

Maputo talks may halt ANC action

Security will top agenda in fresh negotiations between SA and Mozambique, reports JEAN LE MAY

SOUTH Africa and Mozambique are likely to reach a security agreement in Maputo tomorrow which could stop ANC guerrilla infiltration across the border.

The agreement will parallel that reached between Angola and South Africa in Lusaka this week in which Angola undertook to stop Swapo operating from bases in southern Angola, said a source close to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The department announced yesterday that Mr Pik Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will lead a delegation to Maputo tomorrow to meet a Mozambican delegation led by Economic Affairs Minister Mr Jacinto Veloso.

At the meeting in Lusaka this week an American delegation led by Dr Chester Crocker, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, had discussions with delegations from South Africa and Angola.

Dr Crocker arrived unexpectedly at Jan Smuts airport from the Lusaka talks yesterday.

A South African government source said no meetings were scheduled between Dr Crocker and South African officials.

However Dr Crocker was quoted by the SABC as saying the Lusaka talks had been highly successful and that a number of concrete issues had been tabled.

He said results had been achieved with the formation of the joint commission between South



General Magnus Malan
... to attend Maputo talks



Mr Joe Slovo
... may have been expelled



Dr Chester Crocker
... 'promising signs'

Africa and Angola to ensure the success of the disengagement process.

A third vital round of talks took place this week when Mr Louis Nel, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, flew to Lisbon to discuss the future of the giant hydro-electric scheme at Cahora Bassa with the Portuguese government.

Security matters are said to top the agenda for tomorrow's meeting, but an informed source said that the Cahora Bassa talks were also "closely linked" to the talks.

It was disclosed this week that South Africa, Portugal and Mozambique had signed an agreement which could restore power supplies from Cahora Bassa — which have been constantly interrupted by Mozambique National

Resistance Movement (MNR) guerrilla activity — and relieve Portugal of vast costs involved in the dam.

Tomorrow's Maputo talks will "review results achieved by working groups" which met in Maputo and Pretoria earlier this month, said the department's statement yesterday.

"Particular attention will be given to the security requirements of the two countries which are considered to be a decisive element in the initiative to improve the relationship between the two countries," it said.

Earlier talks held in Swaziland and in Komatipoort, in the Eastern Transvaal, dealt with economic matters, Cahora Bassa, and tourism as well as security issues.

The Mozambique government is said to be anxious to regain the vast sums in foreign currency — said to amount to "hundreds of millions of rands" — which were formerly brought into the country by South African tourists.

Mozambique has maintained that South Africa supports the MNR, which is active in nine provinces and has virtually brought economic activity to a stop there. This has been consistently denied by South Africa.

However a scaling-down of MNR activities could also be on the cards.

Shortly after the last round of talks it was announced that the Mozambique government had or-

dered Mr Joe Slovo, a senior official of the ANC, to leave Mozambique, but it has not yet been confirmed whether this is true.

The possibility also exists that Mozambique has been offered substantial aid by a Western power — possibly as a *quid pro quo* for it lessening ties with the Soviet Union and its rapprochement with South Africa and the United States.

Last week Mozambique appealed for aid following a disastrous drought in its northern territories and extensive damage caused by the cyclone Domoina in the south.

An unconfirmed report said emergency food supplies were already being flown in from South Africa.

The South African delegation at tomorrow's Maputo meeting will consist of Mr Botha, Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, General Magnus Malan, Minister of Defence, Mr J van Dalen, Director-General of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Dr Niel Barnard, Director-General of the National Intelligence Services, General Johan Coetzee, Commissioner of the South African Police, Lieutenant-General P van der Westhuizen of the SADF, and Major-General J F J van Rensburg of the State Security Council.

The Mozambique delegation will consist of Mr Veloso, Mr O Monteiro, Minister of Justice, and Mr S Vieira, deputy minister of National Defence.