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## After Bombs, Insult and Injury In Mozambique

Mozambique turned the other cheek last week as South African planes rocketed suspected bases of African National Congress guerrillas in the capital at Maputo. South Africa said the raid was a reprisal for the May 20 explosion at South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria. Minimizing the incident, Mozambique officials said six people had been killed in the retaliatory raid; South Africa insisted the correct figure was 64. Later in the week, another bomb exploded in the South African city of Bloemfontein; no one was hurt. Pretoria slowed traffic at the nearby border with Lesotho, an economically dependent, landlocked country.

The air raid caught Mozambique at a moment of extreme weakness, beset by drought, Marxist-Leninist mismanagement and large-scale insurgency by the South African-financed Mozambique National Resistance Movement.

Unable to feed its people and dependent on South Africa for trade and even the electricity that lights Maputo, Mozambique has been quietly holding high-level talks with Pretoria; they are expected to continue despite the raid. With prodding from Washington, the two countries have been discussing a tradeoff to end South African support for Mozambique's insurgents in return for Mozambique's cooperation in curbing the African National Congress.

The United States also is seeking Maputo's help in getting Cuban troops out of Angola, like Mozambique a former Portuguese colony.

President Samora M. Machel acknowledged internal problems by announcing a shakeup that reassigned paper-pushers to work in the countryside and promised new Government loans for small family farms. "We have erroneously developed a hostile attitude to private enterprise that must be changed," he said.

In a draconian crackdown on smuggling, black marketeering and official corruption, Mozambique also revived whipping, a punishment last used in colonial times. Last month, it also broadcast an on-the-scene account of six public executions.