

JANUARY 1980

Tues 1

Two British soldiers, part of the monitoring force, have been injured after a land mine exploded. This incident is one of 60 such incidents since the cease fire was signed in 12/79.

There has been a visit to Dendra Assembly Point by Lord Soams. This AP is the home of 740 freedom fighters loyal to Robert Mugabe's Zanu PF party, and near the Mozambique border. Speaking during his visit the British governor said that he did not see a need to extend the cease fire period.

The total number of guerillas that have 'come home' is 2,000. It has been announced that the Rhodesian Army has killed seven supporters of the Patriotic Front after an attack on a farm.

Wed 2

Despite the earlier comments of Lord Soams (qv 1/1) members of the Patriotic Front's executive have asked for more time for their members to gather at the Assembly Points.

The number of guerillas that have gathered at AP's is 4,000 – *ITN's 5.45 pm news*

Thurs 3

British sources acknowledge that there are insufficient numbers of guerillas have come out of the bush. Later this afternoon it was stated that only 5,000 former freedom fighters had 'come home.'

Fri 4

It has been reported that 5, 500 have come into rendezvous points by the late afternoon of the 3rd, in the eastern region of the country and into the Thrasher Assembly Point. – **The Guardian** –

Only 8,000 [of the 16,000 PF supporters] have come out of the bush. – **GDN** –

A breakdown of the loyalties and numbers of the guerillas that have 'come home,' – 3,600 belong to Zapu – supporters of J Nkomo, while 6,000 support Zanu led by Robert Mugabe. British officials admit that the cease fire arrangements have not been as successful as expected. – **BBC Radio 4 news, 6pm** –

The cease fire ends at midnight, local time

Sat 5

In excess of 15,000 guerillas are streaming into Assembly Points. – **Evening Post**. It is claimed by **BBC Radio 4's 6pm news**, that 18, 700 guerillas are now congregated at Assembly Points. However Bishop Musorewa claims that the figures are wrong and that only 5,000 'true' guerillas

have 'come home.' The remainder are teenage supporters of Mugabe – mujabies. **BBC television news** claim that there are 17, 000 guerillas 'at home.'

From the RAF base Brize Norton 1,000 personnel have left to supervise the 2/80 elections.

Sun 6

Lord Soams has announced an amnesty for all members of the Patriotic Front who are still camped in the bush.

Bishop Musorewa has opened his election campaign in Highfield, a black township near Harare.

According to the **ITN news** 17,000 men – Mugabe supporters – have gathered in the camps in the east of the country.

Mon 7

Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo tell all members of the Patriotic Front to put themselves at the disposal of the governor and obey the cease fire rule. Replying to this ultimatum from the political leadership the military commanders of the PF say that they are worried that Rhodesian troops will be used to chase 'bandits' and Front guerillas that are outside the Assembly Points.

British sources say that there are now 19,400 members of the liberation forces that have 'come home. The Patriotic Front's spokesman says that there are only 3,000 guerillas still in the bush.

Tues 8

The cease fire is being threatened by Mr Mugabe because of the use of Rhodesian forces to chase PF guerillas, which remain in the bush, into the Assembly Points. These fears were conveyed to Mrs Thatcher at the British handling of the Transitional Period.

The British prime minister is worried about the presence of 5 South African troops in the country. Recently 1,000 troops from across the southern border have returned via Beit Bridge. The returning troops left a small number of their comrades at the river crossing.

Wed 9

Continued criticism of Lord Soams, by the Patriotic Front, who has allowed members of the South African military to remain at Beit Bridge. They also claim that there are 50 Australian troops who are intimidating civilians, who were at one time Auxiliaries formed by Bishop Musorewa's United African National Council [UNAC].

Thurs 10

For the first time in 15 years the direct air service between London and Salisbury has returned to operation. On the first flight - BA 051 - into the capital was B Gubb of the Rhodesian Chamber of Commerce, who said that the outlook for the British businessman was good if they could keep delivery to dates. Already members of the British Institute of Directors have been in Salisbury for 7 days looking over the tobacco industry.

One third of the cattle, slaughtered in the Tribal Areas, after the PF's guerillas destroyed the dipping tanks – used to combat ticks - during the liberation war could be operational again in 12 months. This assessment only holds true if the vets, who are mainly white, stay in the country following the elections. – **R Barron for John Cravens Newsround, 5pm BBC1 –**

Harold, now Lord, Wilson pays tribute to the work of those that came together at Lancaster House, although he does not trust either Nkomo or Mugabe. He remembered how he forced the Rhodesian authorities to let the leader of Zapu out of detention when he made a visit to the country. The former Labour prime minister thought progress had been made since 12/79, - **Calendar News, YTV, 6pm –**

Fri 11

Members of the Rhodesian Army near Lipanee have killed seven members of Zipra –Zimbabwe Peoples Army –. The reason given was because they refused to give up their weapons – the British view – this was quite acceptable as they were not inside an Assembly Point as they were ordered to be 7 days ago.

The final report of the Lancaster House Agreement has been published, in London.

Sat 12

Mozambique opens its border with Rhodesia

President Nyree, of Tanzania, calls the deaths of the Patriotic Front guerillas (qv11/1) cold-blooded murder. He threatens to break off diplomatic relations, recently restored. In a wide ranging criticism of the Lancaster House Agreement he accuses the British of not using its monitoring force efficiently.

Sun 13

Joshuan Nkomo arrives back in Salisbury after four years self exile. He has with him 100 women body guards, and is greeted by many female dancers. He denounces the British, and calls for a larger monitoring force. The official welcoming ceremony is held in the High field township before a crowd of 120,000. There are also two members of the British government here to greet him. The co leader of the Patriotic Front, aged 62 has spent 11 years in internal exile – under the orders of Ian Smith.

Mon 14

At the airport in Salisbury Rhodesian Customs officers have seized 200 pounds worth of British newspapers, because they consider some of the pictures 'too saucy.

Tues 15

A Rhodesian farmer, N Towers, has an imaginative way to protect his farm during the guerilla war. He kept zoo animals as pets. There was hippo – Maggie, lion – Cassius, Dudley – warthog.

Also allowed to roam were leopards and crocodile.

An official announcement that the two members of the Patriotic Front – a military alliance – will now split to fight the election on separate platform. In Salisbury the Election Committee meets for the first time.

Lord Soams criticises Mugabe's Zanu for not having many of its forces congregated in Assembly Points. He accused him of deliberately keeping them in the bush so that they can be used to intimidate voters in the run up to the election. Sir J Boyton, the Election Commissioner, has agreed that there should be prime TV time allotted to all the political parties. Sources say that the Zimbabwe Democratic Party is most likely to do badly in the coming vote.

Wed 16

J Nkomo opens his election campaign from Black Party Works, a bungalow in a black township. The governor feels that Zapu will be the party to do best in the election.

It is estimated that there are 3 – 4,000 freedom fighters still in the bush. Those that are inside Assembly Points are still suspicious of the ceasefire.

Mr Mugabe accuses the British of dishonouring the cease fire and warring against Zanu. He was speaking from a suburb of the Mozambiquan capital, Maputo, where he lives. He has lived there, with his wife Sally, since 1976.

Fri 18

Lord Soames extends Marshall Law for a further six months, so censorship and other restrictive measures stay in place.

Two British soldiers of the Commonwealth monitoring force have been killed in a road traffic accident in the north of the country.

Sat 19

Bishop Musorewa threatens to pull his United African National Council [UNAC] forces out of the cease fire agreement. He calls on Lord Soams to deal more effectively with the numerous, he says, cease fire violations by the Patriotic Front.

Sun 20

Bishop Musorewa has again insisted that his UNAC party will withdraw from the coming election. Whites think he will lose, although his pull out will endanger the Lancaster House Agreement.

J Nkomo puts feelers out, to other political parties, to join Zanu in a political alliance. Speaking in the city of Bulawayo, the heart of his homeland, calls for the disbandment of Bishop Musorewa's Auxiliaries. If there is no compliance then he will lead a march of his supporters to the capital, Salisbury, until Lord Soams 'does something.'

There was also a call for the end of the UNAC's Auxiliaries from the Reverend N Sitholi, who was speaking at a rally of his supporters in the capital.

Mon 21

An estimated 250,000 refugees return to Rhodesia from Botswana today. Almost 1,000 have settled in Plumtree in Matebeleland.

Rhodesian security forces regard the refugees, as having been abducted by the guerilla forces loyal to the Patriotic Front. Others went to Tegwane, a former mission, which had been made habitual by former convicts.

Wed 23

The Commonwealth Monitoring Commission – to supervise the elections – leave from their 11 home countries, to arrive in Salisbury.

Oliver Sauyma, a Zanu candidate for the elections, has been shot and killed. His assassins used automatic weapons. It is claimed members of Zanu who were loyal to Mr Mugabe killed him. Just one of many on a list held by the party leader. There has been an appeal for restraint.

Thurs 24

Four members of the Royal Marines, were held hostage at the Assembly Point, Cape Kilo, in the south west of the country, during an incident between members of rival guerilla forces. During the clash, between members of the Zipra and Zanla armies a rocket launcher has targeted on a Land Rover occupied by the members of the military.

An escalation of the incident was only averted after the intervention of the political masters of the guerilla forces, who are members of the cease fire commission. Captain M Bates commander of Cape Kilo, 200 miles south west of Salisbury, made the report.

Fri 25

Seventy one political prisoners, held at the behest of Robert Mugabe in Mozambique, have been released, as Mr Mugabe leaves for Salisbury. Left behind in Camp D'Roy are 3,000 orphans in the Chemanga district.

At the moment there are about 150,000 refugees in Mozambique, many of whom, according to the Rhodesian security forces, were trained as guerilla fighters.

Sat 26

The office of the governor bans some election material, from Zanu PF – posters and pamphlets – because of a so called “call to racial hatred and violence.” Meanwhile Mr Mugabe accuses Lord Soames of underhand methods that, the PF leader says, will ensure he will not win the election.

Examples of pamphlet slogans “Bash the Enemy” and “Kill British Soldiers.”

There has been a call to the UN's Security Council, by black leaders in the Commonwealth to sit to discuss Lord Soams handling of Rhodesia.

Sun 27

Mugabe returns home to Rhodesia, after 3 years in exile. The whites hate him for what he might do after the elections. He refuses an alliance with J Nkomo saying, "even though we have moved into Assembly Points – it is not a surrender but as a compliance with the Lancaster House Agreement. We can easily move out." He further went on to speak directly to the white population – "whites have nothing to fear, we are pledged to democracy."

It is claimed that 200,000 mainly young people met the Patriotic Front leader at Harare airport.

Mon 28

From out of Mozambique have fled 64 dissidents and two children. They have now arrived in Rhodesia. They will be allowed to register to vote in the election, even at this late date, after Lord Soames sanctioned it. Some of the newly enfranchised will join Zanu PF while others will join the Reverend N Sithole 's Zanu.

Wed 30

The South African troops stationed on the Zimbabwe side of the border at Beit Bridge have moved across the river into their own territory. They would have all left by nightfall it was expected.

Mr Nkomo has called for the setting up of a Zimbabwean national Army. The force would be made up of elements of the existing security forces and incorporate members of both the Zipra and Zanla guerilla force. They would jointly police the election and control the bandit element.

Quoted, in a Rhodesian newspaper, Ian Smith – the leader of the Rhodesian Front – says the white minority members of parliament might have to side with J Nkomo if there is any chance of defeating Mr Mugabe. The speech, made in Bulawayo, also stated the RF's contempt for Bishop Musorewa.

The Bishop reacted bitterly and claimed that while in London attending the Lancaster House talks, the Patriotic Front, asked him to ditch Mr Smith and form a National Black Party. Bishop Musorewa now asks that the formation of a multi racial community be left to responsible people. Reaction, from J Nkomo to Mr Smith's speech says that it is the 'kiss of death' to his party.

English members of the Commonwealth monitoring force visit a black township outside Harare.

List of publications appertaining to the Lancaster House Agreement

White Paper on S Rhodesia, contacts and constitution, Command ref 702 1/80. 275p

Zimbabwe Constitution order 1979 Statutory Instrument 719

Zimbabwe Act 1979 statutory Instrument 1600 70p

UN Sanctions Revocation 1979, statutory instrument 1665

Interim Provisions Order statutory instrument 1571

Legal proceedings, public accountability order statutory instrument 1601

Commonwealth forces, justification order, statutory order 1653

Elections and parliament order, statutory order 1654

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Sun 3

Mr J Nkomo calls for members of his Zipra forces to go to their nominated Assembly Points; failure to do so will see action from Lord Soams. The Zanla force commander, Mr Mugabe, has not made a similar request to his forces. The recently returned rebel leader was speaking in the town of Gwelo, in central Rhodesia.

Mon 4

There has been a rocket attack on a bus and a car in which 16 people have been killed according to a *Newsround* report from J Humphreys. The attack happened near Rusapi. It was thought that the three guerillas that carried out the attack, of which one died, came from a nearby Assembly Point because of military issued matches and toothpaste found nearby.

Mr Mugabe and Lord Soames agree that the Zanla commander should broadcast to his followers to go to their allotted Assembly Points.

1,000 pounds of Rhodesian tea has been sold at auction, in 30 seconds, by the George Neil Tea Association. The 'light tea' is the type that is mainly used in tea bags. – **ITN News, 5.45pm** –

Tues 5

Lord Soames has asked all parties to sign an agreement that the Lancaster House Agreement will be adhered to. At the same time the governor has rejected Mr Nkomo's plea to postpone the election because of alleged lawlessness.

New powers have been taken by the governor – suspend candidates, decide who speaks at political rallies and order a candidate to stand down in any one of the fifty six election areas.

Wed 6

There has been a grenade attack on the Salisbury home of Robert Mugabe, he was unhurt. A rocket attack on the home of a senior aid, Kumbirai Kangai, left him seriously injured

Reactions to these attacks – Eddie Ziogo, a senior Zanu PF official thinks that Lord Soames should share some of the blame for events. It is thought that Bishop Musorewa is also on a 'hit list.' – **J Humphries, BBC News** –

Three people have been held after the recent rocket and grenade attacks. There are unconfirmed reports that they were in some way connected with members of the United National African Council. – **J Thorn, Radio 4 News** –

Thurs 7

An article in the *New Statesman* accuses the Secret Service of bugging the offices of the Patriotic Front during the recent talks in London that led to the signing of the Lancaster House Agreement.

The influential magazine also stated that the hotel room of J Nkomo and the 7 flats occupied by Mr Mugabe's supporters were also under electronic surveillance, and authorised by the prime minister and the foreign secretary.

Television programme, *TV Eye – How Free? How Fair* – reporter J Layton travels in a RAF Hercules plane, and speaks to Bishop Musarawa, a mercenary [from London/], Robert Mugabe, members of Zanu and a priest living in the village. The reporter also visited Assembly Point Echo and spoke to a 'political commissar'.

It seems that the programme was warning that the main stumbling block to peace was a potential clash between the freedom fighters and Bishop Musoerwa's Auxiliaries.

Fri 8

Attack on Zanu PF, with fire bombs, on the homes of H Chitola. The diplomatic minister. Ceasefire commissioners report that they are worried by intimidation in all 8 electoral districts. The greatest number of reported incidents is in Mashonaland East.

In Salisbury all signatories to the Lancaster House Agreement have signed up to a reaffirmation of the principals agreed in London. The name of Bishop Musorewa was missing as he was away electioneering. He will sign up on his return to the capital.

Many of the ceasefire violations and cases of intimidation have been attributed to members of Zanla.

Sat 9

Garfield Todd, a former president of Southern Rhodesia, has been arrested at home. He has been charged with aiding and abetting guerillas. The former premier has been remanded to appear before magistrates in 14 days.

Sun 10

Mr Mugabe escapes an attack on his life, as a 10lb bomb explodes on the roadside as he is passing in a vehicle. He is not injured. Eventually arriving at a party rally he warns that if Zanu is banned from the elections, he will return to the bush and continue the fight

Lord Soams has banned the Zanu PF treasurer, Mr Sinclair, from attending any political rally. However he can still stay on the ballot paper.

Mr P Shore, the shadow foreign secretary, calls for an increase in the strength of the commonwealth monitoring force.

Mon 11

Another Zanu PF leader has been killed. The attack occurred in the town of Chipinga in the south east of the country, 200 miles from Salisbury.

The attendance at a rally of Joshua Nkomo's supporters, in Mashonaland, is so poor that party

members have to be bussed in from other areas. – **J Humphries, BBC 6pm news** –

Tues 12

Lord Soams grants himself new powers to deal with the growing claims of intimidation. It is now possible for the governor to ban the election over whole areas of the country. He could also prevent people from moving into areas that the election is to be allowed – **J H**

The powers to combat intimidation (qv) will not be taken until just before the actual election date – **D Mc Neil BBC radio 4 news** –

There will be 120 official overseas observers, many of which will come from Commonwealth countries, to oversee the coming vote. Other countries granted observer status Italy and Sweden. British MP's acting as observers will wear red badges, as they are government sponsored. Independent's will be designated blue badges.

To travel round the country the badge holders will use Rhodesian Air Force Hercules planes and Canadian short take off planes. Naturally use of Rhodesian facilities have brought claims of bias from certain quarters.

There was a 90 minuet meeting between Lord Soams and Mr Mugabe. – **J Thorne** –

Wed 13

Later this month 500 civilians – civil servants, local government officers and members of the police force – will be sent from Britain to Rhodesia to ensure that there are no acts of intimidation at polling booths in isolated areas of the country. All those sent will be volunteers.

Ian Smith has left for a visit to the United States. While there he will speak at a conference. The Organisation of African Unity [OAU] has given \$9m to the black liberation movements fighting the election. It will have to be equally divided between supporters of Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo.

List of Parliamentary observers to the Rhodesian elections

Conservative

Geoffry Rippon

Lord Chelwood

Lord Fortescue

Peter Emmerly

Ivor Stanbrook

Labour

Ted Rowlands

Joan Lester

Lord Undehill

John Concannon

Liberal

Russle Jonston

Thurs 14

Lord Soams bans Zanu PF from holding meetings in 2 election areas in the south east of the country. At the same time 2 of Mr Mugabe's colleagues have been arrested for aiding and abetting guerillas – one is the wife of Zanu's election director.

On this day the minority whites vote for their 'reserved 20 seats in the parliament.

Fri 15

Rhodesian army reservists and Territorial's – 60, 000 of them – have been called up to supervise the coming vote. In Salisbury 3 bombs have exploded, the first in the hotel that the officials of the election and cease fire monitoring commissions. The second occurred near a church in an African township. It is thought that the two who planted the bomb were killed in the process.

After the counting for the 20 reserved white seats, the Rhodesian Front – led by Ian Smith – won all, even the 6 where the Front had opposition. There was a 55% turn out, which was disappointing. There was no single majority of black seats, therefore there will have to be a coalition with the whites. – **R McNeil BBC news** –

Sat 16

Two men were killed in a blast as a bomb exploded outside a church in Salisbury where members of the Rhodesian security forces were in attendance.

Sun 17

A rally organised by Zanu PF in Bulawayo went ahead without hearing from Mr Mugabe. Although 35,000 supporters were in attendance Zanu's leader was wary of going to an area of the country that is the heartland of J Nkomo. The police were not aware of any threat to his life.

The growth of an anti Mugabe faction is becoming apparent after four black politicians call for a government of national unity. They reason that if, after the general election, no party has a sufficient majority the situation in the country would be one of bloodshed and chaos.

Mon 18

A bomb has exploded in Gwelo. Other rockets and explosives, of Russian manufacture were found at the scene.

Mugabe thinks certainly that the head of the Rhodesian army, General Wallis, new that 2 Sellous Scouts were out to discredit Zanu. Worried about the monitoring force after the election there is some talk of keeping them in the country for a further six months. **R McNeil Radio 4 news** -

Seven policemen, from the North Yorkshire force, have been chosen to form part of the force to supervise the elections at polling booths in outlying districts of the country. – **Yorkshire Evening Post** -

Tues 19

Altogether twenty one members of the West Yorkshire police force have been chosen to help with election duties in Rhodesia. - **Yorkshire Evening Post** –

Wed 20

Guerilla forces give assurances that members of the monitoring forces will not be harmed after the election results are known. – **J Humphries, Newsround** –

Members of the Rhodesian police raid the homes of four members of the Zapu executive. They are looking for hidden weapons. Officials call it collateral intimidation

Pamphlets from the Rhodesian Army Reserve that criticise R Mugabe and Lord Soames has condemned his Marxist tendencies.

An extract from the magazine *Marxist Socialism* says that the only way for peaceful elections is a vote for Bishop Musorewa. These remarks were written both in English and Shona.

Thurs 21

The police force in Scotland will send only 50 members to supervise Rhodesian polling booth, despite approximately 1,000 members of the forces applying.

Force	Applicants	Successes
Lothian	200	10
Grampian	120	3
Strathclyde	100's	19
Fife	unrecorded	03 – The Sunday Post, 17/2 –

The Rhodesian authorities drop the charges against Garfield Todd (qv). At the same time the charges against one of Mr Mugabe's parliamentary candidates was withdrawn, after a mistake was made in the paperwork.

Fri 22

“A man charged with tearing down a UNAC election poster claimed at Dett magistrates court yesterday, that when he saw the poster he was so overcome with love for Bishop Musorewa he hugged the tree to which it had been tied and it inadvertently fell down – **C Hingley - Bulawayo Chronicle, - Punch 20/2** –

Members of the British police forces, chosen to take part in the coming elections, have gathered in the Central Hall Westminster and learnt that while overseas they will earn 16.50 pounds a day extra allowance. They were given 42 malaria tablets. Their kitbag contained a tent, mosquito net and an umbrella – it's the rainy season. They were also given a pep talk by the home Secretary,

W Whitelaw.

Sat 23

Members of the British police monitoring force arrive in Salisbury. They are not thought to face any risk of harm, so are denied arms. An election commission spokesman, M Caruthers, says the presence of these extra personnel gives comfort to his members. Looking at it from the 'street bobbies' attitude it is just a welcome break from routine for them.

Sun 24

A bomb has exploded, in Gwelo, in a building occupied by a Roman Catholic newspaper. This was possibly titled *Mamba*. Later it was announced that the printing presses had been destroyed. A number of forged copies appeared on the streets, which carried derogatory remarks about Mugabe. So was this an act of retaliation?

In the Highfields township, outside Salisbury, Bishop Musorewa speaks at a UNAC rally at which 200,000 supporters attend. They travelled on 80 trains and 500 busses from all parts of the country to be present at the largest rally of the Bishops campaign so far.

Speaking at a rally in Gwelo, at his last election rally, J Nkomo, thinks that a bomb that killed two blacks was set by the Selous Scouts

Mon 25

An 800 strong contingent of Zapu guerillas leave an Assembly Point and travel to a Rhodesian Army military base – camp Romeo. There these supporters of J Nkomo will be integrated with Rhodesian forces to form the beginning of a multi racial force.

Writing to Lord Soams Mr Mugabe accuses the governor of breaking the Lancaster House Agreement. Replying to the accusation, that South African troops are still in the country, Lord Soams denies this. Also the Zanu leader offers the possibility of a coalition with Mr Nkomo.

Tues 26

Zanu agree that members of the Rhodesian army and police can be stationed at one of their Assembly Points. Military out in force.

Forces loyal to Mr Nkomo begin 'Operation Merger,' at a military camp in the vicinity of Bulawayo. Here they will receive training, under guidance of members of the British forces, before they are integrated with the regular Rhodesian forces.

Field guns appear on the streets of the capital Salisbury. They are sited at important crossroads in the city. This is the first time that such measures have been taken during the liberation war. Also there is a heavy military presence around the radio and television stations, because of fears of a coup attempt.

Lord Soams speaks to the nation, via a television broadcast. He gives a guarantee that no one will find out how anyone voted. The majority of the monitoring force will leave Zimbabwe in 7 days

time. The few that remain will help with the integration of the guerilla forces into the military.

To avoid double voting hand of those that present themselves at the booth will be coated in invisible ink. If a second attempt to vote is made an ultra violet scan of the hand will show up any invisible ink.

During the voting Lord Soams has not invoked any of the emergency powers that he granted himself since he arrived in the country.

Wed 27

On 22/2 two members of the Commonwealth monitoring force were beaten up by two white Rhodesians. The attack took place outside a motel in the city of Umtali. – **Evening Post** –

Election, Day 1 - for 80 black members of parliament, from Chimaro polling station. Supporters of Zanu had to move their actual presence further away from the polling station because of claims of intimidation of the voters, from the other party officials. **BBC news, 6pm** –

Polling has been heavy, mainly in the cities – some voters holding impromptu rallies. There has been no trouble. At some polling stations there has been a one and one-quarter mile of people patiently waiting to cast their vote in Harare. During the day Lord Soams visit the lines of people. Mr Mugabe voted in the afternoon and Bishop Musorewa made his choice known in the morning. – **M Vesty, BBC Radio 4 news** –

Thurs 28

Gunmen, reported to be followers of Mr Mugabe, tried to ambush a mobile polling station near the capital. Two guerillas were killed. There were also accusations of collaboration by members of the security forces. – **Evening Post** –

Election, Day two – Yesterday 45% of the black population managed to vote, but heavy rain put the programme behind schedule. Lord Soams travels to Central Mashonaland to encourage people to vote. More people have voted already than in the whole 5 day period of last year elections.

More than 2m, 2/3rds of the electorate were prevented from voting in the north of the country says a spokesman for the election supervisors. Within 24 hours planes will carry voting boxes to those that have not cast their vote. Lord Soams goes to Churestie and a white owned farm called Concession.

Black journalists that the indelible ink used, used to ensure no double voting could be washed off with Coca-Cola have told Sir J Boynton. Also revealed was that one voter covered his hands in Vaseline before voting, then just washed his hands to rid his skin of the ink.

Fri 29

Election, Day Three – now is the time for those housed in the Assembly Points to cast their vote – 22,000 at 12 camps. This is 90% of the black vote. Only then will the guerillas lay down their arms.

The Registrar General, Tony Smythe, says that the Coca Cola scandal was not to effective because after the scrubbing of hands there is still enough dye to show up under the ultra violet light. The leader of Zanu, J Nkomo when visiting an Assembly Point, said that the Coca-Cola ploy might have affected the result of the voting. – **J Humpharies BBC 1 news** –

Lord Carington, the foreign secretary, thinks that Lord Soams will call any one of the three leaders to form a government. In fact a coalition would not be a bad thing. – **ITN news** –

British government ceasefire observers say the elections have been a poor reflection on the people's wishes. Sir J Boynton found a lot he was not happy with, the bombings and the intimidation, but it would be hard for anyone to prove that the elections were not free and fair. He was not wholly convinced that the Coca-Cola scandal was effective and that there was any double voting. Any such was entirely due to personal inattentiveness on the part of the election officers.

All three party leaders condemned the elections as a farce and a joke.

MARCH

Sat 1

“The South African fear of a Marxist Zimbabwe Rhodesia has dominated the pages of the magazine of the SADF – **Paratus** – for the last three months. The December 1979 issue includes the first of a series of articles extolling the virtues of the Rhodesian Army [the articles were written by Colonel P Coetzee, a senior staff officer with the Defence Force].” – **GDN** –

The official polling figures- show that 93% of the population used their vote. This is the highest percentage vote in any poll in any recent African election. Aborigine and peppers with a weight of one ton have arrived at Heathrow Airport for sale. This is the first crop to be exported since the declaration of UDI, in 1965– **Evening Post** –

Leaders of the guerilla factions visit their men in camps and advise them to stay put. General McLain, a Rhodesian national, speaks of the goodwill and the ability of both sides of the conflict to work together.

Sun 2

“**The search for Lost Cities**” by James Wellard and published by Constable at 7.95 may have a chapter dedicated to the lost city of Zimbabwe, which is near modern day Fort Victoria.

The report of the election monitors, from 11 countries, says that the elections were ‘free and fair’ under the circumstances. Mr Mugabe has returned from a 5-day visit to Tanzania, and accepted the election results. Mr Nkomo claims the results were fraudulent, while Bishop Musoewa claims that 12 year olds were able to cast a vote.

Mr Mugabe's deputy, S Mundrawa, visits Assembly Points and asks residents to stay there. British officials are upset that this task was left to a Party official rather than the leader. The British felt that such a plea from Zanu's leader would carry more weight than one from someone of less standing.

Mon 3

Counting begins of votes. Of those counted the majority seem to be in favour of Mr Mugabe. The beginning of the military? pull back to Salisbury. Most of those spoken to are glad that their work is done, and they are leaving amicably. On national television Lord Soames makes a plea

for calm and offers the new administration help from their British counterparts.

There is tight security in Salisbury that is “tighter than ever before.” The Broadcasting studios will be inaccessible at the time that the election results are announced. Already apparent is that Mr Mugabe, and Zanu have done well in the areas that Bishop Musoewa was expected to do well.

The report of the Election Commissioner, Sir J Boynton, reports that in no sense were the elections free from intimidation. This was especially so in the rural areas. **Day 1** vote was heavy because of herding by supporters and intimidation. The Coca-Cola scandal was of little significant, but there was some under age and double voting.

Four hundred members of the British police force arrive back at Heathrow Airport, after their spell in the bush guarding the polling stations. Back in Britain with spears, drums and other souvenirs. They also returned with unwanted presents – mosquito bites and one policeman who was bitten by a poisonous snake. A spokesman said that as far as the police were concerned the poll was free and fair.

One of the parliamentary observers, D Concanon Mansfield, escaped injury when charged by a Hippopotamus that emerged from the River Limpopo, with G Rippom MP looking on. Also, to add to his misfortune, the airplane carrying the two had to make an emergency landing.

Panorama, BBC 1 8.10pm – Three armies face each other, but have to work together. Father Galpin, a nurse, at Chiramanzi Station, claims that there has been much intimidation by Bishop Musorewa’s Auxiliaries although they have been described as being something different. Also speaking from Rhodesia was Lieutenant F Sugden of the Welsh Fusiliers the district commissioner in the Repulse area – from the Cinsani voting station. - **David Lomax** –

In a studio debate between E Zuvogo, Zanu PF, Dr Chambati Zanu PF and A Pillay and a former member of the Rhodesian parliament – all three guests were at pains to establish that the country would be a moderately run one. Most surprisingly the former Rhodesian Front MP, A Pillar, said he thought that Mr Mugabe would win the election. – **Richard Lindley** -

Tues 4

The make up of the first multi racial parliament in Zimbabwe is as follows – 57 seats [63% of the vote] has been won by Zanu PF. 20 seats have been won by Zapu. 3 seats have been won by UNAC. 20 seats were reserved for the minority whites, which we have already seen have been won by the Rhodesian Front.

Bishop Musorawa says that the election was totally unfair and the result rigged. Mr Nkomo will be asked by Mr Mugabe to join the government., although the Zapu leader has not indicated what he will do.

The Zanu leader has promised a moderate government. There are worries however that his supporters will see this victory as an excuse to settle old scores. Many supporters of UNAC go on the rampage, attacking those they suspect of supporting Zanu PF. World government’s express good feelings about the future for Zimbabwe under its new leader.

President Nyaree of Tanzania admits that he was wrong to assume that the British would rig the election so that Zanu PF did not win.

On the BBC the president elect, Mr Mugabe, is interviewed by J Marshall and identifies the problems that his country faces. Much of the bulletin is taken up the new country of Zimbabwe, - political thoughts, and comment from the BBC's correspondent in Johannesburg and parliamentary staff in London. – **BBC news 5. 40pm** –

Share prices, on the London Stock Exchange, in any company that had interests in Rhodesia – **Radio 4 6pm news** -

The Lonhro company fails in an attempt to gain access to 40 papers relating to the oil industry in Rhodesia. The British authorities denied this as they were pertinent to the ongoing Bingham inquiry.

Taped on an audio – tape is the latest goings on, fronted by newscaster A Ford. – **ITV news 10pm** –

Wed 5

Mr Mugabe puts together his government, and he has a private talk with Mr Nkomo. Was he offered the presidency? There is the possibility of a member of the royal family attending the official independence celebrations – which Mrs Thatcher wants as soon as possible.

Thurs 6

Trouble for Mr Mugabe in forming his administration. Mr Nkomo will join the government, but not as the president. Mr Smith will not resign as leader of the Rhodesian Front, in exchange for their being places for other whites in the cabinet.

All that remains of the British military presence at the various Assembly Points – 69 men will be re - deployed elsewhere in the country.

In South Africa Bishop Tutu has been banned from travelling abroad. His passport has been withdrawn.

Fri 7

The former Rhodesian prime minister, Ian Smith, has expressed a willingness to join the government of Mr Mugabe. It has been disclosed that Mr Smith would accept a cabinet post if it was offered. to answer questions on his resignation – from the leadership of the Rhodesian Front – as he promised to do before the elections. – **Evening Post** -

At a meeting, between the two leaders of the liberation struggle, a decision was made on what role Mr Nkomo would have in the new administration.

Government ministers, appointed from the white minority, need not all come from the Rhodesian Front – they could be appointed from other minority white party's. They may even come from

among the 15 Mugabe appointed members of the Senate.

Sat 8

There is much difficulty for Mr Mugabe in forming his government. Mr Nkomo is seeking the role of figurehead president of Zimbabwe.

Sun 9

“The British Army’s expertise as a trainer of foreign forces is about to be applied to the new state of Zimbabwe and the men for the job are expected to come from 22nd Special Air Services, based at Hereford. The SAS has more experience than any other unit in working with third world forces.” – **Sunday Times** –

Rhodesia will be a good neighbour to South Africa. There will be continued trading links between the two countries, said Mr Mugabe in a statement on foreign policy.

Lord Soams thinks Rhodesia will be a going concern. One of his last acts as governor is to lift the night curfew that has been imposed for the last 3 years.

Mon 10

Mr Nkomo is offered, and accepts the position as head of Home Affairs.

In South Africa the foreign minister, Pik Botha, welcomes the new government of Zimbabwe and offers help and constructive ideas. – **Radio 4 news 3.40pm** –

Mr Nkomo addressed a closed session, to members of the Rhodesian Front, of the ZANU PF coordinating committee.

Tues 11

Prime minister designate, Robert Mugabe announces a 23 man strong cabinet. Of the total members 4 seats were reserved for members of the Patriotic Front. There were also 2 seats for the whites – the farmer’s leader; D Norman is now the minister of Agriculture. D Smith is in charge at the ministry of Commerce and Industry. There was no position for Garfield Todd (qv) even though he had been the advisor to Zanu – PF throughout the liberation war. It was thought that he was too old to be effective.

Mr Mugabe, as well as prime minister, has taken on the role of Defence minister. Home Affairs minister Nkomo intends to see the country consolidate after 11 years in jail, followed by years of struggle. Mr Nkomo does not think that his responsibilities are second best.

Wed 12

A report says that there are 850,000 refugees throughout the country. Three quarters of the population are suffering from malnutrition. The maize crop, a staple of the diet is only 50% of what is needed, according to P H Murawa of the St Phillips Mission. In these ‘protected village’ the gates are open but the fences remain to protect the residents from dissident guerillas that still

roam the area. – **Newsround BBC, 5.05pm -**

The charity Save The Children Fund will be sending large amounts of medical aid to the soon to be independent Zimbabwe. – **BBC1 news –**

Thurs 13

Mugabe reads books, writes letters for relaxation – not stop working. It was painful not being allowed to attend funeral of son, while in detention – Sally Mugabe, **ITV interview**

There will be good relations with South Africa but contact will still be made with the people waging a liberation struggle within its borders. They will contribute to the fighting fund, established to end the white domination of the Pretoria regime, organised by the Organisation of African Unity. However they would not be involved in any fighting, but would rejoice if the campaign were successful.

Mugabe would also want Lord Soams to stay on for at least one more month. The time would be well-spent – giving time for Zanu – PF time to familiarise itself with the workings of parliament.

Fri 14

Prince Charles will represent the Queen at the ceremony to mark the end of colonial Rhodesia and the inception of a free and democratic Zimbabwe. The date chosen for this historic event is at midnight on 17/4. – **BBC news –**

This new date, the Lancaster House Agreement was supposed to see in Independence implemented at about this time, is a compromise after Mr Mugabe asked for a longer transitional period.

Sat 15

The entire Board of Governors of the Rhodesian Broadcasting Corporation, which includes three blacks, resigns. Thus making civil servants fear for their jobs.

Sun 16

All the remaining members of the monitoring force, except a small number who are to stay behind to train the Zimbabwe Defence Force, begin their journey home. Also leaving is Lord Soames, who flies to London to finalise the Independence Day ceremony.

Mon 17

Lord Soams meets Lord Carrington, the foreign secretary, to discuss the political and foreign aid Britain can give to Zimbabwe

Tues 18

Lord Soams has a meeting with the prime minister and members of her cabinet. At these talks he reveals that the governments of the United States and West Germany will provide financial aid to

the newly independent country.

Two Metropolitan police officers are being sent to Rhodesia on a two week secondment.

Wed 19

The two police officers (qv 19/3) have been named as Deputy Assistant Commissioner Tom Harrison and Superintendent Colin Mc Donald. They are both involved with the training of the force.

Lord Soams returns to Salisbury, after his recent visit to London.

Tobacco, the largest cash crop produced, plans a 400% increase in production. Eric Lunell, a white farmer, thinks that the new prime minister will have to rely on the production capabilities of the white farming industry and its business sense, for some time to come. – **J Humpharies, BBC news** –

Thurs 20

The former commander of the army in southern England, Major General J Ackland, observes that the newly formed Zimbabwe National Defence Force are a friendly bunch and are working well together. The British officer sees the Force being organised in a way that would be able to fight a conventional war. These thoughts are reflections on the eve of preparing to leave for home.

There will be an emergency transfusion of funds – 7m pounds – for the improvement of schools, village stores and the repair of cattle dips. The fund has been set up, with expectations of donations from European sources. A delegation from the EEC leaves for Salisbury imminently.

It has been announced, with the agreement of Mr Mugabe, that martial law – covering 90% of the country should be lifted – on 21/3. At the same time, all those in jail for politically motivated crimes are to be freed. However the state of emergency will stay in force.

The new Zimbabwe prime minister, R Mugabe, took his seat in parliament on the front bench, once the seat of his arch rival Ian Smith. – **Daily Express** –

The BBC is to send a four man team to Rhodesia to advise on the setting up of a fair broadcasting system after independence. – **Evening Post** –

There will be an immediate payment of seven million pounds to help the post war government. There will be more to follow in the next few years, which will be used to assist the civil service, police and army to cope with the massive changes. – **D Smith, ITN news** –

Fri 21

Martial Law lifted.

The Commander of the Monitoring Force Major General J Ackland (qv 20/3), speaking of his

time overseas, says the largest military problem came about on 14/2 when the Rhodesian Forces were still roaming away from their barracks. At this time the British commander felt that war could still break out.

To improve the efficiency of the ZNDF, General Ackland suggests that white officers join Zipra and Zanla commanders at the British Army's Staff College at Warminster. There they will learn to co – operate together.

Sat 22

Major General Ackland, and his ceasefire monitoring force, has been praised for the job they have done, by the new Zimbabwe prime minister.

Two Britain's, arrested in Zambia over one year ago, for telling Immigration officers they planned to join the Rhodesian Air Force have been release. – **Yorkshire Evening Post** -

A wave of industrial unrest has spread to four black Salisbury schools, where students against unprecidated violence. – ditto –

Sun 23

Mr Mugabe has talks with the police about the outbreaks of violence that have broken out near the capital. The violence is centered round a white owned farm where 600 men are receiving training – supposedly for next months Independence Day celebrations.

Tues 25

A hand grenade exploded in a black township, near Salisbury, killing three children and injuring a number of others. They were all supporters of Mr Mugabe, who were still celebrating his victory. Actions such as this show that there is still tension in the townships. People are frightened to go out at nights because of the rival gangs roaming the areas.

“Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said Rhodesia would adopt a policy of co – existence towards white ruled South Africa, providing it refrained from interfering in its internal affairs.” – **Digest, Evening Post** –

APRIL

Tues 1

Prime Minister Mugabe attends a conference in Lusaka, along with the leaders of eight other southern African countries – Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho and Malawi. The aim of the meeting was to devise an economic policy for the region that does not rely heavily on South Africa.

Wed 2

At the end of the Lusaka summit meeting. A 5 point plan of action has been agreed. –

1 the formation of a Transport and Communications commissioner, who will be based in Maputo. 2 setting up of a Development Fund, which will be used in the field of agricultural research. 3 devising a food security plan. 4 industrial and manpower development strategy. 5 developing control measures to stem the spread of foot and mouth disease in cattle.

The next meeting of the group will be in 9/80 in Zimbabwe.

Thurs 3

Zimbabwe has been invited to become an associate member of the European Economic Commission [EEC]. Also it has been granted 'most favoured trading nation.' As such it will be able to obtain financial loans.

Fri 4

The master of the oil tanker 'Saleem' which was thought to have smuggled oil into Rhodesia – in late 1979, or earlier this year – has been arrested in the west African country of Liberia. He now faces losing his ship.

In South Africa, police stations in white suburbs of Johannesburg come under attack from people firing small arms. Strewed around the area were leaflets calling for the release of a black nationalist leader.

Mon 7

"After many years in Rhodesia the Duke of Montrose [73] is returning to Scotland. He was a minister in Ian Smith's government. He sold his farm near Salisbury, and hopes to be in Scotland by July.

His son and heir, the Marquis of Graham, lives in the family seat near Drymen. But the Duke is expected to stay with his sister, Lady Jean Fford, near Brodick, Arran. – **Sunday Post, 6/4** –

Fri 11

Scores of white Rhodesian soldiers are resigning and many are expected to emigrate after Zimbabwe gains its Independence next Friday. – **Daily Express** –

The Reverend Canaan Banana [44] a Methodist minister and former political detainee was today declared President elect of Zimbabwe, which gains Independence next Friday. **Yorkshire Evening Post**

Sat 12

A British Army major tries riding a bull [Ziggy] and is injured with a 12 inch gash in his leg – nearly ending his dynasty. This was supposed to be a test drive for when Prince Charles arrives on 16/4.

Mon 14

The government of the United States of America is to give \$10m over 2 years, once the British crown no longer rules the country.

All last years maize crop has been used up and the country will have to rely on South Africa to supply adequate amounts. The final tobacco crop is up and 96% of it will be sold to overseas buyers. However forcing white farmers – the main tobacco producers – to grow maize, will encourage them to emigrate.

A report into the unpublished part of the “Bingham Report” – a government report on the many breaches of oil sanctions – hears from K Kaunda and J Nkomo taking part. All the participants think that the sanction breakers – British Petroleum and the Shell Oil Company should be prosecuted. They are also of the impression that there is much more to tell on this issue – **World in Action, YTV 8.30 pm** –

Tues 15

The Prince of Wales attended by the Honourable Edward Adeva, Captain Anthony Asquith and Mr Michael Shea left Heathrow Airport this evening in a RAF VC10 aircraft to represent the Queen at the Independence celebrations of Zimbabwe. – **Court circular Windsor Castle – Yorkshire Post** –

Lord Soams, in a farewell broadcast to the nation, thanks Mr Mugabe for his conciliatory approach to the problems in Rhodesia. Prince Charles will leave for Salisbury tonight.

The British government will give seventy five million pounds in aid over the next 3 years. Mainly it will be used for the reorganisation of the civil service, police and broadcasting. This includes seven million pounds for immediate rebuilding of war damage. A separate amount will be granted for the training of the armed forces. There will be an amnesty and no more prosecutions for sanction breakers during UDI. – **P Woods, BBC1 news, 5.40pm** –

The vanguard of the 58 strong team of British Army NCO's leaves London tonight to introduce Zimbabwe's Zipra and Zanla guerillas to the mysteries of parade ground drill. – **Yorkshire Evening Post** –

Wed 16

Thousands of people greeted Prince Charles on his arrival at Salisbury Airport. Among the 'notables' in the welcoming party were government ministers. However the weather was overcast. The Queen's eldest son is following in the steps of his grandmother, who was there in 1961

Once in the capital a large crowd of blacks, many of who were unemployed, who did not know who he was, greeted the prince. A fly past, involving 4 planes of the Rhodesian Air Force, greeted the prince on his arrival in the capital.

The mining company Rio Tinto Zinc sees great potential for itself and the new country if it were to begin exploration and mining.

Thurs 17

As Independence Day dawns West Germany has pledged fourteen million pounds in aid this year. In a broadcast to the nation Mr Mugabe tells the nation that he sees two main problems in the foreseeable future – the integration of former guerrillas into the Defence Force. The other cause of concern is the resettlement of freedom fighters, that are based in neighbouring countries.

At the midnight ceremony the prime minister presented Prince Charles with an Independence Medal, one of which every participant in the hand over will receive. As the Union Jack was lowered, by Lord Soames, Prince Charles traveled to the southern city of Bulawayo.

Fri 18

Even though Britain has given Zimbabwe seventy five million pounds British residents in the country's banks are not able to take any money out of the newly independent state. The feeling among the ex-pats is one of unfairness that they cannot benefit, after their years of service.

There has been a grenade attack, in a black township near Salisbury, During the attack 2 people died and 28 were injured. The police then used tear gas to disperse an angry crowd that had gathered outside the stadium.

Prisoners have escaped from a local jail, however most of those that had fled were recaptured by mid-day.

Britain's ambassador, to the newly independent Zimbabwe, has been named as J Byers aged 49. Mr Byers, a career diplomat, has a special interest in Rhodesian affairs.

“Scots Emegree, G Duncan aged 43, who fired on two black civilians during the Rhodesian guerilla war, was jailed for 10 years in Salisbury for murder and attempted murder. – **Daily Express** –

Sat 19

Lord and Lady Soames are met at Heathrow Airport by the prime minister. Mrs Thatcher was there to show her appreciation of the work, and in the great esteem she held him. The former

governor said he was looking forward to returning to his work in the civil service.

Sun 20

In an aim to help the people the new government in Zimbabwe has lowered Sales Tax to 10%. However the price of cigarettes beer and tobacco have all been raised 35%. Sales Tax accounts for 25% of income. So this must be found from somewhere else – Income Tax – which will have to rise and unfortunately hit the whites harder than the majority of the population.

In Salisbury, some people who saw the BBC television documentary [which was shown in Britain during the Lancaster House talks] were very angry and could refuse to pay their television licenses in protest, as it did not help the reconciliation process.

Lord Soams, speaking on the Radio 4's World at One, says Zimbabwe has the potential of being the richest black state in Africa if Mr Mugabe can get his policies going.

Tues 22

Prime minister Mugabe issues a general amnesty for 9,000 prisoners as a gesture of good will. However in general there will be no change in the policy of being tough and crack down on those who wish to wreck the fledgling state.

Thurs 24

The Rhodesian tobacco farmers are very angry at the low price the crop is fetching in auction. The solution they choose is to close the market hall for 2 days. The prime minister has similar feelings about the debt left over from the white regime, mainly because of the war effort – two hundred and sixty million pounds. One of the options the prime minister is considering is to refuse to pay. His case will be stronger if he can find any proof that the Smith regime to have any connection with damage to his troops in Mozambique.

Mr Mugabe's Zimbabwe government told white employers that it wanted to establish a minimum wage and workers committees. The programme was announced in a speech made by Labour and Social Affairs Minister, Mr Kumbirai Kangai. – **GDN** –

Fri 25

Police have arrested 400 residents of a township close to Salisbury. They have been charged with political unrest. The trouble is between supporters of Mugabe and Nkomo. The continued violence, beatings, abductions and deaths have forced the prime minister to deploy troops in the townships.

The prime minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Robert Mugabe, has ordered censors to end criticism of the government, by the countries radio and television stations. – **Evening Post** –

Sun 27

President Cananan Banana of Zimbabwe has been admitted to a hospital in Bulawayo for an undisclosed reason, a spokesman at Mpilo Hospital said yesterday.

Mr Banana assumed the presidency on April 18 when Rhodesia became independent. Last night his condition was satisfactory – **Observer** –

MAY

Fri 2

South African magnate, Harry Oppenheimer, chairman of the giant Anglo American Corporation, arrived in Salisbury yesterday for a meeting with the Zimbabwe Prime Minister. Anglo American interests in Zimbabwe include chrome, Ferro – chrome, nickel and coal. – **Reuters** –

Sat 3

A Zimbabwe delegation will fly to London next week for talks on 150m worth of debts incurred in Britain by the previous Rhodesian government. Disappointment of Britain's 75m in aid might delay payments sources said. – **Reuters** –

Sun 4

Headline – **Bush ambush** – One person was killed and 3 others injured when gunmen ambushed a bus on the Gwelo to Salisbury road in Zimbabwe at midnight on Friday.

The men killed in Salisbury during a beer hall disturbance (qv 26/4) is an indication that violence is four times as bad as before Independence.

Mon 5

Nine thousand sugar workers returned to work – thus saving one of the main Zimbabwean industries. However three thousand tobacco workers remain on strike over a call for an increase in the wage.

Wed 7

There was a 45 vote majority in the British parliament to forgive anyone who was involved in sanction busting since the Rhodesian declaration of UDI. In effect this rules out the possibility of prosecuting anyone who had dealings with the illegal regime.

Sun 11

A white woman was shot and injured, in Salisbury, when she and a companion were attacked by a group of Africans, police say. – **The Observer** –

Mugabe was introduced to Jim Callahan; “delighted to meet you at last,” says Jim. “Oh we have met,” says Mugabe – once when you were Shadow Colonial Secretary, you came to the school where I was headmaster and we shook hands then. ”**On the House, Punch, 7/5 an extract** –

Thurs 15

Zimbabwe parliament opens with all the traditional pageantry of the colonial era. Mr Mugabe and J Nkomo taking seats opposite Ian Smith and Garfield Todd.

Wed 21

The body of the Battle of Britain pilot, D Lamb, abducted by guerillas during the seven year guerilla war, has been found – **Daily Express** –

Thurs 22

Prime minister Mugabe bans the British Lions rugby team from playing a match, in Salisbury later this month. The move comes after the decision of the Lions to play rugby in South Africa. Zimbabwe is against that country's belief in apartheid.

Fri 23

A spokesman for the Mugabe government, Mr E Teke, says that changes might have to be made in the constitution because the few [whites] cannot hold up the progress of the many [blacks]

Wed 28

British game ranger R Evnens, and six other men, have been killed in a gun battle between Zimbabwe Wildlife Protection Team and poachers. Mr Evens, of Lythem St Annes, and one of his black game scouts were shot as they tried to arrest a poaching gang. Five poachers died in the running battle and 2 others were captured on Wankie Game Reserve on the Botswana border. – **Daily Express**

A minimum wage, for 1 million workers, in Zimbabwe is to be introduced on July 1 following weeks of strikes it was announced today. Industrial workers will receive 46 pounds per month and domestic farm employees 20 pounds. – **Evening Post** –

Thurs 29

Mugabe, prime minister, claims South Africa is training saboteurs to carry out action in Zimbabwe –which the South African government deny

Fri 30

Prime minister Mugabe asks Britain to send more military advisors out to Zimbabwe [now about 35] to speed up training of former guerillas and their placing in a national army.

JUNE

Tues 3

After releasing 10,000 prisoners, to mark Independence Day 6 weeks ago, the authorities have had to return all but 100 back behind bars.

Crime soared following prime minister Mugabe's order of their release. It was a "mind boggling experience" said local government minister Eddison Zvobgo. He said, "I spoke out for their release because of the cruel system that had put them there. But in less than a week more than half were back behind bars, As of today 99% are bask."

Principal overseas companies – Companies owned by Lonhro in Zimbabwe –

Norton Motor Company – Distributes Mercedes cars and trucks. Lonhro has 100% interest in equity – owned by a subsidy

Wattle Company – wattle growing and processing, - 100% interest owned by Lonhro

W Dahmer [Pvt] Ltd – vehicle manufactures and coach builders – 60% interest in equity

Lonhro Investment Co Ltd – Investment, finance and holding company 100% interest 89% equity

Carsyn Consolidated Mines Ltd, gold and copper mines – 100%interest and 47\$ equity. – *extract Lonhro Group annual report, page 50* –

Sun 8

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Company has stopped its daily relay of a BBC news bulletin because “of company policy.” A ZBC spokesman declined to elaborate. – **The Observer**

Mon 9

Prime minister Mugabe warned guerillas, still in the bush, that they had had enough time to move into Assembly Points and he would soon send the army out against those who were little more than thugs and renegades.

The Dunlop Company has a company in Zimbabwe called Dunlop Rhodesia Limited. It deals in Tires, industrial and commercial.

Wed 11

A member of the British military training mission in Zimbabwe was killed in a road accident near Bulawayo last Sunday. Staff Sargent D Hokin, from Aldershot, died when an ambulance in which he and 2 other soldiers were traveling smashed into the rear of a broken down military vehicle. – **Reuters** –

Fri 13

Saudi Arabia has decided to exchange diplomatic missions with Zimbabwe, and end its boycott of the country, according to Al – Ridadh newspaper. The Saudi Monetary Agency Trade Ministry and Customs have been told that Saudi businessmen were free to trade in Zimbabwe. – **Reuters** –

Sat 14

Order of the Companion of Honour – Baron Soames – for public service in connection with Rhodesia.

Order of the British Empire [DBE] – Baroness Soames ----- ditto -----

Knight Commander of the Bath – Major J Ackland – Commander of the Monitoring Force –

Privy Council Member – Sir A Duff, deputy Governor – a rare distinction for a civil servant –
an extract from the Queen’s Birthday Honours List –

Mon 23

Zimbabwe's nationalist leader Reverend Noabaningi Sitholie escaped an assassination attempt when a guerilla sprayed the house where he was staying with automatic fire, killing one of his supporters. – **Evening Post** –

Tues 24

The Zimbabwean government yesterday announced the first appointments of Africans to top jobs in the Civil Service, dominated by whites. The announcement was part of a plan by PM Robert Mugabe to gradually Africanise the civil service. – **Reuters** –

Sun 29

Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has moved to secure the loyalty of members of the former Rhodesian security forces – including the controversial Selous Scouts.

Political sources in Salisbury say Mugabe no longer feels certain of the loyalty of the 25,000 Zanla guerillas, who remain in Assembly Points created, when the cease fire became official 6 months ago.

To ensure the support of black troops inherited from the UDI regime he has paid secret visits to the Rhodesian African Rifles, which is intended to provide the nucleus of the new Zimbabwe Army. He has also authorised the retention of 900 black troops who served in the Selous Scouts, the Smith regimes 'dirty tricks unit.' – **The Observer** –

“A few weeks ago the Daily Telegraph got hold of the idea that Lord Soames, at present a Life Baron, was about to be made a hereditary peer, the first to be created by Heather [PM Margaret Thatcher] under her new dispensation. So they sent a photographer down to his house to get a few up to date snaps. Soams asked in some puzzlement “what's all this about,” and the photographer said, “Congratulations on your hereditary peerage.” Totally unfazed the portly Zimbabwean bringer of peace said “funny – I had lunch with the Queen only yesterday and she never said a word. What a dark horse she is.” – **S Hoggart, Punch 24/7, page 1003** –

Mon 30

Zimbabwe is to rename its police force. The title British South African Police will be replaced with Zimbabwe Republic Police. – **Reuters** –

JULY

Tues 1

“White emigration from Zimbabwe continued to rise in the second month of the countries independence with more than 1,500 people leaving the country in May. There is no longer any discrimination between black and white emigrants. Official sources said that almost all those leaving were white. – **GDN** –

Fri 4

All white civil servants, over 65, have been sacked by Robert Mugabe’s Zimbabwean government to make way for blacks. – **Daily Express** –

Sun 6

Mugabe tells South Africa to close its diplomatic mission in Salisbury, because of alleged involvement of their nationals in recruiting blacks and whites to overthrow his government. The prime minister still wants the Pretoria authorities to keep a cultural and trade mission in the capital.

Mon 7

“Sitting side by side at Britain’s central Office of Information these days are two very curious bed fellows, Costa Pafitis who was one of Ian Smith’s press officers, and on the left Justain Nkoka who performed the same function for the guerilla turned premier – Robert Mugabe.

Together these two, now firm friends and both still employed by Mugabe’s government have turned from issuing murderous bulletins about each others leaders to learning at COI training course how to tell lies to pressmen – the gentlemanly British way.” – **W Hickey, Daily Express, page 10** –

Finance minister, Enos Nkala, says his party should crush Mr Nkomo’s party and then forgotten about. The main differences are because of the tribal differences, Ndbele and Shona, are the largest of the two peoples. The finance minister was speaking from Bulawayo.

There has been an upturn for entry into South Africa after yesterday’s order to close the Pretoria mission in Salisbury.

Tues 8

South Africa pulls out its top diplomats from Zimbabwe and Mugabe says they will break all diplomatic relations, but keep business links – because of the need to move Zimbabwe’s exports and imports.

Wed 9

The world’s first newspaper headline published in the London Evening News today in 1896 – was strangely prophetic – “Matters in Rhodesia Grew Worse Not Better ” – **J Beadles, Today’s the Day, Daily Express** –

Thurs 10

Nkomo arrives in London for a private visit. There are demonstrations outside parliament and Zanu PF headquarters.

Fri 11

The highest number of people, killed in traffic accidents – per head of population, across the world at 55/100,000 is in Zimbabwe. Salisbury Zimbabwe has the cheapest hotel rooms in the world. – **UN Demographic YearBook – an extract - A Briens, page 46 Punch**

Sat 12

Marksmen have killed 500 elephants in Zimbabwe’s wild life parks in the countries annual cull, to keep numbers down to 35,000 – **Daily Express** –

Headline – ***Mugabe’s plea*** – A parliamentary spokesman said in Salisbury yesterday that the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Robert Mugabe, will ask parliament for a 6 month extension to the state of emergency – first declared under the white minority rule 16 years ago. – **UPI** –

Sun 13

As Nkomo flies to Libya he is again attacked by fellow government minister, E Tekerie, and called a ‘megalomaniac.’

Thurs 17

Headline – ***Salisbury’s peace pact*** – The Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Robert Mugabe, yesterday denied the feud between his party and Mr Joshua Nkomo as the type of rift hat emerged in a coalition government in any democratic country.

After meeting Mr Mugabe for more than one hour, the West German minister for Economic Cooperation, Mr Rainer Offergeld, said that Mr Mugabehad told him that the deputies had reached a compromise that there would be no war in Zimbabwe.

After meeting Mr Mugabe, Mr Offengeld and finance minister Mr Enon Nkala signed a long term loan agreement under which West Germany will lend Zimbabwe 12.5 m pounds to be repaid at

2% over 30 years, after a 10 year period of grace. The loan is to be used for rural reconstruction – *UPI* –

Lieutenant Peter Walls, head of the Zimbabwe Army, is to resign from the end of the year. Up to that time he will take leave that he is due. The resignation is seen as a shock and is being taken much earlier than necessary

His main job was to integrate the Zipra guerillas, which is not going well.

Fri 18

The former Roman Catholic Bishop of Untali, Dr D Lamont, will return to Zimbabwe at the invitation of the government. He was expelled three years ago because of outspoken opposition to racial discrimination. – *UPI* –

Sat 19

Zimbabwe will scrap tuition fees in state schools next September, as the first part in a campaign to introduce free schooling the education minister Mr D Mutumbuka said yesterday – *Reuters* –

Sun 20

J Nkomo, speaking on the radio says that there is no split between him and Mr Mugabe. However the integration of Zipra and Zanla guerillas is taking time. This is because of a shortage of instructors, and the fact that only small groups are being inducted. The Zapu leader would make no comment on relations with South Africa, as this is the president's realm, which has been addressed on a number of previous occasions. – **The World at One, radio 4 1pm, an extract** –

Sat 26

The British army chief, E Brammell arrives in Salisbury for talks with the president on a replacement for General Wallis. He is also there to determine the degree of integration of the two guerilla armies into the Zimbabwean Army.

Thurs 31

Zimbabwe wins the first ever gold medal when the national Hockey team beat Holland 4:1

AUGUST

Mon 4

Crowds, 10 deep, line the streets of Salisbury to greet Samora Machel – the president of Mozambique. Whilst making his way through the city he stops in the re – named Samora Machel Avenue, formally Jameson Avenue, and cuts an opening ribbon.

Tues 5

Police is questioning Mr Tekere, the minister of manpower in Zimbabwe, over the murder of a white farmer – owner of a farm that the minister wants to buy.

Wed 6

Assurances have been given in the Zimbabwe parliament that the police will have a free hand in investigating Mr E Tekere's role in the death of a white farmer.

The British government is to strike a medal for people who have served in Rhodesia for at least 14 days. The time span is 3/12/79 – 3/80.

Thurs 7

Magistrates in Zimbabwe have to decide whether to keep Mr Tekere in prison or release him on bail – in the interests of state security.

Continuing his visit, the president of Mozambique visits Assembly Point Bala Bala. Still the integration of the guerilla armies is going to slow and the president orders a special inquiry as to find out why.

Mon 11

Two former guerilla commanders will be flown from Zambia and Mozambique for a hero's burial in the Harare township, near Salisbury.

Today used to be called Founders Day in old Rhodesia, but now this date will be known as Heroes Day, in honour of all the black guerillas killed in the liberation war.

In a Panorama interview of General Wallis, head of the Rhodesian military, admits he tried to have the elections declared void by writing to Mrs Thatcher. The prime minister did not respond, as she believed Zanu – PF came to power by intimidation.

Interviewing the General, who is on a fishing holiday on Lake Kariba, Richard Lindley finds that the recently retired military man thinks that the 'honeymoon period' will last till May/June 1981. From that time the country will totally disintegrate. Alternately the country will mesh together into a cohesive country. The general does not believe people that are not natural politicians can turn into politicians. He will not live in the country unless standards are maintained at the level of Rhodesia.

Speaking, of his time in London, he said that the promised direct access to Mrs Thatcher. Once back in Zimbabwe, and before the end of the elections, he cabled the prime minister twice to ask for the annulment of the elections because of widespread Zanu PF intimidation. He claims that Downing Street did not reply. A reply did come, however, from Lord Soams who sent him a cable supposedly from her. – **Panorama, BBC1 8.10 pm** –

After the broadcast Downing Street issued a statement saying they did reply to the general, though the governors office.

Tues 12

The leaders of the two main political parties, Nkomo and Mugabe, met in unity at Hero's Acre near Salisbury. They were both attending the re – burial of General Tongogara and Joshua Maya – Zipra and Zanla leaders respectively. They both died on the battlefield.

Thurs 14

The High Court in Salisbury has turned down the bail request of E Tekere. The reason given was that the judge felt that he might abscond or interfere with witnesses.

Fri 15

Salisbury patriot Mr Michael Hamilton, has been making his feelings known about the new government in Zimbabwe. The 62 year old Colonel is telling friends that he is disgusted with the new regime in former Rhodesia. And to show how much he cares he is getting together some crackpot schemes to have 2 statues of Victorian explorer, Cecil Rhodes, brought back from Zimbabwe and erected in Salisbury, Wiltshire.

The statues in Salisbury, the Zimbabwean capital and Bulawayo, the country's second city, have been taken down in line with the government's Africanisation policy.

Patriotic old Rhodesian Hamilton sees this as an enormous insult to the pioneer's reputation – fears the statues will end up on the rubbish tip. So he is enthusiastically setting about organising a plan to 'kidnap' the statues and make their resting place the elegant market place of our own Salisbury. – **W Hickey, Daily Express, page 13** –

Sat 16

A statement, by General Peter Wallis from South Africa where he is on holiday, denies the claim that he intended to stage a coup

Sun 17

Headline – ***Walls's return*** – General Sir Peter Walls, outgoing chief of Zimbabwe's security forces, will return to Zimbabwe from leave in South Africa. Beelb an Afrikaans, Johannesburg newspaper, reported Walls said he believed he would get a fair trial if he was arrested for trying to overthrow the Mugabe government. – **The Observer** –

Tues 19

Mr E Tekere has been released from jail, on bail, after the Prime Minister had assured the High Court judge that Mr Tekere would stand trial.

Thurs 21

The Zimbabwe government has set up a committee to rule on the removal of statues and the renaming of streets. The Information Minister, Mr Natham Shamuyariar, said non controversial statues would be allowed to remain, but 'misleading' inscriptions would be 'corrected.' Statues of Cecil Rhodes have already been removed from Salisbury and Bulawayo.

Mr Mugabe passes through Heathrow Airport, outside London, on his way to the United Nations in New York. During this time he criticises General P Walls and accuses his troops of atrocities when fighting Zipra and Zanla guerillas. The unsettled guerillas are being used in Central Zimbabwe to hunt down dissident guerillas, which are responsible for the closure of schools and missions.

Sat 23

Former Rhodesian premier, Ian Smith, has been left one thousand pounds in the one million pound will of London Stock exchange member R Priest for his 'tenacity for maintaining traditions in the Old Country. – **Daily Express** –

Sun 24

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe criticised General Peter Walls in his involvement in the alleged coup and says that we must give every assistance for him to leave the country.

Mon 25

Mr Mugabe, in New York, to become a member of the UN. In an interview on US television he says he is pessimistic about the future of Zimbabwe and sure that both races can live in harmony. Political differences between him and J Nkomo are not so great.

Tues 26

Zimbabwe was admitted as the 153rd member of the United Nations at its meeting in New York.
– **Daily Express** –

Thurs 28

Mr Mugabe flies back to London, from the USA, to see the foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, to ask for more British government finance. Later, speaking on ITN news he said once again that there were no differences between him and J Nkomo. As Zapu and Zanu were in coalition the two parties would have to learn to live together.

Fri 29

Headline – ***Walls Warning*** – Zimbabwe Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe, delivered a fresh warning to his top military man – Lieutenant P Walls – to leave the country. “The position is that he cannot be allowed to stay here.” Mr Mugabe told reporters on his return from a visit to the United States. “He has been disloyal to Zimbabwe. – **Evening Post** –

Sat 30

The Yugoslav news agency ***Tanjug*** will help to establish Zimbabwe’s news agency Tanjug said yesterday. In conversation with the future director of the Zimbabwe news agency, Mr Godwin Matutu, the Yugoslav government member in charge of cooperation with developing countries, Mr Viko Dragešević, endorsed Tanjug’s readiness to help Zimbabwe to set up the agency. – **Reuters** –

SEPTEMBER

Tues 2

At the same time as E Tekere is released on bail of six thousand pounds – on the assurance from the prime minister that he will stand trial – his bodyguards have been arrested for murder.

Wed 3

Another 1,644 whites and Asians left Zimbabwe in July, the highest emigration for any month since April last year.

Tues 9

Prime Minister Mugabe gives an important economic speech in Salisbury. The speech emphasizing social and economic principals on land distribution etc. Any changes would be made gradually.

Wed 10

General Peter Walls or any other white the Mugabe government regards as subversive could be booted out of Zimbabwe without pension[s] parliament heard yesterday. Finance Minister, Ernest

Nkala, added, “ the government reserves the right to act within the law. If that law does not exist we will create it. – **Daily Express** –

Thurs 11

The chief administrator of Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe was sacked yesterday for publicly criticising plans to move in 17,000 guerillas – the first white civil servant to be dismissed since the Prime Minister Mr Robert Mugabe came to power.

Mr Mugabe ‘s 5 month old independence administration showed its agreements with militants from the ruling Zanu PF party. – **Yorkshire Post** –

Sun 14

Thirteen people were hurt when a grenade was thrown into a Salisbury beer hall, which was sited near to the residency of thousands of bush fighters who will soon be moving into the district

Zimbabwe’s Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe, called upon Japan for economic assistance saying “socialism does not deny cooperation with other countries,” in an interview published in Tokyo today. – **Sunday Express** –

Mon 15

Rivalry between supporters of Nkomo and Mugabe were blamed for outbreaks of violence in and around Salisbury over the weekend. During the clashes 40 people were injured as the result of stonings and bombings.

Wed 17

The Mugabe government has sacked General Walls because of an alleged call to Mrs Thatcher to nullify the 2/80 election has sacked General Peter Walls. He could lose his pension.

After 36 years in the army General Walls would receive his pension of his contributions. There would also a contribution of 50% from the government. However, as he has been sacked, he could only receive a government contribution of 2%.

Fri 19

Britain's minister of state for overseas development, Mr Neil Martin, arrived in Salisbury yesterday for talks with Zimbabwe government ministers on the British governments aid programme. – **Yorkshire Post** –

By Command of the Queen, Lord Hamilton of Dazell [Lord in Waiting] called upon the President of Zimbabwe and Mrs Banana this morning at the Intercontinental Hotel and on behalf of Her Majesty welcomed their Excellencies upon their arrival in this country – **Extract, the Court Circular, Thursday, The Yorkshire Post** –

Thurs 25

Headline – *Zimbabwe's new face* – More people are moving into Zimbabwe following the country peace settlement. Arrivals now top 500 per month. This compares with 300 a month during the guerilla war.

However the number of people leaving is still higher. Nine thousand quit in the six months up to August this year.

The Right Reverend Walter Makhulu, Anglican Bishop of Botswana, has been elected Archbishop of Central Africa – of which Zimbabwe is a central point. The new Archbishop is 45 years old and was born in Johannesburg. **T Sharratt** -

Sat 27

It appears that Zimbabwe's Rugby Team is touring Britain. In their latest match they took on Coventry RUC and beat them 13: 12.

At Goromozi, a group of guerillas – purportedly from the prime ministers Zanu PF party attacked a white farm where two women were watching television. When they attacked the women fought back with firearms. With the aid of the weapons – shotguns – they fatally injured one of them. The prime minister will visit the area later on.

OCTOBER

Thurs 2

Mr Mugabe has called in the security forces to help the police to deal with the dissident members of the guerilla forces that are still roaming the countryside.

Fri 3

Guerillas from outlying rural areas arrive in Chitagongas, just outside Salisbury. However they will still be armed, and this causes the local population concern that there will be outbreaks of violence and interparty rivalry.

Sun 5

The 5 man television crew held by Zimbabwe police since 31/9 were ordered by a High Court judge in Salisbury to be deported to London yesterday. – *AFP*

Denied food on the first night, slept on dirty blankets and their belts and shoes taken away from them, for a time. The deportation order came from the very top in the government. The Tekere trial is the most sensitive issue in the country today.

These thoughts came from some of the film crew after they had arrived back in London after being expelled. – **BC 1 news** –

Wed 8

Headline – *Zimbabwe envoy* – Zimbabwe's first High Commissioner to London is to be a distinguished academic figure, DR Robert Zwinola, who arrives tomorrow to begin opening and staffing a mission.

The new man will have to work temporarily from a London hotel while the foreign office sorts out, with the local council, the unresolved problem of 400,000 pounds owing in unpaid rates during the UDI years levied on Rhodesia House. – **P Keatly, GDN** –

Thurs 9

Zimbabwe police have fired shots in the air and tear gas into a crowd of demonstrators who marched into the town of Wankie demanding the right to vote in next months local government elections, the Chronicle newspaper reported yesterday.

Wankie, a town owned and managed by the Anglo American Corporation based in South Africa, is not to be included in the elections to municipal town councils and rural management boards. – **AP** –

Fri 10

Zimbabwe will soon join 59 other developing countries linked to the EEC under the Loam Convention. Under the deal the EEC will buy 25,000 tonnes of sugar a year from Zimbabwe and give aid of \$110m over 4 years – *Reuters* –

Recent Tour match results – Lancashire RFC 31: 4 Zimbabwe, Combined Services 16: 33 Zimbabwe.

Sun 12

Unidentified gunmen fired at the government car of the Zimbabwe's guerilla commander, Rex Nhgongo, as it was driving through Salisbury police said yesterday. Nhgongo was not in the car but a bodyguard was injured. – **Observer** –

Mon 13

“Zimbabwe entered independence with an annual production of nearly 10,000 tonnes. Some 30% up on figures 1975 – 77.” – extract *Tea, a special feature* – **The Times** –

Thurs 16

Guerillas, loyal to Mugabe, have been involved in a battle with police and soldiers. One policeman has been reported killed during the confrontation at Chitungazi.

Sun 19

Salisbury has re introduced regulations covering visiting members of the world's press. What the regulations mean is that they have to apply for a temporary work permit, usually lasting one month. The authorities have done this because they feel foreign reporters are filling biased reports.

Lawyers acting for the Zimbabwean Manpower Planning minister, Mr Edgar Tekere who is charged with murder, formerly requested yesterday that the white judge in the case Mr John Pitman withdraw legal sources in Salisbury said. Since Judge Pitman, who is a member of the pre independence Rhodesian judiciary, the lawyers argue that he was not fit to conduct the trial. – **Reuters** –

Mon 27

Mr Tekere does not dispute that he was at the farm where the farmer was murdered. But he states that the charges should be dropped because he believes he was acting against terrorists. – **BBC news** –

Wed 29

Mr Robert Zwinoira, Zimbabwe's high commissioner to London, move into Zimbabwe House on the Strand at the end of 12/80. – extract, page 3, **The Sunday Mail, 19/10** –

NOVEMBER

Tues 4

The court has been told that Mr E Tekere was under the influence of drink and drugs when he went to the farm where the white farmer was killed. The Appeal Court ruled that Mr Tekere must stand trial in ordinary court after the judge ruled that Mr Tekere was immune under a law passed by the Smith regime.

Wed 5

The president of the EEC council of ministers, Mr Gaston Thorn, welcomed Zimbabwe to the second Loam Convention yesterday with assurances that the EEC would still supply the financial support for the developing world.

He was speaking at a formal ceremony, in Luxemburg to mark Zimbabwe's accession to the convention which now links 60 African, Caribbean and pacific countries with the EEC in a trade and aid agreement. – *Reuters* –

Thurs 6

Two black children were wounded when a hand grenade was tossed into their parent's home while they were listening to the radio, Salisbury police reported. There was no known motive for the attack. – *Evening Post* –

Mon 10

Dawn fighting, after Sunday rally in Bulawayo, between rivals of Mugabe and Nkomo leave 16 dead and others injured. The fighting continues.

Tues 11

Further reports of violence over the last 48 hours – continued rivalry between Zipra and Zanla guerillas. There is some reporting of the seeking out of individuals, who supported the Rhodesian regime, and executing them.

Thurs 13

The latest figures available (qv 11/10) show that 51 people have been killed, who were in the main civilian bystanders. There has also been at least 300 people injured.

Today the area is quiet, with the national army patrolling the area. They are also making searches for illegally held weapons and mines that could be hidden in the bush.

There is now an uneasy truce, which is still holding, but there is still a fear that the fighting will spread to other black townships round Bulawayo.

In an interview the editor of **Africa Concern**, S Smith?, who had recently returned from Zimbabwe. He reviewed the recent troubles – talked about the forming of a one party state, as

was wanted by some hotheads in Zanu PF.

In his opinion this would be difficult in the short term – because the two rival guerilla armies were loyal to two different political leaders – Nkomo and Mugabe. However when the two dissident groups were co ordinated into one loyal to the State, then this might be possible. Mr Smith thought the time span would be 2 – 3 years. – **extract, The World Tonight, radio 4, 10pm**

Fri 14

The Zimbabwe government this week announced the formation of a new national news agency. It will be known as the Zimbabwe Inter Africa News Agency. – **The Times, 12/11, Punch page 862** –

Fri 21

Police arrested nine officials of Mr Nkomo's PF Party just after Home Affairs minister Mr Nkomo had finished a meeting with prime minister Mr Mugabe. Mr Nkomo, as Home Affairs minister, is in charge of the police and knew nothing of these arrests.

Sat 22

Headline – ***More aid for Zimbabwe*** – Britain has agreed to triple its original provisions of one million pounds for military training assistance to Zimbabwe. The announcement was made by the foreign officer minister of state Mr Douglas Hurd who said, in a written Commons answer, that cash limits for the foreign office were to be increased to meet the Zimbabwean's request.

The extra aid is specifically for military training and is in addition to the 75m pounds assistance given to Zimbabwe by Britain over the next 3 years. – **GDN** –

Wed 26

A Briton shot himself through the head during a game of Russian Roulette in Salisbury, Zimbabwe. Mr Brian Evens, 30, who came from Wallasey [on the] Wirral, was playing the deadly game with friends. – **YEP** –

Sun 30

Headline – *Mugabe “We’ll shoot the planes* – Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, says his forces will shoot down South African planes which he claims are supplying the government guerillas in Zimbabwe.

Mr Mugabe accused the South Africans of recruiting and training guerillas. Until such hostile actions ceased there would be no non- – aggression treaty of the kind suggested by Pretoria. South African ministers denied Mr Mugabe’s allegations. – **Sunday Times** –

DECEMBER

Mon 1

Muzani village, deep in the bush, cattle dip destroyed. Hopefully life will return as people return from the towns, to open the village school and rebuild the headmasters house that was destroyed during the struggle. **P Hayton, Newsround, BBC1** –

Sat 6

The verdict in the murder trial of Zimbabwe cabinet minister Mr Edgar Tekere will be announce on Monday the South African Press Association announced yesterday. Mr Tekere and 7 bodyguards are accused of killing a white farmer – **AP** –

Mon 8

Today’s verdict, due in the Tekere trial. Since the end of the trial Mr Tekere has been keeping a low profile in public life. He has not been attending cabinet meetings. However he was in the official line up when President Julius Nyreree of Tanzania left after a visit. **Radio 4 news, 5am**

Mr Tekere has been found not guilty of killing George Adams despite the words of a white judge, However the two Assessors found him not guilty. The reaction of the white community is that such a verdict gives a license to kill whites.

How Tekere got off was that he used the old law – Rhodesian statute – that presumed that the killings that were supposed to suppress terrorism was legitimate.

Sat 13

The Pretoria press Club’s runner up as the newsmaker of the year was Mr Robert Mugabe. He was just beaten by the Prime Minister of South Africa P W Botha. – **GDN** –

Wed 17

See – **Zimbabwe Tape 2, Anyalsis, 8.45 – 930pm, Radio 4** –details looks into if Zimbabwe will survive the tensions and what sort of country it will be in the future

Sun 28

See **Zimbabwe Tape 3, 'Not in A Thousand Years, 8.15 – 9.15, BBC2** – a film portrait of Robert Mugabe. There are also some interesting facts about pay and conditions in the Tobacco and other industries.

Wed 31

A New Year message from Mugabe says that the dream of national socialism and economic freedom is still to be achieved. He repeats his earlier claim of South African involvement in training Rhodesian dissidents for acts of aggression.

The main hopes for 1981 is to strengthen the army to deal with all possibilities – internal or

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