

Gen Malan warns on Red rockets

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DEFENCE Minister Magnus Malan yesterday issued a thinly veiled warning to Angola and Mozambique about the introduction of SAM-3 and SAM-6 missiles along South Africa's and South West Africa's borders.

South Africa wanted to know what they were there for, and Gen Malan asked the Natal National Party congress if the country

could allow the presence of these deadly weapons on her borders.

He recalled that Israel had invaded Lebanon when those missiles had been introduced there.

Dealing with Soviet expansionism in Africa, he said that the conventional military capabilities of 'our unfriendlier neighbours' was growing annually.

'These people have ac-

cess to sophisticated weapons systems,' he said.

Recalling a past Israeli invasion of Lebanon because SAM missiles had been deployed there, he said: 'I ask the question, can we allow it?'

'What is the aim of the stockpiling of tanks, missiles and weapons systems?'

'Are they to be used against South Africa, or do they need them for their own civil war?'