Angop Bulletin, April 07)

The Chairman of the 99th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Mose Penaani Tjitendero, expressed his desire to see peace restored in Angola as soon as possible.

At the opening session, President Sam Nujoma, said that "a bright future is foreseen for the Angolan people and for the Southern Region of Africa though the Angolan peace process is not yet completed.

Mr. Mose Tjitendro said "SADC Country members support a peaceful resolution for the Angolan conflict on the basis of the Lusaka Protocol".

President Sam Nujoma called on the World Organization to reinforce the democratic process and strengthen parliaments in various regions.

More than 600 parliamentarians from 137 countries attended the conference.

ANGOLAN PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO NAMIBIAN PRESIDENT (Source: Jornal de Angola, April 07)

Yesterday the Speaker of the Angolan National Assembly, Roberto de Almeida, conveyed a verbal message from the Angolan President, Eduardo dos Santos, to the Namibian President, Sam Nujoma.

After the audience, Roberto de Almeida told the press that the message dealt with bilateral relations between Angola and Namibia, and also the Angolan peace process.

During the 30 minute meeting, Roberto de Almeida and Sam Nujoma also discussed numerous issues aimed at strengthening the relations between the two

countries.

PEACE PROCESS ASSESSED IN MENONGUE

(Source: *Jornal de Angola*, April 07)

The provincial inter-sectorial team for the restoration of the State Administration in Kwando Kubango Province, met in Menongue to discuss the extension of the State Administration to Luiana, Luengue and Licua.

There is divergence concerning the extension of the State Administration to those localities. The Government wants to transfer the municipal capital from Luiana to Jamba, because the majority of the population in that region is concentrated at Jamba and its landing strip would help in the communication with the provincial capital, whereas UNITA alleges that, in the past the municipal capitals were in Luiana and Luengue.

POLICE DISARM CIVILIANS

(Source: *Jornal de Angola*, April 07)

The Provincial Police Headquarters of Kwanza Kubango is very much concerned with the number of weapons in possession of the populations and suspect that they would contribute to the increase of criminality in the region.

According to the Provincial Deputy Coordinator of the Disarmament Committee, Antonio Avelino, an integrated committee of the Armed Forces, National Police, UNITA and MONUA would be created soon. It will be in charge of collecting weapons and their eventual destruction .

From July 1996 to March 1998 the police collected 25 hand grenades, 12 81mm mortar projectiles, 19 anti-tank mines, 700

magazines and 3645 different types of ammunitions of AKM rifles.

PORTUGUESE DEFENCE MINISTER ARRIVES TODAY IN ANGOLA

(Source: *Jornal de Angola*, April 08)

At the invitation of his Angolan counterpart, Pedro Sebastiao, the Portuguese Defence Minister, Jose Veiga Simao, will pay a two day visit to Angola.

According to a source in the Angolan Ministry of Defence, Pedro Sebastiao and Jose Veiga, will overview various bilateral political and military issues.

During his' visiting in Angola, the Portuguese Minister will visit Viana Nr.6 Logistic Base under control of (MONUA) Portuguese Peace Observers.

The Portuguese Minister will also meet with the Angolan Cardinal, Dom Alexandre do Nascimento, Angolan Minister of External Relations, Venancio de Moura, and Maitre Beye.

According to "JA" the Portuguese Minister of Defence will also visit MONUA Communication Center, where he will discuss with high ranking officers.

On Thursday he will attend a special session of the JC to be briefed on the Angolan peace process.

MDIA-PCN SATISFIED WITH THE PEACE PROCESS

(Source: *Jornal de Angola*, April 08)

On Saturday in Luanda the national executive committee of the Movement for the Defence of the Interests of the Angolan-Party of National Conscience, considered the efforts applied by the Government and UNITA as encouraging for the installation of long lasting peace in Angola.

A document issued after an ordinary session, chaired by its Vice-President, Sebastiao David, states that " the conclusion of the Lusaka Protocol should constitute a cause to create a new era of socio-economic development and prosperity for all Angolans.

However, it calls on the Government and UNITA to develop more trust in each other.

It also recognized the efforts applied by Maitre Beye and the "Troika" of Observers, as well as the international community for the successful end of the peace accords.

IRSEM OFF-RAILS

(Source: Jornal de Angola, April 08)

Serious irregularities were discovered at IRSEM Provincial Headquarters in Lunda North.

A delegation headed by IRSEM National Director, General Francisco Andrade, acknowledged the existence of irregularities at the local office.

General Antonio Andrade told the press that, IRSEM in that province had some weaknesses and wasn't following the right track. For example in Lunda North Province, IRSEM is said to have 906 ex-soldiers under its control, but doesn't possess any file that could identify their names, professional choice and preferred living area.

HUAMBO: NO MONEY FOR PROJECTS

(Source: Jornal de Angola, April 08)

In Huambo the Institute for Socio-Professional Reintegration of Ex-soldiers (IRSEM) needs 133, 310,000 US dollars to

carry out its social projects.

According to "JA" 657 demobilized men would benefit from the execution of the projects. 117,000 US dollars will be invested on the professional training, reactivation of agriculture in villages and municipalities of Huambo Province.

The Projects Manager of IRSEM, Luis Garcia Caia, guaranteed that IRSEM will carry out various projects funded by UNDP, OIT and SECOR to support the reintegration of the demobilized men.

GOVERNMENT TO DIALOGUE WITH SEPARATIST IN CABINDA

(Source: Jornal de Angola, April 08)

The dialogue between the Government and the separatist movements of Cabinda will resume in the forthcoming days, with the introduction of more efficient negotiable mechanisms.

Presently the Government's committee is headed by the Interior Minister, Santana Andre Pitra "Petroff". The committee is drawing a comprehensive negotiation program in which the civilian population of Cabinda would also be consulted.

The committee is having transparent and joint contacts with different political groups including Local Associations to enrich the negotiating program.

POLICE COLLECTS WEAPONS

(Source: Jornal de Angola, April 08)

Within the framework of disarming of the civilians, the National Police collected 83 weapons of different calibre in Chitembo and Camakupa (BIE).

According to Intendent Antonio Jorge "CALO" part of these weapons are included

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in the list of various weapons discovered in Niavala and Lomumbue.

12h40.

Today Bengo Provincial Police Commander, Sub-Commissioner, Antonio Batista Vaz, assessed the disarming process of the civilians. Various weapons were collected.

FROM: FERNANDO GOMES/PIO

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