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The Cuban government makes no bones about ~~giving~~<sup>lending</sup> its support to the MPLA in Angola ~~led led by Agostino Neto~~. The official position here in Havana is that the MPLA ~~is the~~ government is the only legitimate one in Angola and that Cuba therefore has a right to aid it materially in its struggle.

~~retired from Angola, the MPLA~~

Cuban spokesmen point to the fact that ~~the Portuguese~~<sup>when</sup> ~~government handed over power to the MPLA government~~<sup>and</sup> that today 35 nations recognize ~~the~~<sup>MPLA govt</sup> more than half of them African nations.

The Cuban government denies that a ~~is~~ civil war is taking place in Angola. It calls it an invasion by mercenary forces whose aim is to make mineral rich Angola ~~xxxxxx~~ a ~~xxxx~~ semi colony of the big western powers. Cuba accuses the South African government ~~with~~<sup>of</sup> direct intervention in the Angolan struggle and says that the United States is supplying arms and advisors to the insurgent forces.

~~This xxxxxx~~ Cuban ~~solidarity~~<sup>ties</sup> with the MPLA government ~~has~~ been highlighted this week by the visit to Cuba of a high level MPLA delegation. Several days ago, Granma, the ~~Cuba~~ Cuban Communist Party newspaper printed a message from MPLA president, Agostino Neto stressing continued solidarity ~~between the two nations~~

~~Angola xxx~~

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This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

Cuba Supports The MPLA in Angola and will aid in its Struggle

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Angola: Not a Civil War but rather an Invasion.  
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