

Portugal's relations with Mozambique and Angola · Lisbon radio on 23rd January said the Mozambique Foreign Ministry's special envoy had conveyed his Government's concern that the incident involving the Portuguese Consul General in Beira should not have a negative effect on relations between the two countries (ME/7239/ii); his Government only wished to maintain and strengthen the existing excellent relations. The Portuguese Foreign Minister, while expressing appreciation for his Mozambican counterpart's decision to explain the incident by sending a high-ranking personal envoy, had however expressed puzzlement and sadness at the Mozambican authorities' initial behaviour towards the Portuguese consul who had not been involved in any activities against the Mozambican Government.

Luanda radio on 24th January said that in an interview in Lisbon for the Angolan agency, the chairman of the Portugal-Angola Association, Daniel de Matos, had said it was not right that Angolan puppet organizations were allowed to carry out their conspiratorial activities in Lisbon; the neutralization of these individuals should be Portugal's main gesture of goodwill towards Angola. However, for the Association itself, the last two years had been very fruitful with its membership now standing at 1,200; it had sent over eight tons of basic goods to Angola.