

MOZAMBIQUE

Agricultural Communes

The Mozambican Government has launched a comprehensive scheme to resettle thousands of peasants into communal villages to be established in all provinces. The Director of Production and Commerce, Mr. Gaspar Zimba, said that the communes would have 1,000 families, whose main economic base would be agriculture. The centres would be fully functional with schools, hospitals, community services and other vital social amenities. Mr. Zimba said that in the crash programme just launched, the peasants would build their own houses while the Government would provide other assistance such as technicians and large machinery to clear the land. (TZ 8/3)

President Samora Machel has vehemently castigated white nationals who are leaving the country as a result of his Government's revolutionary policy changes designed to control the economy. He said the people who were leaving Mozambique at the crucial reconstruction period were "enemies of the revolution". The Government has recently nationalised all rented property and buildings belonging to absentee landlords. Local landlords have been given until the end of March to make a decision whether to return to their buildings or give them up. (TZ 3/3)