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NOTE VERBALE DATED 16 DECEMBER 1977 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, further to his communications of 1 and 5 December 1977, has the honour to transmit to him 11 photographs and one film showing some scenes of the results of the criminal and murderous attacks carried out against Mozambique by the armed forces of the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia.

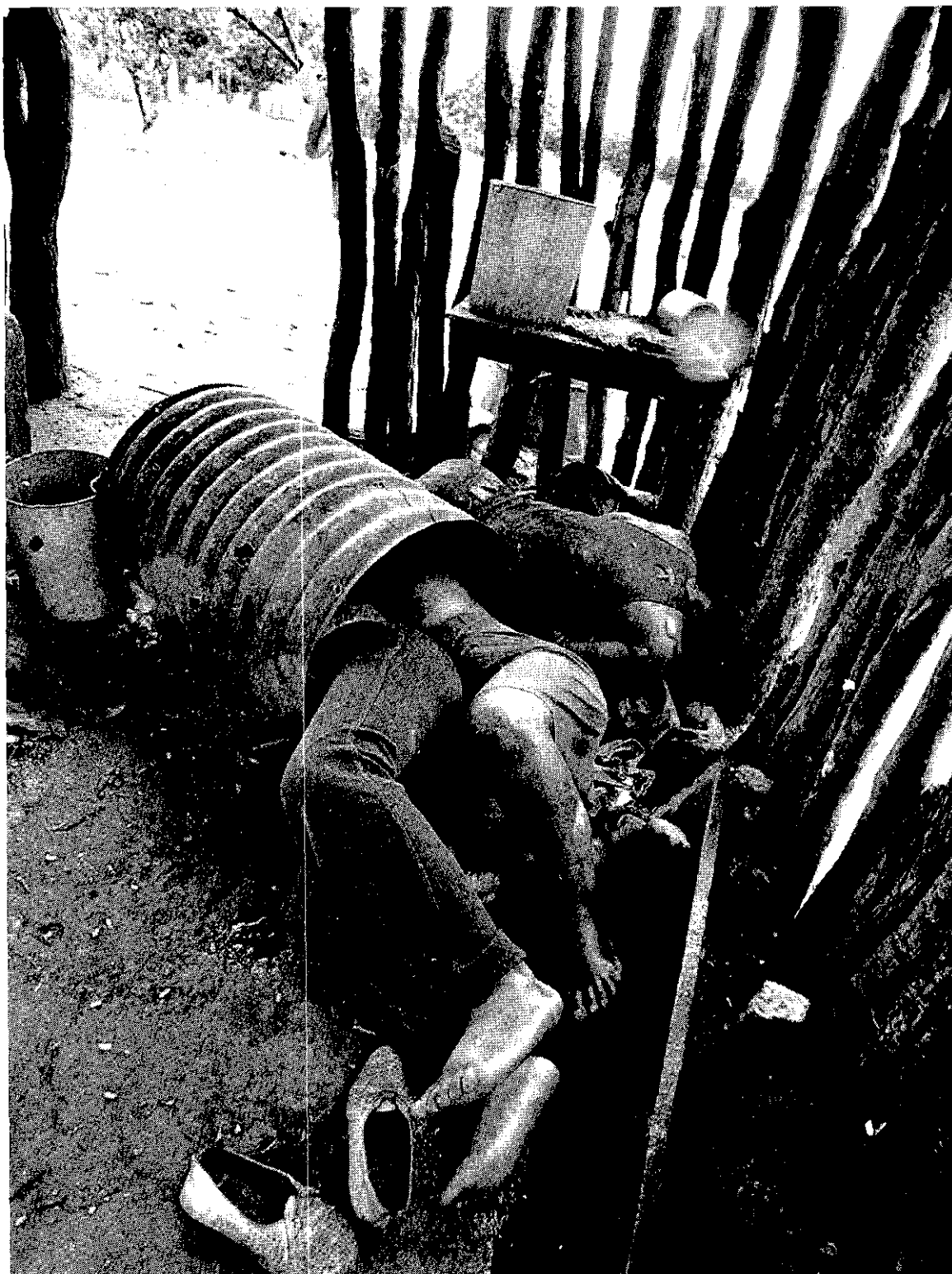
These scenes indicate the kind of atrocities which the Salisbury régime continues to perpetrate against the civilian population of Mozambique, acts which constitute the most extreme form of barbaric conduct.

The photographs and the film clearly reveal the complete disregard for human life shown by the forces of Ian Smith and the extent to which the illegal régime will go to impose its will. The majority of the victims shown in the photographs were innocent and defenceless refugees, including women and children, who had fled from Zimbabwe to escape the tyranny of the Smith régime. In addition to the massacre of innocent human beings, millions of dollars worth of property and facilities contributed by the international community to aid Mozambique in its national reconstruction, as well as large quantities of food and materials donated for the refugees, were destroyed.

The Government of Mozambique trusts that this irrefutable evidence will emphasize to the world the necessity and urgency of taking all possible measures to put an end to the Smith régime.

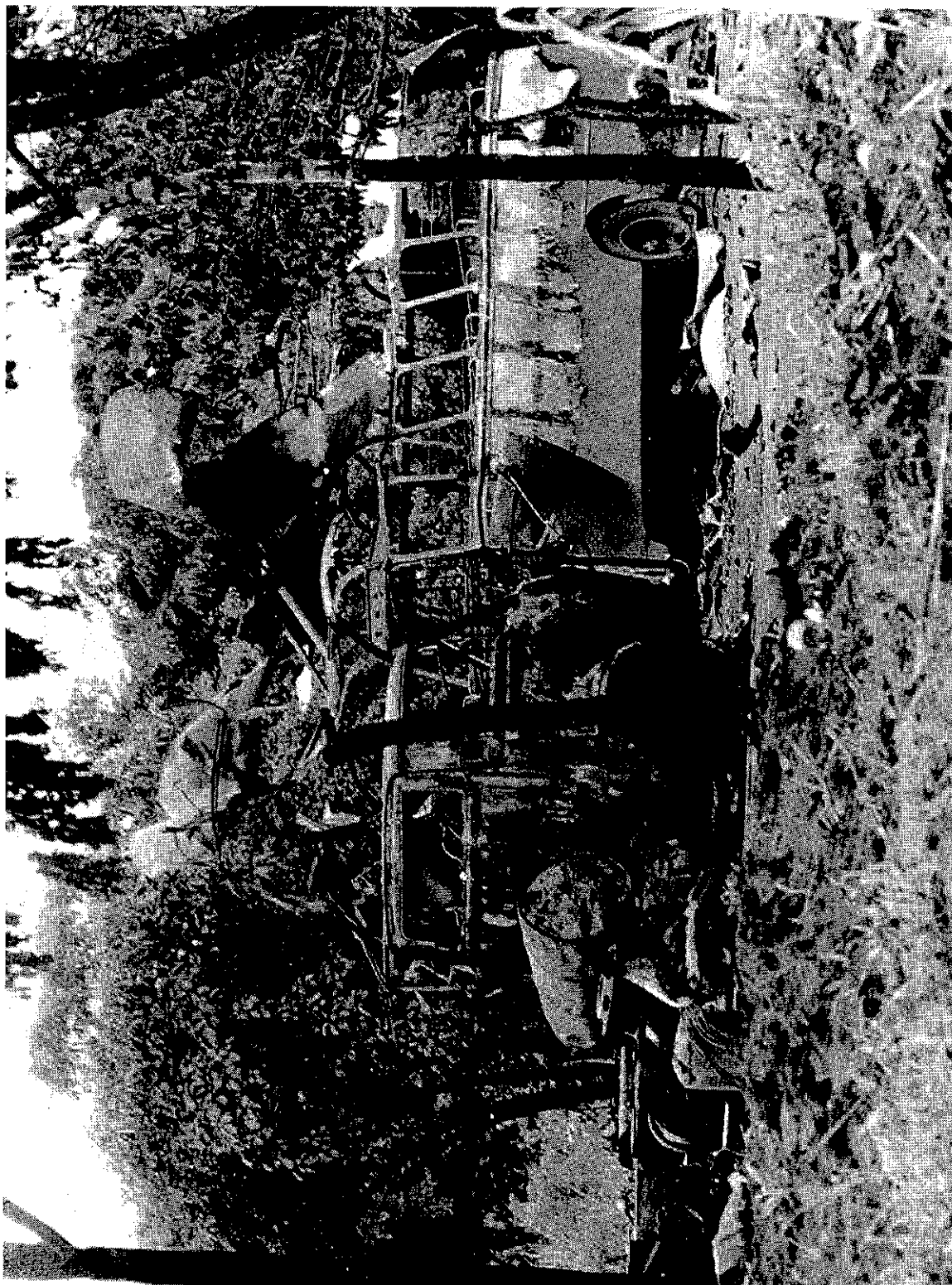
The Permanent Representative, on the instructions of his Government, requests the Secretary-General to publish this communication as a document of the Security Council, together with reproduction of the photographs and their captions.

(Signed) José Carlos LOBO  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of the  
People's Republic of Mozambique  
to the United Nations



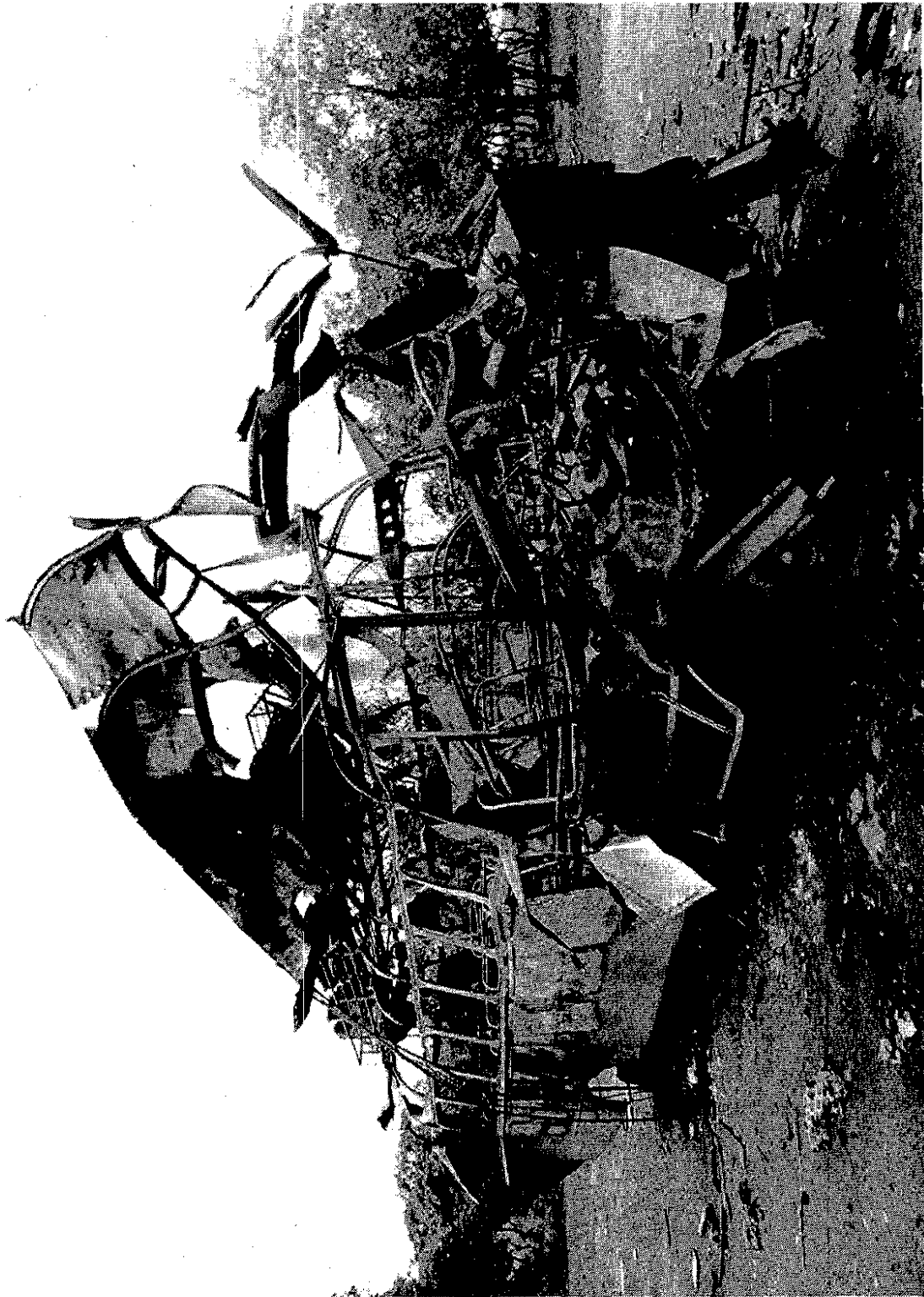
These hospital cooks were among scores of civilians massacred when a hospital was attacked by the colonial fascist forces of Salisbury. They were rammed into tin drums and machine-gunned.

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These vehicles, contributed by the international community to help the Zimbabwean refugees, are part of a valuable consignment of equipment costing millions of dollars which was recently destroyed by Ian Smith's forces in Mozambique.

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A main target of the attacks on Mozambique is the communications system, including bridges, railways and local transportation. This bus is one of many transport vehicles destroyed during the recent attack on Mozambique.



A macabre view of one of many savage massacres of unarmed Zimbabwean and Mozambican civilians perpetrated by Smith's troops in Mozambique.

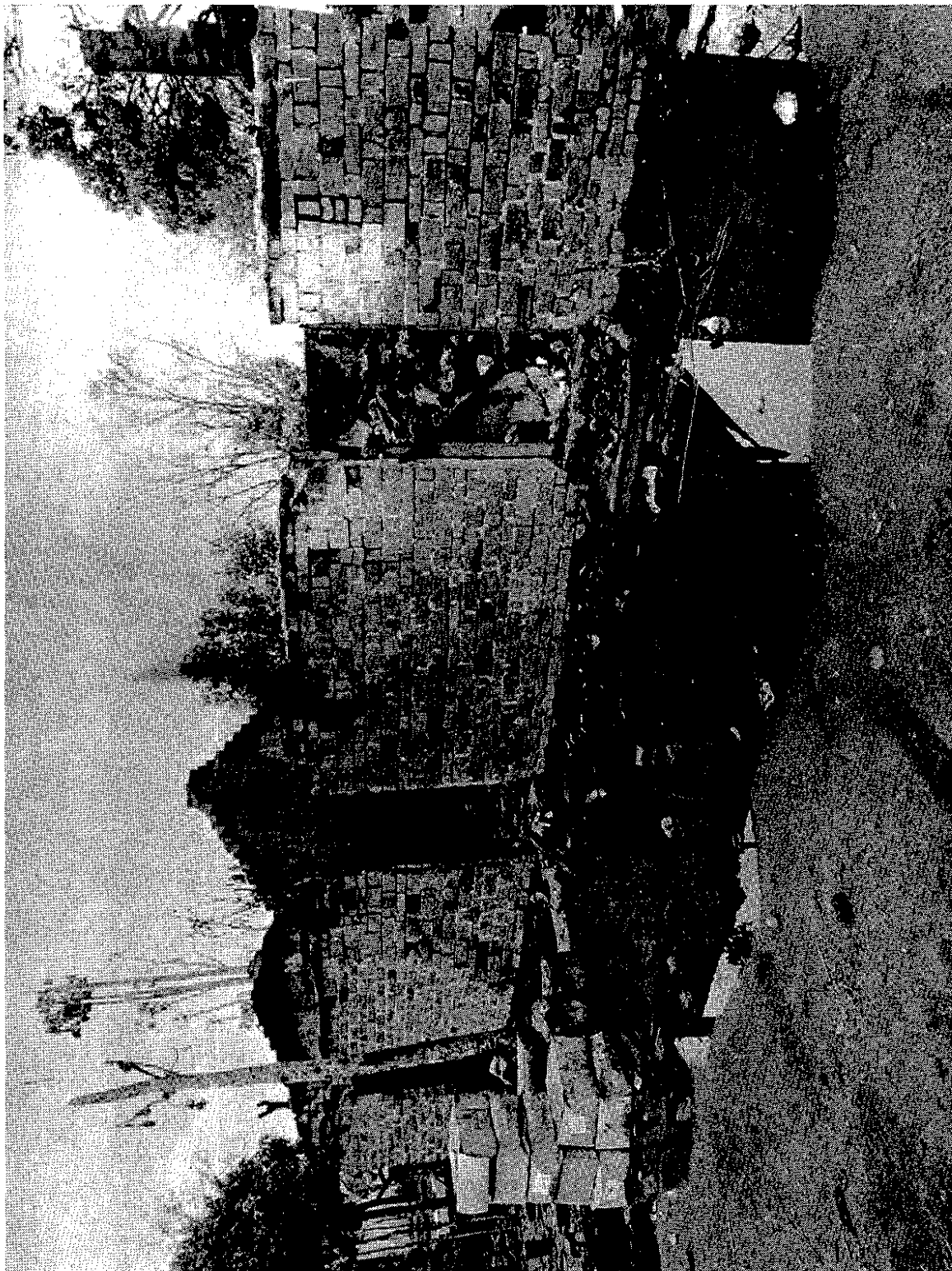
The ambulance, donated by the international community to serve the Zimbabwean refugees, was completely destroyed as it transported sick refugees to the hospital.





These are some of the civilians described by Ian Smith as "Zimbabwean guerrillas" who were savagely massacred in Mozambique. Smith's troops did not spare even schoolchildren.

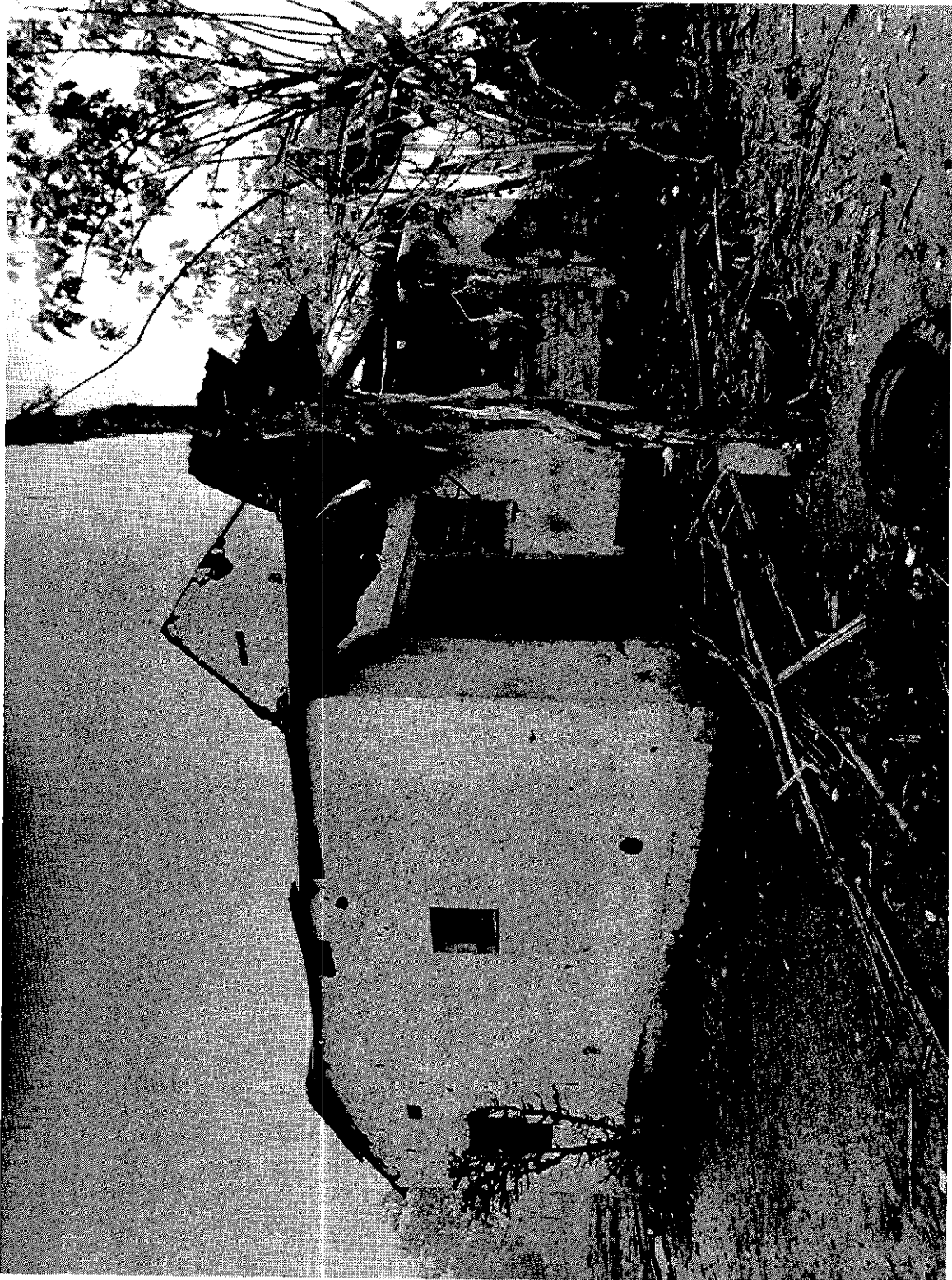
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Smith's troops were not content with killing innocent civilians; they destroyed houses and even burned fruit trees and crops they found in the refugee camps in Mozambique.

This warehouse, destroyed by the invaders, contained food-stuffs for the children of the refugees.

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One of the many buildings destroyed during the recent attacks on Mozambique. Using bombers and armoured cars, supplied by some States, in violation of Security Council resolution 213 (1965), Smith's forces destroyed hospitals, schools and food warehouses.





Smith's troops, backed by mercenaries, have once again massacred defenceless women and children, mostly Zimbabwean refugees who had sought refuge in Mozambique.



Many houses which were constructed through the collective efforts of the population were reduced to rubble. Children, women and elderly people were machine-gunned.



After indiscriminately killing whomever they found in the Zimbabwean refugee camps in Mozambique, the Rhodesian rebel forces burned grains and all other food-stuffs in the camps in an attempt to deprive any survivors of food.

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Agricultural equipment, donated by the international community to the Zimbabwean refugees, was also destroyed by Rhodesian troops during their recent attacks on Mozambique.