

Return of black Rhodesians from Mozambique (Text) A Government spokesman said this morning [17th February] that earlier this month five black Rhodesians crossed from Mozambique and reported to a police station in the eastern operational area, stating that they had crossed the border. They said that a number of black Rhodesians [word indistinct] in Mozambique want to return to Rhodesia because of the desperate situation in the country, and the anti-Frelimo feeling running high at present. They indicated that some 500 of their friends may possibly return soon. They said anti-Frelimo forces are reported to be controlling some areas in Mozambique in the Manicaland province. The five who returned say there is a serious lack of medical care in the camps they saw. They added that friction between Mozambicans and Rhodesians in the camps is said to be increasing, and armed Frelimo guards are on duty at the camps to prevent the Rhodesians from escaping. The Government spokesman said the place to which they had reported was largely influenced by terrorists 12 months ago, but since the introduction of the protected village system is one of the quieter areas. (Salisbury ii. English 1745 gmt 17 Feb 78)

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