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### Timetable and rules are set for Mozambique's municipal elections

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 MAPUTO, Mozambique (PANA) - Mozambique's National Elections Commission has published a detailed timetable for the country's first municipal elections, scheduled for May 29.

Political parties, coalitions of parties, and independent groups of citizens who intend to contest the elections must register between February 23 and 26.

Among those barred from standing are magistrates, soldiers on active duty, bankrupts, anyone in debt to

the municipality and owners of companies that have ongoing contracts with the municipality. A definitive list of candidates will be published by the commission on April 29. The electoral campaign itself will run from May 14-26.

The commission says it intends to announce the results by June 15, and that the newly-elected mayors and municipal assemblies will be sworn into office between June 15 and July 5.

### UN extends peace force

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 The United Nations Security Council has extended till March 16 the mandate of Misab, an inter-African military force that has been keeping the peace in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, following three army mutinies in 1997.

including its structure, specific goals and financial implications.

In a resolution adopted recently, the 15-member council said it would establish an U.N. mission in the country at the expiration of Misab's renewed mandate.

The Council also asked Secretary-General Kofi Annan to report on the situation in Bangui by Feb. 23.

He is to make recommendations regarding the proposed peacekeeping operation there.

### Africa

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 will spur creation of a bonafide middle class, new communities and a lot of manufacturing jobs in Africa and America, if the financial aid and resultant trade is tailored to do so.

And, like all strategic conferences of the past, the 'nuts and bolts' must include agreements on matters of men, money and materials to resource desired initiatives.

Putting money in the pockets of Africa's potential labor force will also generate the material wealth needed to eliminate that which plagues it, including official corruption.

Millions of young men are needed for such tasks as crossing deserts with railways and building bridges before others can rule and fight poverty, ignorance and disease.

Organizational objectives must be to build young men into deployable and usable labor service battalions, similar to the civilian conservation corps created by the Roosevelt Administration during America's great depression.

Project and task requirements can thus be planned in terms of the numbers of labor service battalions available.

Investors encouraged by Clinton's administration should be advised to present proposals based on these manpower priorities — nothing less.

### El Niño forces WFP to re-route food aid for Great Lakes region

**Special to Sentinel-Voice**  
 DAKAR, Senegal (PANA) - Faced with continuing destruction caused by the El Niño weather phenomenon, the World Food Programme said that it is struggling to find alternative rail and road routes to deliver vital food aid to the Great Lakes region.

destination. Before the floods, the WFP was delivering 20,000 tons of food from Tanzania and 13,000 tons from Kenya each month to the Great Lakes region, using the Dar es Salaam and Mombassa rail routes.

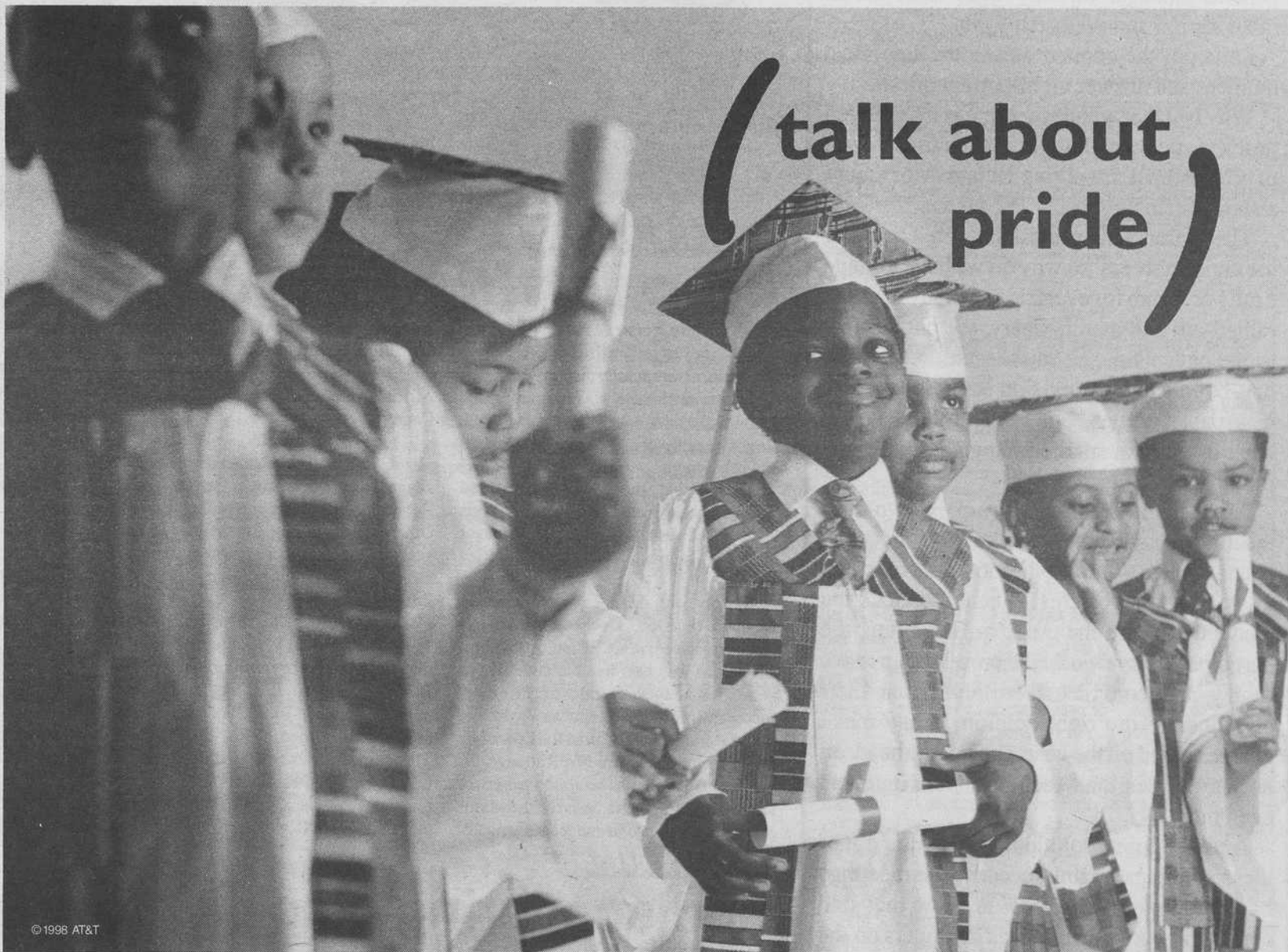
Key transportation networks have been severed by the devastating floods, disrupting normal food deliveries.

This is enough to feed more than two and half million people per month. However, since mid-December torrential rains have continued to batter the direct transport routes in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.

Flooding has also destroyed the secondary road networks throughout the region.

Now, only half the needed amount of food aid has reached the Great Lakes region, forcing the WFP to target only the most vulnerable in countries like Rwanda.

Tractors, donkey carts and even foot power have to be used to move the food to its final



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