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S African President says Incomati accord "in difficulty" P.W. Botha told a National Party meeting in Potgietersrus on 16th October that although the Incomati accord with Mozambique was "in difficulty" at the moment, he hoped it would stand firm so that order and stability might eventually triumph in southern Africa. In his remarks, reported by the South African agency, the President denied accusations by South Africa's northern neighbours that the country was preparing for war: "I assure you we are not . . . we do not seek war. But we will do all that is necessary in our opinion to maintain the freedom and independence of South Africa, and the integrity of our borders. We do it because we seek peace."*