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Foreign/Defence Affairs: Round-up

CND

Some 40 to 50 members of today's "Christian CND" demonstration at Upper Heyford attempted to climb in to the base but were repulsed (without much difficulty, I believe).

You should see in tonight's box an important note by Mr. Heseltine on the more serious demonstration planned for 31 May.

Africa

A letter from the FCO about the Pretoria bomb explosion and the South African raid on Maputo is attached, together with Mr. Pym's statement to the press.

The Pretorian bomb incident was the worst of its kind ever experienced in South Africa - and there has been a shocked reaction throughout the country. By the same token the South African raids on Mozambique earlier today were dramatic. One question is whether they will also take action against ANC targets in e.g. Lesotho.

A UN Security Council debate on Namibia starts today but will go on for several days. We need to avoid a resolution calling for sanctions against South Africa.

The trial of the Zimbabwe Air Force Officers begins today but judgement is not expected for some weeks.

In Malawi three former Cabinet Ministers and one former MP have been killed in a "car accident" - whether genuine or not remains to be seen. *(I doubt it).*

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Percy Cradock is to see the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs tomorrow to give the agreed oral reply to Zhao's letter. EXCO unanimously approved the reply. The Chinese may propose dates for the opening of substantive talks but I expect there will be a further delay.

INF

Nitze reports no Russian movement in Geneva. They say that the details of Andropov's latest proposal cannot be discussed until the US show serious interest in it in principle.

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