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Gentlemen:

You ask about the recent ASA [African Studies Association] in Denver. Except for private exchanges of information and news, I found the whole conference to be rather boring and mediocre. The better scholars and more-informed people apparently were unwilling to air their syntheses publicly because they feared a repetition of the mindless confrontations of earlier years. As a matter of fact, many people foresaw the intellectual lacunae and stayed at home. Thus, the platforms were loaded down with the purveyors of the new religion, whatever it is, or speakers who merely provided descriptive accounts of research, but who refrained from analysis. Most of the papers I heard were wretchedly presented and provided no enlightenment.

The racial issue, therefore, seems to have castrated the ASA.

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(Ed. Note: *For further reactions to the ASA meeting, please see Edward Okuru's article, The Traditional African Artist and His Society, in this issue.*)

EDITOR'S NOTE

*We need support now,
not to win the war -
we have won that -
but to win the peace.*

AMILCAR CABRAL

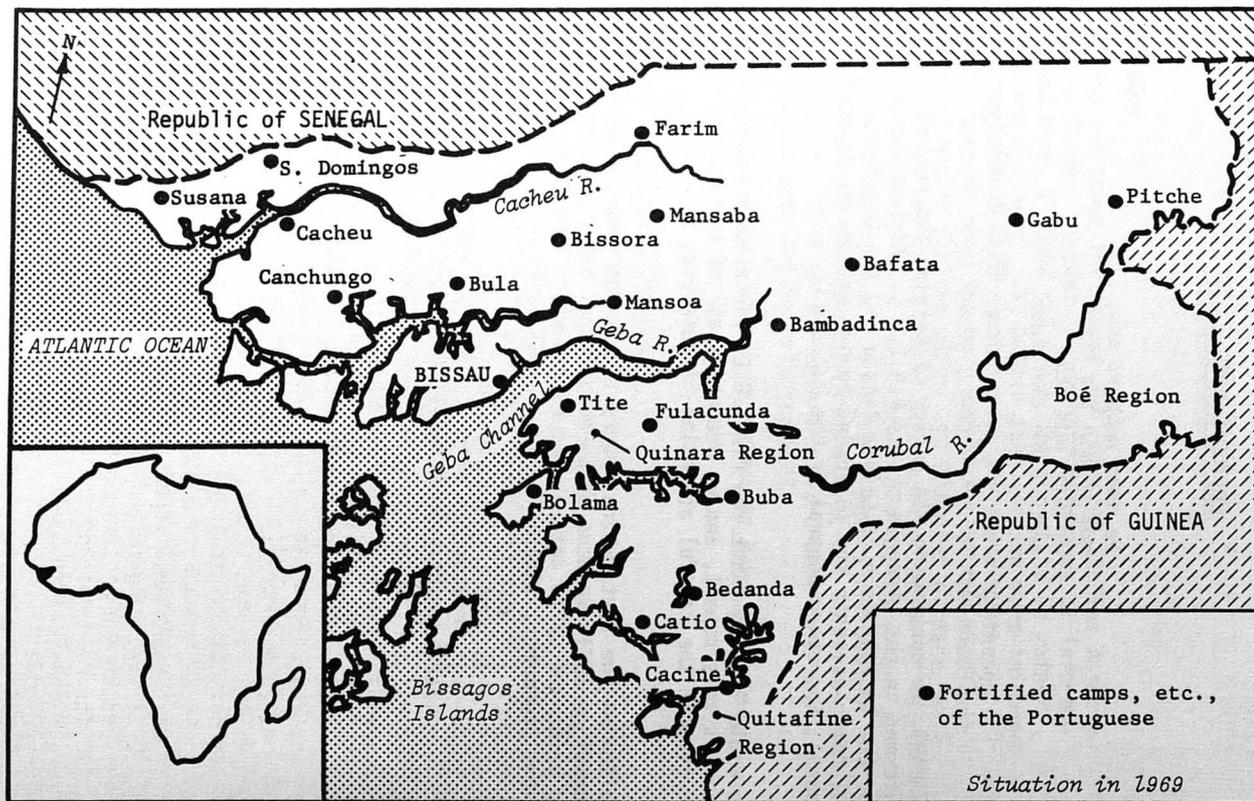
UFAHAMU, in continuing its policy of keeping its readers informed on the struggle of the P.A.I.G.C. (African Party for the Independence of Guinea Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands), presents the following report written by Amilcar Cabral, Secretary-General of the P.A.I.G.C.

We would like to thank the P.A.I.G.C. for allowing us to reprint this report, and we encourage all of our readers to give it the careful attention it deserves.

Following the text, which covers the period from January to August of 1971, we have prepared a rather brief supplement to bring you up to date on the events which have transpired since September, 1971.

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GUINEA BISSAU AND THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS



"In the urban centres and the other areas still occupied (a few coastal zones, the islands off Guine and the Cape Verde Archipelago) the enemy's position is less and less secure". [Page 13 - Cabral's Report]