

# Mozambique's bid for peace

**A**FTER 15 years of devastating civil war, Mozambique's two major antagonists — Frelimo and Renamo — have held three days of secret talks in Rome aimed at ending the strife and establishing a government of national unity.

While this is not their first meeting — earlier talks in Nairobi broke down after only a brief exchange — it appears from the communique issued by both sides that the meeting in Rome made some progress and that the parties are to meet again soon. This is the war's first real breakthrough for peace.

People of goodwill everywhere will applaud these efforts to bring peace to Mozambique, for it is clear that neither side in the civil war is able to win a military victory, or to rule the country unilaterally. Some compromise is needed to end this vast and shameful tragedy.