

Maputo, Thursday.

COUNTERFEIT money is being produced in Western European countries including Portugal to create economic chaos in progressive African countries.

One hundred and twenty million counterfeit Mozambican Escudos were recently discovered by the Portuguese police in Porto, Portugal, after an operation which led to the arrest of a counterfeit gang leader, a former Portuguese settler.

But since investigations are still going on, his name has not yet been revealed.

Reliable sources today said that the false money is being made, not for profit, but to create economic chaos in Mozambique.

The money is transported to South Africa, Rhodesia and Malawi. The sources said that aircraft mechanics and flight crews of T.A.P. — the Portuguese airlines — are directly involved in the plot.

Under the plot Mozambican workers in the South African mines would be offered a chance to exchange their rands for "Mozambican money" at double the normal rate of exchange and the counterfeit money would then be introduced into Mozambique by the miners.

A spokesman for the Bank of Mozambique has warned all miners to be on the alert and not to change their money under any circumstances.

The introduction of counterfeit money into Mozambique is a reactionary plot masterminded by the "Free Africa Organisation". The plot also includes sending false money to other progressive African countries such as Angola and Guinea Bissau.