

Reunion mourns MNR

man in secret ^{Citizen} 9/5/83

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DURBAN. — An emotional reunion of ex-Pide members of the "secret service in Mozambique and Flecha units, was held on the Spanish Portuguese Border at camp Maior at the weekend, in which a Mass was held for the leader of the Mozambique resistance movement, Mr Orlando Christina, who was gunned down near Pretoria last month.

After the Mass, about two hundred ex Pide and Flecha members met at a home in the village and denounced the Frelimo movement in Mozambique.

In emotional speeches they also denounced Dr Mario Soares whom they blamed for handing over Mozambique to the Frelimo terrorist movement.

At the meeting, which was held in clandestine

circumstances, it was also claimed that Mr Cristina had been assassinated near Pretoria by Frelimo.

A former Pide officer, Mr Jorge da Silva, claimed that the South African Police knew that Mr Cristina had been assassinated by Frelimo and yet nothing has been done about it.

He also claimed in a most emotional speech that members of the Portuguese community in Johannesburg were involved in the killing of Mr Cristina.

During the clandestine meeting the ex Fico and Flecha members also paid tribute to the former Prime Minister of Zimbabwe Mr Ian Smith, the former Prime Minister of South Africa, Mr John Vorster, and the former

head of the Bureau for State Security, (now NIS) General Hendrik van der Berg.

The two hundred men present personally toasted Mr Smith, Mr Vorster, and General Hendrik van Jen Berg as "true patriots of the survival of the White man in Africa".

Mr Lukele Maora, formerly an influential businessman in Maputo Mozambique told the gathering that Mr Smith was "one of the finest men he ever had the privilege to meet in Africa". He condemned Dr Soares for the "handover" and said that "the blood of many fine Portuguese men was now dripping in the past" because of Dr Soares.

After the clandestine ceremony which lasted for more than five hours

and in which the Fico flag was raised at least ten times, the ex Pide and Flecha members stood to attention, sung the Portuguese national anthem and also praised the former Prime Minister of Portugal Dr Caetano.