

**Mozambique's need for Western support or more Eastern bloc military aid** (Text) The Foreign Minister, Mr Chissano, has called on all Western countries to state unequivocally that they support Mozambique in its struggle against South African aggression and apartheid. Mr Chissano, who was speaking in an interview with the US magazine 'Africa Report', said that if international measures were not taken to stop Pretoria from escalating its aggression, Mozambique might in the long run require more and more military assistance from the socialist countries which supported Frelimo during the independence struggle. The Minister said the war against Mozambique might intensify in such a way that the Government could be forced to lean to one side and not be as non-aligned as some countries would like. He added, however, that Mozambique is doing its best to maintain its policy of non-alignment. The Government was opposed to the installation of any foreign bases in the country and was committed to preserving its independence at all costs.

In the same issue of 'Africa Report' a spokesman for the US State Department said relations between the USA and Mozambique were gradually improving. Asked to clarify Washington's attitude to South African destabilization efforts against Mozambique, the spokesman said his Government opposed hostile actions taken against neighbouring states by or from any country in southern Africa. He confirmed that Washington was aware that the bandit troops operating in Mozambique received the principal support from South Africa. (Maputo in English for southern Africa 1100 gmt 17 Jan 83)