

Press Statement Concerning the Transition
in Mozambique: Riots, Rallies, etc.

The occurrences in Mozambique are being watched very closely by the SASO and the Black Community. Up to now the Black people in South Africa have been silent with regard to Mozambique and Angola. We have been watching with interest the frenzy that whites in Mozambique, Rhodesia and S. Africa have been thrown into. The exodus in Mozambique and Angola is not without significance. The reaction as would have been expected, from the whites in South Africa and Mozambique is purely that of people bent on maintaining an oppressive and exploitative white minority rule system of government. Negative reaction by the whites in Mozambique and those in South Africa is perfectly symbolical of the maladjusted schizophrenics who refuse to accept the inevitable reality.

What the organizer of the protest in Johannesburg ought to have rightly said when he said "We shall die for what is ours. Mozambique is ours" would have been "We shall die to preserve Colonialism, slavery and injustice, slaves in Mozambique are ours". (Mr. Virgilio Passos)

Frelimo has become the [?]. The newspaper headlines always spell Frelimo. It is appalling to note that until a month ago the word Frelimo appeared accidentally in the papers and even then also the Frelimo were branded "Terrorists". Dr. Samora Machel who used to be the "Terrorist President" is now the "Frelimo President". The South African press is very much deceiving and unreliable. This causes no wonder because the press is white restricted (?) and whites, particularly South African whites, will always be whites.

It is Mozambique that has ultimately through strain and stress,

managed to break the stranglehold of colonialism. Frelimo has spear-headed the liberation of Mozambique. It has not only liberated Mozambique but has saved Portugal from itself. The people of Mozambique can once again breathe the air of freedom, because of the [?] Liberation Movement.

To us black South Africans this is a revelation that every bit of Africa shall yet be free. The struggle of the Black Man against the oppressive system of South Africa shall yet be won. Portugal could not keep the Black Man in Mozambique under perpetual subjugation and this should be a lesson to the South African Government. The Black People in South Africa have legitimate and genuine grievances. The South African Government is frantic, desperate and confused. This can be seen in their repressive legislations, the Defence budget and the vague sense of security they are trying to assure the white electorate of. All of a sudden the once economically entrenched South African is being shaken to the roots.

The dignity of the Black Man has been restored in Mozambique and the white people are turning out to be what they truly are -- violent people. The riots, stampedes and rampages reflect their true colours. They would rather die than abandon their safe and lofty position at the neck of the Black Man.