

# Diplomat is named in the Cuban affair

A HURRIED flight from a Swaziland airport lifted 13 expelled Americans — four diplomatic officers and members of their families — out of the Maputo cold war "spy" furor yesterday, en route to a debriefing in Washington.

And in Washington, one of the expelled diplomats, Mr Louis Leon Ollivier, a second secretary, was identified as the official who, the United States claims, was forcibly detained in Maputo by Cuban agents before the row broke.

As the 13 headed for home yesterday, it was also learned that another US citizen, Mr Arthur Zimmerman, a salesman, is being held in Mozambique, apparently in connection with the spying allegations.

The movements and depar-

ture of the expelled Maputo Embassy personnel and their families were kept highly secret by US officials — and only the Rand Daily Mail was there to record it.

At Matsapa airport yesterday, the 13 looked exhausted after snatching only a few hours' sleep in a hectic two days since the 48-hour expulsion order the Mozambican Government served on them on Thursday.

Earlier they had been escorted to the Swaziland border post at Namaacha by Mozambican security officers.

As the despondent group filed out of the tiny airport into the

Royal Swazi Airways Fokker F28 at 1pm yesterday, the man who had kept their whereabouts secret was there to see them off.

Mr Conrad Stolzenbach, public affairs officer of the US Embassy in Mbabane, said his first signal of the deportees' arrival in Swaziland was a cable on Wednesday night.

"Even then, it was only a possibility that they might be coming here," he said.

The group consisted of Mr Frederick Boyce Lundahl and Mr Louis Ollivier, both second secretaries; Mr Arthur Russel, communications officer, and Mrs Patricia Russel, secretary

of the Maputo Embassy's political section, accompanied by children and grandchildren.

Mrs Karen Elizabeth Lundahl and Mrs Ginger Lee Ollivier, wives of the second secretaries, were also ordered out.

Maputo alleged the six were CIA operatives and accused them of supplying South Africa with information which enabled an SA Defence Force commando group to launch a surprise raid on ANC establishments near Maputo on January 30.

Mozambique stands by its accusation that the US Embassy was infested with CIA agents working with South Africa to neutralise the revolu-

tionary movements based in Maputo.

But the US had a different story to tell.

State Department sources said in Washington that a member of their Maputo Embassy — now revealed to be Mr Ollivier — had been approached by two Cuban intelligence officers, Armando Fernandes and Manuel Martinez Galan.

It said these two men led a group of 12 Cuban officials, aided by a number of Mozambicans, in a blatant confrontation with the US diplomat, whom they tried to recruit as a spy.

They offered him money at first and then threatened his family, but he refused co-operation, the State Department said.

Mr Stolzenbach said yesterday: "The expelled officials will not speak to the Press until

their debriefing and clearance in the US."

The 13 Americans were closeted in the Matsapa VIP lounge — ~~with~~ their moment of departure.

They filed out, carrying light luggage and pets. Their first flight stop was Nairobi.

It has been ascertained in Washington that the expulsions reduced the US diplomatic representation to seven Americans under the Charge d'Affaires, Mr William Twaddell.

At the time of the expulsions the US Ambassador in Mozambique had returned to Washington, and a replacement was being sought.

The diplomatic embarrassment has brought a surprisingly mild reaction from the US.

State Department officials say the size of the diplomatic mission in Maputo is being studied and existing grain aid programmes are under review.

Sapa reports that the Cuban Embassy in Maputo has denied the US claims of Cuban involvement.

A Cuban official told Mozambique's official information agency AIM: "The allegations made by the US State Department are completely false, and we categorically deny that there has been any confrontation involving Cuban citizens."

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