

Mozambican spy show lacked credibility

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MAPUTO — The CIA and the South African secret services worked together to obtain up-to-date information about the Mozambique armed forces and liberation movements with representatives in Mozambique, the Mozambican Minister of Information, Mr Jose Cabaco said at the weekend.

Mr Cabaco was addressing about 100 Mozambican and foreign reporters who packed a building that formerly housed the British Club of Mozambique, to see two Mozambicans exhibited "to show how the CIA worked." Another man was put on show to say how he had "uncovered this nest of imperialist spies."

It was fine theatre, an observer said, but he wondered what the Frelimo Government hoped to achieve by it.

American journalists present repeatedly asked for concrete evidence of the link between those on show as collaborators and the CIA. They were told that this was not possible.

To some it was a fine

Pilot tells of Champagne Shirley's wiles

show but it lacked credibility. The man who apparently cracked the CIA network, President Samora Machel's personal pilot Joao Carneiro Concalves, marched smartly down the central aisle of the hall where everyone sat under the glare of television floodlighting, saluted Mr Cabaco and announced his name, title and that he was a communist.

He then described how he was approached by CIA seductress, named Shirley, who had plied him with champagne and wine and offers of sex in an attempt to get him to spy for the CIA.

He had resisted and, instead of co-operating, had become a counter-spy. He described how he led on, not only Shirley, but also Mr James Doug-

las Smith, by saying that the Frelimo Government was run by "a bunch of tribalistic and ignorant blacks" and that there was no future for the white man in Mozambique.

In response, he claimed, he was told by his CIA contacts that he was probably right but that, with South African co-operation, the United States could organise a coup which would oust Frelimo.

"They underestimated me as a sound communist and I played along," Mr Concalves said.

The CIA then provided him with special papers that would dissolve in any liquid and special pens. They then tried to obtain information about the Mozambique Air Force and civil aviation, including details of the availability

of spares and the skill of mechanics.

They also wanted to know whether he slept in a room next to President Machel when he flew him to airports outside Maputo.

Because of his loyalty to Mozambique, to the communist movement and to President Machel, he did not provide the CIA with the information it wanted. After a time the relationship cooled.

Earlier in the day a Frelimo soldier, Jose Massinga, told how he was recruited by the CIA for 300 US dollars a month.

The other man presented as a collaborator was Alcido Chivete, also a Frelimo soldier and, until his arrest, chief of the war materials department in the general staff headquarters of the Mozambique Army.

An American journalist remarked that these two people seemed "in too good health" and wondered why none of the foreigners arrested for collaboration had not been presented.

He was not given an answer and the Pressmen were told that the full story was not yet available as certain aspects of the investigation had not been completed.