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South Africa denies spreading malaria in Angola A South African Defence Force (SADF) spokesman on 31st July described as "utter nonsense" an allegation that SADF troops were spreading malaria in southern Angola, the South African agency reported. It said the allegation had been made by an official of the Southern Africa Research and Documentation Centre at the recent international conference on peace and security in southern Africa held in Arusha, Tanzania (see ME/0218 ii). The official had said the threat to public health caused by the presence of the SADF in Angola had spilled over into northern Botswana where there was now an "unprecedented" malaria epidemic. Experts had originally linked the outbreak to favourable mosquito breeding conditions but now believed it was caused by a drug-resistant strain and therefore linked to South African troops, who used such drugs.