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South Africa Becoming Isolated as Rhodesian Settlement Nears

Dec. 4 (NSIPS) — Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez this week declared the cessation of trade relations between his country and South Africa. Perez was speaking during a stopover in New York on his way back from a tour of Great Britain, Italy, and the Soviet Union.

At the same time, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon together in "high level consultations reassessed" their relations with South Africa, according to the Israeli daily Ma'ariv last week, and the possibility of reopening relations with Black Africa. One of the key black African countries in this maneuver is the British bastion of Kenya which has been making overtures to the Israelis for some time. Although the Israelis are unlikely to completely sever relations with South Africa, even a cooling of ties will shatter Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's plans to pull together an alliance of outlaw states including both Israel and the Mideast, equipped with nuclear weapons.

Within South Africa British allied forces are coordinating action for a political assault on the Afrikaner Nationalist government. Early this week, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the former government puppet who heads the Zulu bantustan, called for the formation of a Black United Front in South Africa, to be composed of representatives of all non-white ethnic groups. In contradistinction to the Institute for Policy Studies-sponsored black racist-provocateur organizations, Buthelezi specified that his organization would not be "anti-white, but pro-South African, black and white."

At the same time, the Progressive Reform Party, run by mining magnate and British ally Harry Oppenheimer, and another small white opposition party called for full power sharing, essentially majority rule, between blacks, "Coloreds," Asians, and whites. The Progressive Reform Party also called on the main white opposition United Party to join them. "This is likely to split the United Party ..." editorialized the London Times, "but the majority could join in a sizeable white opposition with principles that would bring it within loud-hailing distance of the non-enfranchised black parties."

Rhodesian Settlement In Offing

Strides were also made by the British and the African Front Line states toward a settlement of the Rhodesia crisis and the isolation of the fanatics racist illegal regime of Ian Smith. Last

weekend, former Rhodesian Prime Minister Garfield Todd, a long-time British agent and now a member of Joshua Nkomo's negotiating team in Geneva, demanded that the British agree to take a direct role in the interim government in Rhodesia, including, if necessary, the raising of a Commonwealth peacekeeping force. British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland Dec. 2 told Parliament that "The United Kingdom is prepared to play a direct role in a transitional government if it is the general view that this would be helpful."

As Crosland spoke, a delegation from the Zimbabwe People's Army (Zipa) arrived in Geneva to directly represent themselves at the conference. Although the New York Times yesterday viewed their arrival as a cause of "concern," most of the world press recognized the delegation's arrival as a sign of progress toward settlement. Smith and his regime has been left as the only obstructionists at the conference.

Looking at the prospect of peace in Rhodesia, the Atlanticist-controlled South African government, under pressure from its right wing, is reportedly ready to scrap its policy of non-intervention in Rhodesia. The pretext for this change in policy is a rumored Cuban troop buildup in Mozambique, a rumor accompanied this week by a terrorist scare near the Mozambican border in which a massive seal and search operation was conducted in search of a few suspected terrorists who had escaped from a police van. The South African regime has also ordered a clampdown on the black population with mass arrests of suspected rioters in black ghettos after disturbances in Guguleto township near Cape Town.

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