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 Bureau for State Se-  
 BOSS whose hand  
 have had the resources to place  
 a very large bomb under his car  
 whic was parked outside the  
 block of tlats where he lived in  
 central Maputo.  
 Claims by the South Nricans  
 that Sachs was the victim of a  
 bitter er. struggle raging  
 within t e ANC are plainly ab-  
 surd. \_There is no such feud, at  
 least not of the blood-letting  
 rftind, and even if ANC leaders  
 - were trying to settle internal dif-  
 : iferenties With bombs rather than  
 \_ . words, they are unlikely to have  
 . chosen Sachs as a target. His en-  
 ' ergies over the Past few years  
 have been mainly aimed at  
 helping to overhaul Mozam-  
 bique's system of justice rather  
 than politicklng within the  
 ANC. \_  
 But why should the South Af-  
 ricans want to kill Sachs? To be  
 sure, he is a member of the  
 ANC, and has been ever since  
 he joined the defiance cam-  
 paign during the 19505 when  
 there were still plenty of whites  
 in South Africa prepared to  
 stand up and 13th and go to  
 prison because 0 their passion-  
 ate opposition to apartheid.  
 Sachs, who became a supreme  
 court advocate, went to rison a  
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 11%"Jhswer 9mg Bpgear to  
 be that she and Sachs and other  
 ANC hgues who have been  
 bombed or shot at are "soft tar-  
 gets" in a campaign which  
 seems deliberate intended to  
 induce a sense 0 terror within  
 the ANC. Consider the recent  
 evidence - the murder of an  
 ANC man in hos ital in beso-  
 tho in February, t e bombing of  
 the building which houses the  
 ANC headquarters in Lusaka,  
 an attack one house in Bo-  
 tswana last month, an attem-  
 Fted bombing of the ANC ol-  
 rees in Brussels on the same  
 day as the Botswana attack, and  
 of course last year's bizarre at-  
 fair involvin an alle ed plot to  
 kidnap mem rs of t e ANC in  
 London. All these incidents  
 suggest that the South Africans

have taken the war against the ANC beyond their own borders and are prepared to use IRA-style terror tactics, such as the use of bombs in public places, to achieve their aims...\_u w ., 7 7 It could, and no doubt, will be argued that the ANC are reaping their just rewards. After all, they are carrying out a campaign of violence inside South Africa which, however justified its aims, has also resulted in the use of terror tactics and the loss of life by innocent civilians. Why shouldn't the South Africans reply in kind?

The answer is twofold. First, however much one might decry the use of violence to achieve political aims, the ANC, after decades of passive resistance, is engaged in a struggle for an objective - the dismantling of apartheid and the establishment of a democratic South African state - which has almost universal support. It is also 'illegal', ....

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year-old and

lawyer

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up by a car bomb in

Maputo last week, was

absolutely no danger to

South Africa; according

to 'friends in London.

Sachs, a British passport

. expected to

survive but may lose an

arm and an eye.

As with last month's

shooting of the ANC representative in Paris, Dulcie

September, the South African

Government has denied

responsibility. But Western

diplomats in Maputo have

made statements which seem

. to point the finger at Pretoria.

In his 10 years in the

Mozambican capital, Sachs

has lectured at the Eduardo

Mondlane University, and

worked at the Department of

justice, drafting a new family

law. But he has also

assisted in the defence of an

Australian missionary on

trial for collaborating with

the South African-supported

chamorro rebels. A fluent

Portuguese speaker, he has

produced a book on revolutionary

murals. He is also a

keen outdoor man, spending

a recent climbing holiday in the Andes.

Though a member of both the ANC and the South African Communist Party. Sachs UV 1 LBBIGU-Ild

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, by NIS HERBSTEIN

' ALBIE SACHS,

trade unionist Solly Sachs, he was. hounded out of South Africa by the threat of arrest and banning orders. In London he married Stephanie Kemp, a student activist he had defended on a sabotage charge. He lectured in law at, Southampton University. An account of his detention, 'tjail Diary', was produced by the 'Royal Shakespeare Company'.

It is likely that the attack was carried out by a Portuguese exile, half a million of whom live in South Africa. Last year a white Angolan paratrooper with a South African passport was arrested in Maputo with a suitcase bomb. He confessed that he was on a mission to blow up an ANC house.

South Africa's long tentacles have followed exiles around the world. The first known use of a letter bomb dates to 1974, when a black student leader, Abraham Tito, was killed in Botswana. Over the years ANC officials have been attacked in Zimbabwe, France, Belgium, Britain and elsewhere. Ruth First, author and academic at the same Maputo university, was killed by a letter bomb in 1982.

London is the anti-apartheid centre of the world. housing offices of the ANC and the Pan-Africanist Congress. Anti Apartheid