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LONDON — The ending of sanctions, direct access to the ports of Mozambique and a huge inflow of foreign capital on soft terms are the sweeteners Dr Kissinger offered White Rhodesians for the loss of political power.

The grim outlook for the economy without a political settlement played a major part in Mr Smith's acceptance of the settlement proposals.

Not since the period immediately following UDI has that economy faced such uncertainties.

Foreign exchange is desperately short, new investment low, manufacturing production fell nine percent in the first half of the year, Black employment dropped by 7 000 in the same period and inflation rose by 10,6 percent annually.