

... Pił Botha is now being paraded as the peace-maker in the Mozambican civil war; TV cameras have recorded his soulful account of the long hours spent in bringing the rival factions together. The two Bothas are sure everything is going their way in the two former Portuguese territories. While SA troops make a snail's pace withdrawal from Angola, leaving their Unita surrogates to keep up the pressure on the Luanda regime, they are now preparing for a peace-keeping mission in Mozambique ... These external adventures ... please the USA which is dedicated to the ousting of the Cubans from Angola and the hastening of President Machel's retreat from Marxism in Mozambique ... It would be folly to think the SA initiative is based on high-mindedness ... SA had cynically fuelled Mozambique's civil war by its backing of the rebels until Machel was brought to heel in the Nkomati Accords ...

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