

Mozambique

Machel Explains Defections To SA

[AN] When news broke last week that Mozambique's director of national security had asked for political asylum in South Africa, the Mozambican government issued an unexpected response. Security chief Jorge Costa was only one of several recent defections. President Samora Machel announced at an unusual public meeting in the capital, Maputo.

According to correspondent Joseph Hanlon, there are indications the defections are linked to the country's drive against brutality and corruption among police and government officials, and to the attention currently being given to persons with suspected links to Mozambique's forces.

Costa was in South Africa to talk with police officials there about routine security and border questions. As he and his three colleagues prepared to leave, Costa announced his intention to defect. Whether the South Africans had prior knowledge of his plans or a previous relationship with him is not known, but his action clearly pleased his hosts. Within hours, Costa was appearing before television cameras declaring that Mozambique's economy had been ruined by Machel's Marxist government, the country is under control of the Soviets, who are using it as a base to destabilize southern Africa, he alleged.

MAPUTO — President Machel announced three other defections at a June 8 meeting here attended by more than a thousand people who had been collaborators with the Portuguese colonial regime during the long struggle for independence, which came in 1975.

The three are Joao Azeite, Mozambique's ambassador in Portugal, Antonio da Rocha, first secretary in the embassy in Zimbabwe, and Zulficar Tricamegy, a member of the president's staff.

The meeting was part of a long process of what the Mozambicans call 'rehabilitation'. Machel said it was a curiosity that thousands of people who voluntarily assisted the Portuguese regime still walk the streets and go to work, even though many of them were responsible for torture and other atrocities. Elsewhere, he said, they would have gone before a firing squad.

Instead, the president argued, they lost some political rights and their photos were posted in workplaces so their co-workers could keep an eye on them and assist in their "mental decolonization".

Not all those who cooperated with the former colonial government have been identified, since the Portuguese took their files with them when they left in 1975, so the current process of 'rehabilitation' in which collaborators are asked to give details of their actions and contacts is identifying more names.

Officials of the ruling party FRELIMO believe some of those still unidentified are in high positions and are preparing to flee. They see the defection of Jorge Costa as confirming this belief.

Costa was already in trouble, however. Complaints about his brutality as director of security had been one of the triggers in the recent law and order campaign against police brutality and abuse of the law. Costa, who is white himself, had reportedly been particularly brutal to white prisoners. He and Rocha also had colonial links, the officials said, and apparently feared they were about to be exposed.

The government has also stepped up its efforts against the opposition movement known as the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR). The authorities



At Special Broadway Performance

NEW YORK — Lena Horne poses backstage with Mrs. Rosa Parks, following a special performance of her Broadway hit musical in honor of Mrs. Parks. Back on December 1, 1955, Mrs. Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for sitting in a bus forward of the white passengers. Her arrest touched off the boycott of Montgomery blacks against the city's bus lines. A year later, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation on that city's transit system was unlawful. Mrs. Parks has been honored on many occasions since as "the grandmother of the civil rights movement".

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here have produced evidence they say shows that the group is heavily supported by South Africa and is directed by former Portuguese collaborators.

A new arms shipment

that arrived here three weeks ago may be intended to help with these efforts. The supplies, which are said to include nine tons of ammunition and five tons of uniforms, is a gift to

Mozambique from the Portuguese army. The items are expected to be used by civilian militias now being set up in the center of the country, where MNR activity is (Continued on Page 15)

Business In The Black
Sears Sees \$51.9 Million Down Drain
Blacks, Bigotry and Bankruptcy

By Charles E. Belle

Bankruptcy bothers both black and white businesses. Some businesses bite the dust more than others. Credit granting giants like Sears, Roebuck & Co., too often get caught in the middle. Many individuals have signed off sheepskin coats and cars in bankruptcy court, while holding down a job.

Bankruptcies are now so easy to come by that "nearly 40% of those who bail out could have paid off their bills in five years. Seventy-two per cent of males filing for bankruptcy hold full-time jobs, 41% of the women hold full-time jobs," according to a Purdue University study. Some say, including Sears, this has resulted from faults in the 1978 Bankruptcy Reform Act. An Act they wish to change. When you start to lose many, you usually figure it's time for a change and Sears lost \$51.9 million last year because of personal bankruptcies.

But the question of how people are getting over extended is excused too often by opulent lenders. Without exception, the National Coalition for Bankruptcy Reform "a consumer credit industry united effort" is made up of industries who have not provided adequate professional advancement goals for black Americans and other minorities without federal law suit charges against them.

Such areas as automobile dealers, banks, band card companies, collection agencies, consumer credit counseling services, consumer finance com-

panies, credit bureaus, credit unions, home furnishers and appliance dealers, petroleum credit card companies, retailers, savings and loan associations and too many small business organizations have crippled the earning capacity of people of color for too long. Now with an economic down turn, credit is dropped down the drain.

You get what you pay for, reap what you sow, etc. Bankruptcy courts are jammed with a growing case load. Countless numbers of those employees and especially the management of the National Coalition for Bankruptcy Reform encouraged, voted, indeed paid for, the President's current economic program. Perhaps they could not see past their pocketbook at the time. The very idea of filing bankruptcy is bad for business and the individual. It is not to be encouraged or ignored for its damage to the person or society.

Some sense that we all pay when poverty is dictated to a chosen group is the lesson to learn. In conclusion of an oral statement by the National Consumer Finance Association before the House Committee on Judiciary, March 23, 1982, no truer words could have been spoken, "It is our belief that no debtor should be allowed to avoid a debt that he can reasonably afford to pay." America can afford to eradicate racism if she will pay the price, and she owes it to all her citizens.

Premedical Students Guide Published

Dr. Doris Byers Kwasiipui is the author of a new book, *RX For Premedical Minority Students*. Published in April, 1982, the book is a prescription for making a sound decision about medical education for minorities.

While highlighting the work of the Sixteen Institution Health Sciences Consortium (all traditionally black colleges and universities in North Carolina and Virginia), the book deals with the problems of the high cost of medical education for minorities, inadequate faculty, adjustment of minority students entering medical school and



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career advisement. It gives vital information regarding selecting a medical school, getting

financial aid, summer employment and admittance to summer reinforcement and enrichment programs.

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