

South dialogue from its dead-end is to conceive a new Marshall Plan, by accepting a regulation of raw materials prices, by collectively giving a new dimension and a new effectiveness to financial and technical assistance...

France must say that she can not remain indifferent to the foreign interventions that endanger its friends: France must make it known that she is ready for any cooperation reinforcing their security and their independence.

South Africa Opts For War

South African Prime Minister John Vorster announced Jan. 28 that he is reneging on his commitment to the British to pressure Rhodesia's Premier Ian Smith back to the Geneva Conference table. Vorster ostentatiously took a principled position against forcing on Rhodesia "a solution dictated to them from outside." Vorster based his reversal on the assumption that President Carter will live up to his pre-election promise of easing credit and increasing American investment in South Africa. The new line has been accompanied by recent threats that South Africa will intervene to defend the Rhodesians if necessary.

In addition, a highly influential member of the ruling Nationalist Party in South Africa, Dr. F.A. van Jaarsveld, this week told a Cape Town news conference that he is pushing for a "conventional" military offensive against neighboring African states, in order to pre-empt a protracted guerrilla war against South Africa. Jaarsveld statement was reported in the *Christian Science Monitor* Feb. 2

South Africa's pro-war position was accompanied by the introduction of wartime type legislation in the recently convened Parliament session. Proposed bills authorized a defense budget of more than \$2 billion and full-blown wartime domestic police measures in the case of further internal unrest.

In neighboring Rhodesia, the white minority government increased its military mobilization by abolishing draft exemptions and raising the draft age limit. The Smith regime launched at least two provocations against its western neighbor, Botswana: a reported raid against the major town of Francistown last week and a spurious accusation — to be used as justification for "hot pursuit" tactics — that Botswana is harboring guerrillas who recently kidnapped 400 (!) children from Rhodesia. The Botswana government replied that the 400 children fled Rhodesia on their own, as a result of the Rhodesian army's habit of killing civilians in the border areas to maintain their "kill ratios."