

# Vorster Says Troops Went 'Long Way' in Angola

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CAPE TOWN, Jan. 30 (AP)—Prime Minister John Vorster said today that South African troops had penetrated "a very long way" into Angola in recent months but said they had not been a party to the civil war there.

He spoke in Parliament at the end of a week-long debate on a no-confidence motion introduced by the opposition and defeated by a vote of 127 to 45.

"South Africa did not become involved in Angola because she

wanted to take part in the civil war," he said, adding: "Our involvement was the effect of Russian and Cuban intervention. If they had not entered Angola, if they had not tried to subvert the whole of Angola and suppress its people, South Africa would never have tried to enter Angola at all."

"South Africa had become involved far into Angola against its will because it had to protect the republic and its border."

Mr. Vorster made no mention

of reports that at least 1,200 South African troops were deployed until recently on the central Angolan front in opposition to the Soviet supported Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola.

He said that South Africa had not departed from its policy of nonintervention in the affairs of other countries but that it was rather difficult when chasing a man to decide where to stop, knowing that if he was chased a short way he would come back.

"I make no bones about it," the Prime Minister declared. "We chased him a very long way."

Mr. Vorster declared that the mission of South African troops in Angola had been to keep hostile forces a good distance north of Angola's southern border with South-West Africa.

He said South African troops were also protecting the dam site at Calueque, about 20 miles inside Angola. The hydroelectric project there had been built with South African help.

The no-confidence motion had accused the South African Government of failing to take the public into its confidence and to explain its actions and objectives in Angola.

"You do not fight a war to supply the newspapers," Mr. Vorster declared. "War is a serious matter, a matter of life and death."