

40,000 people demonstrate in Mozambique capital

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Forty thousand people demonstrated in Lourenço Marques, the capital of Mozambique, today against what was called the international campaign against Portugal.

The demonstration was in response to the publication in *The Times* of allegations that atrocities were committed by Portuguese troops and it coincided with Dr Caetano's arrival in London on an official visit. Special security precautions were taken for the protection of the British Consulate-General in the centre of the city.

As the crowd gathered before the city hall a special session of the council was in progress. The demonstrators, both black and white, bore flags and banners with such slogans as "May God deliver our English friends from Mr Wilson" and "A psychiatrist for Mr Wilson".

Senhor Emilio Martins, the mayor of Lourenço Marques, appeared on the verandah and addressed the crowd. He said the thousands present "repudiate the insulting campaign waged against our country by a British newspaper," which had committed "a most odious offence against the truth." He proclaimed the city's wholehearted support for "the policy of unity, cohesion, humanism and indivisibility of the national territory which the Government has defined as the absolute foundation of its action and administration."

Senhor Pimentel dos Santos, Governor-General of Mozambique, spoke after the mayor. He said: "We are the only country which has not yielded to the psychosis of abandonment and continues silently devoted to the concept of a multiracial society which is our reply to the problems of Africa and the world."

It has been announced that a demonstration will take place tomorrow before the Lisbon city council building.