

## REPUBLIC of ANGOLA

### Antonio Agostinho Neto First President of Angola

Agostinho Neto was born Sept.17,1922, Icolo e Bengo, Angola-died Sept.10,1979,Moscow, Russia, U.S.S.R. His father was a Methodist pastor.Neto was educated to high school level in Luanda and then worked for the Portuguese Colonial Health Service until 1947 when, provided with funds by his home village, he traveled to Portugal to study medicine in Lisbon and returned to Angola in 1959 as a doctor.In1960 he was arrested in the presence of his patients by colonial authorities, who opened fire when the patients protested. He was imprisoned in Portugal for two years before escaping to join the Marxist Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola (MPLA), whose president he became in 1962. Poet, physician, and first president of Angola, in 1948 Neto joined a movement aimed at rediscovering indigenous Angolan culture. in Lisbon and returned to Angola in 1959 as a doctor. When Angola became independent in 1975, he was proclaimed president, though he never controlled all the country's territory. His poems were widely recognized in the Portuguese-speaking world.



On the first Anniversary of Independence the Angola Postmaster released a miniature sheet plus five values to commemorative the anniversary. On all values the face of the first president of Angola Antonio Agostinho Neto appears well printed. The stamps were printed by lithographic process.

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