

TORY/ANTI-FRELIMO LINK

London (PNS Correspondent). Well established links exist between prominent British politicians and businessmen and the anti-Frelimo groups responsible for the March 25 attack on an oil depot in the Mozambique port of Beira. The attack caused \$3million worth of damage to the depot owned by the Mobil Oil Company. It is the latest in a series of attacks on similar installations throughout the country aimed at overthrowing the Machel government. ¹ *People's News Service 15/5/79*

The group claiming responsibility for the attack, the Mozambican National Resistance Movement (MRM) is one of a number of anti-Frelimo groups operating from Rhodesia. ² *Compagnie (Lonrho) For Frelimo (GB)*

One of the people behind these groups is Jorge Jardim, a former prominent businessman in colonial Mozambique and former owner of the country's second biggest daily newspaper, Noticias de Beira. Jardim, via his connections with Malawi's President Banda, played an important role in the expansion of the British based multi-national Lonrho, into Mozambique. Jardim was a senior executive of the giant Portuguese Champalimand group of companies, who in partnership with Lonrho, set up a company in 1969 to exploit Malawian bauxite deposits. ³ *For Beis (MOZ)*

Lonrho was in the process of consolidating its investment in Mozambique when Frelimo took power in late 1974. In the summer of 1974, about six weeks before the transfer of power to Frelimo Mr Edward duCann, Tory MP and member of Lonrho's board, was reported as saying he was "eagerly watching the throes of Portuguese colonies in Africa." In black-ruled Mozambique in particular he saw "great opportunities for Lonrho...."