

White states accused of "economic sabotage".

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Gaborone, Botswana, Oct. 2 - Mozambique Vice-President Marcellino dos Santos has accused South Africa and Rhodesia of waging a war of economic suppression and sabotage against his country. "Our country is now constantly facing such actions by our enemies", he told some 10,000 people, at an official celebration to mark Botswana's 10th anniversary here on Thursday (Sept. 30). Mr. Santos alleged that the recent Rhodesian raid on a Mozambique camp near the border had been designed to provoke Mozambique into retaliation. He added that the Rhodesian government, beset by internal problems, had directed the killing of "seven hundred Zimbabweans in the refugee camp". Elaborating on his allegation of economic sabotage, Mr. Santos said factories in Mozambique were being abandoned by their owners, who were "leaving the country with all their money". And he confirmed earlier reports that aircraft owned by former Portuguese settlers had been flown out to South Africa and Rhodesia, and that a ship had been illegally sailed from Maputo to Durban. (An armed plane from Mozambique tried unsuccessfully to intercept the coastal freighter "Natalia" several weeks ago, near South African territorial waters).