

Flight of fancy

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JUST two years ago, Mozambique-born Mr Joseph Chitsongo returned joyfully to South Africa. The authorities who had deported him to Mozambique after 37 years in South Africa, had relented on humanitarian grounds when they heard about his unhappy plight across the border. Lieutenant Adriano Bomba is hoping for similar compassion after less than three months in

greener pastures. The difference is that he came bearing a MiG-17 and armed with a special skill: he is a jet pilot, "better than average," his SAAF mentors have discovered. It makes one wonder why a country that could not offer Mr Chitsongo a living could produce indigenous fighter pilots — while we have trained not a single black man in this role.