

Southern Africa Update

Bombing Reminds

Zimbabweans Of

Threats To Stability

[AN] Pressure on Zimbabwe's transport system, which observers saw as part of a South African policy of destabilization, eased somewhat in December. Late in November, South Africa agreed to supply 26 locomotives for the system linking the two countries, and in mid-December the rail link through Mozambique to Beira was reopened with the repair of a bridge over the river Pungue. The bridge had been sabotaged on November 30.

On December 18, however, a powerful bomb blast in the Zimbabwean capital Salisbury provided a pointed reminder of the young nation's continuing vulnerability. The explosion killed six and injured as many as 150 at the headquarters of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union in central Salisbury.

The blast, the *Sunday Mail* revealed a few days

later, came at a time when normally the prime minister and several of his top advisers would be attending a biweekly party organizing meeting at the headquarters. On that day, however, Prime Minister Mugabe was instead working at home, preparing for the next day's departure on an official visit to Mozambique.

Prime Minister Mugabe visited victims of the attack in the hospital the next day, but he carried on with the five-day visit to Mozambique, his first since Zimbabwe's independence. Mozambique was the principal rear base country for ZANU's guerrilla forces during the war for majority rule. Mugabe received a warm welcome, among other sites, a plaza in Maputo being named in his honor.

Zimbabwean police have not yet identified those responsible for the blast, but suspicion has focused on South Africa. Speaking in Mozambique on his arrival,

Mugabe accused South Africa of being "the master planner of all the acts of sabotage that are directed against us." At a press conference after returning to Salisbury, the prime minister also charged that agents within the parties of former Prime Minister Smith and Bishop Abel Muzorewa "continue to lend themselves to manipulation for South Africa."

In November, six Rhodesian whites, including a former extreme right-wing politician, were arrested in Bulawayo after the discovery of arms caches in the city, and in early December a white member of Parliament, Wally Stuttaford, was arrested in connection with reports of coup plots.

Aftermath To Angolan Refinery Blast

[AN] The November 30 commando raid on Angola's only oil refinery, a spokesman for Belgium's *Petrofina* reported, damaged three

of the old storage tanks and one of three distillation towers, but failed to hit the main refinery complex itself. Nevertheless, it is expected to be the end of January at the earliest before the refinery is back in operation.

According to a reconstruction of the incident by Angolan security officials, the twelve-man commando group of white mercenaries who carried out the attack were landed near Luanda from a South African submarine that had set out from Walvis Bay on November 26. The group had laid charges that would have blown up the entire complex, and, say oil company officials, might well have devastated residential areas of the capital as well. However, detection by Angolan guards caused the commando chief to set off the charges early, in the process blowing up several of his own men.

Angolan authorities exhibited to the diplomatic corps a cap-

tured notebook with the layout of the refinery in English and Afrikaans, as well as remains of two of the attackers.

At the time, responsibility for the explosion was claimed for his group by Jonas Savimbi, who was in the United States to seek support for UNITA, the South African-backed Angolan opposition group he heads.

Angolan oil workers were praised by the government for their efforts to prevent the spread of the conflagration to stocks of toxic tetraethyl lead and to the rest of the refinery. Minister of State Security Kundi Paihama, however, apparently held responsible for lapses in security, was demoted two weeks later and replaced by Juliao Mateus Paulo (also known as Dino Matrosse).

MNR Base Taken

By Mozambique Troops

[AN] Mozambican troops captured the principal base of the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance guerrillas on December 7, later releasing to the Mozambican and foreign press a considerable amount of documentation captured there. The site of Garagua was north of the Save river, in the Mossurize Mountains, some thirteen miles from the Zimbabwe border and in easy flying distance from the northern Transvaal, where South Africa is said to have training camps for the MNR.

The majority of the occupants of the base escaped by helicopter, Mozambican officials said. But helicopter fuel, weapons and documents were abandoned on the site.

The captured documents, *Joseph Hanlon* reports from Maputo, provide new evidence of South African support for the MNR. Notes of a meeting between the MNR commander, Afonso Dlakama, and a South African army colonel named Van Niekerk, show that the colonel complained



MIAMI—The Reverend Jesse Jackson comforts an unidentified Haitian refugee at the Krome Avenue Detention Facility. Jackson met with most of the 600 refugees being held in the camp, saying they were victims of a racist immigration policy set forth by the U.S. Government. Jackson also said he thought the camp was like a "concentration camp," and renewed his call for the government to release the Haitians. UPI Photo

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about the lack of combat readiness and discipline of the MNR troops.

According to notes of the meetings, the South African colonel also outlined attack plans, including targeting the road, railway and pipeline from Beira to Umtali. He also complained about the high cost of air drops and, discussed plans to provide supplies by sea instead.

In spite of the destruction of the base, the MNR poses a continuing military threat, especially to regional plans to increase traffic from landlocked countries through the Mozambican port of Beira. Mozambique's concern for security was reflected in a Cabinet reshuffle at the end of the year, with Deputy Defense Minister Armando Guebuza, who is also the national political commissar for the armed forces, taking over as governor of Sofala Province, where Beira is located.

Lesotho Church Official Tells Of Escape
NAIROBI [AN] "On

the night of September 4 around midnight, there was a strong bang at the kitchen door of my house," recalled Ben Masilo, president of the Lesotho Christian Council and vice president of the Lesotho Evangelical Church, the largest Protestant denomination in the small southern African nation.

Speaking in Nairobi last month, Masilo described the events of the night he fled the country and his three-year-old grandson died from gunshot wounds.

Masilo said the intruders asked for him, saying, "We have been instructed to come and murder you. But I did not want to die in front of my children, so I decided to escape through the window."

After a night in hiding, "A Christian friend" helped him escape across the border into South Africa, where "I was sheltered by other Christian friends and several embassies were approached for assistance." A few days later he and his wife flew to Nairobi.

Masilo, an outspoken

government critic and supporter of the opposition Basotholand Congress Party (BCP), is convinced his assailants were members of the Police Mobile Unit, which he also blames for the deaths of several other prominent people. Violence escalated in Lesotho last year, as the military arm of the BCP stepped up a guerrilla campaign against Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan.

Jonathan, who blames South Africa for his troubles, has said he may hold an election in the country this year — the first since the 1970 poll he halted when the BCP puffed ahead in the balloting.

Masilo has been visiting the U.S. but will return to Nairobi to take up a position with the All Africa Conference of Churches.

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NEWARK—Led by widow, Mrs. Frank Melvin (dressed in black scarf), some 100 Guardian Angels begin a 60-mile march to Trenton carrying a mock flag-draped coffin to demand a state probe into the slaying of Guardian Angel Frank Melvin. Melvin, first Angel to be killed on patrol, was shot and killed by a Newark police officer answering a burglary call. UPI Photo