

JANUARY 1993

Sat 2

Headline – ***Cholera Death Toll*** – Cholera has killed 21 more people in Zimbabwe, raising the death toll to sixty eight since an outbreak of the disease in late November along the countries eastern border with Mozambique, health officials said yesterday – ***Reuters*** -

Thurs 14

Headline - ***Cholera in Zimbabwe*** – The Zimbabwean health ministry yesterday said 46 people died of cholera in the past week, bringing the death toll since the outbreak began in November to 120. - AP -

FEBRUARY 1993

Wed 3

Headline – ***Mine Protest Deaths*** – Police in Zimbabwe have killed three people and wounded five when they shot into a crowd of women and children who had seized a gold mine manager to demand payment for cutting the grass around the mine village. - ***Reuters*** -

Sun 14

Headline – ***Rhino Charge*** – Zimbabwean MP Benjamin Moyo, of the ruling Zanu party, has been jailed for five years of hard labour for illegal possession of two rhino horns. **OBS Worldwatch** page 14 C 6 -

Fri 19

Headline – ***Harare embroiled in Outcry Over Illegal Rhino Horn Sale*** – After the recent jailing of B Mayo MP (qv 14/2) for rhino horn smuggling Amnesty International have called for an inquiry into the deaths of police officers Captain E Nleya in 1989 and Lieutenant S Chisango in 1991. The two died as they were investigating the military 's involvement in horn smuggling from the South Jona re Zhono Game Reserve and Mozambique.

The population of of the Black rhino in Africa, twenty years ago, stood at 40, 000. By 1992 this figure had dropped to approximately to 2, 000. In Zimbabwe, by 1992, there were thought to be only 250 living wild. The price of a rhino 's horn, in Hong Kong or Taiwan, is put at £625 / \$900. **A Meldrum GDN** page 11 C 3

MARCH 1993

Wed 31

Headline – ***Health System Faces Crisis*** – The collapsing health services, as doctors come to the towns for more pay, sees urban hospitals badly organised with chaotic administration. Tim Stamps notes the good health education system in place for those with Aids; 20% of the population are HIV infected. There has been improvements in infant mortality – 1980 97/ 1000

down to 6.7/ 1000 in 1990. Vaccination of new born babies against life threatening diseases has risen from 25% - 80%. These improvements have occurred despite cuts in spending ordered by the World Bank in 1991. Cuts in health spending has seen a 30% rise in the fees charged to patients.

Doctors are leaving for better paid jobs in South Africa or Britain. Figures from the Zimbabwe Hospital Doctors Association show that Public Hospitals pay \$450/month and there are 90 vacant posts. Since 1990 approximately 60 doctors graduate a year and about 90£ of those have left the country. - GDN page 11 C 3 -

APRIL 1993

Tues 20

Headline – *Tourist Drug Arrest* - Zimbabwe police said yesterday they had arrested an Australian tourist after finding cocaine, worth £23, 000, in his Harare hotel room. - AP -

Sun 25

Headline – *Foul Play and Ju Ju Add Up to a One Sided Match* – In a replay of a Africa Cup match Vital 'O' of Burundi claimed victory against the Ugandan side S C Villa because the visitors did not arrive on time at the Bunjumbura Stadium. The visitors claim that they were prevented from doing so by a mixture of ju ju and police violence towards the team.

After a 22/4 appeal to the Confederation of African Football the sports governing body ordered a replay with the Ugandan team winning 2 : 1. Game One was score 2 : 0 by the Ethiopian referee therefore S C Villa won on the Away goal rule. - D Harrison OBS page 18 C 1 -

MAY 1993

Sun 2

Headline – *Land Grab* – Zimbabwe 's government is to compulsorily purchase 70 privately owned farms, comprising 470, 000 acres, to resettle thousands of peasants from congested rural districts. - OBS World Watch page 13 C 8 -

Wed 5

Headline - *No Favourite for Mr Smith* – The release of Guardian newsman Peter Nieswand. After 72 days in detention without trial. - Pass Notes G2 page 3 -

Sun 23

Headline – *All 's Well That Ends Well* – 'Tiny' Rowland's involvement in the murky politics of Rhodesia at the time of the illegal UDI declared by Ian Smith in 1965 – from breaking the oil sanctions, noted in the Bingham Report to attempts to act as mediator between the wavering factions. - OBS page 13 C 5 to 8 -

Sat 29

Headline – *Harare Risks New Land Reform* – As rural support for president Mugabe falls the government will purchase an extra 12.5m acres of white owned farmland. Already the administration has agreed to resettle black peasants on 75 farms/ 474 acres (qv 2/5) by compulsory purchase. GDN page 16 C 8 -

JUNE 1993

Mon 14

Headline – *Elephants Suffer Fatal Trunk Droop* – Along the southern shore of Lake Kariba in northern Zimbabwe, approximately 120 elephants are suffering paralysis of the trunk. As the paralysis extends up the trunk the animal is unable to feed or draw water up to drink or keep himself cool.

The cause of the disease is put down to a fleet of sardine fishing boats polluting the lake with diesel and lead poisoning. In the main the countries 60, 000 strong herd are OK and provide an income from tourism, hunting and harvesting. - GDN page 20 C 3 -

AUGUST 1993

Tues 17

Headline – *Mugabe Tirade to Boost Votes* – Speaking throughout the country president Mugabe criticised the international outcry over his plan to nationalise farm land owned by the whites. He promised to provide more land for the black farmers, by seizure of land without payments, without payment of compensation, if criticism continues.

With elections due in 1995 the popularity of Zanu PF is falling in the cities. The president is spending more money in the countryside where 75% of the population live; highlighting the successes – feeding programmes during the 1992 severe drought and military help to Mozambique in an effort to sustain his parties rule. Such a list of achievements could see the date for the general election brought forward. GDN page 6 C 5 -

Tues 31

Headline – *Herbal Hope for Aids* – Zimbabwe 's health minister said yesterday the government would test herbal remedies that healers said could cure Aids but he cautioned against raising false hopes. Claims a Harare man that he cured two Aids patients have revived debate on the role of tribal leaders. - AP -

SEPTEMBER 1993

Sun 12

Headline – *Mugabe 's Land Grab Sows Crop of Anger* – Farmers fear purge by black farmers and the political uncertainties and opportunities lead to an exodus of whites and Afrikaner to Zambia. - F Bridgland S Telegraph page 16 C 1 -

OCTOBER 1993

Mon 25

Headline – ***Ban on Aids Claim*** – Zimbabwe may order a news blackout on claims by traditional healers to cure Aids because it says they are undermining the campaign against the disease.
Reuters

NOVEMBER 1993

Mon 8

With a grant of £75, 000 from the British charity Care for the Wild the elephants of Gonarezhou National Park, who are suffering and dying from the effects of the four year drought, are being moved 260Km north to the Save Valley Conservancy which is surrounded by 260Km 's of fencing.

With the darting skills of C Coetzee, (qv 22/9) 250 elephants have been moved to be cared for by C Stockhil a rancher who set up the Save Valley Conservancy. - **G Swain, D Higgs Daily Mirror page 6 to 7 -**

Thurs 11

Headline – ***Exam Fraud Exposed*** – Police in Harare said yesterday that they had uncovered a widespread fraud scheme that enabled thousands of high school students to cheat in their examinations.

Advance copies of question papers were sold for between \$Z 3/ £0.30 to \$Z15/ £1. 50 to teenagers who were taking ordinary and advanced level exams. Virtually all subjects were available. - AP -

Sat 20

Headline – ***Spies Challenge Death Ruling*** – The South African secret agents, condemned to death for a 1988 attack on the ANC residence in Zimbabwe, challenged a constitutional rule on hanging yesterday in a last ditch attempt to escape the noose.

Kevin woods [41], Michel Smith [39] and Philip Conjwayo [57], filed an appeal with the supreme court asking that a constitutional ruling under which four other prisoners had death sentences commuted to life in jail apply to them. - **Reuters -**

Authors note; see 14/ 11/ '91 Secret History; The Hidden Hand.

DECEMBER 1993

Sun 19

Headline – ***Zimbabwe to Cull 2, 000 Elephants*** – Unless elephants from Hwange National Park can be relocated at an estimated cost of £600, 000 and finance for Care in the Wild Charity then

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