

African Female Most Deadly, Says Author

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NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(INS)—The next time you read of a grisly uprising in seething Africa, don't blame the men.

The women are the real "villains" of the Dark Continent, Author Stuart Cloete reports.

The bearded, six-foot South African—touring the United States between books—was quick to establish that he is a happily married man with no animosity toward the weaker sex.

But there was nothing very weak—or fair, either—about the women Cloete saw first hand on a 30,000 mile tour of blackest Africa.

He told International News Service in an interview that there was only one word to fit their description: "Brutal."

"You can't expect to get civilized men out of barbarous homes," he reasoned. "There simply cannot be any solution to the problem of

Africa until there are civilized women."

The 58 year old author estimated there must be roughly 90,000,000 of these "problem women" scattered across the vast African Continent. He found them practicing voodoo and witchcraft, terrorizing their growing children with wild tales of punishment from the "spirits."

"These young children never come out of it," Cloete said. "And now, for the first time, many of these women are taking active roles in campaigns of terrorism. The Mau Mau women of Kenya took oaths right alongside their men."

In a tour that took him all the way from Capetown to the

southern edge of the Sahara Desert, he found that most of the native tortures were inflicted by the women—even to deep flesh burns and emasculation.

Cloete also found that very little is being done to civilize them. For one thing, they resist offers of education.

"So do their men," he added. "The men are afraid that if their wives become civilized they no longer will do all the hard work. They also want to keep as many wives as possible. The men like polygamy. The more wives a man has, the richer he is."

Cloete, who has written ten books on Africa, admits that he sees no solution.

"Africa is in a crisis. It's a place where we need time and

haven't got time. If the white man were to leave, all would be lost. The natives haven't the ability to run a state. They have left the past and haven't reached the future. Africanization is all right, but it should come slowly."

One of the big threats, he said, is Communism. In his travels, Cloete found evidence that Communist activity throughout the huge continent is well organized and operating according to a master plan, including the Mau Mau terrorist activities in Kenya.

He believes the operating Communist center in central Africa is the Russian hospital in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia.

"That hospital is bigger than it ought to be," Cloete

observed. "Then who can explain why the Russians send these doctors to Ethiopia when they don't have enough doctors in their own country."

Cloete devoted several pages in his new book "The African Giant" to the urgent need for training African women to be housewives instead of terrorists. His next book, a novel set in the Congo, will be titled "Mamba"—the name of Africa's most dangerous and deadly snake.