Cabora Bassa

According to 'Marchés Tropicaux' (10-10-70) the representatives of the Italian companies participating in ZAMCO, the corporation which is in charge of the construction of the Cabora Bassa dam, have had meetings with Portuguese officials to determine the conditions of their participation. They had a series of meetings in Lisbon, which means that there is no question of an Italian withdrawal from this giant dam, in spite of the pressure of the African states. The Italian participation with respect to the dam will be mainly realised by the SAE company of Milan.

Diario de Noticias 14-11-70: In the present stage the construction of the Cabora Bassa has already cost 760,000 contos ($ 26 million), according to a South African member of Zamco speaking to the Diario de Moçambique.

'Marchés tropicaux' of 31-10-70 writes that at the moment the construction of the access roads is far advanced; they have already permitted the transport by heavy trucks from the station of Tete, the terminus of the railroad up to the site of the dam of 240,000 tons of cement. In the building site town of Songo there are already living 5,000 people, of which 1,300 Europeans.

The same source mentions, that a movie team, directed by Jean Noël Pascal Angot is shooting a movie picture in Mozambique, of which the title will be 'The Reason Why' about the construction of Cabora Bassa. The movie will be a Eastmancolor wide-screen, will last an hour and will be produced in four languages. It will be presented in Europe and North America. The realisation of the project has the support of the Portuguese ministry of Overseas Affairs and the Centre for information and tourism in Mozambique.