

# Talks with MNR bandits ruled out

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**HARARE** — President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique yesterday ruled out any form of negotiations with the South African-backed MNR bandits in his country.

He said Mozambique refused to kneel before the bandits or the Boers of South Africa.

"We will not negotiate with them," he declared at a mass rally here.

"They are trying by all means to see if we can share power — a people's power created by the criminal regime of apartheid. We say no," said the Mozambican leader.

The strength of the people of Mozambique and Zimba-

bwe lay not in their numbers but in their unity, Cde Chissano also said.

"It is our strength not because we are many but because we are united," he said.

This unity, he said, was not artificial. It was based on the concrete goals of freedom, independence, welfare, well-being, cultural advancement and the recovery of dignity.

"Why should we mourn (for Cde Machel). We are millions of Samoras. Samora is here showing us the way and distributing the weapons to us. He is here with his strong voice to say: 'A luta continua'," said Cde Chissano.

At the end of his moving speech, the Mozambican leader said in perfect Shona: "We will meet in Pretoria."

Cde Chissano also defended the presence of Zimbabwean troops in Mozambique and condemned attempts to divide the two countries.

He said people who wished that Zimbabwe sat back and folded its hands wanted to dominate the region forever.

"These are the same people preparing bandits to sabotage our railways so that Zimbabwe depends on South Africa for its exports and imports," he said.

● The United Nations is calling for over \$330 million worth of emergency aid for Mozambique, said UN coordinator for Mozambique, Mr Arturo Hein, at a Press conference in Manuto yesterday. — Ziana-AIM.