

'Stop the bandits' Parade (Aug. 1985)

MARIA supports Frelimo.

Last September she and her family were moved from their isolated house in Catembe across the bay from Maputo because of the worsening security situation.

She doesn't want to see the bandits in power, but she is also angry with the army. She says they stay in their barracks at night and don't confront the bandits.

There was little hunger in Catembe, says Maria, because there are vegetable gardens.

Maria is illiterate, a mother of

eight children, who while admitting that health and education had improved dramatically since independence, looks longingly at the foreign currency shop.

"I wish we could go back to the days when if you had money you could buy whatever was available."

She said the dress her plump child was wearing had been given to her the year before by the government, on the occasion of Children's Day.

This year the child only got sweets.



Maria, a pretty mother of eight children was brought into Maputo because of the poor security situation in an outlying neighbourhood.

