

Saboteurs in Mozambique Trained in South Africa and Rhodesia

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From its forward bases in southern Africa imperialist reaction is attempting to foil the programme of progressive reforms being carried out by Frelimo in Mozambique. Terrorist gangs of mercenaries and traitors are trained in South Africa and Rhodesia. After comprehensive training in a camp near the South African border post of Komatipoort, the bandits are sent across the border into Mozambican territory where they attack industrial plants, poison crops and wells, burn down peasants' houses and ambush lorries.

Western propagandists call these saboteurs a resistance movement and depict them as ideological opponents of the Mozambican regime. The goal of such manoeuvres, Samora Machel has stated, is to create chaos in our country, to undermine our independence, to force Mozambique to capitalism and imperialism and prevent this country from playing its role of a sound bulwark of the liberation struggle in southern Africa.

In the answer to these manoeuvres by the racists and their Western mentors, people's defence detachments and security groups are being set up in urban districts, village and industrial plants to help the units of the Mozambican People's Army to neutralise the imperialist gangs. The Party and Government are also engaged in battle against economic sabotage and corruption. Since the beginning of the year Samora Machel, his Ministers and the heads of the security services have been visiting the main centres of production. During these tours acts of economic sabotage have been uncovered which were aimed at foiling and discrediting the measures taken by the Party and Government to improve the living and working conditions of the popular masses. For example, thousands of tonnes of prime necessity goods badly needed by the country were found in storehouses in the port of Maputo and in the warehouse of the (?National Property Office). The enemies of the Mozambican revolution had infiltrated the higher echelons of power and were sabotaging the activity of the enterprises under their jurisdiction.

In this connection the Mozambican weekly 'Tempo' has reminded its readers of the document issued by the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique, entitled "The Methods of the Enemy", and stressed the need to observe the strictest discipline and revolutionary vigilance.