

Mozambican Minister calls on West to apply sanctions Security Minister Col Sergio Vieira had said that there was no reason for the USA, Britain and West Germany to remain on the sidelines in the struggle against apartheid, according to Maputo radio on 3rd July. In an interview with Maputo's 'Noticias' newspaper, cited by the radio, he said that the "reforms" introduced by the white minority regime had not addressed the essence of the problem in South Africa. He rejected the Western argument that sanctions would hurt South African blacks and the frontline states, adding that black South Africans were already suffering from repression, forced removals and killings. As for the frontline states, Vieira said that countries like Mozambique were confronted by South African-backed banditry. He concluded that Pretoria knew that sanctions would be effective, which was why it was a crime in South Africa to defend calls for sanctions (see Section B of ME/8303 for a Mozambican commentary on the need for sanctions). - 5 JUL 1986