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Mozambique Leader Announces Plans for More Private Enterprise

LISBON, May 22 (AP) — President Samora M. Machel of Mozambique has announced changes in his Government and a series of measures to allow more private enterprise to increase agricultural production.

A dispatch from Mozambique's official press agency, received here, said the announcement came at a rally of more than 50,000 people in Maputo, the capital, on Saturday.

(Mr. Machel said the state development bank would aid family and other small private projects designed to increase agricultural production.)

"We have erroneously developed a hostile attitude to private enterprise that must be changed," the Mozambique press agency quoted Mr. Machel as saying. "Our country must undertake a profound reorganization starting with the Government itself."

The press agency reported that Mr. Machel said an unspecified number of Government officials would be moved from the central administration in Maputo to posts at local levels in agriculture, industry and provincial administration.

He said the measures were designed to reduce the number of Government employees and to move unemployed people and unproductive workers out of the capital into agricultural projects.

The agency said there was enthusias-

tic applause when Mr. Machel announced a drive to end Government corruption.

"Our Government has lost touch with the country," Mr. Machel was quoted as saying. "Ministers don't take action against subordinates because they are friends. Technicians sit in offices drawing up attractive plans, but they are never carried out."

The Government put 60 guerrillas convicted of being members of the Mozambican National Resistance Movement on public display at the rally.

Among the prisoners was Pieter Benjamin Schoeman, who the Government says is a member of South Africa's secret military service. South Africa has denied the charge. Mr. Schoeman was captured last month and accused of planning to assassinate Mr. Machel at a convention of the governing Mozambique Liberation Front.

Mozambique says the National Resistance Movement is backed by South Africa's white Government as part of an effort to disrupt its black-ruled neighbors.

In the Cabinet changes, Interior Minister Mariano Matsinhe was moved to the Security Department, Armando Guebuza became Interior Minister and José Oscar Monteiro was appointed Justice Minister.