

# DEPORTEES IN FREEDOM BID

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DAR ES SALAAM, Saturday

**S**EVEN Portuguese nationals and their families — 14 people in all — who were deported from Zanzibar aboard the liner ss Kampala made a dramatic bid for freedom here today.

The men, all members of the Portuguese nationalist organisation, the Mozambique National Union on the island, were arrested following disturbances in June last year. Convicted of riotous behaviour and stoning the police, each was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

After serving 16 months each, they were released from prison on Wednesday.

The men told me they were escorted to the boat without being given a chance to collect their possessions. The women and children were later taken to the ship carrying with them a few possessions — mainly bundles of clothes.

## Farmers

At Dar es Salaam the five men asked permission to go on shore to buy food and clothes. This was granted.

The men never returned to the ship, but were taken under the wing of the Portuguese Nationalist Organisation Frelimo.

The men and their families have been living in Zanzibar for the past seven years. All were farmers.

Deputy secretary of Frelimo in Dar, Mr. Paul Jose Gumane, has condemned the action of the Zanzibar Government.

"Other aliens living in Zanzibar who have been convicted of the same political crimes have not been deported," he said.