the rural population for "labor intensive" ("full employment") cultivation, the advisors said. The mission was politely told to leave.

The surest guarantee in Mozambique's fight for development is the Frelimo leadership's commitment to scientific and technological progress. The "Economic and Social Directives," Frelimo's development guidelines presented at the party's Third Congress last February, emphasize that the primary task for ensuring expanded production is "the constant raising and

upgrading of the scientific and technical knowledge of the working classes" (emphasis in the original). The document calls on Frelimo cadre and the government to "accelerate the process of industrialization and promote the establishment of heavy industry ... (and) the progressive mechanization of agriculture.... The global strategy of our economic and social development ... is to take agriculture as the base and industry as the decisive and propelling factor."

- C. Allen

## **Black African Diplomat:**

## South African Arrests, A Vorster Bid To Block Regional War

South African police carried out a nationwide sweep on the morning of Oct. 19, arresting more than 50 leaders of nearly every organization considered part of the country's "black consciousness" movement following a declaration by the Pretoria government outlawing these groups. (For a viable policy for South Africa see "NATO in Caesar's Foolish Footsteps" by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. International Section.) What follows are an African frontline state diplomat's comments on the South African clampdown:

- Q: What do you see as the motivation behind the recent South African clampdown?
- A: I think Vorster's action resulted from two closely related things: the upcoming elections in South Africa and the danger of the Rhodesia crisis erupting into regional war.
- Q: What is the connection between the two?
- A: Vorster does not want to get maneuvered into backing up Rhodesia's Prime Minister Smith in a southern Africa conflagration. Vorster has called the elections to get a

big mandate to aid in pursuing this goal. The British and allied forces intended to heat up racial sentiments to throw Vorster's right-wing base into a frenzy, and make it impossible for him to stay out of the crisis precipitated by the Rhodesia issue.

But by focussing the election campaign on South Africa's determination not to be dictated to by Carter or others, Vorster is clearing out a certain rancor that has existed in his base due to government cooperation with the U.S. in the past. By strengthening his position internally on the basis of this particular issue, Vorster hopes to be able to continue holding back, and not be maneuvered into going to the aid of Smith militarily.

It looks like the recent clampdown was a move by Vorster to preempt an operation designed to heat up racial antagonism in his base, thus jeopardizing his overall strategy. I don't see the clampdown as a unilateral action by the South African government to go after blacks, but an action taken to procure a position that will enable Vorster to maintain his policy of war avoidance.