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MPLA PRINTSHOP PROJECT

In August 1972 the LSM Information Center sent the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) an AM/1250 offset press. Prior discussion of this project had taken place between the LSM Information Center Director and MPLA President, Dr. Agostinho Neto. Following receipt of the MPLA letter reproduced below, detailed discussions of a complete PRINTSHOP PROJECT were held in December 1972 in Lusaka, Zambia between LSM representatives and the head of MPLA's Department of Information and Propaganda (DIP), Paulo Jorge. MPLA's need for a self-sufficient printshop to produce their bulletin, *ANGOLA IN ARMS*, communiques, educational and medical texts, informational leaflets, posters, etc., was thrown into very sharp relief and it was agreed that the LSM Information Center would launch a campaign in 1973 to supply the DIP with a COMPLETE PRINTSHOP as well as technical people to train MPLA cadres in printing and darkroom procedures. Facilities are now being prepared by MPLA for the PRINTSHOP in Lusaka and we are hoping to coordinate the arrival there of necessary equipment, supplies and training cadres for mid-September 1973.

To meet this target, however, we will need the support and cooperation of a large number of progressive individuals and groups in North America. We believe that BY COLLABORATING IN THIS MPLA PRINTSHOP PROJECT YOU CAN STRIKE AN EFFECTIVE BLOW AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM, AND FOR A FREE AND PROGRESSIVE ANGOLA!!!

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA
(M. P. L. A.)

D. I. P. DELEGATION IN TANZANIA

OUR REF: DIP - LSM

YOUR REF:

DATE: 28th Sept. 1972

REQUIREMENTS

The LSM Information Center is planning, largely through contributions made during its SPRING FILM TOUR to raise sufficient monies to purchase & ship three essential pieces of printshop equipment. They are:

- Vertical Press Camera
- Foot-operated Stapler
- Paper Folder

Estimated cost: \$4,000.00

Individuals, groups and organizations can participate in this project by (1) contributing funds to cover the purchase and shipping expenses for essential equipment and/or supplies through the Information Center or (2) pledging to send any of the following equipment or supplies directly to the MPLA.

To the
LIBERATION SUPPORT MOVEMENT
Information Center
p.o. box 338 - RICHMOND, B.C.
CANADA

Dear Comrades,

We are very pleased to learn that you sent us an AM 1250 offset printing press.

Needless to say, this machine will be very useful in the work of our Information Department.

In order to further assist the D.I.P. in its work, we would like you to try to acquire and send us the additional equipment and materials necessary for us to establish a complete and self-sufficient printshop in Dar es Salaam.

We take this opportunity to wish you all the best and thank you for all the work that you have done for us.

Yours sincerely,

M.C. Beavida
MPLA-DIP Dar es Salaam

Anastase Lubo
Chief Representative MPLA
Tanzania

EQUIPMENT

1. Typewriters: two. IBM "Selectric II" with interchangeable 10 and 12 point type; Price in Canada: \$755.00
Elements: \$22.00 each; a dozen required.
2. Plateburner: NuArc Flip/Top 23" x 27" suggested.
U.S. price: \$895.00
or reconditioned unit.
3. Collator: 20-bin reconditioned suggested.
Estimated cost: \$300.00
4. Darkroom sinks: Fiberglass or Stainless Steel unit.
Suggest obtaining used unit in good condition.
5. Paper Cutter: Large size required as paper is supplied in 35" x 47". Estimated cost of rebuilt cutter: \$3,000 to \$4,000.

AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

"Media groups", familiar with the following list of items necessary for the smooth functioning of a self-sufficient shop may be best suited to pledging all or part of the auxiliary equipment:

light table	scissors
x-acto knives	graduates (two)
brushes	funnel
tape dispensers	stirring paddle
set squares, T squares	1 gal. jugs for chem. (four)
rulers	buckets for mixing chemicals
pens, extra points	8 x 10 trays (four)
pencils, various	11 x 14 trays (four)
waxer	thermometer
Pre-Cop-Tic magnifyer #20	squeege
reduction wheel	safelights/filters
Litho manual	written filters
Kodak instruction bks	anti-static brush
magenta negative screens: 133 line & 150 line	

Estimated total cost for auxiliary equipment:
\$650 to \$800 plus shipping.

SUPPLIES

In addition to sending initial quantities of the following essential materials, we urge that groups send particular items from the list on a regular basis. Supplies are unavailable in Zambia for several months at a time, so the establishment of a continuous flow of these items is necessary if the PRINTSHOP is to function with any consistency.

Lay-out & darkroom supplies

masking sheets	film
knife blades	film cleaner
india ink	lens cleaner;lens paper
opaque: white/red/black	stop bath
tape: clear/ruby/masking	fixer
transfer type	developer
typewriter ribbons	contact paper
rubylith; amberlith	blotter roll
clear base	extra lights for camera
rubber cement & thinner	marking pens

Press room supplies

paper	press blankets
inks	anti-skin spray
photo-sensitive plates	sheet separators
paper plates (for short runs)	form covers
plate developer	ductor covers
plate lacquer or finisher	rubber rejuvenator
gum arabic	hand cleaner
glaze cleaner	wrenches
blanket wash	staples (for binding)
fountain solution	

"OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT AN ISOLATED STRUGGLE IN THE WORLD. IT IS PART OF A GLOBAL STRUGGLE BY HUMANITY TO BRING AN END TO THE EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN, AND IT IS WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK THAT WE MUST VIEW OUR STRUGGLE". Agostinho Neto

LSM BELIEVES IT IS THE DUTY OF PROGRESSIVE NORTH AMERICANS TO HELP COLONIZED AND OPPRESSED NATIONS IN THEIR STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM.

ASSIST THE MPLA AND THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA!
PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA PRINTSHOP NOW!
EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, FUNDS -- ALL ARE REQUIRED.

Send all pledges, donations and enquiries to:

MPLA PRINTSHOP PROJECT

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