

## APRIL

### Sat 19

Headline – *Mugabe tribute to departing British* – despite an echo of the violence; two people die and 34 injured as police battled with a crowd in one of the Salisbury townships, that the newly sworn president has promised to end, the 'notables' that attended the midnight ceremony were given a gracious send-off at the nation's airport.

Also chosen for special praise was Prince Charles who received a somewhat emotional, but also, lavish send-off from President Mugabe which echoed the recent praise heaped on Lord Soames after his four-month administration of London's last colony on the African continent. Before the last vestige of the colonialism left the ground the sanctions-busting era pilot, J Mallock, made his own salute to those leaving; as he flew a WW2 Spitfire over the airfield.

Once the diplomatic niceties were out of the way the president went into serious discussions with many of the national leaders who remained in Salisbury. First up were the presidents of India and Pakistan. Away from the public eye the two leaders talked about events in Afghanistan and the dangers of the Russian involvement as Moscow endeavours to oust the insurgent Taliban.

A peaceful 'breakout' from the central jail in Salisbury saw 234 non-political prisoners march down a main suburban street without, the authorities were quick to note, their being no attempt to prevent such an action so as 'not to spoil the independence atmosphere'. Later in the day all but nine persons were returned to their cells to continue their sentence.

Britain's official representative to the 'court of Mugabe' is one who has already served as under-secretary for Rhodesia in the foreign office and also working in the Soames Salisbury-based administration for the last four months. Robin Byatt who was born in 1930 and his career has involved diplomatic positions overseas; having served in Havana and New York as an administrative officer. During the remit of Idi Amin in Uganda that the diplomat served as head of chancery in the embassy in Kampala. Involvement in the beginning of the long battle towards a new Zimbabwe began when the new ambassador was identified as a member of the British delegation to the Geneva peace talks in 1976. - **The Guardian page 1** -

*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

Headline – *Mugabe needs more 'miracles'* – is the summation of the immediate future for the newly installed prime minister according to the just-left governor Soames. The comment was made to Prince Charles and others, of the 520 notables, who were within earshot as the future of the newly independent Zimbabwe was honoured at the after-party in Government House in Salisbury.

With all spheres of the pro and anti revolutionary past represented at the gathering thought to have lost a relative in the just ended civil war only Ian Smith, he of the 'no black rule for a thousand years' was absent. In the politicians eye a long arranged lecture tour of South Africa was of more importance than the future of his own country. Those that were attending, foes and friends alike, gave the illusion that they had been friends for life.

However as plainly, seen throughout this long struggle, this is not the case. The new president must address issues that could either make or break his new fiefdom. Number one priority is the formation of a stable national army which must be cobbled together from the regular white dominated military of the Smith/Musorewa regime and the two guerilla armies, Zanlan and Zipra that forced this new country into existence. Not only that Must also be aware, as he surely is, that much of the guerilla military fought the war in the belief that Joshua Nkomo would emerge as 'top man'.

If and when this military conundrum is worked out to a satisfactory conclusion the countries economy is in need of great attention. From being a nation which was able to provide most of what its people consumed and exported goods to bring in foreign currency to fulfil its overseas needs it now finds itself unable to feed the nation and its exports have drained away because of the foreign sanctions imposed on the Smith/Musorewa governments.

During, the rule from London period, governor Soames was able to use his position within the international community to have prepared a plan where foreign institutions and countries would look favourably on those who would wish to trade with the new nation. To this end Zimbabwe has been granted, by the European Economic Community governments a rare privilege; Salisbury will be encouraged to take advantage of the trade advantages as if Zimbabwe was a signatory to the Loam Convention.

Probably one of the hardest goals for new administration will be to achieve the expectations of the black population who have suffered firstly under the years of white rule and than as a consequence of the civil war. A repayment of some order will be high on the peoples agenda. The question is how high will it be on the Salisbury agenda?

Just to take the years since 1974, a time of great colonial upheaval; the exit of the Portuguese from neighbouring Mozambique, and the world wide recession in the economy. It can be seen that much has been lost by the majority population. Black income fell 35 to 40% while urban workers managed to keep pace with inflation. In the Tribal Trust Lands rural the dweller 's standard of living fell almost to the point where they were living close to starvation levels.

In reality it is this section of the community that suffered the most during these war torn years bringing Zimbabwe into a nation of two worlds; one million workers and their families and six million people living outside it.

Such a badly slewed economy brings into play the effects on a countries social system and its inequalities. A recent report, from the Roman Catholic Church notes; that of the 1.2m African children who went through primary education from 1957 to

1966 only 3, 000 went onto study at secondary school level. Even then less than one third ended their schooling even before their primary education had been completed. The reason; inability of the parents to find the fees to pay for child education. In the new Zimbabwe Mugabe has plans to provide free primary education and eventually secondary age schooling costs will be state funded.

Health initiatives to improve the doctor patient ratio for the rural area majority population is at present 1 : 100, 000 [Europe 1 : 800]. Salisbury hospitals, with a catchment area that covers 8.7% of the population is funded by 29. 7% of the nations health budget. Mission hospitals, where most of those treated are black, struggle by on 9% of the cash set aside for patient treatment. - **The Observer** -

Headline – ***British aid to Zimbabwe cut by treasury axe*** – as the promise £75m over three years will now reach the new administration over a longer period of time. The first tranche will arrive months after it had been promised while the last will arrive in 1984; 12 months later than originally agreed. The new cash amounts fall by 14% to £779m and by 1983 the amount £680m will be sent to Salisbury. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline - ..... ***Mugabe's men set up shop in London*** – until the completion of the renovation of Zimbabwe House in Trafalgar Square is completed. Until such a time the former retail premises, in Caledonian Road in the north of the city, is in the care of Ray Garwe an under secretary of state who will work alongside the high commissioner who was attending the recent celebrations in Salisbury. - **ditto page 6** -

Leader Comment, **Miserly in peace** seems to be the attitude of the London government, in its grant of financial aid cuts recently announced. An agreed figure of £75m over the next four years “looks both mean and imprudent.”

Such an amount is miserly also when ministers in the new regime, Enos Nkala the finance minister, notes that the costs of reconstruction could be as high as £140m where the civil war, costing £1m per day, as schools, roads, stores, cattle dips and clinics are in need of replacement.

Also to be faced, in the not to distant future, are the returning refugee's that fled from their land to other 'safer' countries to escape the effects of the conflict. These returnees will need land to settle on. The Mugabe plan is to use white owned land that is not being used for farming. To return it to this purpose will cost cash; £75m as the constitution sets out the government purchase the available land 'at a fair price.' In the long run the London agreed land bank will cost in the region of £200m

Another financial restraint, foreseen by all sides, before, during, and after Lancaster House's first session was how to deal with the financial debts owed to the international community built up by the Smith regime as he fought off the attempt to end his regime 's rule. Chief among Mugabe's creditors is the Pretoria regime who propped up the UDI regime to the tune of £280m per year. Also lodged in Salisbury banks is £100m of frozen assets ready to be claimed by their rightful owners whether they be businessmen or international governments.

With such an amount of debt financial loans are not the answer “loans are the answer ..... Once over this immediate hump the Zimbabwean economy has a good prospect.”

It is known that these cuts are being made as a result of home bound economic difficulties however to penalise the efforts of the foreign secretary because of such unforeseen circumstances that was deemed “an extraordinary event, which deserves extraordinary treatment from the chancellor.” - ditto page 16 C 7 -

*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.*

## **Mon 21**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe gets its first mini budget*** – from finance minister Enos Nkala. Sales tax down by 5% and scrapped altogether on certain food essentials, margarine, cooking oil, sugar and tea. To pay for his generosity the tax on alcohol; beer and spirits as well as cigarettes increased from the 15% norm.

The ministers first intentions to abolish the tax, even though the finances raised was the main government revenue gathering initiative, was averted by his white civil servants who noted that the countries finances were in such a precarious position that to do so would bankrupt Zimbabwe. The final outcome, while not wholly to the ministers liking, placed more of the tax burden; the increase on smokes and drinks, would not effect the black majority as much as the ethnic whites.

A change of heart, from prime minister Mugabe, will see the foreign debt owned by the Salisbury UDI government repaid. Some £125m to South Africa along with other international debts, will be returned to foreign banks. This announcement; the return of cash to Pretoria, which has already happened, flies in the face of a statement made previously by the prime minister about monies owned to the apartheid state.

A presidential independence day amnesty announcement has seen 11, 000 prisoners serving less than 18 months in any of the countries fifty jails freed. - **The Guardian page 1 C 1?** -

Headline – ***Minister at 25*** – and female to boot is Teurai Ropa who will answer to the name Spill Blood as a reminder that before she was 18 one person, at least, had died by her and.

Using her 'given name' Joyce was born in the Mugabri village on the slopes of Mt Darwin. It was the adventure that called her to leave her education and train as a freedom fighter where, in 1974, on 17/2, a white Rhodesian military person died by her hand. By 3/3, having evaded the land and airborne search for herself and her seven fellow guerillas they arrived in Zambia on 19/4.

Lusaka training ensued; light infantry weapon orientation along with basic first aid for her position as medical assistant. By 8/77 marriage to guerilla commander Rex Nhongo results in the birth of two children at Chimoio a Zanla base in Mozambique.

Away from the fighting, and along with her two daughters time was spent, in China, Albania, Romania, Yugoslavia and England seeking military and financial aid for the cause. Joyce Ropa serves in the cabinet as minister of Youth Sport and Recreation.  
**The Guardian**

## **Tues 22**

Headline – *Future of white led army units doubtful* – as the military authorities consider the future of the already disbanded Selous Scouts regiment now that many of the the units 500 white led 'officer class' including their ex commanding officer, lieutenant colonel Pat Armstrong, as well as 2, 000 of mixed race ethnicity elected to join the South African military.

Those remaining, mainly from the black majority, have been placed under the command of the ex SAS commander lieutenant colonel Brian Robinson. Eventually those remaining will be integrated into one of the three Rhodesian African Rifle battalions.

Many of the military officers who fought through the civil war are of the opinion that the forces overall commander, Lieutenant General Walls, is a traitor to the cause after agreeing to the prime ministers request to stay in post; as head of the armed forces of the Zimbabwe national Army, rather than follow many other military men down south to serve in the apartheid forces loyal to Pretoria.

Even the future of the 350 strong Special Air Service regiment, where the remnants of the Selous Scouts have ended up, is in doubt. Again the South Africa military will benefit as its officer class drift across the Limpopo river. Also possible, as a way of retaining some of the white officer class, is not the integration of the Rhodesian Light Infantry; as the administration would wish. Rather it would be a repository/ white haven for the remaining white officers who are entering the final years of their military service.

In any event it is known that within six months, when military contracts of officers from the RLI come up for renewal, one hundred and sixty five persons will not want them renewed. - **The Guardian** -

Historical hindsight note; Yorkshire residents, taking the plunge 90 years ago, to settle in the newly founded colony of Rhodesia travelled to the African continent with few pre conceived ideas as to what life would be like. Only the ideas of Cecil Rhodes were in the forefront of the times.

As of those times it was the European settlers who were bringing all the benefits to the peoples of this new colony and look how they have benefited in those 90 years. The diaries of the times, read by the writer, note the animal hunts, trekking the veld and the river adventures. There were no tales of trouble with the native peoples.

Come their future a group of white politicians became isolated, fearful of losing their status and becoming isolated which led them into the disaster of the recent civil war. "The political road ahead in Zimbabwe is probably rough; in one sense as the rocky path over which rolled the pioneer wagons. But there will be many more good wishes travelling along with new pioneers." - **Tonight; Evening Post page 6 C 1 -**

*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.*

### **Wed 23**

Headline - ***Mourners shot dead in Salisbury*** – as they attended the funeral of two officials of the prime ministers political party who died in Old Mabvuku township on the eastern outskirts of the capital on 18/4. Prior to the deaths Mr Mugabe had made broadcast plea to end this wave of violence sweeping the nation.

"My government will be taking the sternest possible measures to deal with offenders. My warning this evening should be taken as final." - **The Guardian -**

Leader Comment, **What can he govern now?** "What 's to be done with Lord Soames." That is the question. Whether to the high unemployment spots in his home nation, "a minister to the growing number of the unemployed?"..... Northern Ireland secretary" as suggested although as a peer of the realm it is unclear as to whether such an offer could be made. More use could be made of his skills, among which seemingly are "working miracles" of being sent to the Civil service where "the austerity doctrines of slimmed down living which Whitehall is so fervently engaged in preparing for the rest of us. - ditto -

Headline - ***Black Africa 's lever against white bossdom*** – as at least nine countries; formally colonised by European powers, are located on top of huge deposits of minerals and precious metals that will provide huge foreign currency wealth to these black led governments. Thus dependence on the apartheid state of South Africa will be lessened.

The leaders of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Zambia met in the Zambian capital of Lusaka on 1.4 to form a joint policy to formulate a geo economic policy that takes out the nine nations regard for the wishes of South African government as to the disposal of their countries high earning assets.

As the meeting worked out is long wished for policy of lessening their dependence on their white neighbour it emerged that what was needed was a self financing fund to finance numerous development projects. Such a fund would involve the African Development Bank which would finance the huge costs of improving the regions

transport facilities; road and rail, that would be used as the export route for much needed minerals.

As of this time, because of the downturn of worldwide national wealth; due to the international banking crisis and in South Africa 's specific case the world's reaction to the events in Soweto in 1976, the economy of the apartheid state has been double damaged.

World governments are well aware of the inequalities within the apartheid state and its dependence on foreign capital, the difficulty of obtaining overseas crude oil even though the countries coal supplies allow leeway for the manufacture of oil from coal. In the near future the country will face a skill shortage as apartheid policies hamper knowledge growth among the majority of the population. This then leads to the final economic growth inhibitor; unemployment of the young, mainly black, age groups below the age of 21.

In effect to further the growth of the nation Pretoria needs to import labour from the neighbouring nations to work in its mines and on its plantations. With this black block of nations surrounding the continents largest powerhouse nation measures South Africa takes are well thought out. A region of rivers, suitable for damming for supply and supplying electrical power have long been thought out. Thus the rivers Kunene Carbora Basa schemes in Namibia, Angola and Mozambique are well placed for exploitation.

Land mass and population numbers are all in favour for the apartheid state although a greater proportion is unproductive, dry and arid, when considered for food production. The greatest risk is the insect infestation that periodically devastate crop yields; thus hunger/ famine takes hold. A joint policy of research into agricultural 'bug bears' would do a great deal to end crop destruction by insect infestations.

However it is a joint policy towards the exploitation of the nine countries mineral wealth; export and marketing of the finished product, that will be of greatest benefit when trying to end the regions dependency on South Africa. While it is known that the Pretoria government is the world supplier for many of the needed minerals Zimbabwe is the only location of the much needed ferro chrome and lithium. Who knows what other minerals will be found, and exported from any of the countries who loosed the shackles of dependency on South Africa for their economic growth. - Ruth Weiss; writer broadcaster; - ditto -

## **Thurs 24**

Headline – *Mugabe faces gun challenge* – as many incidents of gun totting supporters of cabinet minister Joshua Nkomo 's Zapu clash with Mugabe loyal youths. In the latest incidents two teenagers died under a hail of bullets as they attended the funeral of a Mugabe supporter who died seven days ago. As well as the bullets fired 3 hand grenades were thrown. In all 30 people were injured.

Despite a plea for calm, from both 'principals' other worries on the countries politicians minds are the 6, 000 guerrillas, loyal to Zapu who still remain in Zambian refugee camps; being better armed and more disciplined than Mugabe forces. Despite

a plea for calm from all sides there will be much more for the new government to worry about that localised disputes in the nations beer halls. - **Yorkshire Post** -

*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 -*

### **Sat 26**

Headline – ***Mugabe acts to quell violence*** – as he orders 1, 000 police to patrol the streets of the black townships, scenes of violence and death; since independence day, in an effort to stop the assaults and abductions that have occurred since that date. Fed up of being ignored the prime minister felt that he had no option to bring in one element of the security forces at this time.

Not content with attacks on the current leadership the mob has seen fit to attack supporters of the loosing prime minister, Bishop Musorewa, and members/ homes of the security force auxiliaries who, having server their purpose, have been paid off. Unconfirmed reports, from members of the 1, 000 police force patrolling the black townships, note the presence of armed loyalists Zipra military people loyal to vice president Nkomo.

Geneva reports, from the office of the UN Commissioner for refugees tells that the Zimbabwe authorities have had a change of heart. They will now accept the return of 25, 000 child refugees from Mozambique. The reluctance of the Salisbury authorities was but down to the belief that there was a shortage of school facilities. **The Guardian**



## Sun 27

Headline – *Soldiers buried alive* – after former enemies convened a 'kangaroo court' of village elders. Their crime; having love affairs with local women. The first suggestion, from the court, was that the accused should be shot, but not killed. Their deaths would be brought on by suffocation after their internment. The incident was reported to the police in Untali a town near the countries border with Mozambique. Four persons have been detained by the authorities. - **Sunday Express** page 1? -

*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** –*

## Tues 29

Headline – *Man shot in Salisbury* – a political supporter of the prime minister as he walked past Meikles Hotel in central Salisbury. The gunman, a known supporter of Bishop Musorewa, was violently detained by passers by after discharging his weapon through a car window. The injured target, and the would be assassin were both taken to hospital. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *Return of a renegade* – in the guise of the Duke of Montrose, just in time to celebrate his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday back in his Scottish ancestral home of Auchmar. The peers self imposed 16 year exile, in Rhodesia, was brought about as a result of his strong supporter of the actions of Ian Smith in 1965 and his declaration of independence from British rule. He was even one of the co signatories to the document.

Such actions were deemed 'a treasonable offence' which led to a Labour MP calling for the peer to face such a charge which still carries the death penalty. Although the arrangements coming out of the Lancaster House Agreement give amnesty for alleged crimes of this nature. - **Daily Express** -

Headline – *Sir Rupert gets bail* – of £5, 000 for each of the three charges he faces connected to the failure of a travel company that went bust in 1977. Recently detained by police in Salisbury and returned to London the peer must appear in court again on 23/6 and hand in his passport to court officials.

The charges that Sir R Mackeson faces relate to the collapse of his company; Master Tours and relate to the procurement of three cheques by deception between 3/77 and 9/77 - ditto - / **The Guardian** page 1? -

## MAY

### Thurs 1

Headline – *1, 000 whites fall out* – as members of the white minority, who previously functioned in the military civil services of the white led government fail to renew their contracts.

Without the renewal of employment and military contracts those in the know expect the white community to fall to 100, 000 within the next twelve months. Thus the powerful, but small community, will be down almost 50% of the number at the hey day of the Smith rebel regime.

Military losses; 185 officers [35%] of the regular army officer corps lost Five hundred NCO 's and other ranks, 365 white policemen along with 200 senior and middle ranking civil servants.

Sandhurst, Britain's training school for the officer class of the countries army is to play host and training facilities for the elite of the Zanla and Zipra guerillas within the next few days. At the same time the facilities of the Rhodesian Armies officer training school in Salisbury will be opened for black cadets.

The fears that the countries mining industry, an industry that provides much of Zimbabwe's foreign exchange, will be nationalised has been dismissed by the minister of mines Maurice Nyagumbo. “We believe that free enterprise should be left undisturbed because this gives incentives for higher production ... profits ... employment and better money and conditions of service for the workers.” - **The Guardian** -

### 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 – *Nkomo men defy Mugabe* – as a rumoured 850 'renegade guerillas';former elements of the Patriotic Front's fighting force, roam the province of Matebeleland. Such is the concern of the prime minister that he may order elements of the national army to hound them out of western Zimbabwe.

The main areas of concern, those with a large presence of 'renegades' are the five tribal trust lands in the Tjolutjo region; midway between Victoria Falls and the nations second city Bulawayo. Here it is thought 300 renegades roam. Others roam over lands that straddle the main road and rail links that connect the town of Livingstone with Zambia. At least 20 others are settled on European owned land 30 miles north west of Bulawayo. Lupane district, north of Tjolutjo, is also home to those who refused to comply with their commanders in the run up to independence.

One who has observed the actions of the renegades notes their banditry and thievery which, because of the 'loyalty' of those native to the area; because of kinship with perpetrators, goes largely unreported, deems their activities 'worse than during the whole of the war.

A high level meeting, between Mugabe and his home affairs minister, held on 2/5, where the prime minister detailed the acts carried out by the 'renegades' in areas where Nkomo's support is large, brought the response of him having no knowledge of such actions. However there was an assurance that the minister gave his full support to any action that his boss took. - **The Observer** -

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

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

### **Mon 5**

Headline – **Two die in grenade attack** – and 15 injured after the explosion in a beer hall in the mainly black suburb of Glen Norah of the capital Salisbury. The attack, one of many of a political nature, comes at the same time as 11, 000 workers employed in the coal mining and sugar industries are on strike. - **The Guardian** -

*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.*

### **Tues 6**

Headline – **Parliament pomp for Zimbabwe** – as the first sitting of the legislative came to order as the Zimbabwe president, the Reverend Canaan Banana mad a formal speech outlining the legislative hopes of his prime ministers government over the next five years. He previously been greeted, on the steps of the house of assembly by a group praise dancers. The president noted that the principal aims of the government was to end the laws of racial discrimination and give the poor hope of a better future.

Other elements, of the clerics speech, noted that the white farming group, some 5, 400 strong, would not be chased off their land. To the black farmers there was a promise that a land resettlement programme would be forthcoming. For the majority working in the civil service there would be introduced a quick promotion scheme. Free child education, for all, would be introduced 'in the not to distant future' The countries

foreign policy would be one of non alignment and friendly co existence with the apartheid regime down south would be followed. Words of hope, for the countries industrial relations; “my government will take steps to ensure that even the lowest grade worker will be paid enough to house, clothe and feed himself within the near future.”

Mine security guards fought off a mob of strikers from the Empress Star Nickel mine outside the town of Gatooma. Five youths were injured. - **The Guardian page 1?** -

Headline – *Mugabe 's cash plea* – to the international financial investor community who were at the a Bulawayo trade fair was one of 'consider how you can aid the emerging Zimbabwe business/people community when offering funds to local businesses.

It was the prime ministers opinion that the majority of the funders profits should not be taken out of the country. Rather they should be reinvested in the Zimbabwean business community.

Strikes; 9, 000 in number, from the countries sugar industry returned to work overnight after government intervention. However, with 3, 250 coal miners all ready on strike the industry now faces a tougher task; union members from the countries largest pit; in Wankie colliery called for a pay rise. - **The Guardian** -

### **Wed 7**

Headline – *Mugabe 's men make merry at King's Cross* – as Hero 's Day is celebrated in the building that was the London centre for the fight to overthrow the Smith/ Musorewa regime during the years of black nationalist activity.

At the time of the writers visit, a time when Zimbabwe House, in Trafalgar Square is being made ready to house the Salisbury diplomats, there is still no settlement on who will pay the outstanding £381, 518 rates bill on what was Rhodesia House. To be sure Ian Smith's former regime will not pay up. - **W Hickey Diary; Daily Express** -

*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.*

### **Sat 10**

Headline – *Mugabe discusses debts* – with foreign secretary Carrington when the two met at the official London residence of prime minister Thatcher. As they determined who was responsible for the debts incurred by the then Southern Rhodesia before UDI was declared in 1965. In addition there is to be considered the debts incurred by the rebel regimes that ruled Rhodesia from that date till London took back control in late 1979.

By using unofficial estimate notes that the figure of £79m, put out at the end of the Smith/Holm failed settlement agreement of 1972 was erring on the low side. The

subject was brought up again, at the time of that same years Pearce Commission where the London government sent Lord Pearce to enquire of the black majority how they saw the future of the country. - **The Guardian** -

### Sun 11

*A white women 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 –*

### Wed 14

Headline – ***Mugabe hit by miners strike*** – as 4, 000 of the countries 5, 700 black work force continue their twelfth day of strike action. Such actions has forced the railway company to import, from the apartheid nation over its southern border, 150 tones of coal per day to keep the nations rail system working. On top of this added cost there is the loss of £20, 000 per day in foreign earnings lost to the new regime.

The striking miners are demanding that no longer must they hew coal for £1.50 per day. Their new demand is for the same rate per hour. In reply the mine owners, the South African based Anglo American Corporation, have offered an extra 15p per day. In real terms the extra cash would only provide an extra slice of bread for an eight hour shift.

In response, to this serious challenge to his newly gained status as prime minister, Mugabe has sent in the military to protect vital installations that some may seek to sabotage. Police have also arrested 16 of the strike leaders. In addition to the coal mines industrial action has broken out at four gold and asbestos mines. Industrial unrest has seen workers at a state owned food processing plant down tools.

Not only is the country in the grip of workers striking there are rumours of moves to change the constitution in respect of the reserved seats for white MP 's in the house of assembly. Speaking to the Herald newspaper justice minister, Simba Mbako, noted despite the clause in the Lancaster House Agreement that 'set in stone' this right “there are other ways of changing the constitution ... we will negotiate with them – the whites – and attempt to bring about change with the consent of the people concerned.” - **The Guardian** -

### Thurs 15

Headline – ***Unusual circumstances for British pomp ...*** - as the first 'official' sitting of the members of the house of assembly begins. The traditional Westminster style of choosing a Speaker saw Didymus Mutasa dragged from his seat into is chair of office.

The presence of praise dancers and drummers and singers, outside in the street; but easily heard by those inside the chamber, were an Africanisation spectacle unknown

in London. The outside ceremony and the overhead flypast of aircraft that once hounded the guerilla bases of many of those now inside the legislative brought a smile on Ian Smith MP. - **Yorkshire Post** -

*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.*

### **Fri 16**

Headline – ***White farmers quit in fury*** – as black farmworkers face threats, from renegade guerilla fighters who still roam the land in defiance of present rules, who issue orders not to work with white farmers until their wages are doubled.

One such incident comes from land owner David Jay who employs 40 workers on his farm in Century East; a district about 100 miles north east of the capital. Not only does he face the intimidation from the ex fighters they also steal his cattle.

Other white land owners in the area, which could be termed the birth of the struggle for black nationalist rule; the first shots at the civil war in 1972, are feel so disheartened with this four week old socialist government that they see their families future out of the country.

There is a chance that the isolation of the international boycott of Rhodesian sport may be coming to an end. With the British Lions Rugby Union team tour of South Africa already in progress any likelihood of a similar tour taking place in Zimbabwe will be made by president Mugabe by 10/6. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

### **Sat 17**

Headline – ***Salisbury picks a white*** – as the first chief justice of an independent Zimbabwe. John Charles Fieldsend, sworn to the Southern Rhodesia high court in 1963 only to leave for London in 1968 in the aftermath of Ian Smith 's decision to declare his Unilateral Declaration of independence.

As of this date, who at the time of this appointment is secretary to the British Law Commission based in London. He will be sworn in as chief justice before the end of 7/'80.

Presumably speaking in the house of assembly the health minister, Herbert Ushewokunze, launched a bitter attack on the previous governments in their dealing with the rural population and its controls on it. The minister was particular in his criticism of the then governments policy of 'protected villages' and its effects on on their residents; some 5000, 000 corralled in 240 villages. He likened them to the concentration camps of WW2. Also, as these villages were seen as recruiting grounds for new freedom fighters who had to travel to neighbouring countries for training, the minority government called on the military to embark on “unknown massacres of innocent women, children and elders in refugee camps in neighbouring countries. **The Guardian**

Headline – *Banana brushes royalty aside* – as the country's president has removed from his official residence 's dining room portraits of British monarchs, and other members of their families, which have been a constant presence since the 'birth' of the Rhodesian nation.

As to the future of other reminders of past colonial times; such as a statue of Cecil Rhodes that stands in the city Jameson Avenue a state house official noted “We are not getting rid of a part of history. We 're just making it less prominent.” The removed royal portraits, Edward 7, George 5, Victoria and Elizabeth 2 have found a new home in the Salisbury national gallery. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

### **Mon 19**

Headline – *Threat to civil servant 's jobs* – voiced in the media from the mouth of the manpower minister, Edgar Tekere, seem to target their age of many of the government employees. Records indicate that many of the top people, all white, are past retirement age but still working and drawing their pension at the same time.

His intention, despite whatever their objections may be is a root and branch clear out of those that he saw as “sabotaging his plans to draw up a full list of public service staffs. I'm not afraid of conflict with them.”

Those whites that believe that the prime minister is sincere in his beliefs and has the best interests of all the countries, black and white, population are now beginning to ask the question who is determining the way the government is run? Is policy decided in government house or at the meetings of the central committee of the Zanu PF meetings. - **The Guardian** -

### **Wed 21**

Headline – *Shell rebuffs Zimbabwe call* – for reparations of £300m; as the company chair of Shell Transport Trading, P Baxendell, refused to take any responsibility for the illegal supply of oil to the Rhodesian rebel regime. In mitigation he said the company had not been involved in any centrally concluded conspiracy to break sanctions.

The claim that the company were morally obliged to do so came from shareholder P Nhameuro; a Zimbabwean national who was speaking at the company's annual general meeting in London. Also giving support, a second shareholder D Haslam, noted that many people could no differentiate between Shell Oil and a Shell Transport Trading being separate companies and each company was responsible for its own actions even though Shell TT was born out, by necessity by the Shell Oil Company.

Further evidence, from the pages of the Bingham report, an examination of how the war machine of the Rhodesian military and the country itself was able to survive international sanctions, was down plaid by the chairman of STT who could not accept the basis for the criticism. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *Whither the black unions* – will be discussed at the first meeting of a new organisation, the Commonwealth Trade Union Council at its first meeting in 3/'80. At

its first meeting at its Geneva headquarters and with an aim of improving the working conditions of the Commonwealth's 25m unionised workforce the working conditions of employees in Zimbabwe will take centre stage. - **Carl Wright** director CTU; ditto -

*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**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe to call of British Lions game*** – as to allow such an event to take place would, in the prime minister's mind, possibly affect the chances of a Zimbabwe athletic team attending the Moscow Olympic Games.

The manager of the touring team, who are preparing to play a match in Portchefstroom, commented that “if politics keeps people apart then that's very sad. Sport unites people, and life is about people, not politics.” - **The Guardian** -

Headline – ***Shell passes buck over oil lifeline to Smith*** – as it defends itself, when replying to a letter from T Lacy the general secretary of the charity War on Want. The absolution letter, written by the publicity affairs manager Kav Mackrell, of the Shell Transport and Trading company notes that the only criticism of the company written into Bingham report covered only one line.

The charities letter was signed by many other 'notables' that campaign against injustice throughout the world. Among them were five church leaders; including the secretary general of the Methodist Overseas Division, Bishop C Winter; bishop in exile of Namibia, his Roman Catholic opposite number who is chairman of that churches Justice and peace commission.

As noted above the Zimbabwean national, Patrick Nahanburo repeated the call for an answer and a claim for one tenth of their £3.051m 1979 profit “as an initial token payment for their role in sanctions busting.” This along with his query as to whether Shell Oil was selling fuel to the South African security forces was refused. Company chairman Baxendall claimed that to do so would be a breach of the nations official security act. - **The Morning Star** -

*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**

Headline – ***Lonhro loses sanctions appeal*** – as five law lords refuse the companies plea to be allowed to scrutinise documents that exist which allude to companies who broke the internationally imposed ban on trading with the illegal Rhodesian regime.

Specific to the company are any papers that cover the, now well known, Shell Oil and British Petroleum continues supply of oil during that countries civil war. In any event the case of the two 'principal companies,' out of a known total of 29 sanction busting companies, will come before an arbitration panel in 6/80.



Speaking of the Lords decision Lord Diplock the chief justice was of the opinion that the case should have not come before the highest court in the land. The Appeal Court judges should have stopped the case at its court hearing. The only mitigating circumstance that his Lordship could think of for the appeal court decision was the size of the claimed damages; £100m, and the time and effort of both legal teams have spent; 13 counsel seven of whom were QC 's and the four day Hol hearing. All told the estimated legal bill is £200, 000.

Boiled down the case seems to be based on the finances lost to Lonhro who were expecting to import oil to Rhodesia through a just completed; months before the then prime minister declared UDI in 1965, pipeline from the Mozambican port city of Beira to a refinery in Untali.. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – *Comrade? You can stick to Mr* – in this appraisal of the efforts of the Soviet Union 's efforts to spread its political ideology across the African continent and then the world its challenge may diminish its ambition.

To note the actions of the black nationalist during the civil war were keen to accept weapons and training from Moscow. Whereas, if Zimbabwe follows the route of both Mozambique and Zambia where the government is turning towards the west to build up their economies, the future then looks bleak for eastern block economic policies.

“The Soviets are useful in the time of war.....but their not much good to any new country in time of peace.” So says an aid to prime minister Mugabe. The PM's cabinet of 22, the main body of which is made up of members of the parties central committee, are said to see western technology and cash as a method of bringing on an economic boom in a country teaming with much needed mineral wealth.

Even from the time of the birth of the Zimbabwe nation the attitude of the countries leaders, movers and shakers, was observed to downgrade the links with the Eastern Bloc nations. Special Branch officers warned Soviet media representatives to keep a low profile. Such was the menace that four out of five journalists left on thee next plane home. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

*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]*

## **Sun 25**

Headline – *Mugabe hits back at white officials* – as he criticises the whites, usually in top management positions of the civil service. Their 'crime'; remaining in office and therefore prevent the advancement of those well qualified members of the black population who serve as civil servants in lower positions.

In the past times, following the demise of the Musorewa regime and independence efforts to sideline the advancement of members of the African majority have come to light. In one specific case in the ministry of defence promotions were made from an all white application list. The minister of mines, M Nyagumbo, when trying to

appoint a black under secretary, was told by a ministry senior civil servant that other whites in the department would not take instructions from a black manager. An appeal to the public service commissioner, by the minister, backed the entrenched views that whites would not take instructions from black managers.

In an attempt to recruit some of the 8, 000 Zimbabwean nations with a university degree working abroad, a survey of their views of returning to the land of their birth will be carried out. - **The Observer page 1?** -

### **Mon 26**

Headline – ***Mugabe orders white infantry action*** – against rebels opposed to the Machel government in Mozambique. Even as the Rhodesian Light Infantry members, famous for their helicopter based lightning raids on guerilla occupied opposition bases during the civil war, now have to turn their fire power on fighters who they themselves employed to combat the threat from the Patriotic Front in past times and harass the Frelimo government of Samora Machel.

Since Zimbabwe became an independent nation the PF bases in Mozambique have become redundant as Mugabe loyal fighters complied with the ceasefire arrangements. These bases are now occupied, by about 3, 000 guerilla fighters determined to end the rule of the countries Marxist government. This small group is now financed by the South African military.

The decision, to bring in the Zimbabwe military, to assist the Mozambique regime in its struggle against its own military opponents, was made after the two leaders at a summit meeting on 23/5 in the port city of Beira. Back in Salisbury prime minister Mugabe called in Pretoria 's head of mission, P van Vuuren to explain why his government was supporting rebel bases in the east and south east of Zimbabwe who were against the Mozambican government.

Speaking to the press prime minister Mugabe noted that when rebels, from across their eastern borders flee onto this nations land because of attack, from whoever, they have the right to “clear them from our side of the border.” Speculation is rife that there is a coordinated plan, between those members of the Rhodesian military who have fled south and the South African authorities, to use their military intelligence to assist Pretoria in their overthrow the government in Maputo. - **The Guardian page 1** -

Headline – ***Zimbabwe launches campaign to 'Africanise' civil service*** – as President Banana ordered the civil service to “give more rapid advancement to suitably qualified Africans in appointments and promotions to senior posts in the civil service.”

A a sop, to the entrenched all white management structure of government left over from colonial days, the prime minister has offered financial compensation if it can be shown that 'the chosen one' was less well qualified than his white colleague. He only asked that such actions were not a “deliberate campaign planned by the government to displace European officers and employees.” There was hope that London would fund some of the compensation fund.

With the countries finances in dire straits finance minister, Enos Nkala, is minded to refuse any national who leaves the country for good to take any currency with him. At this moment those who emigrate are allowed to take £650 with them.. - **The Guardian**

### **Wed 28**

*British game ranger R Eynens, and six other men, have been killed in a gun battle between Zimbabwe Wildlife Protection Team and poachers. Mr Eynens, 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**

Headline ***Mugabe move to halt strikes*** – as the wages of agricultural and domestic workers rise to £29 per month. For those employed in the mining sector, who are in receipt of food and housing allowance their monthly wage rises to £47 as does that of the urban workers. These wage rise offers are well below what has been demanded during the recent bout of industrial action.

The labour minister, Kumbirira Kagal, noted that the wage rises offered were on an interim basis and would be looked at again when the nations economy had improved. To offer more at this time would put the future of Zimbabwe in peril. He also stressed that the cash offered would improve the wages of the lowest paid in 55 of the 68 industries that provided the wealth of the country.

Hardest hit of the employees would be the farming industry. There, of the 5, 300 white owned farms there are an estimated 333, 000 black farm labourers who as of this time earn £13. 50 per month; overtime brings the wage up to £16 including food, fuel housing and medical costs.

Female demonstrators, many with babes strapped to their back, marched through the streets of the capital. Their demands; that the ruling party took control of the running of the white dominated police force. They ended their demonstration outside the parliament and were forced to disperse then confronted by a carload of baton wielding cops. - **The Guardian page 6 C 1 -**

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

### **Fri 30**

Headline – ***South Africa 'training insurgents' says Mugabe*** – as he speaks in a BBC interview. The prime minister, of the newly emerged Zimbabwe republic, is fearful of security issues being fostered by the authorities in Pretoria. The former guerilla leader claims that South Africa, with the help of members of the former Rhodesian military

who have crossed the countries southern border, is training forces that will undermine the socialist governments that the apartheid regime fears will try and bring down the last white led government on the continent. These 'troublesome regimes rule in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique.

As to those insurgents, that the authorities in Salisbury are prepared to identify disaffected Bishop Musorewa supporters; some 1, 500, thought to be receiving military training down south.

Labour minister, K Kangai, has indicated that if the wide spread strike action, involving 4, 300 workers from Zimbabwe's vital industries, end their protests legal moves to force them back to work will be initiated. Also all negotiations would be suspended. Despite the nation being under the yolk of a state of emergency an earlier statute, the 1959 Industrial Conciliation Act, would be the 'weapon of choice' to urge the strikers back to work. Under the act a policy of government lock out is deemed as 'being in the national interest' to 'prohibit strikes in essential services.'

Despite the minister setting of a minimum wage 670 council workers in the town of Que Que, who under the ministers plans would have received the basic rate of £47 per month, have returned to the picket lines and issued a new demand of a basic monthly wage of £120 with other benefits as a right. - **The Guardian** -

“We have decided to subscribe an additional £5 million to the capital of Rio Tinto Rhodesia [soon to be re - named RT Zimbabwe], in which we hold a 51% beneficial interest. The money will be used to finance a carefully defined expansion programme and includes the opening of two mining properties. This is an act of faith in the people who work in our organisation and in the sincerity of the new government. It is only by support of this kind that it will be able to find a solution to the serious employment and resettlement problems with which it is faces.” - **advert extract: Sir M Turner's speech at RTZ AGM; Yorkshire Post page 5** -

Headline – ***Mugabe's police club riot women*** – as a 500 strong gathering, in Cecil Square confronted the 40 odd police who tried to disperse there call for a black led police force. They were also angry at the polices recent actions of closing down many of the illegal drinking dens located in the townships.

Elsewhere thirteen people died when a landmine, laid during the civil war struggle exploded under a passing vehicle in the town of Siavongo in southern Zambia. Two other passengers were injured by the explosion. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

*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*

### **Sat 31**

Headline – ***Mugabe's SOS to Britain*** – for additional military trainers to counter, a perceived threat, from across his southern border, that Pretoria is to launch a campaign of sabotage and disruption in the Republic which will undermine the stability of the current regime.

In the same broadcast the prime minister acknowledged that those members of the Zanu and Zapu guerillas who still roamed the rural areas still had “problems in attitude” as former fighters were being integrated into the national army along with white elements. The exercise involved 35, 000 and 20, 000 respectively.

Speaking in parliament the prime minister noted that he hoped the policy of a cohesive Zimbabwe national Army would be completed, with the help of the 35 British army training elite, by the end of 12/ '80.

During the same session of the legislative coalition partner, Joshua Nkomo spoke on the two days of female led protests as they called for the police force to be managed by black managers/ officers. The home affairs minister claimed that the demonstrators were members of the Robert Mugabe 's political party who had been 'bused in' from the townships to call for his sacking from the government.

In the courts seven members of the Nkomo wing of the government, the Patriotic Front, have gone on trial and remanded in custody after being charged with the murder of two members of Zapu as they attended the funeral of other party members in 4/'80. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

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### Tues 3

Headline – *Zimbabwe faces up to the outside world* – even though, during the years of international trade sanctions, the illegal Smith/Musorewa regimes seemed to be doing very well. Isolation, in international trade terms, was seen to be less harmful than it might have been.

Latest figures, covering 1/'80, note exports totalled Z\$76m which is 65% of the 1/'79 figure. Much of the foreign earnings came from the sale of precious metals and agricultural products. Thus

<u>Export Product</u>	<u>Z\$</u>	<u>Import product</u>	<u>Z\$</u>
Gold	17m	Petroleum	13m
Tobacco	10.5m	Electricity	1m
Ferro Chrome	4.5m	Steel plate etc	3m
Asbestos	4. 5	Plastics	2m
Cotton lint	6m	Bus/truck chassis	1.5m
Steel	4m	CDK cars	1m
Nickel	3m	Engines	1m
Copper	3m	Rail vehicles	0.5m
Meat	2m	Vehicle spares	0.5m
Maize	1. 25m		
Machine parts	0.25m		

Missing, from these latest figures, are the benefits to the Treasury gained from the sale of the nations tobacco crop in 1979; whilst sanctions were still in place. It is thought that the farming community grew 95, 000 tonnes of the crop with a selling value of Z\$125m was exported. The main buyers; Europe took 50% while The nations of the Far East purchase 40%. South Africa only purchased only 2, 000 tonnes even though most of the crop was exported through the countries ports.

History of the tobacco crop exports; from UDI in 1966 to 1970 exports fell from 117, 000 tonnes to 60, 000. Over the next decade tobacco exports never reached its pre war heights.

In the current phase of the countries exports the cotton crop has the most to gain. It is seen, by the new government, as one of the ways to power up the wealth of the rural black farmer and his family. Exports in '76; 40% was for the east European market and 33% across the border into South Africa. Domestic consumption took 27% of the crop. 1979 exports 30, 000 tonnes valued at Z\$ 45m. In the same year coffee brought in Z\$13m for the 4. 5m tonne crop.

Once the agricultural infrastructure, necessary for the production of beef and other meat products, has been reinstalled the prospect of meat exports are high. In the year that ended with the ceasefire was signed, 1979, beef exports; 60, 000 tonnes worth Z\$45m was achieved with sales to countries on the African continent. However the best animals/cuts went to Switzerland and the Middle East.

Cattle exports history; 1972 to '73 also 60, 000 tonnes. From '74 – '76 exports fell to 28, 000 tonnes. During the war years '77 – '79 exports fell to 6, 000? For the current year exports may hit only 30, 000 tonnes. At the end of the 3 year period '84 to '87 farmers hope the 60, 000 export figure will once again be reached. - **The Guardian page 21 C 1** -

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 subsidiary

**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* –

#### Wed 4

Headline – *Mugabe faces battles on all sides* – as the far from receding problem of unifying the guerilla military element and the its white counter part force into the Zimbabwe National Army.

As of this time many of the ceasefire arrangements, at the end of the recent civil war, are still in place. Some 36, 000 members of the black nationalist forces; are split 13, 000/23, 000 Zipra/Zanla still remain in assembly points spread around the country at a cost of £24m per month. Efforts to reduce the numbers wishing to remain in the military service, a payment £266 per 'comrade' has failed. It would seem that comrades, especially those loyal to the president would rather continue their payment of £67 per month that is deducted at source for their political training from party commissars..

Where efforts to integrate the white and black military forces have occurred reports have not been favourable. Before independence almost one thousand member; a joint military force were united for training at a Rhodesian army base in the south of the country. To date almost 500 of that force have faced disciplinary charges.

A new training initiative, bringing to bear the newly formed Third Battalion of the Rhodesian African Rifles, which will in an eight week training scheme; it is hoped, train 2, 000 new members of the national army. Some will say that an end date, for a fully formed Zimbabwe National Army, of 12/'80 is optimistic.

Putting aside the problems caused in the formation of a national army there is dissension growing between Zapu and Zanu as Nkomo and his party officials seem to come under increased pressure from Mugabe loyalists. Much of the harassment comes over the wires of the national broadcasting service. They, along with the white population are of the opinion that the ruling party is using the state media to push the message of the the governments policies and dismissing counter arguments of any other interested party. In all there are claims that the national broadcasting service is biased in favour of the majority ruling party.

At this time the relationship between the coalition leadership, both political and military is still running smoothly it is those 'in the field' who are becoming edgy. One flashpoint of concern is the Midlands region where Joshua Nkomo 's party support is strongest. Rural dwellers complain of intimidation from their political opponents. What is more worrying is that local military forces identify with the concerns of the villagers. Will these local tensions build up into tensions between the top echelons of the political/military establishment such to endanger the stability of the six week old republic.?

While the white military have shown no inclination to declare, or support, either of the coalition elements if push came to shove, this has not stopped the prime minister

making hurried visits to regiments that have high numbers of ethnic black rank and file militia. Such visits have indicates support for the present coalition regime.

It is recognised that the prime minister is no military strategist nor does he have the personal touch that endears him to people, one who stands aloof from the community. Seen as an individualist politics; the ability to reach out to the people is not his speciality.

One who seems to have the common touch, and would have the backing of the parties central committee; in effect the government within, is minister of manpower and planning Edgar Tekere, one who can follow the party line. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *Refugee from the human race* – is a name that could be attributed to Viv Wilson Harvey who has set out to rescue less some obvious war orphans that resulted from the seven years of civil war that has all but wrecked the country.

His project; initiated six years ago with £45, 000 of his own cash was to build and run an orphanage for Zimbabwe wild life left without parental support. With a 26 year careen in wild life conservation this ideal project beckoned.

Born in South Africa and 20 years working in Zambia now sees him based in southern Matebeleland with his Orphans of the Wild sanctuary. Chipangali[open friendly country] is foster home to 150 mammals – elephant, leopard, lion, jackals and monkeys. Among the 200 birds resident, flamingo and herons, compete with 20 reptile species. Under the careful eyes of wife, Paddy, hospital and research facilities are available. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

### **Thurs 5**

Advert – *Pamberi ne Zimbabwe* - “ Your country is entering a new era of peace, prosperity prosperity and advancement. The skills of many people are needed to help run the Public Service.

You could be part of this exciting development and carve out an extremely rewarding career for yourself. If you are qualified and experienced in your profession, you could contribute meaningfully to the growth of Zimbabwe. The Public Service needs skilled men and women to help run the country.

If you think you're equal to the challenge write, enclosing a detailed curriculum vitae to” The Secretary, Ministry of Public Service Box 8080 Causeway Zimbabwe. - **The Guardian** -

### **Fri 6**

Headline – *Zimbabwe in finance talks* – with members of the London government. The three man troika, led by finance minister Enos Nkala with minister in charge of the civil service R Hove and colleague; justice minister S Mubako who trained/employed in the law faculty at the University of Southampton until recently, are preparing the ground for wide ranging financial talks when a second team of government ministers arrive in London within seven days.



In the minds of the new administration in Zimbabwe London officials are in a great position to spread their knowledge of 'running a government' as they have had many years of refining the process throughout history. Within the boundaries of Zimbabwe there is untapped talent waiting to emerge now that the once small, but once all powerful, ethnic whites were the only power in the land.

As has been seen the whites working for the government, some 14, 000 persons, took their pensions and left the service the cost to would be in the region of £50m an amount that Salisbury does not have at this moment in time. - **The Guardian** -

### **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**

Headline – ***Mugabe purge on terrorists*** – who, in the main, are deemed to be the supporters of Joshua Nkomo the home affairs minister with a seat in the cabinet. The prime minister, who was speaking in the town of Kutama; the town where he was born, however did admit that the soon to be deployed military force would also be flushing out renegade guerillas from his own black nationalist force.

It was from this place that the then co leader of the Patriotic Front crossed into Mozambique five years ago to begin the events that have now led to the present position; an independent nation and he himself as prime minister.

Information gathered indicates this location of the Zvimba tribal trust land, 40 miles west of the capital, was a hot bet of actions carried out by 'renegades' loyal to his home affairs minister. They have been repeatedly told to stay in their allotted assembly points by the minister.

Concerns are mounting about Morrison Nyati, a senior commander of the Zanu wing of the Patriotic Front who switched sides to lead a raid on a guerilla base inside Mozambique in 1976, who has been held in detention since 5/'80 in a Salisbury building belonging to high command of the prime ministers army. He was recognised and seized off the streets as traitor. - **The Guardian** -

*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.*

## **Tues 10**

Headline – *Medals for Rhodesian heroes* – who defied the opinion that it would be unsafe, because of land mines and the fact that those guerillas lieutenant colonel Vivian Riddley was trying to bring into an assembly point were armed and his patrol was not. For this action this officer of the Worcs and Sherwood Foresters was awarded the Queens Gallantry Medal.

Other medal winners; Captain N Beyts a Royal Marine based in Plymouth and lieutenant D Hill of the Prince of Wales Regiment, were at a Downing Street reception to receive the praised of prime minister Thatcher. - **Daily Express** -

## **Wed 11**

Headline – *Mozambique wants Zimbabwe 's traffic* – as it was the case before the border was closed in 1976 at the start of the struggle for independence. Also taking into account Maputo 's full support for the next five years during the fighting it is hard to see while, exports from their neighbour, still travel south through the apartheid state.

Since the end of hostilities some trade, copper exports from Zaire and Zambia do travel, via rail, to the Indian Ocean port of Beira thus proving its effectiveness of the port handling facilities. One blocking point could possibly be the inadequate rail facilities on the Umtali Beira rail line which have been caused by the recent conflict.

The Mozambican port, according to Pretoria 's sources indicate the Indian Ocean port has good facilities to cope with 2m tonnes of cargo per year. Even before the border closure the port was exporting 1.5m tonnes of Rhodesia's exports. Such heights of export trade may not resume until 1981 at he earliest as much of the rail line has been destroyed after years of conflict.

To test the ports facilities trial exports were made of 5, 000 of steel along with 12, 000 tonnes of sugar via the South African rail network were made. The move was declared a success and more were promised by Zimbabwean in the future. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *Mugabe wants 1, 000m dollar in war payment* – from Britain to assist in the resettlement of the national dispersed because of the liberation war. As of this time the only offer from London was the \$75m promised at an earlier time

One example of this resettlement programme concerns 100, 000 people from eastern Zimbabwe 's rural lands. The funds will come from a grant given by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and ministry of labour and social services in the capital.

The case of the black nationalist guerilla who switched sides, Morrison Nyati, is to be investigated at the highest level by the head of the national army lieutenant Peter Walls in an effort to find a solution. - **Yorkshire Post page 11 C 7?** -

Headline – *After the national revolt, the feminist* – in the guise of twenty five year old Teurai Ropa Nhongo takes on the mantle of a campaigner to improve the lot of the women of Zimbabwe after the many years of bush fighting in which the female contribution was as important as the contribution that male comrades made.

As a mother, of two children, this former guerilla; fighting under the Zanu flag is now a cabinet member; sport youth and education, and wife the the prime ministers military commander Rex Nhongo. With this privileged position it is her intention to fight for the all the women of Zimbabwe to improve their living, education, health prospects for all of them.

Opinion has it that even with her cabinet status her task will be hard. The whole ethos of the female role in African society would be turned upside down if she was to succeed. Tradition has it that women take on most of the tasks, that usually are shared in more enlightened societies, while the males sideline themselves away from daily life.

With this appointment the women of Zimbabwe, in the ministers opinion, hope their “days as baby breeders, housekeepers and beer brewers and cooks” might be over.  
**The Yorkshire Post**

Headline – *'Traitor' will die on Heroes Day* – if that is the wish of the crowds gathered on the streets as Morrison Nyati (qv 9/6) who is said to have been responsible for the deaths of 1, 200, nationalist guerillas as Rhodesian soldiers mounted cross border raids into Mozambique. - **Daily Mail** -

*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 travelling smashed into the rear of a broken down military vehicle. – Reuters –*

## **Thurs 12**

Headline – *Mugabe placates whites* – who, in more and more cases, are choosing to emigrate after recent remarks from finance minister Nkala. In recent remarks to the press the minister seemed to move away from the spirit of the agreed constitution over the payment of pensions to government employees who move abroad. It would then be up to the London government to finance the 'withheld' portion.

Within hours of the pensions scare being publicised by the media, and strong words from the prime minister fears of such moves were scotched on the floor of the house of assembly. The minister told MP 's that the media had misrepresented his remarks. There never was any intention to alter the provisions of the constitution where the payment of civil servant pensions was concerned. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **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 –*

### **Wed 18**

Headline - ..... *as Smith says he may leave* – even though he still regards the country as his home. His leaving would depend on whether he thought that the way that Zimbabwe progressing was to his liking. - **Daily Express** -

### **Sat 21**

Headline – *Guerillas cooperate in dissident manhunt* – as the prime minister employs all the military elements; regulars Nkomo/ Mugabe loyal nationalists, to hunt down dissident nationalists who remain in the bush defying orders to attend assembly points.

Prior to this joint campaign guerilla forces loyal to the home affairs minister, mounted a similar campaign against their own kind. The result; some 400 renegades were brought to heel, found roaming in the south west of the country over a four week period. This joint initiative, in the midland 's region will be one of active pursuit as the joint military command were of the opinion that pursuit was the best option as the hoped for a quick end to their activities.

Some discussion, at the JMC, over who would confront each element of the dissidents. Would it be the Mugabe loyal nationalists who would challenge the Nkomo dissidents? In the end, although it was a joint operation each guerilla faction; Zanu/Zapu would be confronted by like minded members of the national army.

Only after eight weeks of independence the joint military command has announced that the Zimbabwe National Army has an intended strength of 9, 500 former guerillas from both wings of the Patriotic Front. There are no figures for the number of ethnic whites element. There will be no role in the military for the 23, 000 strong nationalist force who remain in the assembly points. Their future; may be as reserve force or part of Operation Seed to be used in rural reconstruction. - **The Guardian** -

Headline - *Mugabe shuts the door* – on diplomatic contact with Pretoria which will mean that South Africa mission building in Salisbury will have to close. In another move, to isolate his southern neighbour when the nations broadcasting service mentions the country all reports should note that countries racist and apartheid policies. However Zimbabwe will continue to trade with it. - **Daily Express** -

### Sun 22

Headline – *Nkomo caught in middle of power struggle* – as he battles to survive the onslaught from both the prime minister and the power behind the Zimbabwe government; the central committee of Zimbabwe African National Union [PF]. Fighting their cause, inside the cabinet is Edgar Tekere the chairman of its central committee.

While it would seem that the prime minister is wanting to make the country a more stable element on the African continent and a cooperative government towards the international community the parties central committee seems to have other ideas. For Mugabe to go against its wishes, of a one party state run along Marxist lines then what must be must be. Even if the ousting of the minister of home affairs, Joshua Nkomo out of the government is the result. - **Sunday Times** -

### Mon 23

*Zimbabwe's nationalist leader Reverend Noabani Sithole escaped an assassination attempt when a guerilla sprayed the house where he was staying with automatic fire, killing one of his supporters. Zimbabwe's nationalist leader Reverend Ndabani Sithole 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

Headline - *Gang tries to kill Sithole* – it is thought. The apparent attack on one who did badly in the recent independence elections was speaking at a rally in his home town which is near the Mozambique border. In the attack 17 gunmen, well armed with automatic weapons, surrounded the house that the cleric was using as his base.

One eye witness recounts after being asked about his political affiliations “I dashed through the back door as bullets flew everywhere., everyone was running as the firing continued for the next ten minuets as people ran in all directions.”

The former member of the Smith/ Musoewa government believed that the attackers came from a guerilla assembly located nearby and travelled to the town in a vehicle. The fear now is for a renewed campaign of political violence throughout the whole nations political spectrum. - **The Guardian** -

Headline - *Zimbabwe jobs* – The Zimbabwe government yesterday announced the first appointment of Africans to top jobs in the civil service, dominated by whites. The announcement was part of a plan by the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, to gradually Africanise the civil service. - **Reuters** -

### Fri 27

Headline – *Mugabe rebukes Nkomo* – as the two clash on the floor of the house of assembly over the prime ministers accusation that his home affairs minister was not able to control the dissident elements of his guerilla force.

The prime minister claimed that among the top echelons of his military there are elements that are planning to mount an armed rebellion against the government. It was stated that while there was no inference that members of the political Zanu were involved in the campaign supporters of the military 'in the field' were responsible for the deaths of a number of supporters of his party.

In his reply the minister called is colleagues remarks “a slap in the face ..... there was nobody in my party flouting the authority of the government ... we believe we have gained our independence and must maintain it .. I cannot accept it.” - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *Runaway husband signs up for African army life* – three years service in the Zimbabwe National army is the want of eighteen day married Glen Hull aged 18 who left the telling of his deed to 23 year old Denise to inform his employers; York Fire, of his actions.

It would seem that the probationary fireman was a boy soldier at heart and was looking for adventure even while employed in the city. Discovered at their marital home, hidden in the lofty space, was a secret den full of adventure/ military magazines and air propelled weapons.

The deserted wife has no intention of joining him as she runs three hair salons in the city. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

## **Sat 28**

Headline – *Zimbabwe massacre plot foiled* – which would have occurred on the day that the country threw of the yolk of British colonialism. The intended targets, so says the governments minister responsible for security Emmerson Mnangagwa, were persons unknown from across the border in South Africa. The minister did not say whether the authorities in Pretoria were involved.

Information revealed that the targets, foreign dignitaries and members of the new government, would be killed when a number of Claymore mines were detonated around the Rufaro Stadium. No doubt many of the 60, 000 African audience would have also died at the scene.

To support the involvement of foreign nationals being involved win the assassination plot police put on show a truck, known to have crossed south to north of the Limpopo river. Hidden within the vehicle were Soviet manufactured surface to air missiles, USA made mines along with other explosives.

Other speculations have surfaced. As the majority of the weapons found were of Soviet manufacture, which found favour with the Nkomo loyalist guerillas during the independence struggle some would say that he evidence points to members of Zapu

disappointed at the way their party leader has been treated by the prime minister. Others note that it could have been the apartheid state that was behind the plot. They were making use of captured weapons to ferment trouble between the two coalition parties. - **The Guardian page 5 C 8** -

### **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**

Headline – ***Mugabe sends in the military*** – some five hundred extra to the areas north of Salisbury where, says deputy minister Tarisai Ziyambi of the home affairs ministry, elements of Zipra forces still roam the countryside. They have been accused of various crimes ranging from murder to grenade attacks against Zanu PF loyalists.

His boss, Joshua Nkomo, gave an angry response when questioned over his second in command 's accusations. He claimed through his own investigation he had found that much of the claimed Zipra lawlessness was untrue ... “a slap in the face.” At the centre of concern are two assembly points in the region that still house 10, 000 Nkomo loyalist guerillas. - **Yorkshire Post** -

*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 –*

### Thurs 3

Headline – ***Zimbabwe asks OAU to back guerillas*** – as prime minister Mugabe takes his place as a member of the pan African organisation. The black African leaders, meeting in the west African state of Sierra Leone, heard its newest member make a plea on behalf of black nationalists struggle in South Africa and its colony of south west Africa; Namibia.

High on his list for support, of the military persuasion, were nations that bordered South Africa as they became more and more drawn into the struggle against apartheid. As to the struggle within he mentions specifically the African National Congress and its rival the Pan Africanist Congress [PAC] both of whom supported our liberation struggle. Their struggle “surely now deserves our better attention by way of increased material assistance,” was his main plea to his fellow leaders. - **The Guardian** -

### Fri 4

Headline – ***Africans aim to put cargo on the right track*** – even though there will be no 'quick fix' for the black nations of southern Africa nations to export their nations produce without using the apartheid states transport system. This was the conclusion of a report, commissioned by the 4/80 inaugural meeting Southern African Transport and Communications Commission which was held in Lusaka.

This next meeting, taking place in Maputo, in twenty four hours has a long list of 'to does' on its agenda. A working group to determine the way forward has to be established to uncover what needs to be done to the Mozambique rail network and beyond its borders. Funding, or the lack of, is the next issue; a multi million pound search for cash as well as enough railway wagons to service the needs of the black led nations.

Going on past usage of railway wagons, for export goods, much of these nations exports travelled to South African ports in some 3, 000 wagons from Zambia, Zaire and Zimbabwe exports; a total of 9,000. Since the 'good times' for the apartheid states railways exports from these nations need only use 2, 000 wagons each. Thus can be seen that members states of the SATCC will be well short of the wagons needed to run an independent export system through the Indian Ocean port of Beira. Private arrangement, between Maputo; where many wagons lie idle because of the border closure will see 1, 800 sent back across the border while retaining 600 for their own use.

Elsewhere in Mozambique there are fears that the infrastructure to mount such a programme of transport reform will be blighted because of the loss of skills learned



due to the interruption of the long civil war that raged across the countries border. It is hoped that an overseas drive to skilled Mozambican national to return to 'build a new nation' will, in the end enable this long term project, to export independently of South Africa will come to fruition. The next meeting of the group will be in Zimbabwe in 9/ '80. - **The Guardian** -

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

### **Sat 5**

Headline – **'Spy' pilot freed then rearrested** – in the car park outside the high court building in Lusaka after Mr Justice E Sakala heard that the British volunteer for the Rhodesian military M Borlace, who had been detained since 4/'79, had had the 5 counts of spying dropped by the prosecution.

The crux of the acquittal was a decision not to accept a statement gained by the police during the alleged spy's interrogation. - **The Guardian** -

### **Sun 6**

Headline – **Kaunda may free Briton** – a native of Cornwall; freed and then detained again (qv 5/7) was initially brought before the courts because his confession was obtained 'under duress.' The presiding judge ruled that to use such evidence would a breach of the Zambian legal system

This 32 year old adventurer, who sought adventure piloting helicopters, was taken by the police from the high court car park to an undisclosed destination where it is thought he will be held for 28 days by the police under a detention order. Those in the know expect expect a deportation order, signed by the president, will see Michel Borlace put on a flight to London. - **Sunday Telegraph page 40 C 1** -

Headline – **Ho Mugabe changed my mind** – an interview with Lord Soames where he is questioned, "looking back on his spectacular success in presiding over the birth of independent Zimbabwe has left him with a passionate concern for that country's future. "

The hopes and future problems of the emerging nation are given a good airing. As the colonial power, who has given all that up now Britain must still be concerned as to the future ways of the new nation. Dark issues to be brought into the light are the expectations of the masses. Not only the ethnic white/black expectations; also there is a need to to honour the separate elements of the coalition government. Both Zapu and Zanu fought the civil war as equals. Now in peaceful times one element of the PF guerilla force seems to be better placed in society than the other.

"Zimbabwe needs to be understood by the world outside. But Zimbabwe, also needs to try and understand that world." **Review; Observer page 25** -

*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**

Headline – ***After Zimbabwe: gongs and silence*** – the thoughts of one who was there; as a member of the Commonwealth Monitoring Force to oversee the countries first truly free and fair elections. - **Guardian Agenda** -

*“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**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe whites form S Africa emigration queue*** – with, within 24 hours of the prime ministers announcement (qv 7/7) as many as 200 waiting for the office to open. Once open, at the missions fourth floor office the crowd moves into the building and waited all along the corridor until it reached the lift.

While Mugabe noted that the office was to be closed because of Pretoria 's “subversive recruitment of military personnel” the Salisbury administration has not indicated when the office must close or what, if any, the apartheid state's representative in the Zimbabwe capital will be in the future.

The imminence of the labour reforms, forced on the government in the recent past, to end the crippling strikes that occurred just after independence, has seen a number of employers sacking many of their black employees now that the law has increased the minimum wage. Thus cutting profits for shareholders et al.

Minister Kumbirai Kangai promised severe penalties for bosses who 'let go' employees in order to retain profits. There would be a fine of £800, three months in jail or both sanctions the minister noted. While he was of the opinion that there were no the 5, 000 worker sackings, within the Salisbury area alone, as some had stated a figure of 1, 000, for the whole country was a more reasonable number, there had only been 33 official notifications of breach of the new law.

In the opinion of the Eddison Zvobgo, the local government minister, the way the government of Malawi is administered by president Banda is a god model for Mugabe government to follow. These comments were made as a Zimbabwe delegation returned from Blantyre after celebrating the 16<sup>th</sup> year of independence for Malawi.  
**The Guardian**

*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**

Headline – *Nkomo presses case for Russian embassy* – to be sited in the capital and vice versa in Moscow; a Zimbabwe embassy in Moscow. Such a move, believes the home affairs minister and his Patriotic Front party, would show to the international community that the nation was truly a non aligned, in the political/military sense, state.

A response, on behalf of the Mugabe wing of the government came from finance minister Enos Nkala. He noted that no such foreign representatives from Moscow would be allowed office space in Salisbury until 'certain statements had been made by the Soviets. He did not elaborate.

Long has been the 'dislike', of the Soviets during the black nationalist struggle for self rule recently gained, by the Mugabe wing of the PF guerilla army. This stems from the financial/ military backing given to the Nkomo fighters. The reason; Moscow backed its proxy to become the leader in the independent Zimbabwe not the way it has turned out. The prime minister would consider the embassy request if the Soviets acknowledged that he was the rightful leader of Zimbabwe.

Acting ahead of the closure date, of the South African embassy in the capital even before it has been announced, Pretoria has ordered all its senior diplomats resident in Salisbury back home. It has still been left open, by foreign minister R F Botha, as to whether there will be any diplomatic representation between the two countries. Zimbabwe's officials must make a request to the Pretoria cabinet if required. - **The Guardian** -

Leader Comment, **Mr Mugabe has troubles** which, despite all that he, as a co leader of the joint nationalist guerilla army leadership with Joshua Nkomo, has achieved since independence some how resembles still rotate round the idealogical differences between the two main political parties that make up the coalition government.

Noted also are the disruptive elements, within his own party; whose real loyalty is to to Zanu rather than the government. One such is Enos Nakala where, as now, "It would upset the Zany balance to remove him , and if there cannot be show of unity between the two old nationalist rivals there must be at least be a sense of coherence in their senior party at cabinet level."

“We shall see about that over the next few months as Mr Mugabe finishes paying off the debts of the struggle for independence and Mr Nkomo weighs the long term survival of Zimbabwe in the balance. - ditto page 12 -

Headline – *How political infighting may alienate the guerillas* – a cabinet 'rift' digested – ditto page 13 C 2 -

*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 ”*  
*Jeremy Beadles, Today's - Day, Daily Express -*

### **Thurs 10**

Headline – *Witch – doctors meet* – along with the nations traditional leaders and spirit leaders; a number that may reach up to one thousand delegates. Their aim is to forge a united professional body. The move was backed by the Zimbabwe health minister, Herbert Ushewokunze. His aim is to bring the discipline of traditional healing; the use of natural remedies within the sphere of the countries medical service. As of this time there are an estimates 3, 000 practitioners of this indigenous service spread throughout the nation. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *Clashes mark widening Mugabe- Nkomo rift* – as demonstrated by recent violent clashes between their respective supporters. At a peaceful demonstration, outside the parliament building, organised by Joshua Nkomo's supporters, two of the 200 strong crowd were injured when attacked by Zanu PF supporters when the crowd moved on to protest outside the movements headquarters building.

The demonstrators were calling for the sacking of finance minister Enos Nkala after his earlier remarks over the formation of a 'one party state' and a threat to 'crush' the Zanu leader; seen as the father of Zimbabwe 's nationalism.

While this outbreak of inter party violence, was an isolated incident, fears grow among the authorities that such outbreaks of inter party rivalry may spread to the 32, 000 strong guerilla forces still languishing in the assembly points where the majority support the prime minister. - **Financial Times** -

Headline – *Nkomo calls for Russia* – for Soviet Union to be allowed to open an embassy, and therefore open diplomatic relations with Zimbabwe, in the countries capital. The Patriotic Front leader sees the issue as “a matter of life or death that our interests are represented by an embassy in Moscow ....” said the parties information secretary M C Nzirmasanga.

It can be noted that the PF leader is heavily indebted to the Soviets for their military and logistical help to his half of the guerilla coalition that forced the end of the civil war while Mr Mugabe relied for much of his campaign on the supplies gained from China, N Korea and Yugoslavia. Even at this time Moscow still aids the 3, 000 Nkomo loyalists that remain in Zambia and Angola.

The main block to diplomatic relations between the two countries stems from a call by minister Nkomo that Moscow must make 'certain statements' before recognition would be allowed. As to their wording the minister gave no clue.

Other diplomatic shuffles; senior Pretoria appointed officials have returned south and back into the land of their birth. The countries foreign minister, Roelf Botha, noted that it would be no great loss if the two countries broke of diplomatic and trade relations. However the 'consulate office' in Salisbury is still besieged by whites wanting the papers to travel south despite being restricted to taking £550 of their savings with them. - **Yorkshire Post** -

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

### **Fri 11**

Headline – ***Nkomo's visit poses diplomatic problem*** – the home affairs minister unexpectedly arrives in London on an unannounced visit. Although not sanctioned by prime minister Mugabe the visitor received a call from a foreign office official passing on Lord Carrington 's best wishes.

It is thought that the minister will meet with people from the financial world who have business interests on the African continent and diplomats of countries who have yet set up embassies in Salisbury. - **The Guardian** -

*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 Year Book – 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**

Headline – ***Storm gathers over Zimbabwe*** – as authorities in South Africa not only continue to remove their officials from the countries capital but also recall ten officials, working for the South African Railways who are spend their time maintaining the 20 locomotives, leased to the Zimbabwe Railways, by which goods can be exported through the apartheid states ports. Such actions will harm the new governments growth at this early stage of its existence .

Inside South Africa such actions cause comment from Afrikaner Rowen Cronje; a one time minister in the Musorewa regime. He called on the authorities in Pretoria not to over react to the prime ministers call, at the OAU 's recent meeting over diplomatic relations with the apartheid state. Mugabe still wanted good trading relations with his southern neighbour, there would be no sanctions nor would he allow bases for those wishing to overthrow the white regime on Zimbabwean territory. Any decision on formal relations between the two countries will not be made until a cabinet meeting in Pretoria on 22/7. - **Sunday Times page 8 C 1** -

Headline – ***Mugabe in war of words with Nkomo*** – as the words of Enos Nkala; the minister who has voiced the opinion that Zimbabwe should become a one party state, speculate down to the 18, 000 Zipra guerilla fighters still idling their time away in the assembly points that have been their home since before the general election.

Along with this there are the tribal tensions, Shona versus KwaNdebele that confronts Mugabe and Nkomo respectively. Such a show of disunity, as seen outside the headquarters building of the Zanu in the capital, is no reassurance to international investors that money spent on the countries infrastructure, will bring rich rewards for the foreign investor. Thus shows of disunity between the coalition partners does not show well for the countries long term future. - **ditto C 4** -

Headline – ***Nkomo off on mystery mission*** – after his short London based visit the PF leader flew to Libya for talks with its leader Colonel Ghaddafi in Tripoli. Despite trying to keep the next leg of his journey a secret an hours delay, because of aircraft delays, saw the minister surrounded by the press in the VIP lounge at Heathrow Airport. - **Sunday Express page 1** -

Headline – ***Nkomo denies rift*** – and denies there is any friction between himself and Robert Mugabe. However he did admit that he had 'troubles with a few madmen' that were his cabinet associates; no names mentioned.

All along his main interests has been the stability of Zimbabwe “not only to maintain it but to consolidate the independence that we fought so hard to achieve.” In his mind any 'difficulties' remaining will end when the various guerilla forces, spread over the rural lands, have been brought into a single unit as part of the national army.

The crux of the matter can be laid at the door of the British negotiators at the Lancaster House talks. The Zapu leader was of the opinion that the 3 months lead in period to independence was not enough. There should have been a six month gap before Zimbabwe came into being. Thus the resettlement of an integrated national army would have been complete.

“Now we have to pay for that British mistake.” - **The Observer** -

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

**Mon 14**

Headline – *Nkomo 'deserves to be crushed' says Zimbabwe minister* – as minister Tekere, a strong supporter of the prime minister, called on the government to issue orders to remove two Anglican church ministers, Bishop P Burroughs and Dean Da Costa have spoken of their support for previous governments which opposed black majority rule.

An outburst, from manpower minister Edgar Tekere, that points the way that some in the cabinet think about the political future of the home affairs minister has been echoed by a member of the upper house of the house of assembly. Senator Moven Nchlovu was speaking at a political rally in Nkomo 's home area; Matebeleland province. He noted that if the minority leaders Patriotic Front “continues to disturb the peace” Zimbabwe should become a one party state. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *I didn't desert my bride soldier Glen* – who has been reported as leaving his employment, as an ambulance driver in the city of York, to serve in the Rhodesian military. Speaking from the capital, of the independent Zimbabwe the 26 year old claimed that both his wife and parents knew of his plans.

However despite having ambitions to take on a fighting roll it was his medical skills that were utilised by his new employers. He spent his time in the medical rooms of the Salisbury barracks where he was stationed. - **Evening Post** -

### **Wed 16**

Headline – *Gunmen end nurse 's aid for children* - given by the Save the Children Fund charity. The reason; according to the charities organisation director, E Lindsay Smith, was the threat of attack upon three of the organisations employees by a group of 13 dissidents.

The threats were made by former guerilla fighters, loyal to Joshua Nkomo 's political party, who were roaming free from an assembly point in the Naki region 150 miles south west of the capital.

Giving details of the incident one of those threatened, New Zealand national Mary K Mackie, noted that the guerilla fighters were carrying Russian made weapons and wearing bandoleers of bullets. The group, and their accompanying police escort, were rescued by Zipra Commander Bazooka who was able to persuade the 'dissidents' to withdraw.

Noting the work they charity nurses had completed, since being placed in the Naki region of Matebeleland province, Mackie said that their team had seen 8, 500 child patients and travelled a total of 12, 000 kilometres to any number of schools, church buildings and village huts, to complete the charities relief work. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Thurs 17**

Headline – *Bush war veterans flees Zimbabwe* – and travel south into South Africa, a country perceived wisdom would indicate, which is about to become embroiled in its own civil war. The battle, once again, will be the majority population having to fight for its political rights with a much smaller, but more powerful, white population.

Pretoria, having noted the struggle of the white regime; latterly with the connivance of the cleric Musorewa, and its white led military, is likely to welcome those from the 'defeated military' into its own South African Defence Force because of the experience gained and knowledge of the ways of the black nationalists tactics. To ease the transfer of those Rhodesians with military expertise into becoming South African residents the apartheid regime has issues such persons with immediate resident permits; a process that normally takes 9 months. The authorities will also pay the removal costs for recruits and their families, and give 12 months contracts with an £800 tax free bonus at the end.

Estimates of the number of Rhodesian military who have swapped the green uniform for the khaki of the South African Defence Force range from 1, 900 to 3, 500  
**Yorkshire Post page 1? C 1**

*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 that 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 Mugabe had 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 12.5m 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**

Headline – **General Walls quits Mugabe 's army** – and takes effect from the end of 7/'80. Those in the know assume that the arrival of a top military officer; General Sir Edwin Brammel chief of the general staff, and a team from London, on a visit may be an indication that the prime minister was not unaware of his armies military chief of staff 's retirement.

Seemingly the chief cause of this retirement is the slowness of the integration of the 34, 000 former guerilla fighters, many still festering away in assembly points far out in the Zimbabwe countryside, who have not yet had their futures settled. Are they to join the national army or allowed to return to their previous lives from seven years ago?

Since the 4/'80 independence day euphoria and the presence of the 60 strong British military instructors presence who are working on the integration issue have had their



work cut out to keep the process ongoing. Reports of the arrest of 500 trainees, since that date to head of trouble, was another reason for this high powered arrival from London.

Others state that the General's reason for resigning his post is that those who once regarded the military commander as their only hope win the battle with the guerilla forces have now turned their back on him. His military colleagues are now of the opinion that with him remaining as the head of the national army, a force that will in time contain officers from the former Patriotic Front, he has 'sold out' to the new regime. The white dominated farming community were of the same opinion. It would be fair to say, notes those who know him that the general is a man who likes to be liked.

Commenting on the resignation former prime minister Ian Smith echoed the feelings of the ethnic whites; "I'm not surprised at all ... the farmers hate him and he cannot even walk the streets without people abusing him. I never hear a nice word said about him."

Dissidents in the north west of the country have killed two people one of whom was policeman. At the same time the authorities in the capital have launched an investigation into the conditions those that are forced to stay out in the countryside; former Zipra and Zanla fighters, have to endure. Their chief complaint is that they have been isolated far to long.

At the same time labour minister, K Kangi, called on white farmers to stay on their land now that peace had come. The minister appealed to the spirit the community showed, one that was unmoved, during the long civil war that saw their properties attacked many times. - **The Guardian page 1 C 8** -

*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**

Headline – ***Walls considers new jobs*** – even as he dismisses the idea that he resigned his post, as head of the Zimbabwe National Army, because of the slow pace of the integration of the black nationalist forces with the existing, mainly white officered army.

Speaking of prime minister Mugabe he noted that the two had a good working relationship together. In fact one of the employment opportunities he was considering, all of which were based within the country's borders, was to work for his former boss in a new capacity. Speaking of the alleged hatred of the farming and white community at large the retiree noted that this was not a worry "because I have never regarded myself, or the former Rhodesian forces as protecting the interests of one community."

As to his replacement as head of the military those in the know tip Rex Nhongo who was chief of the military forces under the command of the now prime minister. Such

an appointment is strongly favoured by Zanu central committee, but less favourable with the Nkomo wing of the coalition government.

The country has applied for membership of the United Nations. - **The Guardian** -

*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**

Headline – ***Will Mugabe feel the Nkomo sting?*** - or eventually loose power, through a civil war scenario, between the Shona and KwaNdebele tribal groups that make up the prime ministers and his home affairs minister 's supporters.

There is, however, evidence that the health of the KwaNdebele supported minister shows the clinical signs; a tendency for swollen ankles early in the morning, of incipient heart disease.

Moves have already been made, by the prime minister, to counter any such plan. Elements of the Mugabe loyal Zipra forces have been deployed in areas where the population are fiercely loyal to the home affairs minister. One base is on the Gwaa River in Matebeleland; the other outside the town of Papa in the Rukomechi area of Mashonaland, near the Zambian border.

As to the military hard wear inside the national armies base four battalions, some 5, 820 Zipra soldiers are based and large numbers of 14.5mm heavy machine guns, trucks fitted with anti aircraft artillery and heavy mortars. While across the border, inside Zambia, Soviet era T54 tanks and six Mig fighters are available if hostilities were to break out. - **Sunday Times page 10 C 1** -

*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 –*

## **Mon 21**

Headline – ***Mr Nkomo flies home to a crime wave*** – for which, the cracking down upon is the responsibility of the police. As home affairs minister this department is under his control. In the latest incident two white farmers, living on their farm in the town of Goromonzi 20 miles east of the capital, died after disturbing thieves stealing furniture. Four days a black and a white person also died when a similar incident occurred on a farm in the Mount Hamden area west of Salisbury. - **The Times** -

Headline – ***Torture claim by freed pilot*** – made against the Zambian authorities while Michael Borlace aged 32 was detained on alleged spying charges. The British

national, who served in the Rhodesian air force as a helicopter pilot, was speaking from his parents farm at Longdowns near Falmouth Cornwall.

The much decorated pilot noted that after the length of his torture he was ready to agree to anything that was claimed of him. In his view, to sign the prison authorities beliefs that collected information on the home of Joshua Nkomo and passed it on to the white military, was the only way that the pain would stop. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – ***Zimbabwe silences radio news report*** – on the cross ethnic, annual, rugby union match that pitted sports teams from the Orange Free State in South Africa and this newly independent Marxist state; known as the Currie Cup. A black journalist from the state broadcaster noted that “we 're not having anything to do with anything South African.”

With hindsight the move is only of an extension of the nations sports policy defined in 5/80 by the prime minister. At that time it could be seen that the sporting links with its southern neighbour would be cut when the British Lions were banned from the country having already played matches in the apartheid state.

With the loss of his head of the armed forces, through the resignation of Lieutenant General Peter Walls, the hunt is on for a replacement. It would seem, at this stage, that prime minister Mugabe would want to appoint a military officer from overseas. Top of his wish list is an officer from Britain, Australia or New Zealand. Such a choice would, in his minds eye, would stem any bad feeling within the two main elements of the nations national army.

It has been noted elsewhere that once the some of the former guerilla commanders have settled into positions of authority in the national army extravagances occur. In one case one commander presented a £400 one month telephone bill. Others have used government funds to purchase TV's, radios and music systems for their own usage. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – ***Zimbabwe to Leeds that 's the mission of Deacon Joseph*** – when he settles into the role at the Holy Rosary Church on Chapeltown Road Leeds. The 33 year old will spend a few months in this Roman Catholic church after his recent ordination in Rome. The cleric is to return to the Italian capital before the winter sets in. - **Diary of a Yorkshireman; Evening Post** -

## **Tues 22**

Headline – ***Testing time for Mugabe 's rule*** – as within the next 24 hours, at the first session of parliament since evidence of wrangling for a dominant position within the coalition government becomes evident, takes place. Fears, from members of both elements of the ruling administration, as to the future of the government and the stability of the nation, are their chief concern.

No one in the house of assembly would wish for a new civil war to break out. The whole nation, both blacks and whites are war weary. - **Yorkshire Post page 1?** -

## **Wed 23**

Leader Comment, **Zimbabwe 's problems** persist despite “Lords Carrington and Soams got the new country off to a better start than anyone had thought possible.” Britain has also benefited;; relations with black African leaders and other Commonwealth nations are “better off and less complicated than they have been for years.”

The London government's solution, to the long drawn out 'Rhodesian issue' was the least harmful of previously offered 'solutions.' With the wincing endorsement of those, on the international stage who observed the independence elections, that they were free and fair it is now “clearly up to the people of Zimbabwe to prove themselves worthy of their independence.” Failure to clear up their own mess “Britain cannot be blamed for giving them the chance to succeed.”

While the whole of the Zimbabwe nation await the outcome of their ongoing fears of a violent split in the government that leads to a renewed civil war it must be remembered that “the election quite clearly showed Mr Nkomo with minority support in the country as a whole. .... support in an election might be a disappointment; minority support in a physical conflict would be fatal. Mr Nkomo is not a fool.”  
**Yorkshire Post**

#### **Thurs 24**

Headline – ***Emergency rule renewed by Zimbabweans*** – for a six month extension to a law that was first enacted by the white regime in an attempt to curb the emerging black nationalist hopes of an independence which began sixteen years ago.

There was no pleasure shown by the home affairs minister as he announced the renewal of this hated piece of legislation. Ongoing would be the detentions for those who violently show their opposition to the present regimes attempt to clamp down on such activities.

Within the near future local government, council, elections are due. They cannot be seen to be allowed to take place when the voters, candidates, families and supporters cannot go about their law full business while intimidation is rife.

The recent reports of the murder of white farmers, living close to the countries capital, has brought forward the idea that the farming community will begin to rearm as a defence force in much the same way that as the community did during the civil war.  
**The Guardian**

#### **Fri 25**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe calls for foreign investment*** – and named as one of the priorities in the countries first budget put before the house of assembly by finance minister Enos Nkala.

During the ministers one hundred and fifty minute speech much emphasis was placed on measures that would create wealth for the whole nation rather than the perceived

idea, for a socialist nation, of the measures that would see a greater burden placed on the wealthy than the poorest Zimbabweans.

There was little alteration to the tax system and confirmed the already announced government pledge to honour the payment of civil service pensions. Foreign investors would be able to take out their company profits made by their Zimbabwe partners within 2 years. As for the care of those residents who were in need of help from the government just to stay alive the minister said social service spending would be increased. There were plans, in the pipeline, to abolish the sales tax on foodstuffs; another help to the less well off. Measures in the budget were compliant with an allowed deficit of £303m and would be financed by further by foreign borrowing.

Reviewing the seven years of civil war and its endgame and aftermath; the Lancaster House talks/ Agreement and the three months of transition the finance minister had harsh words for the British and the Americans. In his view along with the London and Washington governments other nations had broken their promise, to finance an aid programme to overcome the unequal distribution of the nations farmland. In his estimation such a plan would need in excess of £120m over the next 3 years.

Gross Domestic Product is expected to rise by four per cent although, when the benefits of the recently lifted international sanctions are felt the rise should be more. One hindrance to continued growth in the economy are the roaming bands of former guerillas that bring fear and crime into the rural areas, "their activities are delaying much needed recovery."

To encourage this much needed foreign cash as well as allowing the repatriation of foreign money after 24 months from 3/'81 overseas companies would be able to take out 50% of after tax Zimbabwe earned profits for shareholders in Canada, the USA and Britain.

Reported; an residential attack, on 23/7 at the home of a black member of the house of assembly. Ariston Chambati, a senior MP for the Patriotic Front Party. The MP was not at home at the time of the incident and no other person was injured. The incident occurred hours after the state of emergency legislation had just been renewed for a six month period. - **The Guardian** -

Undated

Headline – *Mugabe's guerillas face murder charge* – after the deaths of two white farmers and an elderly female which occurred on 21/7. This, and other reported incidents, involving dissident guerilla bands, will also heighten the tension between the coalition's political parties. The Mugabe element accuse the Nkomo element of supporting the actions of its loyalist dissidents. In return a tit for tat response of complicity in such attacks is the belief of the Patriotic Front. - **The Guardian** ? -

*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.*

**Sun 27**

Headline – *The whites take fright* – as details of the farm deaths (qv 25/7) emerge. The farm, located in the Arcturus district outside the capital saw police detain three civilians and the same number of Zanla guerillas who were temporally based on Oasis farm; an old assembly point, in the same locality. The dead were named as Lawrence James ages 73, his wife Pauline 75 and their nephew Louie Volker aged 38. In recent times the three had appealed to the authorities for added protection from 'dissidents'.

The great fear of the 1, 300 farmers, who have settled on their lands in this area, is the number of supposedly corralled, in a one time assembly points, the 4, 500 guerillas who have now been granted 'leave' to roam outside their camp. It would seem that while the former assembly point residents are free to roam they seek out black civilians, who during the civil war, have in the 'dissidents' eyes wronged the nationalists in some way.

Much of the alleged crime delved into are faced in 'kangaroo courts' who investigate the crimes of those who, for example, stayed in their village rather than leave and join the black nationalist struggle. Examples of crime and punishment; for stealing a chicken one man was killed. For allowing the Rhodesian security forces to conceal an alarm, from the secure compound to the farmhouse, to be activated when nationalists appeared, another man was killed on the orders of these kangaroo courts.

Other present day incident include an attack on Peter Willoughby and his 70 year old sister, Phyllis who were attacked as they tried to quieten a rowdy party happening in the farms workers compound late at night. The following morning Zanla guerillas returned. In the ensuing action the sister suffered 2 fractured ribs and a punctured lung. When the brother returned despite his sister being unconscious her attackers also attacked him. Such attacks are giving a reason for them to leave their farm. A thought that is frequently crossing the minds of other Acturus farming district. - **The Sunday Times page 10 C 1** -

Headline – *Nkomo 's forces hunt down deserters* – across the Mafangabusi plateau; a region of thick bush, mission stations and kraals 150 miles west of Salisbury. Those chosen, some 350 men from the Third Battalion of the Infantry Brigade, are equipped and trained by the Soviets, and have been on their search mission for less than seven days. Some might say that this home affairs inspired action is one way of not provoking moves, by those within the Zanu party, to oust its coalition partner from government.

A first meeting between chief of the UK 's general staff Sir Edwin Bramall, a request from the prime minister himself, is expected to occur within a short time.

In the eyes of the police in the Gowek district there are three categories of dissidents that leave the camps; those that are board/ deserters and leave without their weapons. Those that go armed with the purpose of criminal acts; ranging from rape to robbery. The last group mix politics and crime and target, with evil intentions, school teachers and their places of work are subject to arson attacks.

The police note that this last group consists of only six dissidents who are led by a gap toothed ex Zipra guerilla given the name Tommy. Police indicate that within recent

time this gang of six have been responsible for the killing of a black policeman, rape, robberies and the forced closure of 13 bush schools. - **The Observer** -

### **Mon 28**

Headline – *PM woos Matabele opposition* – he addresses a 176 strong gathering of the provinces tribal elders. His aim, taking as an example the time that Cecil Rhodes called a similar gathering in 1896 to explain the white man 's intentions for this new colony.

The reasoning behind this present day meeting was to head off any misunderstandings of government policy which may see the provinces member of parliament or his supporters try and disrupt any such policy changes introduced. Accompanying his prime minister was the Zimbabwe president Canaan Banana.

Despite the fact that all the tribal chiefs backing the prime ministers initiative to quell any violence before it starts observers note that all not may seem as it is. In times past, when Britain was still the colonial power such meetings would often end with the tribal leaders initially showing support for what was proposed. Only at a later time would their true opposition become known.

As this agreement seems to show, in the prime ministers mind, that there is hope that the power of Joshua Nkomo, unchallenged for the past ten years, is on the wane Mugabe 's next drive through, with the Mozambique president Samora Machel, will be the real test of his support and a further snub to his rival. - **The Guardian** -

### **Tues 29**

Headline – *Nkomo quizzed on whites beatings* – as a former Rhodesian Front member of the house of assembly, Wing Commander R Gaunt, calls on the police to reveal outcome of their investigations into the beating of a British national doing business in Umtali in the east of the country on 30/6. The attacker was said to be former guerilla commander Rex Nhongo.

Police contacts, with the ex Zipra guerilla commander and would be leader of the Zimbabwe National Army, have in recent times been called to a scuffle in the streets of Salisbury where he was refused entry into a hotel because he was without a tie. Elsewhere allegations of his beating four students; held by his bodyguards have been made. The attack in Umtali was as a result of the Briton not being able to move his vehicle quickly enough 'for the man in a hurry'.

The continued detention, of former guerilla Morrison Nyathi; a fighter who changed his allegiance away from the black nationalist cause and then led his former enemies, the Rhodesian military, on seek and destroy missions into Mozambique. Having survived the war the detained man, said to being kept in a 9ft deep pit, was held by Mugabe loyalists in Highfield township. As being responsible for the actions of the police answers are demanded of the home affairs minister. - **The Guardian** -

## **Thurs 31**

Headline – *Salisbury speeds up army merger* – as the pace of integration will see at least 10, 000 former fighters ready for service in the national army by 10/'80 and by 6/'81 the nations army will be fully operational.

In all the national force, by the end of the integration process, will consist of nine Battalions of infantry with three already integrated; 6/'80 based north of the capital, number two by 8/'80 and the others over the proceeding 10 weeks. It is hoped that the 130 British military instructors will then train specialist units deemed appropriate during their time remaining in Zimbabwe.

Chief of the General Staff, Sir E Bramail, during his visit has toured military facilities in Gwent and the nations second city Bulawayo and may have had input with the prime minister as he decides who will be General Peter Walls replacement as head of the nations army.

Settled into government the coalition has seen that name changes, away from the British colonial times, will give the nation a new beginning. Keeping that thought one of the main streets in the capital is to loose its Cecil Rhodes era name. Jameson Avenue, named after Dr Leander; a friend of the colonies founder and an early administrator of the British South Africa Company, will become Samora Machel Avenue.

The name change, which has angered many in the white community; expressed by the Salisbury city council members, will be evident within the next 5 days on the eve of a state visit from Mozambique 's president. - **The Guardian page 6 C 1** -

Headline – *Zimbabwe set to point UN anger south* – as the security council vote in favour of the Mugabe led nation becoming the 154<sup>th</sup> member of the New York based organisation.

The newest member will hope that the concern of the UN will turn towards other conflicts on the African continent; the struggle for a free and fair government of Namibia run by its own people.

Inside Zimbabwe some 3, 900 former guerillas, who have been corralled in former assembly points for the past months have been found a useful way to use their time. The launch of Operation Seed, will see the ex black nationalists, from both Zanu and Zapu, moved to areas of the country where assistance is needed in preparing and planting of food crops for the next harvest. However those former fighters, housed on farms in the Acturus region will be removed. The reason according to the white farm owners their presence caused a climate of violence. - **Yorkshire Post** -

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



## AUGUST

### Fri 1

Headline – *Angry Africans batter Rhodes statue* – as a sign of their approval of the policy decision recently made (qv 31/7) made by the prime minister. Their show of target was a bronze statue of the founder of British colony of Rhodesia. This statue of Cecil John Rhodes, which stood outside the office of Robert Mugabe in the centre of the capital is to be moved to a position inside the national archive building.

From a crowd of about 300 Africans surrounding the statue about 12 persons broke from the crowd and climbed up the statue and began to batter the face of the father of the nation with scaffolding poles which were nearby. A white, observing the actions of his fellow citizens; with tears in his eyes noted “It 's the end of an era.”

A second statue, cast in London; weighting one and a half tons also erected in 1928, stands in the countries second city of Bulawayo. No decision as to its removal has been made as of yet. - **The Guardian page 1** -

Headline – *General optimistic about Zimbabwe army* – that is chief of the general staff of British army who was speaking after his arrival in Kenya after his fact finding trip to Zimbabwe.

After visiting a number of military facilities, where the two elements of the former guerilla force and the white Rhodesian army, train to be an 'as one' fighting unit General Sir Edwin Bramail noted the achievements of those who will form the new Zimbabwe national army. He noted that all ethnicities showed enthusiasm for the task of merging themselves, and others, into one fighting unit.

Official figure, note that white emigration for 1 – 6/80 was higher during this time span than for the same period in 1979. In New York the security council of the United Nations recommends the approval of Zimbabwe becoming the 154<sup>th</sup> member of the world wide organisation. - **The Guardian** -

Headline - *Zimbabwe strike gold* – at the Moscow Olympic Games as they overcome the mighty women 's hockey team of Holland. The result, 4 : 1, is seen as a shock by those who are in the sporting know.

Their involvement in the international competition, from which they had been banned ever since the unilateral declaration of independence by Ian Smith in 1965, was even more unexpected. As of this time, three months after independence, only 500 female hockey players throughout the country.

The team, with an average age of only 27, were hardly internationally match fit before arriving at the opening ceremony. Even games, that were played before arriving in the Soviet capital, the team lost. With such a short time to choose a national team no games, of an international flavour were played. - **Sport' ditto** -

### Sat 2

Headline – *Zimbabwe inherits colonial police* – as the colonial elements of Zimbabwe 's past are wiped off the peoples consciousness. As of this time the Rhodes era police; named the British South African Police, by the colony founder is no more. Its new name is to be; plainly the Zimbabwe Republic Police. - **The Guardian page 1** -

Headline – *Smith finds there 's no place like home* – although that 's not to say the former prime minister would not leave the country if his living conditions became intolerable.

While still an MP, and leader of the small element of white MP 's caucus in the national assembly. As to his dealings with prime minister Mugabe Smith notes that they do meet quite often. However it does not mean that each of them know what the other is thinking. Gone are the ex 's constant references to Marxist /Communist when speaking of the prime ministers politics. A more moderate approach takes over.

“I was agreeably surprised once I 'd started meeting the man, at his ability, his grasp of the situation and what appeared to me to be his straight talking .... I have been impressed with the man 's performance.” - **ditto page 13 C 1** -

### **Sun 3**

Headline – *Model rifles recall 'finest hour'* – as the present, black nationalist, led government take down the past reminiscences of an old out dated colonial power. An era ended; long live the recent past, remembering the civil war. For the white community the collecting of memorabilia, from the recent seven years of fighting, seems to be all the rage.

Echoing the WW2 of their forefathers, where monies were collected, by public subscription, to purchase essential war supplies, so the modern day white Zimbabwean purchase models of weapons of war, £3 bronze scale model of an FN rifle used by white troops. £7 brings a 10 inch model of a trooper.

Changes in attitude, by troops themselves, have been noted; whites moving through Nkomo guerillas now trained and integrated note how disciplined former foes are and their ability to march in step; “here I is walking about among all these gooks” was one reaction. Although the small number of 'renegade' guerillas who commit crimes in the rural areas are noted as a nuisance. - **The Observer page 10 C 1** -

Headline – *Mugabe 's land reforms hit snag* – as two thousand peasant farmers, living in the vicinity of Fort Victoria, reject the proposed government policy of communal farming.

The minister for land and resettlement, S Sekeremy, had proposed that each family farm would be stocked by 10 head of cattle on 5 hectares / 12 acres of land for its own use. In the minds of the dissenting farmers to allow only 12 cattle per family shows no understanding of tradition. In tribal culture, the number of head of cattle owned by a family, indicates their social status. The more cattle owned the more respect a family receives from neighbours. In reality they prefer the way of farming carried out in the tribal trust lands

Even the government 's agricultural department workers seem opposed to the idea of community farming. In some cases as they tried to explain the schemes benefits they were opposed by farmers in the villages. Some of the opposition came because the farmers were listening to ideas put by former guerillas fighters who were resident in the community. They were unhappy at the way the authorities imposed their views from far away Salisbury. There has been a number of recent attacks where government agricultural workers have been attacked in the Nuanetetsi tribal trust area in the north east of the country. - **The Sunday Times** -

#### **Mon 4**

Headline – ***Angry whites set to snub Marxist*** – reception for Samora Machel; which involves school children, of all ethnicities, lining the route that the presidential motorcade travels, when the Zimbabwe prime minister meets the president of Mozambique who arrives on a state visit. There are fears that such a parental withdrawal of their children could lead to black/white disorder in central Salisbury.

Claiming that the order 'was illegal under the nations Bill of Rights the Rhodesian Front also saw this move, by minister of local government Zvobgo, was an opportunity to protest at the ditching of the street name Jameson Avenue for Samora Machel Ave. The minister also noted that any failure to turn up on the street would be deemed a treasonable act. - **Yorkshire Post page 9 C 8** -

*Crowds, 10 deep, line the streets of Salisbury to greet Samora Machel – the president of Mozambique. Whist 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**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe girls still refused UK entry*** – even they are the cousins of Zimbabwe 's finance minister Enos Nkala. As of this time Chosen Nkala aged 18 and Maxine Tshuma 19, are detained in a detention centre on the outskirts of Heathrow Airport. Fighting on their behalf in Robert Hughes the Labour MP for Aberdeen N.

The two females, with an intention to continue their studies in the UK had arrived at the London airport in 2/'80 where an initial application for a visa had been refused. Home office minister 'misunderstood their application and the young women left for Dublin. Once in the Eire capital they made a second application which was refused again. A hoped for education in Dublin was refused by this government. The two were then put on a plane for London and a quick exit to the local detention centre at Hansworth.; then an onward flight home via Johannesburg.

This refusal to stay in Britain was based on a home office ministers fears that the two would actually study for their A Levels and that their aunt, Ivy Nkala, would support then during their stay.

After the Aberdeen MP 's inquiries he was satisfied that the living, and financing arrangements were satisfactory for maintaining, without state aid, for the two students was adequate. Their aunt was a NHS ward sister as well as the owner of three homes

with paying tenants. Also showing support, while they were resident in Dublin, the aunt sent £2, 000 to Dublin. - **The Guardian page 1?** -

*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**

Headline – ***Mugabe minister in murder quiz*** – after the death of a white farmer on his land; Stanford Farm, on the outskirts of the capital. The incident that led to the death of 68 year old Gerald W Adams after discharge of an AK 47 rifle, which occurred on 4/8, involved the somewhat controversial personage of Edger Tekere.

Not only did the authorities question the top level Zanu PF politician, at a residence in Salisbury about the farmers death shortly after it happened. His next encounter was with members of the senior command of the police. A second interview, in the presence of the prime minister who arrives after the state banquet for visiting president Machel, also took place.

Up to the present time there has been no official statement of the incident although throughout the incident promises of an official update have been promised by the police. - **The Guardian page 1?** -

*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**

Headline – ***Murder charge against Zimbabwe minister*** – Edgar Tekere, who is also secretary general of Zanu PF, after the death of a farmer on his land on the outskirts of Salisbury. Seemingly released on bail, after his earlier questioning by the police, the minister drove himself from his suburban home to the capitals central police station/ magistrates court building.

The view of the prime minister is 'let the law take its own course' despite the fact that the lives of Mugabe and his minister have been locked together since the black nationalist struggle began and the civil war commenced. Seemingly it was the younger man who acted as go between in disputes that could have seen the emerging political party while it fought the civil war from inside Mozambique. - **The Guardian page 1 C 8** -

Headline – ***Top Mugabe aid held for farmer 's murder*** – followed by a private hearing before magistrates inside inside; away from the prying eyes of the media, inside the main police station in the capital.

In all the manpower and planning minister was interviewed by the police four times before being charged. Other information released shows that the farmers body had

been hit by a multitude of bullets. A witness? noted that at about the same time two vehicles were seen fleeing from the scene. One, a Jaguar similar to the car the minister travels in and a Mercedes; usually driven by cabinet ministers, were seen driving away from the farm.

Throughout the white community the arrest of the 43 year old minister, and one who is an avowed Marxist loyal to the party's central committee before his prime minister, brought scenes of joy. - **The Guardian** -

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.*

### **Fri 8**

Headline – ***Tekere refused bail*** – following an 'in camera' appearance before a court presided over by Judge A Smith. The exclusion of press and public from the proceedings was by order of the acting attorney general Justice Glaum who noted that the states evidence against the accused would involve evidence which, in his opinion was best kept out of the public domain. Reasons for such actions would be forthcoming when the time was right.

While the government minister, and secretary general of Zanu 's central committee, languished in his Chickurubi prison cell on the outskirts of Salisbury his lawyer Christopher Mercer acquiesced at the 'in camera' stipulation from the governments legal department.

Educated opinion notes that it would be inappropriate to allow bail for a person charged with such a crime as the minister of manpower development is. The time frame for the next step in the legal process; a trial in the Zimbabwe High Court is uncertain as the court is expected to go into recess within the next 14 days.

Away from the court president Mugabe seemed to give little attention to the plight of one of his top ministers. During a state banquet for his close wartime associate, and one who is on a state visit; president Machel, the former guerilla leader praised the Mozambique leader. - **The Guardian** -

### **Sat 9**

Headline – ***Tekere arrest sparks protest*** – as a crows, 200 in number, of University of Zimbabwe students attempt to march from, their campus on the outskirts of the capital, to Salisbury city centre in protest at the continued detention of the government minister.

Within a mile of their chosen protest site the crowd was met by many police who were armed in combat fatigues, armed with tear gas and other riot protection equipment. With such a show of force the protesters offered no resistance as they

were herded into police vans and driven away from the area. Their charge, one of illegal assembly, would be mitigated by the payment of a small fine.

Other legal moves, surrounding the murder of farmer Gerald Adams, was the arrest of six of the minister's bodyguards; all of whom were remanded in jail until their next court appearance on 26/8. Their charge; being members of an armed group that killed the farmer.

In another legal case also involving a government minister, not associated with the Tekere case, the plight of John Mandirwe a Mozambican national has come before the Zimbabwe courts.

Minister of state, E Mnangagwa who has defied a court ruling of 1/8; by judge Anthony Smith to hand over the so named dissident under a writ of habeas corpus by 2/8. In his defence the minister, speaking through the public prosecution director C Glaum noted "It is extremely difficult to make contact with the minister, particularly with the visit of president Machel."

It is the intention of the Zimbabwe authorities to send the wanted man back to Maputo where the authorities will charge him with aiding, through the recruitment of persons who wish to overthrow the present Marxist government, that rules Mozambique. **The Guardian**

### **Sun 10**

Headline – ***Tekere arrest may hit Mugabe*** – as by his action of not interfering in the legal process may have political as well as personal consequences for the prime minister. Gone is a long standing friendship between the two men. One that has been forged from the time they were both prisoners of a white led state determined to keep itself in power despite the onslaught of various black nationalist leaders who were jailed for their belief in a majority led government.

A second, present day, hurt is the effort the prime minister will have to make with his cabinet to persuade them to keep the faith and ensue an economic policy that is midway between the hard line Marxist policies, that the cabinet supporters of the accused minister can count as his cabinet backers, and the less draconian policy that will see the rest of the world bring foreign investment to a nation that has had its economy wrecked by the recent civil war.

Despite an understanding that the reasons for the 'in camera' trial of the minister would be released still to this date nothing has been forthcoming; although details of events have. It would seem that Tekere and some of his supporters were partying in a building 400 yards from Stanford Farm. There was an argument between the minister's followers and some black soldiers who were also partying in another building. One of the military fired on the political crowd.

Twenty four hours later, 4/8, there was an 'extended line' advance, by Tekere's youths, on the farm buildings where every pane of glass was shot out. An eyewitness noted that G Adams laying hunched over his radio as the African soldiers fled the scene. - **The Sunday Times** -

### **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 Tongagara 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 Walls 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***

### **Mon 18**

*Headline – **Musorewa says coup allegations are 'nonsense'** – as the former prime minister debunks the idea that he, let alone General Peter Walls, were in any way involved with any plan to overthrow the sitting regime led by Robert Mugabe.*

The reports, of the alleged attempt to oust the government emanated from a London based media outlet, led to a row in the country's house of assembly; led by information minister, N Shamuyarira who wholeheartedly supported the media allegations, call on the soon to be retired General to return home to face legal charges.

Only now, months after the independence day coup was to have taken place, is it known that on that day military action would prevent Mugabe taking office. He would be replaced by an administration led by the cleric and Joshua Nkomo. - **The Guardian** -

### **Tues 19**

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

### **Wed 20**

*Headline – **Tekere wins bail after assurances by Mugabe** – which were enough to allow Justice Charles Beck to allow his release. The government minister is now residing at the suburban home of his white lawyer.*

It would seem that as well as the prime minister's intervention the thought of the havoc that the armed supporters of the minister, still corralled in the nation's rural area



assembly points, was uppermost in the trial judges thinking as he made his release order. The ministers bail was set at £34, 000 along with the seizure of his passport.

In the wake of the independence day coup allegations, made recently in parliament by the information minister, there were no government ministers at Salisbury Airport to welcome home General Walls as he returns from South Africa. When approached for a comment, by the waiting media, the soon to be retired head of the nations armed forces made no comment. - **The Guardian** -

## 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.*

## Fri 22

Headline – ***Mugabe calls Walls 'disloyal character'*** – during a mid flight halt, at Heathrow Airport; midway on his journey to New York, where the prime minister will be on site in the United Nations building as Zimbabwe is accepted as a member of the international organisations general assembly.

Speaking on the loyalty of his former head of the army the prime minister noted that now that the country is run on democratic lines and is non racial in outlook the general 's recent statements are most undesirable. As to his future that is in his own hands.. “One thing is quite clear we are not going to have a disloyal character in our society.”

Three diplomatic posts; ambassadorial appointments, have been approved by the new regime in Salisbury. A recent announcement will see Elleck Mashingaidze, aged 41, will reside in Washington. To the Ethiopian capital will travel Solomon Mahaka, two years younger, where he will also speak on Zimbabwe issues at the Organisation of African Unity. To London will come Robert Zwinoira aged 48.

Unrest reports, from the South African press association, report violent clashes of groups of Mugabe and Nkomo loyalists. Cross border reports note a Zapu commander indicating that about 30 Zanu men kidnapped 9 Zapu men and threatened them with death. However all nine managed to escape unharmed. - **The Guardian** -

## 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**

Headline – *Mugabe to expel Walls* – after the prime minister became aware that as early as independence day the military forces, under the Lieutenant Generals command, were prepared prepared to attempt to stop his accession to the role of prime minister.

Despite this show of disloyalty, from a leading light of the ethnic white community, the prime minister assured the white population that there was a place for them in an independent Zimbabwe once they had accepted the principal of black majority rule.

Police clashed with renegade guerilla forces who had strayed from an assembly point outside Mtoko in the north east of the country. As a result of the contact two of the policemen were killed and two of their colleges were wounded. The original dispute, a disagreement between two of the renegades, saw an escalation when the police patrol intervened after an attempt to end the fight led to the initial attack when one of the policemen was kicked to death. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – *Mugabe bases foreign policy on need for aid not ideology* – and thus the Soviet Union, and its Eastern Bloc comrades, because of their perceived support of Joshua Nkomo wing of the Patriotic Front, will not be the first choice of the Salisbury government when their thinking turns to assistance in this field.

By his governments first ambassadorial appointments to the UK USA and Ethiopia show the new regime is leaning towards the west but still keeping itself close to its African neighbours. Even the west, has at this time only offered £70m where the hoped for amount was three times as much at the very least for the next 24 months.

Having obtained UN general assembly status the prime minister spoke to the USA 's principal news station NBC. Speaking on its Meet the Press show Robert Mugabe indicated that the aid issue would be top of the agenda when he met Jimmy Carter on 27/8. He refuse to say anything about the amount wished for. - **ditto page 4** -

*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**

Headline – *Walls still undecided* – as, still in residence in a country that the prime minister has recently noted that there was no place for him, awaited to hear exactly what Mugabe used while in New York.

In New York the United Nations General assembly 'acclaimed wholeheartedly' Zimbabwe as its 153<sup>rd</sup> member state. More than 160 nations showed their approval by their vote. - **The Guardian page 1?** -

Headline – *Smith 's sackcloth and ashes* – day, defined as Ash Tuesday on 4/3; the day the white intelligence team, who had kept the white/ black in power for many

years, began destroying documents of a 'sensitive nature'. The outgoing security forces were attempting to keep secret their past deeds that would be seen as being illegal in nature.

Some of those persons, from Rhodesian special branch and military intelligence organisations, who have recently spoken to the magazine the New Statesman, have shone further light on this operation. Noted has been the 24 hours of destruction by fire of sensitive files which “burned enough paper to take the Queen Mary round the world three times.”

Such was the demand for furnace space that as well as fires at military and intelligence bases brought into use other locations; the Andrew Fleming Hospital in the capital and the Warren Hills crematorium on Salisbury 's outskirts were utilised during the clean up campaign. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

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

### **Wed 27**

Headline – *Guerillas force out whites despite peace* – inside the troubled farming area of Mtoko – Mrewa farming district. In the recent past police have lost lives in action against renegade guerillas from X Ray assembly point. Pre civil war times there were as many as 60 farms under cultivation. As of now only 30 remain as seen on the office wall of the police base under the command of chief superintendent Mike Tasker.

Following the arrest of those involved in the deaths of his officers the camp has been the scene of armed attack by those seeking to free those detained. Now the disputed area is patrolled by members of the para military force deployed from the capital. However as the authorities are only paying £70 per month to assembly point based ex fighters, few are inclined to take up civilian life. Thus the government are tasked to find projects for the former guerillas to undertake within the rural community.

Still in the United States prime minister Mugabe has called on the London government to honour its aid pledges made to his country before it became independent. Speaking to the UN 's general assembly, where he praised London s efforts to bring about peace, he called for foreign aid of £2.5bn; a sum agreed before the Lancaster House talks began. - **The Guardian page 1?** -

### **Thurs 28**

Headline *Mugabe asks Carter to increase aid to Zimbabwe* – to \$350m over the next two years. At the first meeting, between the two leaders, it was detailed that any American financing offered would be used to repaid; and build new schools and roads throughout Zimbabwe. Other reconstruction projects would then focus on the construction of new hospitals and other elements of the nations infrastructure destroyed in the recent civil war.

With Washington having already pledged \$50m over the 24 month period to increase the call by such an amount is a big ask from the African leader; even as a previous administration – during the mid 1970's settlement talks – offered \$1bn.

Also on the mind of prime minister Mugabe is the plight of the black nationalists in Namibia who are experiencing the same problems as the Patriotic Front have recently overcome; the right to be governed by those they wanted to vote into power. In his view the authorities in Pretoria would be more likely to listen to western nations if the promise of international sanctions against South Africa were voted in by the United Nations thus isolating the apartheid state until they allowed a free and fair vote in their west African administrative region.

Speaking to the American media; who to some extent are supportive of the prime minister's recent actions, the prime minister noted that there was no definite offer of cash and only travelled to the USA “on a mission to renew our friendship and solidarity ... appeal to help us with means to solve our economic problems .... nor is there any indication at this stage whether we're going to get aid or not.” - **The Guardian** -

*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 Zanu and Zanu were in coalition the two parties would have to learn to live together.*

## **Fri 29**

Headline – ***Mugabe tells Walls to get out*** – as the threat of expulsion hangs over the discredited retiring head of the country's armed forces. The only way to avoid such disgrace is to leave Zimbabwe of his own free will. The comments came after a scheduled stop on the prime minister's flight back from the USA at Heathrow and a working lunch with foreign secretary Carrington.

It emerged, during the London talks, that the British government would provide the £75m as promised over the next three years despite the fact that Mugabe wants much more than this amount to finance the reconstruction and new building projects to enable the economy of the new nation to grow. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – ***The balance sheet of independent Zimbabwe*** – after four months of the coalition government; an end to a war that led to the loss of as many as 30, 000 lives; from both sides of the conflict. Whilst there still are elements of violence due to a small number of the 32, 000 guerilla fighters supposedly ensconced in assembly points who choose to roam free into criminality in the rural areas.

Opinion is that the recent budget has been set to provide a national wealth increase of ten per cent over the next 12 months. The farming community, almost entirely white, have been promised a 60% rise after the sale of impending maize harvest after sale to the government. Overall a national policy of job creation which will see 100, 000 new jobs created.

Foreign investors are still uncertain of risking their profits by increasing investment in such a new nation. However it is known that overseas monies will be invested in industries that extract ethanol and methanol from coal and sugar; both of which can be found on and under Zimbabwean land. New investment will see a new sugar cane plantation set up specifically for the production of a synthetic fuel which will require a £25m investment for irrigation alone.

The policy of the new education minister, Dzingai Mutambuka, for his careful policy of not antagonising the private school schemes and the setting up/ repair of the many rural based education facilities has won praise from wide sections of the nations people.

A downside to the governments achievements since independence has been the antics of Tekere and General Walls. Probably the most damaging, to the nations future, is the murder charge hanging over the Zanu PF cabinet minister. On the one hand him, being the secretary general of the party, with more loyalty to its Marxist credence than to the prime minister, may instigate internal party troubles for the future. Rumours of recent tension; inter tribal between Nkomo and Mugabe supporters also give rise to international fears of investors and the nations future. - **J Macmanus; ditto page 11 C 2** -

*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**

Headline – ***Mugabe firm in demand that Walls must leave*** – was the theme of his first message as he arrived from his overseas travels. “People cannot be allowed to use their right of birth to be disloyal to their countries. General Walls cannot be allowed to live in this country.”

In a recent television broadcast, the disgraced former leader of the nations military force, disclosed that some time after the election; that showed that Mugabe had won the right to be prime minister and before independence day, the military man had asked the British prime minister not of appoint the PF leader to the post. During the four months of Mugabe rule Walls has been heard to utter uncomplimentary remarks about the current administration and African governments in general.

With thoughts of a court appearance, after it was claimed that the general was involved in a plot to overthrow the Mugabe regime in its infancy, a decision not to has been made. Such an exposure would do no good for improved race relations between the ethnic groups nor is their any legal precedence in law to deport a Zimbabwe national from the land of his birth. - **The Guardian** -

*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 Dragesevic, endorsed Tanjug's readiness to help Zimbabwe to set up the agency. – **Reuters** –

### **Sun 31**

Headline - '***Mugabe does nothing for us' say tribesmen*** – is the opinion of a number of residents of the Chinamora Tribal Trust Land which is only 25 miles from the centre of the capital Salisbury. To their minds the nations leaders are 'living in another world' even though it was such as themselves who battled the past regimes to place the likes of Mugabe into the positions they hold at this moment in time.

Resentment is noted at the 26 strong entourage that accompanied the prime minister on his recent overseas travels; were they needed is a question that needs addressing. Also any improvements in the nations well being has fallen, not on the masses. Rather any benefits have fallen mainly on the white farming community. The 'boys', as many as 32, 500, remain corralled inside assembly points with no plans for their future seemingly coming from the government.

Despite evidence, from the farming community in the Centenary area, 100 miles north of Salisbury, that the dangers of attack have ended the resultant partying and celebrations have not stopped an expected bumper crop 1.3m tonnes of maize in 1981. Thus the whole nation crop, including the 600, 000 to 700, 000 tonnes produced in the TTL 's to 2m tonnes. Thus leaving 400, 000 tonnes for export to neighbouring Mozambique, Zaire and Zambia. There ends much of southern Africa 's reliance on the apartheid state for their staple food crop. - **The Observer page 6 C 1** -

Headline – ***Military plotted to oust Smith*** – as far back as 1978 when the Labour government agreed, once the top echelons of the white Rhodesian army had renounced their loyalty to Ian Smith's 1965 United Declaration of independence. British troops would then be sent to its colony to back their military coup. The overthrow of the illegal regime was scuppered when Callaghan government resisted such action. - **The Sunday Times page 1 C 1** -

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Mon 1**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe whites must stay ... Smith*** – as the former prime minister begins a campaign to take up, once again, the leading role/spokesman for the 20, 000 whites who remain resident in the country. With the military, under the control of a now disgraced Peter Walls; seen as the nations defenders until independence, now is the moment for Rhodesian Front politician to come to the fore once again.

The former prime minister made his bid during a media interview where he called on those whites who refuse to leave is to put aside all thoughts of being from a superior race and project themselves as being interested in promoting the nations interests.  
**Yorkshire Post**

## Tues 2

Headline – *Mugabe stresses importance of private finance* – when he spoke at a economic resources conference attended by 800 foreign businessmen in the countries capital. During his speech, which he remained delegates that his governments economic policy was one committed to “a socialist egalitarian democratic society” His one caveat was that here would be no constraint on the private sector or foreign investment coming from the government.

While much of the nations industry would be open to foreign investment there were a number of core industries, coal, iron, steel and agriculture, that the state would retain some interest in; not a majority/ controlling interest rather a watching brief over developments.

Headline – *Walls denies role in alleged coup plot* – of 1978 (qv 31/8). In his remembrances the general noted his good working relationship with the then prime minister. There was talk in other government departments, but outside the military circle, of a return to legality through the appropriate administrative mechanisms. The thought of being involved in a military coup never was brought forward. - **The Guardian** -

*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

Headline – *Zimbabwe exodus* – continues as noted by the release of the 7/'80 emigration figures. In that month 1, 644 exited; the largest monthly number since 4/'79. in 6/'80 1, 238 whites crossed the countries border.

Net emigration 1 – 7/'80 was 8, 662 a leaving number higher than 1 – 7 '79 of 8, 378. These figures do not indicate ethnicity of those leaving nor those who left Zimbabwe without using normal exit routes. - **The Guardian** -

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

## Thurs 4

Headline – *Zimbabwe cuts ties with SA* – of a diplomatic nature. Salisbury will, however the government would keep a trade mission office in Johannesburg. A government spokesman said the nations consular and diplomatic representatives would be recalled from their offices in Pretoria and Cape Town. The apartheid state has been asked to retain its trade mission in Salisbury. - **The Guardian** -

Leader Comment, **Savings that could cost dear** to the stability of this newly independent Zimbabwe when, in the historical past – 1976 - settlement talks, “The United States put an offer on the table ; one billion dollars, said Dr Kissinger would be waiting to transform the country.” The other nations; Germany Sweden offered a



share. Britain followed in 1977 with cash that was indexed. However this fell to £75m three years later. There it remains to this day. Despite this “Britain can be said to have honoured [inflation apart]its somewhat miserly word.” Not alone the US contribution stood at \$520m only to fall [I/A] to \$105m.

Such actions of non financing less well off, but strategically placed nations comes a poor second to the case of financing a missile system to defend the free world “funds will flow without question.” As of this time Zimbabwe stand on a knife edge as it fights to find a way through the jungle of a nation that is left after the long and bitter war just recently ended.

Evidence shows that the nation is not a poor one although it is a economically divided nation. In recent times the whites “never received any aid from anybody .. what they achieved in building an economy was remarkable.” If only they had they had not kept it to themselves.

The ambition of the prime minister for the nation is wide ranging. What is needed is money to spread the strong white economic infrastructure throughout the nation. A failure “could be disastrous. The loss of white skills and technology could destroy the infrastructure” built up over the years of conflict.

Success by Mugabe could be the linchpin for similar among Zimbabwe 's surrounding nations. “The alternative is so unattractive that the relative small cost of preventing it ought not to be grudged. For this long term programme Mr Mugabe talked in Washington ... of \$4billion, one third of it now and the rest over several years. He went home within striking distance of one sixteenth of that future.” - **ditto page 12 C 1 -**

### **Sun 7**

Headline – *Mugabe fears gang war* – as those in the know seem unable to plan for the future of the 30, 000+ guerillas corralled in the rurally located former assembly points. Constant reports of crimes, by renegade guerillas who still roam the countryside heighten the worries of the prime minister, his top ministers and members of the white community.

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Headline – *Now there may be a witch doctor in the pulpit* – as their beliefs are to become part of the philosophy preached from the nations Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churches. - **Sunday Express -**

Headline – *The Cull* – a campaign to bring the number of elephants down to an acceptable level; a number that can survive without causing too much ecological damage to the trees and shrubs of the Wankie National Park in the north east of the country.

The aim of the cull is to help reduce the national population of 15, 000 by 1, 300; from this park as many as 750 will go. According to ecologist Basil Williamson the cull is happening because of the destruction, not only because of the woodland and heathland caused by the actions of the elephants as they hunt for their natural food; tree branches and shrubs, it is their actions that destroy the heathland and forests not only ruining the habitat for other animals within the park. - **B Moynahan; Sunday Times Magazine page 33?** -

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## **Mon 8**

Headline *Mugabe guerillas take over farming town* – east of the Zimbabwe capital. Motoko, 85 miles distant from the seat of power has, in the words of two visiting British media sources, been under the control Zanu loyalists since 6/9. The two men observed renegades patrolling the towns streets while the police were holed up in the towns police station.

Official steps, from the minister of health, Dr H Ushewokunze, to invite the nations traditional healers to become involved, in a legislative way in bringing their medical skills into the mainstream of the nations medical system.

The minister addresses more than one thousand practitioners that performed their healing skills mainly out in the rural areas, when speaking to those gathered at the GwanZura football stadium recently. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **Tues 9**

Headline – *Mugabe reaffirms socialist commitments* – when speaking to members of the nations Economic Society at its meeting in the capital. His speech echoed his recent comments, made to overseas investors, for their 'clear run' at open investment, while keeping to socialist policies designed to benefit the majority. The prime minister 'was not going soft on capitalism' while keeping to the governments socialist policy. To this end there were plans to speed up the transfer of land owned by whites to the black majority.

With 50% of the land owned by just 5, 000 white farmers it is known that a small number, several dozen, have already sold their farms to the government. It would seem that the white farm land is needed to ease the pressure that grows in the tribal trust lands where black farmers struggle to provide a living for their families as the land is of poor quality.

The government has agreed to move 22, 000 former guerillas, corralled in former assembly points since before independence, will be moved into empty homes in a black township outside Salisbury. The move comes despite protests from other residents. - **The Guardian** -

*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***

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## **Thurs 11**

*The chief administrator of Chitingwiza, 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*** –

## **Fri 12**

Headline – *African countries helpless ... Mugabe* in stopping multi national companies exploiting the natural resources found on the African continent without consideration of its peoples. A plea for a united stand, from the black African leadership to lesson their dependence on the apartheid state was made at a ministerial one day meeting held in the Zimbabwe capital.

Despite a court appearance pending the minister for manpower and planning, Edgar Tekere, made a statement to the members of the house of assembly. "I stand before you as a man who has just come out of prison. I still belong there." The minister was bailed on a £30, 000 surety over the murder, along with 7 of his bodyguards, of the murder of a white farmer in 8/80. - **The Guardian page 7 C 8** -

### **Sat 13**

Headline – *Armed men head for Zimbabwe townships* – all of which will, to alleviate the fears of those already resident in Chitungwiza and Etumbane outside Bulawayo, will have security fences encircling the former guerillas new homes. In addition; to leave these locations, residents will have to pass through security checkpoints manned by the ex guerillas residents themselves.

It has been agreed, with local commanders that the gatekeepers will stop people leaving the area with weapons. The right to bear arms within the wired area was a concession to the new residents as the authorities at first wanted all weapons to be stored in a central armoury

The numbers of relocated ex guerilla fighters; 17, 000 Zanla nationalists will move to the outskirts of the capital. On the outskirts of Bulawayo will reside 5, 000 former fighters loyal to Joshua Nkomo will occupy their new homes.

Seen as an important move for the future stability of this still emerging nation the prime minister is to visit the Xray assembly point near the town of Mtoko 90 miles east of Salisbury. The soon to be redundant assembly point, last visited by the then PF leader, in 2/80, is close to one of the countries richest farming districts and a location of recent criminal activity by nationalist 'renegade fighters'.

Even as the government deny that existing residents of Chitungwiza are unhappy at their new neighbours and on going demonstrations of support continue to be blighted by criminal acts. Police report a hand grenade attack on a township beer hall killed one customer and killed a second drinker. Investigation indicated that there was a political argument as the cause.

Not one to hold back his criticism of government activities the cleric Bishop Donald Lamont, one who was the scourge of the Smith/ Musorewa regime; and who suffered the consequences, has spoken out against the Mugabe regime 's adherence to accepted legal norms.

Letter writing to the media the Roman Catholic prelate accused the administration over his belief that there were a number of recent secret hangings of people opposed to the present government. His anger was sparked by recent words of the justice minister S Mubako who commented on the death penalty. The minister noted it was "accepted policy to never reveal the number of people sentenced to death." In the cleric's mind the present ministers statement echoed a 1976 statement from the then justice minister, P van de Byl when talking of those recently hanged; "Anyway its academic, because they are normally dead after all." The Bishop 's plea; "surely our new government does not intend to execute people in secret."

As manpower minister Edgar Tekere begins his battle in the courts to beat a murder charge he has suffered a reverse in fortunes. The high powered politician failed in his bid to have his case heard with the public present in the court room. Such a move is against normal court proceedings. **The Guardian -**

### **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**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe white nurses accused*** – of not treating black patients with the same degree of respect that give to their own kind. The claim was made in the written media by an employee at the Andrew Fleming Hospital. The health minister, Dr Ushewokunze, had been called on to resign after his recent visit, as his comments "denigrated the white members of the nursing and medical profession and making the wildest accusations." The minister was called upon to resign.

During his recent visit the minister showed the aftermath of a Rhodesian military raid into Mozambique after which he berated the staff for neglecting black patients. Tears then flowed from the nurse audience. Questioned by journalists, from the Sunday Mail, of thoughts of the reaction of shown pictures of the killings at Elim Mission School the minister noted that such pictures were no help to the spirit of reconciliation.

During the prime ministers visit to X ray assembly point whose residents will soon move to the outskirts of Salisbury and Bulawayo. No journalist were present as he spoke to those leaving the camp. Neither could he persuade camp commanders to name names where the farm criminality was concerned. Then he addressed a small crowd in its adjacent town; Mkoto. There was little reference to the recent acts of criminality towards the regions white farmers.

A last rugby match between Zimbabwe and South Africa ended sporting contact between the two countries. The mainly white crowd left harking back to the past; cheering on Rhodesia and looking to the future which for many of the crowd is a future that many of them prefer not to think about. - **The Guardian** -

### **Tues 16**

Headline ***Mugabe feud killers go on rampage*** – on a day deemed as the worst day of political violence since the country gained its independence five months past. Much of the violence occurred in the townships around the countries capital. After three days of violence saw four blacks dead and 43 others wounded. Six family 's homes were destroyed in arson attacks.

Top members of the government blamed the violence on political supporters of Nkomo and the prime ministers Zanu PF party. Other attacks reported, using grenades were noted, a second beer hall incident in Chitungwiza saw 27 drinkers injured and elsewhere in the township daylight lobbing of another five saw another ten persons injured in three incidents. One of those injured was the thrower as well as his three accomplices.

Headline – *White nurses stay* – call of their resignation threat after the unpalatable remarks made recently to the Sunday Mail newspaper by the health minister. **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Wed 17**

Headline – *Zimbabwe violence turns into war of words* – after other acts of violence, that have lead to at least two deaths; with the violence spreading to the provincial town of Sinola. Not only is there violence on the streets the coalition politicians are flinging accusations around to incite further violence in the run up to imminent local elections.

The information minister, Nathan Shamuyarira, blamed the recent violence in Chitungwiza township and arson attacks on a local squatter camp and other acts of a similar type on Zapu supporters. Joshua Nkimo's campaigners were refused access to the local TV and radio as a result.

Away from squabbling African politicians their French and British counterparts were at odds with each other in Brussels as they considered Zimbabwe 's application to sign up to the Lome Convention as its 60<sup>th</sup> member. Membership implies preferential trade agreements with EEC member states, Caribbean, Pacific and other African nations.

An offer of benefits, worth £56m, fell short of Harare 's expectations after objections raised by the French. More talks will be held with the European Commission; even then the application from Zimbabwe may be rejected.

*The Mugabe government has sacked General Walls because of an alleged call to Mrs Thatcher to nullify the 2/80 elections. He could lose his pension. After 36 years in the army General Walls would receive his pension of his contributions. There would also be a contribution of 50% from the government. However, as he has been sacked, he could only receive a government contribution of 2%.*

### **Thurs 18**

Headline – *Mugabe sacks General Walls* – was given out in a parliamentary address by the prime minister; a move that was signposted soon after the new coalition government was formed and the military man announced his retirement. At this time the general is out of the country; on holiday in Britain.

While there may be moves made, by the government, to reduce his pension any move to strip him of his Zimbabwean nationality, as mouthed by Enos Nkala, would not happen. At this time such a move would be illegal. - **The Guardian** -

Leader Comment, **A raw deal for Mugabe** as the new prime minister tries to improve the his countries trade expectations with the rest of Africa, Europe, the nations of the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands. “In practise the French have managed to restrict the terms for Zimbabwe so that the opening negotiations in Salisbury will appear grudging.”

The sticking point seems to be in Zimbabwe 's production of sugar, seen as a threat by the Paris delegation when their markets, in the former Caribbean colonies, have to compete with the sugar cane from the Lowveld in the countries south east.

“One suspects that the real argument against substantial aid is that Zimbabwe does not now present much of an international problem and therefore has low priority. Some of Mr Mugabe ' s followers would be keen to repair that deficiency.” - ditto -

### **Fri 19**

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

### **Sun 21**

Headline – ***Day of reckoning for Mugabe and rouge minister*** – Edgar Tekere, who faces court within 24 hours over the murder of a white farmer on his land four weeks ago. The high court trial of one of the most influential ministers in the coalition will bring an early test to the prime minister. Will the court be able to function in a 'right and proper way' or will the court be influenced by the political issues of the day. If the rule of law is observed the confidence in the Mugabe government will be rise in the opinion of the white community. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – ***Press angers Mugabe*** – as remarks in certain London based newspapers are seen to be affecting the wealth of the newish nation. Within the last seven days remarks, over what turned out to be localised violence, were very much over inflated into the beginning of a new civil war ; struggle for power between the prime minister and Joshua Nkomo. The spat brought foreign investment shuddering to a halt on the countries stock exchange.

Not withstanding Salisbury 's anger with the foreign press the home grown written media is under attack from the government. The local government minister, Edison Zvobgo, has warned The Herald, the nations only daily newspaper, to change its attitude or face the possibility of the re imposition of censorship. - **The Observer** -

### **Mon 21**

Headline – ***Delay likely in Tekere trial*** – as it has become known that there has been a change of a lead member of the ministers defence team which was led by C Mercer, at the ministers first appearance in the Salisbury court room seven weeks past. The new man, Louis Bloom Cooper QC at the Bar in London, can only appear in the Salisbury court after a 30 day registration period.

In the Canadian city of Montreal student activists at McGill University have begun a campaign to stop the former Rhodesian prime minister, Ian Smith appearing on campus. The South African committee, set up by students in 1979, to force the university to sell shares, worth \$10m, which it has invested in South African businesses. The fee for unwanted speaker is put at £2, 500 /\$6, 000. - **The Guardian** -

**Special report**, now that the honeymoon period is over and those personalities that might have contributed much to the future of the country; Edgar Tekere or lieutenant general P Walls dammed by recent events Zimbabwe's future is now uncertain.

Successes have come; the Salisbury regime fending off the hopes of the Soviets hopes of using the central African nation as a spring board to spread its influence throughout the continent have been thwarted. In Mugabe 's eye such a move, one that opinion dictates that his rival would not or could not have done, deserves rewards from the western nations.

The need for foreign aid is another contentious issue; admittance to the Loam Convention came at an unfavourable cost to the nation and short of the prime ministers wishes. On the eve of Mugabe's second visit to the USA this report reports on the challenges that he and his country will confront during the coming decade. **ditto page 13 – 16**

### **Tues 23**

Headline – ***Tekere trial delayed after defence plea*** – on the composition of the jury whose members are dominated by ethnic whites. The defence also were unhappy at the presiding judge. In a previous life, J Pitman, who had held his post under the rule of Ian Smith caused concerns of his impartiality in this present trial.

Explaining the legal moves, at a press conference later, it was said that the defence were unhappy with Zimbabwe 's legal system; a remnant of Rhodesian/South African judicial process made the defence team unhappy at their client receiving a fair trial. There was evidence, a letter written red ink, that a right wing organisation; the Zimbabwe Resistance Movement were prepared to kill the government minister who topped a death list. The trial was postponed till 3/11.

The emptying of the remote assembly points, home to former black nationalist fighters since before the countries independence has begun. An advance guard of the men have been bussed into Chitungwiza township on the outskirts of the capital. The remaining camp residents will be rehoused within the next four weeks. **The Guardian**

### **Thurs 25**

Headline – ***Mugabe faces guerilla mutiny*** – despite the imminent rehousing of a number of ex assembly point residents in homes in Chitungwiza township (qv 23/9). This new outbreak of violence occurred at an assembly point in the rich farming district of Goromonzi 25 miles east of Salisbury.



According to a local, and unnamed white farmer, elements of the 2, 800 encamped here have over the last 48 hours mounted attacks on a local police station and on the miners compound of the Gladstone Mining company.

A white Rhodesian has been fined £70 after he metered out a severe beating to a British ex pat, former electrician of County Durham G Daniel during a dispute at a nightclub. The 35 year old dies in a pool of blood on 18/5. The convicted, of culpable homicide, killer P Walton aged 24 had previous convictions for violent assault, has been sentenced to hang. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

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

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

*The Right Reverend Walter Makhulu, 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 -*

## **Fri 26**

Headline – ***Guerillas shoot white farmer*** – their second action of rebellion after their 'break out' from their location in the Goromonzi farming district (qv 25/9). The victim, named as Christopher Johnson, was fixing his tractor when approached by a number of AK 47 carrying, civilian clothes wearing men. Police believe they were about 600 persons, who had broken away from the nearby assembly point.

Police have been able to link 12 criminal incidents which have occurred in the district in recent times. Little damaged had been caused indicate the authorities. Only in the mine incident has there been cause for concern. During the period of un rest government minister, E Munangagwa responsible for security, and Rex Nhongo the head of the countries national army, both visited the area. It was thought best that a curfew be put in place to prevent similar happenings.

Headline – ***Move to keep out Walls*** – even as the former head of the Rhodesian army is still holidaying overseas at this time. In a hurried change in the laws, that allow a Zimbabwe national to be deported while outside the country. Introduced, by the prime minister, when speaking to the Senate; the Upper House of the house of assembly, it was noted that such rulings would only be made 'under special circumstances.'

The ruling means that, with the prospect of civilian employment in South Africa in late 1980, the ex military commander will be unable to wind up his personnel property as assets affairs. - **The Guardian page 6 C 1** -

## Sat 27

Headline – ***Mugabe guerillas forced to disarm*** – after a two hour meeting between Andre Holland MP with a delegation of six white farmers from the troubled farming region (qv 26/9). At its conclusion the former guerilla leader ordered 800 of his Zanu forces to hand in their weapons to the authorities.

The handing over of weapons was supervised by the deputy commander of the Zanla army Joshua Tungamirai and Emmerson Mnangagwa the security minister. With the collection of these 800 weapons from ex guerilla fighters there are still a great number of weapons in the hands of the estimated 4, 000 who remain out in the field. - **The Guardian page 6 C 1** -

*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.*

## Sun 28

Headline – ***Mugabe men vent frustration on white homesteads*** – a farming district that had seen eight farmers die in the Goromonzi region since the nation gained its independence.

By the end of this troubled seven days the region was relatively returned to calm as the 'renegade residents' returned to Grazely and Oasis farms. These were bought by the Zanu PF political party as an agricultural training centre for those ex fighters who wished to return to a rural lifestyle. - **The Observer** -

## Mon 29

Headline – ***Violence spreads in Zimbabwe*** – as a grenade was tossed into a pub bar in the Mabeleign white residential suburb of the capital. This was followed by the bar area being sprayed by automatic fire from a AK 47. The outcome; the deaths of two blacks and severe injuries to 11 of 22 other victims of the violence. While no one was prepared to say who was responsible it was noted that ex Zanla fighters had recently been rehoused nearby.

Other incidents of concern; farmers in the province of Manicaland have noted a build up of squatters who have moved onto white owned farming land who claim they have permission to do so. In Midland province, Umvuma village, ex guerilla government supporter forced the police to release two ex fighters who the courts had sentenced to detention for an assault after the illegal trial of a kangaroo court. In the north east town of Bindura a mob forced the freedom of a convicted 'kangaroo court' victim.

Headline – *Zimbabwe needs western aid* – and in greater amounts that was offered, £75m over three years, at the end of the Lancaster House talks by the British. In the eyes of London both the cancelling of the pre UDI debt, £22m and the rescheduling of another £30m should all be counted as being part of the aid offered.

Other offers of cash; \$25m from the USA over eighteen months, despite being \$10m more than initially offered is not seen as enough. Other nations, from West Germany to Japan have granted £200m in total will not be ground breaking. - **Financial Times** -

### **Wed 30**

Headline – *Salisbury father kills his child* – after returning from military service as a black nationalist combatant. The attack happened as the father visited mother and child in a public ward of the capitals hospital. Police logged the incident as one of 'domestic violence'.

Not only have the police dealt with this domestic incident the force has noted the continuing increase of political violence spreading throughout the nation. The recent upsurge of faction fighting, between the elements of the coalition government have seen both political parties supporters make an increasing use of automatic weapons and grenade attacks during these random acts. - **The Guardian** -

## **OCTOBER**

### **Wed 1**

Headline – *Zimbabwe exodus at peacetime peak* – as in 8/'80 almost 2, 000 whites crossed the countries borders for good. Thus, since the end of the civil war, 7, 600 persons have crossed through a border check point; their last act after the decision to leave the country of their birth. It is also likely that the true figure of 'gap takers' is nearer 10, 000 as many could have just slipped out of the country at many of the unregulated border points.

In response to these alarming statistics the government spokesman has noted that the Zimbabwe could stand the loss of 20, 000 whites leaving over the next four years without damaging the nations economy. By their thinking many of those leaving are white members of the military whose leaving was to be expected.

A British national, James Moss aged 32, has been cleared of murdering his Zambian wife along with their child in 11/'79 in the western province 's capital of Mongu. The presiding judge in high court in Lusaka dismissed the charges after he ruled that the prosecution had not made a case for accused to answer.

### **Thurs 2**

Headline – *BBC television crew arrested in Salisbury* – in side the capitals Central Prison as the five man crew, it is thought, were hoping to interview Edgar Tekere as he awaits his trial for murder. Away from the prison a sixth BBC journalist J Coker was attacked in the garden of the hotel, on 26/9, in which the team were using as a base. His attackers were noted to be whites who jeered “Robert Mugabe is a kaffir.”

Speaking in the last 24 hours prime minister Mugabe indicated that he was of the opinion that the outbreaks of political violence, that have ravaged the country in recent days, was the work of political dissidents. To lessen the problem he said that elements of the armed forces would be mobilized. - **The Guardian page 1 ?** -

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

### **Fri 3**

Headline – *Minister briefed on TV crew* – as a sideline to Richard Luce, London 's foreign office minister responsible for southern Africa, as he tours the region. Details; the five man media crew were led by producer Mike Duffield and detained under Zimbabwe 's Emergency Powers Act. Thus the Londoners are liable to be detained for 30 days without the protection of habeas corpus.

At this time the countries director of public prosecution C Glaum, is studying the BBC film shot at the farm of the dead farmer. The film was taken with the accused minister present at Stamford farm. The DPP has now to decide whether Tekere broke his £40, 000 bail conditions by agreeing to go to the farm and speak to the media. Management at the BBC were trying to obtain the release of the 5 men. - **The Guardian page 1?** -

Headline – *BBC editor sees his team in cells* – giving names of those detained; David Lomax, M Spooner, P O Shea, John Tellick along with Michael Duffield. They all produce items for the Newsnight programme. Police now say that the five could have committed the crime of contempt of court with their jaunt to Gerald Adams farm outside the nations capital. - **Yorkshire Post** -

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

### **Sat 4**

Headline – *Rail ordeal for Smith veterans* – as four ex military, who had fought in the civil war, were thrown from a moving train near Umtali a town close to the Mozambique border. Those ejected were non white; four were black and the other victim was of mixed race. Their ejection caused the victims fractured limbs.

A legal case has come before the high court in Salisbury calling for the closing down of the Zanu PF political party. The unnamed textile company claims that by the non payment of £176, 000 worth of T shirts and bunting promoting the prime ministers party the company faces liquidation.

The rail line, that strikes eastward along the Limpopo valley and ends in Mozambique's capital has seen its first train from Zimbabwe arrive at the port city. The line, a pre war vital route for Rhodesian exports, has been closed since 2/76 at the start of the civil war. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## Sun 5

*The 5 man television crew held by Zimbabwe police since 3/9 ere 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.*

*Those thoughts came from some of the film crew after they arrived back in London after being expelled. - BBC news -*

## Mon 6

Headline – ***Film crew complain of harsh treatment*** – which included verbal abuse and threats of personnel violence from the prison guards in the capitals Central Prison. Prior to their detention film, shot at the alleged murder scene, had already been sent back to London. Such an act was the cause of their prolonged detention. Cleared film will now be broadcast as soon as as the journalists have reported. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – ***Wedding day plea for exile' s return*** – has come from Mary Walls who would hope that her dad, General Peter Walls, will be allowed back into the country after his expulsion by prime minister Mugabe.

The 34 year old would like, as many other brides choose their father to walk them down the church isle on the day of her marriage. As plans stand the disgraced military commander would not be allowed to perform this task on 25/10. Mary is to become the wife of Colonel Pat Armstrong aged 32 on that date.

Allegations, from the prime minister, that the authorities in Pretoria are planning to raise a 5, 000 strong dissident black army to unseat the Mugabe government. The premier seemed confident, when speaking at a 3, 000 strong rallyin the rural town of Wedza 600 miles south east of the capital. In the main the black army is supposed to be made up from elements of the former clerical prime minister followers. - **ditto** -

## Tues 7

Headline – ***Mugabe sends troops into Salisbury*** – adjacent black townships. The first, to be patrolled by members of newly integrated battalions, is Chitungwiza; to the south of the city. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – ***Zimbabwe auctioned for aid*** – from its foreign 'neighbours.' Whether the £2, 000m comes from western or eastern block nations is of no concern to the republics government. With the guaranteed aid from the USA and London totalling one tenth - £200m – of the required to kick start the economic future of the nation the countries resources, minerals, coal and cash crops are open to all. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## Wed 8

Headline – ***Tekere will not face TV action*** – after his recent jaunt, with members of the BBC 's Newsnight team, to the site of his alleged crime. This reprieve was ordered despite the DDP 's allegation that the cabinet minister had breached his bail conditions once. A sanction was overruled by attorney general B Tracey as it his eyes returning the minister to jail would serve no useful purpose.

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 sort out, with the local council, the unresolved problem of £400, 000 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

Headline – *Trade boom after UDI* – has been revealed after the release of trading figures from the period when Rhodesia broke out of the protective shell of British colonialism and went on its own merry way. There was no indication of which countries were trading with the rebel regime however product sales and other statistics have been uncovered.

1968 was the only year, of the 15 years of rebellion, that there was a trade deficit run by the Salisbury regime. During the last five years the annual trade surplus, on average was £100m. Pre UDI years, on average, only brought a yearly £10m surplus.

1966 Beef exports reached 28, 000 tonnes bringing in £7.5m; 10 years later 58, 000 tonnes of beef were sold earning in excess of £21m in foreign exchange after sales to black African states. Of these the main buyers were Zaire and Gabon who seemed only to serve lip service to the black nationalist armed struggle and would rather feed their people than become involved in politics.

Tobacco earned the Smith regime £10m in 1966 which rose to £51m a decade later. Mining industry, whether it be gold, nickel or chrome all played its part in keeping the illegal regime afloat during this time. One example; asbestos sales in '66 brought £10m worth of foreign exchange into Salisbury 's war chest. By 1976 the much in demand mineral brought in four times that amount.

Imports; wheat after 10 years of illegality the country had lost the cash value of the 90, 000 tones exported pre UDI. There is no indication of how much the Smith regime was taking from the exporters as a way of financing the war effort It is thought the cost per day was as much as £700, 000.

A grenade attack, on a bar in the black township of Tafare on the outskirts of the capital, injured four of its customers. - **The Guardian** -

*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 \$110m over four years. - Reuters -*

## Sun 12

Headline - *Whites count on Mugabe to restore law and order* – as, with the forthcoming local urban and district council elections could see the demise of the political party that is led by former prime minister Bishop Musorewa. The battle then

would then be the 'young guns' of both wings of the coalition government. It is noted that at least 180 people have died, through acts of political violence, since Zimbabwe gained its independence. - **The Observer page 10 C 1** -

*Unidentified gunmen fired at the government car of the Zimbabwe 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**

Headline – ***Nkomo's new challenge for Mugabe*** – is, with the local government elections in the near future, to show that the Zapu party is still a political force to be recommended with. Despite loosing the recent election for post of president the former guerilla leader has not given up his ambition to become the countries next president after the five years of a Zanu government.

The home affairs minister was speaking to the new residents of Chitungniza; party supporters who had recently been moved from a number of rural assembly points that they had been corralled in since before Zimbabwe 's independence. - **The Guardian** -

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

### **Wed 15**

Headline – ***Mugabe swings to Moscow*** – and, despite being hostile to the idea; seen as a direct snub to his home affairs minister, invites the Soviet Union to open an embassy in Salisbury. Speaking to the media the prime minister noted that his administration would be “extremely responsive” to any offers of foreign aid that Moscow made.

The offer was made after the Zanu leader had returned from a short trip to North Korea. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Thurs 16**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe 's rail link with Beira reopens*** – after being closed, for 14 days, following an attack on the line, which began operating again recently, after years of closure due to the civil war. On this occasion its shut down was due to MNR rebels fighting the Maputo government of Samora Machel.

Long has the railway been inactive, where once it used to carry Rhodesia's exports to Indian Ocean ports inside Mozambique. All stopped in 1976, by presidential order in order to assist the black nationalists mount their freedom from white rule journey. Even with the lines reopening it was only able to transport 8, 000 tonnes of goods for export a month. Thus 90% of Zimbabwe's goods still have to be exported through South African ports. - **The Guardian** -

*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.*



### **Fri 17**

Headline – *Mugabe face violence crisis* – in the black township of Zengeza only ten miles south of the country's capital. At the time members of the country's national army were patrolling the streets after the arrival of thousands of Zanu nationalist from the countryside. They had been corralled together in various assembly points since before independence. One person was killed in the clash.

Saboteurs, believed to be members of the Mozambique Resistance Army; fighting to overthrow the Frelimo government, planted the landmine that stopped rail freight traffic, about 650 tonnes per day, on the Salisbury to Beira line. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Sat 18**

Headline – *Machel will seek Zimbabwean help against guerillas* – that seek to overthrow the Marxist regime led by Samora Machel. The idea was discussed at a meeting in the town of Quelimane in northern Mozambique.

Not only was the rail line made inactive but rural Mozambique villages were destroyed and their residents, now refugees, fleeing south towards safety. It would seem that two provinces of this former Portuguese colony have seen much of an increase in rebel warfare in recent times.

In Portugal, media reports indicate that in Mozambique three people are to die as they have been found guilty of 'crimes against the state'. Of those named one was found guilty of espionage and two others were guilty of military sabotage. - **The Guardian page 6 C 1** -

### **Sun 19**

Headline – *Mugabe 'knew about death raid on farm'* – for which cabinet minister Edgar Tekere stands charged with the murder of a white farmer. In the media magazine *The Listener* such a disclosure was made by one of the journalists held in Salisbury's Central Prison and then released days later.

The disclosure emerged as the minister spoke to camera for the *Newsnight* film that has recently been shown by the BBC. E said that the subject was hinted at when he and Mugabe were dining with the president of Mozambique during his recent state visit. - **Sunday Express page 1?** -

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

*Lawyers acting for the Zimbabwe 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 -*

## **Tues 21**

Headline – *Whose word is law in Zimbabwe?* - is the question the Salisbury high court. Can a white judge pass a free and fair opinion on a government minister who is of the black majority. More so, in recent times, this member of the ethnic majority had taken to using military weapons to overthrow the national government to which the white judge was a loyal member? Such is the courts challenge as Judge Pitman presides over the trial of Edgar Tekere the highly respected manpower and planning minister in the Mugabe regime.

Arguing the case, that the state must appoint a second judge to hear the case Louis Bloom Cooper QC, has arrived to fight the ministers corner. This London based advocate; a defender of radical causes, is of the belief that only if an impartial judge; an international judge must hear the trial. This would require Judge Pitman to himself disqualify himself, as one being too closely involved with recent events, from hearing the case.

To have Pitman removed by the prime minister would send the wrong message to the white community about the way the justice system works in Zimbabwe when Mugabe cannot afford to lose the experience of the white dominated legal system at a time there are so few black legal minds working at the top of the system. - **J Ellison; Daily Express** -

## **Sun 26**

Headline – *Why Bishop Able has a bodyguard even in church* – opinion has it that the cleric has become an outcast “jeered by some of his old supporters and reviled by his old political opponents.”

Such is the life for the 5ft tall Tendeyaki as two supportive henchmen ride with him, from his £60, 000 home 12 miles outside the capital. A broken and bitter man, aged 55, notes a family friend. From idol to pariah in such a short time. Even in parliament, where his political party UNAC; only were granted 3 seats by the voters, his call for his fellow MP 's to come together was drowned out by laughter.

Such parliamentary reactions see him rarely in the chamber. He now spends up to 18 a day on Methodist church business. A man lost in the wilderness of fast moving events does not even have the comfort of his five children. Only three are still close by. Two sons are abroad one is in the USA and a second is in Britain. - **Sunday Express page 2?** -

## **Tues 28**

Headline – *Minister admits killing farmer* – but claims a defence that was put forward by white farmers who were accused of killing members of the ethnic black population during the nations civil war.

Speaking in the Salisbury high court the ministers lawyer, Louis Bloom Cooper, accepted that he and his bodyguards caused the death of the farm owner. However, under 1975 legislation, the Indemnity and Compensation Act stopped government ministers being prosecuted when they were acting to suppress acts of terrorism. It is

the defence 's case that, as stated during an earlier court appearance by Edgar Tekere, that he believed that he and his protection squad were facing attack by dissident guerillas.

Within the next 24 hours the defence lawyer will also petition the court to throw out the murder charge against his client. "I say the trial will never take place because the court has no jurisdiction." - **The Guardian page 1** -

Headline – ***NEI takes bigger stake in Zimbabwe*** – as the boiler manufacturer, with already a presence in the country is to purchase 51% of NEI Cochrane Engineering which has an annual turn over of £5.5m. The family company firm was formed in 1955 as a heavy engineering supplier. Come UDI the companies fabrication and welding sections were enlarged.

Now with the backing of a firm specialising in electrics will enable expansion throughout the continent. One of their first aims will be to enhance the hydro electric capabilities surrounding the Wankie colliery. - **Finance; ditto** -

### **Wed 29**

Headline – ***Tekere guard 'shot in self defence'*** – as part of a 'military operation' that he believed the ministers group had now become involved in. Much of the court time was spent dissecting, word for word, the ministers statement as to the events that led up to the death of the Stamford farm owner. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – ***A man for all seasons*** – who is in the twilight of his political years now strolls unhindered by the quiet waters of the River Thames seemingly without a care in the world. Former Rhodesian prime minister, Ian Smith, a man with at one time a price on his head, is convinced that if he had his time again he would not change his first step into rebellion in 1965.

While taking this river side stroll, the politician who is visiting his sister, reflected on his UDI moment and the years since that have brought about the present situation in Zimbabwe. One criticism of the present British government; "The fact that in the end Zimbabwe might work out better than we anticipated, has nothing whatsoever to do with the behaviour of the Tory government at Lancaster House." - **Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

*Mr Robert Zwinoira, Zimbabwe 's high commissioner in London, moves into Zimbabwe House on the Strand at the end of 12/80. - extract page 3 The Sunday Mail 19/10*  
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### **Thurs 30**

Headline – ***Tekere judge decides to stay*** – despite the protests of the ministers defence team. Thus, in a small way the nations justice system, mainly staffed by pre UDI appointees, survived a critical test of its impartiality when assessing evidence.

The stability of the nation could rest on the trial's outcome. If the minister is found not guilty the man becomes a hero of the nationalist cause. A guilty verdict could lead

the black population, the one that suffered the most hardships during the civil war, to believe that nothing has changed. It is always the privileged, either black or white, who benefit the most.

Judge Pitman spoke for 40 minutes during which he assured the court that the legally binding oath he made when first appointed to the judiciary, prior to the political Unilateral Declaration of independence, had the same value to him when sworn before prime minister Mugabe when Zimbabwe gained its independence.

On both occasions he had sworn to uphold the law “without fear of favour, affection or ill will.” - **The Guardian** -

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Sat 1**

Headline – *Zimbabwe guerillas ambush British officers* – whose reason for being to the east of the capital was because of their role of being part of the team acting as military advisers working with the new national army. The attack on the three men, none of whom were injured, brought a swift protest from General Palmer the officer in charge of the British team.

As the police notified of other incidents; the death of W Barkiss aged 49 in a shooting incident in the town of Mtoko 90 miles east of Salisbury. This follows the wounding of another white, R Adams, on the Salisbury to Mtoko road close to the X ray assembly camp home to many ZANU fighting men since before independence.

These incidents were put down to the fact that many of the incidents occurred on the day, 30/10, that about 1,000 Libyan trained fighters were paid on that day and would have spent time drinking to excess. - **Yorkshire Post Page 9 C 8** -

### **Mon 3**

Headline – *Tekere trial could force a showdown* – as the high court begins to hear the case of state versus the nation's third most important politician, cabinet minister and close friend of the prime minister.

Whichever way the ruling goes neither the black majority or the small ethnic white population will be happy. To find the manpower and planning minister not guilty would indicate, to the whites, that their understanding of law that has been in force since the Rhodesian nation was founded, has been trashed. However if Edgar Tekere was found guilty of the farm manager/owner murder the black population would be of the opinion that the 'elite' in society, whether black or white, will still be protected by the law. This is not what the guerilla war was fought for; nothing has changed for the ordinary 'man in the street'. - **The Guardian** -

## Tues 4

Headline – *Zimbabwe problems with Lome members* – well see great changes to the European Community 's trade agreement with the nations of the Pacific, Africa and the Caribbean which at one time were colonies of Britain and France.

As the nation's leaders attend the signing ceremony in Brussels along with Lord Carrington and other foreign ministers there is some concern among officials that with Zimbabwe signed up the nature of the trade agreement will be dramatically changed. No longer will the French government exert the major development/ trade deals to their favour. With its relatively highly developed industries versus the less developed industries of the Caribbean and Pacific nations Paris will not have it all its own way when it comes to economic advantages.

Already agreed is the export of 25, 000 tonnes of sugar per year to the community which is far less than the 125k sought by the Salisbury government. In return Zimbabwe must accept tobacco, beef and other imports from Europe. Only an outbreak of disease in cattle will allow a ban on such imports.

Economic aid of £20m over four years is guaranteed although hopes in Brussels that this sum will rise to £40m over the stated period will come to fruition. - **The Guardian page 6 C 1** -

Headline – *Tekere case referred to Appeal Court* – with the decision, of whether he will stand trial for the murder of which the minister is accused, being handed over to the Court's Chief Justice Charles Fieldsend. Within 24 hours the top legal brain's decision will be known.

The defence 's main argument, that there should be no trial because the accused is covered by a Smith piece of legal legislation that government ministers cannot be charged with any crime in which he believed he was acting in good faith; which was evident with him and his guards mounting an armed attack when they believed they came under fire from renegade guerillas.

Forty eight hours of unrest have resulted in the home of government minister Robert Manyika, deputy in the labour and social services, being in fear for his life as he was confronted as he attempted to enter a Salisbury hotel. A man confronted him, and his bodyguard, with a firearm which he then discharged after charging the minister of being a Musorewa supporter. Other incidents; in Bulawayo 1, 000 loyal supporters on Joshua Nkomo breached a security fence of a building housing the nations radio broadcaster and ransacked it. Another farmer, G Staunton aged 58 died in the capital after being beaten by five blacks on his land 24 miles east of Salisbury. - **ditto C 2** -

## Wed 5

Headline – *Tekere trial under way* - 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 Mr Tekere was not immune under a law passed by the Smith regime

After the decision of the appeal court the prosecution, opened by lead council Christopher Glauam detailed the known evidence how the minister and his team arrived at Stamford Farm on 4/8 after an incident on the land 12 hours earlier. At this 'party' there was a confrontation with black members of the Rhodesian military. The ministers arrival was an 'inspection tour' when Mugabe and Machel were told of his intentions.

During the confrontation eight men fired 250 bullets which came from automatic weapons as three of the farm buildings were searched. In one of the buildings was farmer Adams who was shot dead by one of the ministers protection squad as he himself faced death from an aimed revolver. The bodyguard insists he shot in self defence. Upon later examination of the farmers weapon the 9 chamber weapon had 8 bullets still in situ there was no ballistic evidence that the weapon had been fired. Upon a house search the police were unable to locate any spent cartridges nor would the politician say where the farmer was standing when the incident occurred.

When the police arrived, at the ministers Salisbury home, they were approached by himself carrying an assault rifle and dressed in camouflage clothes his words "I don't look like minister I have been fighting" seemed boastful to those present said the prosecutor. - **The Guardian** -

*The president of the EEC 's 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 to the developing world.*

*He was speaking at a formal ceremony, in Luxembourg 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**

Headline – ***Tekere outraged by police action*** – of trying to stop a government minister parking his car in the car park which houses the courts buildings where he is appearing on a charge of murder. The cabinet member clashed with the policeman as he tried to park his car before the beginning of day 2 of his trial in the appeal court.

Headline – ***Help call by Zimbabwe*** – during a London visit by the countries minister for economic planning and development; Dr B Chidzero. To his way of thinking the international community should mount Zimbabwe 's own Marshall Plan, modelled on the USA 's post WW2 financial aid plan for Europe.

The minister, having worked as an economist for the UN in Africa and Geneva; and returning to the land of his birth after a request from Robert Mugabe before the recent elections, ahead of a 3/81 Zimbabwe Donor Conference. It is hoped that those international bodies attending, and backed by the World Bank, will contribute enough cash to put the country back on its feet and develop the rural areas as well as expanding the economy. - **The Guardian page 8 C 1** -

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

### **Fri 7**

Headline – ***Tekere 'admitted shooting the farmer*** – to Inspector T Keen of the police force. The states witness said that the minister made the admission after telling the officer that the deceased farmer had first fired upon him. Asked about the reason why he, and his protection squad were on the farm the minister retold that they were searching for Rhodesian soldiers who had caused trouble at a party he was at on the previous evening.

Another police witness, Superintendent J Lees, then testified that the same officer had told him of different happenings. When reciting, this alternative version to his superior, the superintendent only said that farmer Adams had been shot in the doorway and not that he had shot at him.

As already revealed the ministers intention to travel to Stamford farm 'to do battle with Zipra guerillas', had been said at the state reception for president Machel. This brought the comment from the visitor “Tekere you are a hot head”, a remark that was ignored by Joshua Nkomo who could claim the loyalty of the Zipra guerillas.

Headline – ***New attack on Mugabe*** – comes from Josiah Chinamano, vice chairman of the minority party, led by home affairs minister Nkomo, in the coalition government. “Our comrades in Zanu PF are not prepared to rule the people as a whole. They are only prepared to rule members of Zanu PF – Mr Mugabe 's party.”

The VP accuses the state radio broadcaster of downgrading the use of the tribal language, used by the majority of Joshua Nkomo 's supporters, when it commissions radio output. - **The Guardian** -

### **Sat 8**

Picture caption, Zimbabwe 's first High Commissioner in Britain, Professor Robert Zwinoira, with young guests at his first public engagement – the opening of the Young Artists of the Commonwealth exhibition at the Commonwealth Institute in London. - **The Guardian** page 1? -

Headline – ***Tekere revisits the scene*** – along with the whole appeal court infrastructure; judge J Pitman his assessors prosecution and defence lawyers, along with the 5 members of the ministers protection squad who face a number of criminal charges over the death of farmer Adams and soldiers of the Rhodesian military. All the defendants wore similar clothing, battle dress green outfits, worn at the time of the alleged incident. - **The Guardian** -

Headline – ***Threat to wildlife 'in battle for power'*** – as there is a flooding threat to the Zambezi Valley with the inception of measures to 'tame' the River Zambezi and use the flow of the water to provide electricity through hydro electric schemes.

One of the greatest wildlife areas that would be lost is the Mana Pools flood plain, an area of 150 miles where, at this time rare black rhino, buffalo, elephant and antelope can be found in abundance.

In order to make the government think again about this project, despite the nation being in need of twice the electric power it needs over the next 20 years, the Wildlife Society of Zimbabwe has appealed to the international community for funding to research an alternative scheme to provide the power needed. - **Daily Express** -

## **Sun 9**

Headline – *Mugabe moves to head off squatters' land revolt* – as government officials have side of the road meeting with 40 African farmers 60 miles north of the capital outside the town of Shamva. The officials, from the the agricultural and land ministries, were discussing the distribution of abandoned white farmland with farmers from the near by tribal trust lands of Madwiza and Busha.

As of this time the government had purchased 450, 000 acres of farmland in the east of the country. This cost the government £1.3m for 90 abandoned farms. Hopes are that 1, 500 families will be resettled before the rainy season begins; which have already started. Even now the farmers from the Madwiza TTL have not been allotted their land. The 3 year land distribution plan has been costed at £40m for which the Mugabe government hope to settle 1m black farmers on 2.75m acres of purchased land.

The squatting of land, made more intense by some of the 250, 000 returning guerilla fighters to civilian life, is no better seen in Maciniland province in the east of the country. One farm, owned by Lord Salisbury, of 29,000 acres, saw a number of landless nationalists descend on the farm. They refused farm management requests to be patient and wait; they refused. “This is Zimbabwe, not Rhodesia – you have no land” was the reply.

Ideally the government will offer two types of resettlement; individual arable smallholdings with communal grazing. The second type of farm would be a full blown cooperative style of land management. The TTL protesters were unimpressed with the collective idea when it was pointed out that 1.25 acres was on offer for a hut. Only 1.25 acres would be for planting as of this time with another 12 acres granted in 12 months time. - **The Sunday Times page 10 C 1** -

## **Mon 10**

Headline – *Zimbabwean papers attacked by minister* – as the finance minister, Enos Nkala, takes issue with the writings of journalists working for the countries independent press. Within recent times these papers; two daily publications and the Bulawayo Chronicle, on the streets on a Sunday, says the minister are fermenting opposition to the present government. Although the three papers are owned by the independent Zimbabwe Newspaper Group the apartheid 's state African Argus Group has a 40% financial stake in it.



The minister was speaking at a rally in the country's second city. In response the papers' management called for a meeting with their critics. "We have been provoked beyond endurance by these imperialists and racist newspapers" was the minister's comment.

With these comments, that indicate that there should be some government control of the output of the press, not sanctioned by the prime minister, it would seem that other cabinet ministers are in favour of controls being placed on the whole media. In the near future, as the South African Press Association has decided to relinquish its majority share in the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Television Service, the Mugabe government will now have full editorial control of TV and radio output.

It has also been noted that foreign journalists seeking to file reports from the country must adhere to new measures, recently introduced by the minister of information Nathan Shamuyarira, and the South African ownership of three of the nation's papers which highlight the manipulation of the press by Zanu PF supporters changes are on the way. - **The Guardian** -

*Dawn fighting, after a 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 – confirmed rivalry between Zipra and Zanla guerillas. There is some reporting of the seeking out of individuals, who supported the Rhodesian regime, and executing them.*

### **Wed 11**

Headline – ***Bulawayo battles end in uneasy calm as bodies found*** – thus bringing the death toll to 43 following rival black nationalist clashes in the city over the last two days. Police indicate that the number of fatalities may rise as they continue to search through the black townships on the city's outskirts. The number of injured was said to be close to 300.

As joint elements of the military and guerilla commanders appeared in to attempt to clear weapons from the townships residents seem doomed to failure, as was an earlier attempt, to locate all weapons in a central armoury. The prime minister blamed the violence on disruptive elements, Nkomo supporters, at the rally where the finance minister spoke of his media concerns.

At one time, prior to 1964, Enos Nkala; a member of the Ndbele ethnic group, was follower of Joshua Nkomo himself of that ethnicity, then the minister allied himself with nationalist hopeful Robert Mugabe. With this switch of loyalty Nkala lost heavily in strongly Nkomo supportive Matabeleland

Continuing evidence at the trial of the manpower minister Edgar Tekere the court was told that he believed he was upholding the authority of the new government at the time that the death of George Adams occurred. - **The Guardian page 6 C1** -

### 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 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 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 hotheads in Zanu PF.*

*In his opinion this would be difficult in the short term – because the 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 to 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 -***

### Sat 15

Headline – ***Zimbabwe's army firm despite rival loyalties*** – strongly indicates that a fully unified national army's 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion can cooperate and work efficiently as one unit when called upon to do so. Manned by equal numbers of former Zipra and Zanla guerillas their actions to quell the troubles round Bulawayo indicated a good working relationship within the army.

Such a show of strength makes the military high command, and the government, have hopes that phase one of their integration policy, where 9 military battalions are fully operational, will lead to them joining the three black battalions of the old Rhodesian army, by the end of 11/80.

Phase two will see some 25,000 former guerillas begin their training from the 150 strong team of British military who remained behind for such a purpose after independence day. Once trained, at a rate of four battalions per month, these men would be sent into the rural areas for reconstruction projects. - **The Guardian -**

### Sun 16

Headline – ***Old wars open new wounds in Zimbabwe*** – as seen by the recent battles between Zipra and Zanla guerillas resettled in adjacent dwellings on the outskirts of Salisbury and Bulawayo concentrate the minds of the nation's political leaders.

Signs of hope that the national army, made up of both elements of the former guerilla armies, make their presence felt and perform their allotted tasks; to stop the fighting was effectively carried out.

In similar vein, the spirit of cooperation between these former black nationalist fighters being trained and integrated into the national army is happening at required rate. Within the laid out time table, so the British military instructors indicate, the completion of the merging of the black and white elements of the army is on schedule.

Headline – *But for Mr Jim it's peace on the farm* – as he invites those guerillas known to be responsible for the deaths of a number of farmer Bakers 's relatives where they grew maize on Nyahoa 160 miles north east of Salisbury.

As the 12 men arrived on his land, complete with their weapons, there was a rush for his own rifle until it became known that the 12 only wanted to talk. Deep within his security surroundings the former attackers and himself exchanged views. They were much impressed that despite the use of weapons, bombs and mortar attacks, the family had survived; so the guerillas believed because of Jim 's supernatural powers.

During their talks and reminiscences and hopes for the future the wife, Judy, noted how difficult it was to keep the horrors of war from their four children and the fears that the fears that the whole family had for the nations future. Their concerns for the future, revolve the future of the schools and hospital systems emerging after the years of standstill and decline because of the civil war. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline - *Mugabe 's tribal jigsaw* - seems to circulate around the outcome of the trial of cabinet minister Edgar Tekere, a lapsed member of the Ndebele ethnic group;who supports the prime ministers a direct rival of the ethnic group that home affairs minister belongs to. An acquittal would indicate that the rule of law is laid down by the Shona ethnic group, led by Robert Mugabe. Such actions would also unnerve the whites

The final count of the recent disturbances in Bulawayo; fifty five men, woman and children died with 519 injured in the countries second city. Even at the height of the colonialists battles with Chief Lobenguela in 1893 Bulawayo has not seen such days of violence. - **ditto** -

Headline – *Order, Order, Zimbabwe style* – looking at life inside Salisbury 's 'Westminster' its functions, its similarities and differences from London. - **ditto; Magazine page 28 to 33** -

### **Mon 17**

Headline – *Bring ministers to heel, says Nkomo* – after noting the criticism from Enos Nkala, and others, that the recent violence in Bulawayo was the fault of his supporters. In the PF 's leaders mind it was the words of the finance3 minister that was doing the intimidation and not that of his supporters.

To add insult to injury police have recently searched, looking for weapons, two properties in the city owned by the home affairs minister. No weapons were found.  
**The Guardian**

## Tues 18

Headline – *Four Zimbabweans die in party strife* – as a hand grenade was thrown into a restaurant in one of the townships that are located on the outskirts of the capital. Among the dead was an eight month old child. Those injured numbered twenty two.

A second incident occurred 90 miles north east of the capital in the town of Mtoko. Here a number of Zanla guerillas, located close by, boarded an bus and took six Ndebele speakers off the bus. Once outside 3 escaped leaving the others to be beaten with rifle butts. One of the national army members was injured so severely that he died later in hospital. Thus it can be seen that Nkomo supporters are being targeted as the ministers power base is bedded within the Ndebele speaking community. - **The Guardian page 1?** -

Leader Comment, **The bitter taste of Bulawayo** – can, for the British, be seen as an echo of the Protestant/ Catholic tension at this time being played out in Northern Ireland. With the recent outpourings of minister Nkala, to a group of white farmers, the ministers ideas were dismissed by the prime minister; one, however “that the government would take over the press Mugabe 's denial referred delphically to the press as such.”

Other concepts; of a one party state had “an overtone of menace” One of the hardest dilemma's that the prime minister will have to confront “and may never do so; the riddle of the Shona KwaNdebele divide.” An ideal solution ignore it and rule uniformly despite all Mugabe 's actions are scrutinised for evidence of balance.

As to hopes of some to alter the constitution it is not necessary unless a repeat of the happenings in Bulawayo, “when two major groups suspected each other needlessly”, has shown what can happen when such ideas are promulgated.

“Both Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo are trying to make Zimbabwe work. For most of the time they are succeeding beyond any expectations ..... how will the country develop unless new ides are offered? ..... how can they seriously be seriously discussed if they are spat out at the audience Nkala fashion?” - **ditto page 10** -

## Wed 19

Headline - *Zimbabwe shoppers bombed in terror wave* - as mothers and their children, recently relocated to Chitungwiza, go about their daily search for food for the dinner table. Panic ensued after two hand grenades exploded in the townships shopping area. Police noted that as a result of this, the latest act of senseless violence, one man died and six other civilians were injured and taken to hospital.

This attack came as the nations military chefs, from both sections of the coalition government, discussed peaceful ways of disarming the alleged 23, 000 black nationalists who still keep their weapons; perceived by themselves as a method of self protection.

Another point of concern for the prime minister is an ongoing strike, involving 6, 000, workers at three important coal and nickel mines where employees are demanding

more pay. The local head of the Associated Mine workers Union noted that many of the mine employees wanted to work however it was the presence of striking miners, armed with pickaxe handles at the mine gates that prevented them from crossing the picket line.

Restive Matebeleland tribesmen, loyal to Joshua Nkomo, encouraged their children to burn down the village home of the parents of the countries finance minister Enos Nkala. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Thurs 20**

Headline – *Salisbury moves to stamp out violence* – as a great number of police were ordered to confront the Nkomo/Mugabe supporters who were intent on violence in the Chitungwiza township 12 miles outside the capital. According to the local government, Eddison Zvobgo, the police are “to crush criminal elements and murderers.”

Speaking at a pro PF rally, attended by thousands of the prime ministers supporters, the minister noted that township residents should not fear the police actions as the authorities only asked for no one to use weapons against an unarmed population.” Revealed has been the number of deaths, due to political violence within the township, since 4/80; 90. Such a death toll is far below the number of fatalities, for a similar period, during the civil war. - **The Guardian** -

### **Fri 21**

Headline – *Justice on trial as Tekere awaits the verdict* – as, after 14 days of evidence Justice Pittman has retired to consider his verdict of a man, if found guilty, could have an enormous effect on the politics and future for Zimbabwe.

Headline – *Gilmour to visit Nigeria* – in an effort to repair the damage to improve the trading relationship with the Lagos government, following its fall out with London before the start of the Lancaster House talks. At that time the government, of the west African state, had been the chief mover in the United Nations movement to impose oil importing sanctions upon the apartheid state. To reinforce their commitment Lagos nationalised the Shell Oil Company 's assets. London also seeks better relations with the government in order to protect the estimated 25, 000 ex pats living and working there. - **The Guardian** -

Newly appointed Soviet ambassador to neighbouring nation Zambia V Solodoynikov has made the short journey to Salisbury to try and establish diplomatic links between Zimbabwe and the Soviet Union. There was a meeting with an official of the foreign ministry on 19/11 and hoped for news of a successful outcome on 22/11. **The Guardian**

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

## Sat 22

Headline – *Nkomo men arrested as rift widens* – as nine Zapu members, including one member of parliament along with the movements information secretary, Mark Nziranasanga, were detained by the nations security police. The arrests were ordered by Emmerson Munangagwa the minister of state security and works directly from the prime ministers office.

Only the arrest of the the Zapu information minister is known. His remarks, broadcast on Radio Moscow that were highly critical of the Mugabe government seemed to be the trigger for the security police action.

*Headline – More aid for Zimbabwe – Britain has agreed to triple its original provisions of £1m for military training assistance to Zimbabwe. The announcement was made by the foreign office minister of state Mr Douglas Hurd who said, in a written Commons answer, that the 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 assistance given to Zimbabwe by Britain over the next 3 years. - GDN -*

## Sun 23

Headline – *Farm killing; Tekere 'will be given a free pardon* – by prime minister Mugabe if Justice Pittman, guided by his lay assessors, convict the minister of the murder of farmer G Adams. This decision, seen as a 'most crushing blow' by the white community, was revealed to a small group of journalists in London by Zimbabwe 's information minister N Shamuyarira whilst on a visit here. He also indicated that the ministers bodyguards would also receive a prime ministerial pardon.

Whilst the courts decision dismissed Tekere's judicial argument that as a government minister he, and his team, were immune from prosecution because of a piece of legislation introduced by the Smith regime, there were incidents of a similar nature committed by members of the white military against the black majority. These also led to pardons being granted for their actions during the civil war. - **Sunday Express** page 1 C 1? -

## Mon 24

Headline – *Southern Africa seeks means to financial freedom* – as, at the second meeting of the nine nation Southern African Development Coordination Committee meets the capital of Mozambique on 26/11; followed 24 hours latter by delegates from those governments who are expected to offer much needed cash. The aim; to rid much of sub Saharan Africa of the need to rely on the apartheid state of South Africa for the export of goods from member states.

There are expected to be delegates from 35 industrialised nations in attendance with at least 20 countries represented by their foreign ministers. There will be table places for the EEC development commissioner seated next to? representatives from Comecom; the East's international trading bloc. Monied nations, from the Middle and Far East,

representing the oil rich nations will also be there. However the governments of Libya and China will not be attending.

With a need of £800m the task for the SADCC 's first 'separationist task; the ending on the dependency of South Africa railway system to move their exports out of Africa will not be an easy ask. In the words of the Brandt Report, presented to the SADCC 's first meeting in Lusaka, in 4/'80, 'it will be no easy task for a new international economic order'.

The western nations will be mindful that despite wanting to assist the nine black African states to bypass its southern neighbour they themselves; USA, Britain and West Germany are heavily involved in trading with the apartheid state despite their hatred of the oppressive system. Within the governments of EEC members support for cash grants to Mozambique are of concern. This is the country where almost half of any grant would be spent. The bulk of donor cash will be spent on upgrading the road and rail systems to increase the availability of the Indian Ocean ports for exporting goods. There again it is noted, by the Bonn administration that the government of Samora Machel does a lot of business with communist East Germany.

Headline – *Political clashes kill 2 in Salisbury* – as the nations people vote in the countries first municipal elections since independence. The deaths occurred in a black township where also 18 persons were injured after a hand grenade was tossed into a beer hall. As of this date there has been 92 fatalities due to political violence since the end of British rule.

As to the results; predicted support from the Shona ethnic group of the prime minister and support from the some Ndebele; the base from which Joshua Nkomo gathers his support, had risen. There are even rumours that Chinese military instructors are waiting of the countries border to assist Zanu PF military if it should become necessary, if the coalition partners should return to battle field. - **The Guardian** -

### **Wed 26**

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

### **Fri 28**

Headline – *Mozambique stand on W Berlin may block vital freedom funds* – as the EEC 's development and aid commissioner C Cheysson points that the east African nation is not a member of the Lome Convention. For it to be such a member, it would have to agree that the East German government, in Berlin, should agree to Bonn being the true representative of the divided nation as far as international matters are concerned.

Despite this move separate member nations of the Community have indicated that their governments will provide specific cash for specific projects throughout the nine nation SADCC. The Dutch government would provide the £2m needed to upgrade the infrastructure of Beira port in readiness for the increased influx of exports trafficked

across the continent from member states. West Germany will give \$2m for a feasibility study of how to improve the railway systems through the region which they themselves would then finance. Other, non specified cash gifts, were offered by the governments of Ireland, Canada, Kuwait and Venezuela. - **The Guardian** -

### Sun 30

*Headline – **Mugabe** “We'll shoot the planes – Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, says his forces will shoot down any 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 any kind suggested by Pretoria. South African ministers denied Mr Mugabe 's allegations*  
**Sunday Times**

## DECEMBER

### Mon 1

*Muzani village, deep in the bush, cattle dips 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

Headline – ***Our wild drinking men by Tekere 's mistress** – who happens to be one who has spoken out against alcohol drinking and complained that African men have too many girlfriends. These pearls of wisdom come from the mouth of the deputy minister of posts and Communications, N Nhiwatiwa aged 39. Both of these above traits can be levelled at at the manpower and planning minister who awaits the courts verdict on his murder charge.*

Speaking to the Herald newspaper Ms Nhiwatiwa attacked the chauvinism of the African male and their ability to consume large amounts of alcohol in public and their consumption is an indication, to other men, of their manliness in Zimbabwean male society.

Much of the article, which made the front page of the paper, pointed out that the behaviour of men, and their attitude towards women, their drinking and their misuse of females; for illicit sex, demeaned the whole of black population. The minister called for the closure of the nations beer halls. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### Sat 6

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



## Sun 7

Headline – *Mugabe to disarm guerillas* – has the full support of the cabinet whereas a second, more sensitive issue; in the eyes of the cabinet; managing a decrease in the tension, between Zanu and Zapu loyalists in Matebeleland province; the heartland of support for Joshua Nkomo, the province in the midst of the recent political violence has shown itself in recent times. Ever the optimist the prime minister is of the opinion that the removal of weapons programme will be completed within a short time.

With an expectation of a national army strength of 25, 000 the rest of the trained men will be co opted into Soldiers For Expansion and Development units. These well trained men will fan out into the rural areas and provide the farming community with the manpower to bring the rural farming areas into full production. - **The Observer** -

## 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 then President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania left after a visit. - Radio 4 news 5am -*

## Tues 9

Headline - *Acquitted Tekere attacks judge* – even as Mr Justice Pittman was overruled by his the two black assessors who assisted the white judge to come to his verdict. The reason; the manpower and planning minister and his seven bodyguards, who were also charged with murder, were immune from prosecution because of a piece of Smith era legislation designed to prevent the prosecution for those who 'killed civilians while suppressing terrorism.' This act has now been repealed.

Speaking way from the court the minister noted his “disgusted”by the racial division on the bench. - **The Guardian page 1** -

Leader Comment, **Mr Tekere 's narrow squeak** the actions of the lay assessors in their interpretation of the Indemnity Act “but they probably saved Zimbabwe from a great deal of turmoil in the guerilla camps and beyond. Even then Justice Pittman was on more solid ground, as to the ministers guild, when he killed George Adams the white farmer.

“The Indemnity Act is a relic of the war years. So it must be hoped was the shooting>” and it was fortunate that the Tekere legal team picked up on this bit of Smith law. “Had it not been for that provision and the defence it allowed both the trial and the judgement would have been much more acrimonious. As it is , the quality of expectation is not strained. - **ditto page 10** -

Headline - *How Smith 's law gave the white man 's ogre his freedom* – an overview and response, from the white community, of minister Tekere 's acquittal. - **ditto page 15 C 1** -

## **Wed 10**

Headline – *Tekere acquittal angers whites* – and is expressed, after a two hour meeting of the Rhodesian Front 's executive committee, by spokesman J Klucklow. Speaking of their 'deep concern' for the nations future and the 'lack of contrition' shown by the minister for his admitted killing the party is deeply hurt.

It is now revealed that the police are investigating allegations that the number three in the cabinet is now being investigated for an assault on his sister who is married to Chief Rekayi Tangwena. The police became involved when the black nationalist supporter showed his wife 's injuries to the prime minister hoping he would sort it out. The cabinet minister refused to cooperate with his boss.

Speaking about the future of the legal system; one that is dominated by the previously 'white heavy' legal structure, the recently acquitted minister called for the dismissal of the white judges as his trial had “upheld a rebellion serving a government that overthrew that rebellion.”

In the end prime minister Mugabe, it is said, issued only a mild rebuke to his party colleague following his post trial comments with mild praise for Justice Pittman. Calling the white judge a professional and important person who worked within the constitution. However, in the eyes of the black community, the verdict would not prevent black jubilation that the whites had been taught a lesson noted the manpower minister. - **The Guardian** -

## **Fri 12**

Headline – *The ten year hitch* – to a chain tethered to a tree has been the three yard 'circle of existence' of village resident N Horfufu aged 35 since being taken by the spirit world. Such severe restrictions were placed, by the village witch doctors at the request of the father as when the spirits took his son; some 16 years ago, before the chain restriction, he would attack other residents and destroy village property.

It was only after the family sacrificed, through the sale of 30 cattle as sacrifices to the spirit world that failed, that a new approach was tried. The Nations traditional healers association, with about 9, 000 practitioners has offered their help. Well in tune with traditional medicine 's the health minister Dr H Ushewokunze offered the nugget that he himself is plagued the spirit world. - **The Yorkshire Post** -

## **Sat 13**

*The Pretoria Press Club 's runner up as the news maker of the year was Mr Robert Mugabe. He was beaten by the Prime Minister of South Africa P W Botha – GDN -*

## **Sun 14**

Headline – *Freed Tekere casts shadow over Mugabe* – as those at the heart of the Zimbabwe state now recognise that the governments standing is seriously damaged by having a cabinet minister who is seen as a murderer but evaded a courts sanction on a legal technicality. He is also being investigated for an attack on the wife of a tribal

chief who has a large black nationalist following. With the white ethnic population the one most fearful of the changes that militant members of Zanu might want to implement in the future recent comments from the president noted concern over cabinet members frame of mind.

Trial evidence, from the minister, indicated that both the prime minister and the president of Mozambique had been told prior to “the clean up operation,” by Tekere of his plans. The PM 's private comment “When you are out of your mind, you can believe anything” gives a feeling of his thoughts on the state of his ministers mind.  
**The Sunday Times**

### **Wed 17**

Headline – *Smith rebukes radicals* – inside the Mugabe government; without naming those he attacks. In the mind of the former prime minister the chief culprits are Edgar Tekere and Enos Nkala who are among a number of government MP 's who try and undermine the good works; reconciliation that the nations leader is pursuing. “They are undermining whatever good work has been done by the more sensible and responsible ones.”

As the emigration figures for 10/80 indicate that 1, 500 whites left his comments may have been an attempt to stem this number as the end of the school year, 12/80, may see an increase in the numbers leaving. - **The Guardian** -

See *Zimbabwe Tape 2 Analysis 8. 45 – 9. 30 Radio 4* – detailed look into if Zimbabwe will survive the tensions and what sort of country it will be in the future.

### **Fri 19**

Headline – *Aid pledges were broken says Mugabe* – as the prime minister visits Nigeria. The loss of this aid, cash promised by America as well as London was reported on by Zimbabwe 's state radio at the time of the prime ministers arrival in Lagos. Thus his government had to use cash from the 'other projects' projects account to further its post war revival projects. The monies involved; Washington £20m plus, well short of the £500m promised by the Kissinger initiative of 1976, Britain £500. over 3 years.

On the home front state radio reported ; renewed, verbal attacks by minister Tekere on the role of some white civil servants 'with evil minds. Joshua Nkomo angry at the continued detention of a number of party members, on the orders of Mugabe, by the security police. The minority coalition party leader deems such acts as tribal suppression of the Ndebele by the majority Shona ethnic groups. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Sat 20**

Headline – *Crisis talks in Zimbabwe* – between the central committee 's of the coalition government that lasted five hours. The joint meeting of the ruling bodies of Zanu PF and Nkomo's Patriotic Front party came into session on the back of new outbreaks of fighting between rival supporters on 18/12 in Bulawayo. No immediate solutions were offered although it was indicated that a small joint Zanu/ PF team

would meet to examine problems and areas of conflict. This meeting was the first time that the coalition political parties had met since independence when they relinquished their fragile wartime alliance.

The nation's president C Banda involved himself with the state of the national press and brought the notion of a more controlled media once again into view. The Zimbabwe head of state called on the media should concentrate on reporting positive images of the nation and not rely on its colonial past.

Such a move, not to rely on its British past, will become more apparent when new Zimbabwe coinage is introduced in 1981. This issue will remove the head of the monarch, Elizabeth, from nation's coinage. Her head will probably be replaced by the Zimbabwe bird. - **The Guardian** -

### **Sun 21**

Headline – *Cautious Mugabe walks a tightrope* – as he walks the fine line between trying to bring radical changes without disrupting the country's great economic potential. Even Mugabe's personal secretary, an ethnic white, believes he is a great man and not the communist that he has been made out to be.

The prime minister himself would describe himself as a moderate man who has little time to revive the country's economic future before the more radical; communist elements within his party, and those elsewhere in the country, who begin to compete against each other to shape Zimbabwe's future to their way of thinking.

The president's challenge is to have the people of Zimbabwe, both black and white, become 'one nation' and co-mix rather than just co-exist as the mixed population of, for example Kenya. In that country although the ethnic groups attend the same cinema's and bars there is still an ethnic divide as to where each population group choose to gather. Each to their own seems to be the East African norm. The fundamental problem he has to address is white attitudes and beliefs.

Changes will come then the merit of the Mugabe leadership will be really tested. As of now there is a great deal of confidence that the future of the nation, in its immediacy is, in good hands. - **The Sunday Times** -

### **Mon 22**

Headline – *Zimbabwe predicts record harvest* – for its maize crop, due in early '81 to be between 1.6m to 2m tonnes. This is almost double the amount gathered in from the 1980 production. The Commercial Farmers Union with 5,000 affiliated members, who produced the figures, noted that the rains fell at the right time and the increase of the maize seed sown, were responsible for the record tonnage produced.

Such a boost to the stability of the new government, good economic/ food news all helps to calm the political clamour for a more anti-white economic policy by those who would be seen as rival to the prime minister's current policies.

With the maize and its flour being a staple part of the nation's diet, using up 800,000 tonnes internally, about 500,000 tonnes are available for export. Most would go to its

near neighbouring countries; Zambia, Zaire, Angola and Mozambique all who have suffered poor harvests. With these countries usually dependant on South Africa for their needs supply from multi racial Zimbabwe will be a good thing. - **The Guardian** -

### **Tues 23**

Headline – *The slowly ticking time bomb* – is the birth rate, put at 5%; one of the highest in the world by the Matebeleland provincial health officer Dr A Pugh. This has risen by one percent with the ending of the civil war which saw 27, 000 war deaths. Such a high rate could see the country be deemed 'a slum nation' according to the medic.

The capitals family planning association director, P Dodds, indicates with a new birth control initiative, only a 2.5% rise in births hoped for by 1985, in place nation wide the mistakes of other African nations can be avoided. Taking Kenya as an example its birth control schemes were mainly based in family planning clinics and not taken into the villages where the lessons of birth control were most needed. Here mothers give birth to large families; seen as a protection/caring service for their later life and help on the land.

Targets should be Zimbabwe's teenagers, some 3. 7m under 15 of years and government grants for education and supply of condoms. A full multi media advertising campaign which promotes the small family. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Wed 24**

Headline – *Health farm for war wounds* – has been set up, as the National Rehabilitation Center at Boulders Farm in the town of Ruwa 14 miles outside the capital. Financed by the government to treat all type of war injuries that the black nationalist forces were not equipped to deal with during the civil war. Thus many of the patients have suffered loss of limbs as a result of the attacks from the Rhodesian forces in the battle conditions.

The founding of this rehabilitation centre, with the support of the Zimbabwe minister of labour and social welfare, K M Kangi, was C Underhill, director of the horticultural therapy; a provider of agricultural projects for the disabled and Oxfam 's Zimbabwe representative Michael Behr.

Within 2 months of the proposition being proposed, and after site visits suitably close to Salisbury, this farm was found to be best suited for the project. Boulder Farm is now staffed with physiotherapists from Oxfam and the Mennonite charity. Later there will be on site orthopaedic surgeons to deal with the problems caused by newly fitted prosthetics.

During the short time that those being rehabilitated will stay at the centre; about 6 months, because of the numbers of limbless guerillas needing treatment limited education skills will be offered. All will be aimed at helping the amputee to regain his place in society through sporting and leisure activities.

Even though the Farm project has been operating for a short time many of the former guerillas have found a place for themselves in the rural society. Here the limbless have found employment in poultry and rabbit farming and the growing of flowers along with general farming. Those in authority expect this farm to be a useful tool in the rehabilitation of wartime wounded for the next five years. - **The Guardian** -

### 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

Headline – *Christmas brings goodwill to Zimbabwe* – as the whole nation faces its first Christmas, for seven years, free from the fear of war. Even the time since independence, when rival coalition politicians had harsh words for each other seems to have taken a break. The spats, between Enos Nkala and Joshua Nkomo were ended for the festive period; or beyond?

Looking back on the year it can be noted that industrial output has risen 14% with an expected agricultural output adding to this record figure within the next 12 months. Though the expected boom in the metals market will not happen because of the world slump.. - **The Guardian Page 5 C 3** -

*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 Rhodesian dissidents for acts of aggression.*

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