

Waldheim Sees War Threat in Africa

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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 2—Secretary General Kurt Waldheim warned today that the problems of southern Africa “create a serious potential threat to international peace and security.”

The United Nations chief, in his annual report to the forthcoming General Assembly, added that “even now it may be very late for peaceful solutions” in the region comprising South Africa, South-West Africa and Rhodesia.

“With every month that passes the likelihood of inter-racial violence on a large scale becomes greater,” the Secretary General cautioned.

Confers With Kissinger

Mr. Waldheim discussed the situation in southern Africa and other world problems with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger at United Nations headquarters today.

Afterward, Mr. Kissinger said it had “not yet been completely decided” whether he would go to southern Africa after his talks with Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa in Zurich on Saturday.

The Secretary of State indicated that after consultations

with the British Government he might want to discuss the questions of Rhodesia and South-West Africa with the presidents of black African countries to see “whether some progress can be made.”

Asked about the United States attitude toward Angola, the Secretary said that the Administration was not concerned about the present government of that nation but about the presence of a “fairly substantial” Cuban expeditionary force there.

“Some Cubans have been withdrawn, others seem to have arrived, and we do not have a clear conception of whether there has been a significant let-out flow,” Mr. Kissinger remarked.

The Key Issue

Replying to a question as to whether the United States would veto Vietnam's application for United Nations membership, the Secretary of State said that “for us, the question of the M.I.A.'s is of course the key issue”—meaning the United States request for information on Americans still missing in action.

Mr. Kissinger returned to Washington this afternoon. Yesterday and this morning he met with many delegates to the current session of the Law of

the Sea Conference in an effort to break impasses in the negotiations for a global maritime treaty.

“There is now an understanding that some progress will have to be made, and on all sides,” the Secretary of State said. He stated that in addition to the problems of southern Africa he had also reviewed the sea-law negotiations, and the questions of Cyprus and the Middle East with Mr. Waldheim.

The Secretary General's report to the 31st Assembly, due to start Sept. 21, noted that the developments in southern Africa had for many years been a central concern of the world body and would continue to be so until a satisfactory solution was found.

“There can be no peace in southern Africa until the necessary changes, so long called for by the United Nations, come about,” the report said.

Discussing the situation in the Middle East and Cyprus in the report, Mr. Waldheim affirmed that “the involvement of the United Nations is an indispensable factor in containing these deepseated and very complex problems within reasonable bounds while a solution is sought.” The United Nations peacekeeping forces had been “a major element in restoring quiet,” he noted.