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Rev. Jesse Jackson, just returned from the funeral of Samora Machel, told a Nov. 2 Harlem tribute to the Mozambican leader that South Africa had "declared war" on the frontline states. Addressing some 400 people, mainly from New York's Black community, Jackson also detailed evidence presented to him by Mozambican leaders that Pretoria had engineered the plane crash that killed Machel on Oct. 19.

Part of this new offensive, said the Rainbow Coalition leader, involves an attempt by the Pretoria-backed Mozambican National Resistance to divide Mozambique at the Zambezi River. This, he noted, would paralyze that country and thwart regional efforts to develop alternatives to South African transport routes. Zimbabwe and Zambia, which are levying sanctions against South Africa and whose leaders have openly accused Pretoria of responsibility for Machel's death, are also at grave risk, he warned.

"We must respond to this war in kind," declared Jackson, urging solidarity efforts ranging "from mercy and medicine to weapons." The movement, he stressed, should strongly demand that President Reagan accept the frontline states' urgent appeal for a meeting with him in Washington or, preferably, Southern Africa. Reagan has declined the invitation.