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'Fliers

cannot

'join us'

THE two Portuguese fliers released from custody last Friday after a charge of illegal entry into Tanganyika against them had been withdrawn, will not be accepted as members of the Mozambique Liberation Front

This was stated at a Press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday by Mr. U. T. Simango, vice-president of the Front.

Mr. Simango said it was not the policy of the Front to admit anyone other than Africans to membership during "the fight for independence", though after independence had been achieved members of all races would be welcomed.

'Many leaving'

He said that the two men had come to the Front office on Friday, but he had been unable to see them. He was hoping to see them in the near future but he did not know where they were at present.

Mr. Simango added that it had not yet been established whether the two men, Jacinto Soares Veloso and Joao dos Santos Ferriera, were "genuine refugees" or not. He knew, however, that many Portuguese Europeans were leaving Portugal as refugees "because conditions are even worse in Portugal".