

## JANUARY 1978

### Sun 1

Headline – *Smith plan still has fair chance* – even though the talks between the 'principals' will take longer than the prime minister predicted. Their ultimate success will be achieved because all sides desire it. The position of the Anglo/US settlement, according to the foreign secretary Owen is “still on the cards.” Their endeavours will still continue and Lord Carver is still expected to play his part. - **Sunday Times page 7C 5** -

Headline – *New rebuff for race victim fund* – as the Intheir mistreatment by the authorities, has never received a government grant

Fourteen yeas in existence monies have come from Sweden, £2.5m Denmark £750, 000 Norway £100, 000 +. In addition during this time frame three and three quarter million pounds have been donated to the IDF by another twenty states. - ditto -

### Thurs 5

International Defence Aid Fund, run by Canon J Collins, to provide funding for those in southern Africa, to mount legal challenges against the authorities; [Zimbabwe of South Africa] ....

Headline – *Watching the telly with a gun at your side* – is one of the experiences that W M, a Yorkshire born businessman, who last visited eleven years ago. Now he notes the changes. On arrival in the Zama farming district. Their hosts home was surrounded by a 10 ft high fence and topped with barbed wire. Then the living quarters were protected by concrete blast walls. When the servants left at night the gates were locked only to be reopened in the morning. Weapons were everywhere; shotgun or rifle by the bedside hand guns in the living rooms.

Radio contact times were maintained, through the use of citizens band radio, with neighbours and the security forces, at specified times. The writer believes that if the international community, through Owen and Andrew Young, lived through the tension that is the norm they would say so be it they brought it upon themselves. - **Evening Post** -

### Sun 8

Headline – *Rhodesia settlement may come this week* – as all sides agree to more discussions, on the one remaining issue that blocks the way forward, on 9/1. According to the Reverend N Sithole he and his fellow black nationalist leader Bishop Musorewa and the countries prime minister have come to an agreement of two of the three issues that prevents multi racial elections.

Settled are the issues over a Bill of Rights dual citizenship for British born whites and their dependants along with the civil service pensions rights for government workers. The sticking point are the number of seats that the ethnic white minority will be guarenteed in Zimbabwe 's parliament.

Pressure for a deal comes as the civil war becomes more wide spread with the fear of Patriotic Front military victory. Such is the hatred of the leadership of the PF for the 'moderate' black nationalist politicians that they fear for their lives if a Marxist inspired government ensues. - **Sunday Express page 1** -

Headline – *Your government must not expect us to surrender to communists* – argues Ian Smith;

prime minister of Rhodesia. - **Sunday Express** – undated

## **Tues 10**

Headline – ***Yorks couple shot in Rhodesia ambush*** – on their 18, 000 acre farm near the black township of Norton 20 miles west of Salisbury. Originally from the village of Hampsthwaite near Harrogate North Yorkshire, mother and daughter Sheilah Cumming aged 44 and daughter Sarah 14. The two died as four terrorists fired shots while being hunted by farmer Billy Cummings and members of the military.

In separate attacks, this time in the south west of the country, four whites were shot dead by guerillas on a farm at Hartley 60 miles from the capital. - **YEP page 1** - ?

## **Wed 11**

Headline – ***Granny dies in massacre*** – as one of the victims of the Hartley farm deaths. The eldest victim, who was bedridden, was named as Sheila Brakenridge aged 74, son Ben 35 his son Bruce 15 and his best buddy Alan Harris. Two other children were wounded. However the farmers wife and a daughter were unhurt.

This upsurge of nationalist violence, which has also seen ten black Africans die, brings the the RF 's foreign affairs minister P van de Byl to ponder the question is Britain encouraging the activities of the guerilla forces. In his mind the upsurge in violence occurred from the time that Lord Carver began his peace initiative in Mozambique. - **Daily Express** -

## **Thurs 12**

Headline – ***Smith juggles MP 's seats in peace talks*** – as the prime minister lowers his demand for 33 white seats in parliament to 27 in the multi ethnic parliament. Then following a meeting with African National Council leader Musorewa and chief Chiru tries for one more.

A second, and last minuet demand, from N Sithole concerning the make up of the military high command, was his objection to the present bunch of white officers commanding the new Zimbabwe army. The cleric would have members of the PF forces being integrated into this new force. - **un sourced** -

## **Fri 13**

Headline – ***It 's a deal as Smith gets more*** – seats in parliament. The meaning of this new agreement is that the new black government of Zimbabwe will have to have the support of black MP 's for any law changes plus six to change the countries new constitution. The leader of the Rhodesian Front party is now to have his parties 28 reserved seats set in stone for the next fifteen years. - **Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

## **Sat 21**

Headline – ***Smith 's plea*** – to the British foreign secretary and his government was made as the prime minister spoke to a multi ethnic audience of 300 people in the black township of Seke outside the capital Salisbury.

His call centred on his nations wish to be allowed to make an internal settlement deal without London 's hindrance There was also direct criticism of the Labour government for not supporting the current talks between himself and the black nationalist moderate politicians. - **Evening Post** -

## Thurs 26

Headline – *Smith edges to black rule deal* – as more clause of the final deal are agreed. Known to be in dispute is the structure, and manpower within, the new Zimbabwe army has been downgraded for the interim administration to make. The issue of reserved whites seats in parliament is now fixed at ten years.

However as of this time the Rhodesian Front leader needs the issue of the interim government settled before he will sign any deal with Musorewa, Sithole and Chief Chiaru. - **Daily Mail** -

## Fri 27

Headline - *Owen 's two way peace gamble* – is his wish to see a settlement in Rhodesia but not at any cost. While the Rhodesian prime minister and 'moderate politicians' work through issues in Salisbury Britain 's foreign secretary must juggle the issue of the Anglo/US initiative with the need to have the leaders of the Patriotic Front attend forthcoming talks in Malta. This both Mugabe and Nkomo have refused to do unless Dr Owen comes out against the internal settlement.

At one time, within the last seven days, the foreign secretary was prepared to dismiss the internal settlement during a session in parliament. A parliamentary answer which would have deemed the internal settlement 'invalid' was changed to say the government would “not frustrate” a peaceful settlement, wherever it came from. - **Daily Express page 1** - ?

## Sun 29

Headline – *Bishop upsets Smith 's game plan* – as it was hoped that by this time the internal agreement among the moderate black politicians would be in place and the Mugabe/Nkomo talks with Anglo/US negotiator in Malta would be of little importance. This is not the case.

With the Malta talks taking on a more important role in the search for peace a lessening of the hard line stance taken by Robert Mugabe has emerged. As both leaders flew in from Lagos one half of the coalition the China backed nationalist let it be known that under his government the rights of the white minority would be protected. At the same time he urged the internal black majority, followers of black majority politicians to end their support. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – *Nkomo is spent force, say exiles* – who are now based in Nigeria. They see Joshua Nkomo, as a man of the 1960's who was a popular politician at that time even as he was accused of removing rivals from the political scene. As of today they see him as a politician who will work with anyone so long as he remains powerful. His resurgence is due to the Zambian president K Kaunda. Who, because of this backing, is not in favour of these educated exiles. - **ditto** -

Headline – *Did Britain wreck talks, ask Smith 's men* – as a means of putting any successes at the Malta talks between Patriotic Front leaders, foreign secretary Owen, United Nations ambassador Young and the UN 's special envoy to Rhodesia General Prem Chan, ahead of the internal settlement talks in Salisbury.

It is said, by those in the know in the Rhodesian capital, that Bishop Musorewa took a phone call from London. Revealed to the UNAC leader was that one clause in the deal; not using a common voting rolls for black and white voters would never be acceptable for the international community as was the latest demand of prime minister Smith.

The first aim of the Malta talks, which begin within twenty four hours, is for agreement on a cease

fire as a first stage of the Anglo/US peace plan. Back in Salisbury the walk out by Bishop Musorewa came after the cleric was accused, by one of the PM 's delegation, of lying. An apology has been demanded; little chance of that is seen. Now the search for a compromise begins, one that will allow a saving of face on both sides and then a return to talks. - **Sunday Express page 1** -

**Cartoon** “Mr Smith is guilty of liking the wrong blacks!” says David Owen as the foreign secretary prepares to chop up the Rhodesian PM 's internal peace plan. - ditto -

Headline – *Just who does Dr Owen speak for* – asks the writer Angus Maud CP MP – ditto -

### **Mon 30**

Headline – *Owen 's gamble* – is to be first, through the Anglo/Us initiative, to bring a peaceful end to the civil war in Rhodesia. Once arrived in Malta the foreign secretary will call on the Patriotic Front 's leaders to sign up to the seven point peace plan so cherished by the Anglo/US plan. It is David Owen 's firm belief that a deal with the Patriotic Front will end the civil war. Any internal settlement deal will not stop the fighting.

For their own part Mugabe and Nkomo demand from the British that they are not, and never have, played any part in bringing the internal settlement negotiations into being. They also must be assured that the hand over of power comes before constitutional talks. - **Daily Mail** - ?

Headline – *Alert over Owen 's army* – a military force to be brought into use if it is deemed likely that the internal settlement in Rhodesia comes to a head. Such a plan is on the agenda at the Malta talks involving the members of the Patriotic Front and those wishing to settle the conflict using the Anglo/American settlement pattern.

This multi national non white force, drawn from Nigeria and India and under the command of the United Nations would be based along the Mozambique border. Its primary role would be to superintend a settlement or as a 'stick to push' the Rhodesian PM towards the favoured settlement issue favoured by the British foreign secretary et al. - **Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

### **Tues 31**

Headline – *Will we give the whites a welcome?* - discuss. The evidence to be considered comes from the Labour MP Bob Hughes; Aberdeen North and Bulawayo resident; ex Scots Guards officer British born W S H Colart and 11 year resident of Rhodesia 's second city.

Known for contempt of the subjugation of the African majority in Rhodesia the MP 's latest speech told the whites “You will not get entry here.” Seemingly as many as 11, 000 whites have left the country since 1977 which , to the MP, implies they were taking the easy way out and not making enough effort to bring about change in the country. In other words Britain is not a bolt hole for cowards.

Of course Bulawayo resident W S H Colart dismisses his accusers concerns and lays out his own rhetoric as how he “had openly and consistently opposed Mr Smith and U D I over the years.” Supported the Kissinger plan, agreed with former prime minister H Wilson' s call on whites to stay put.

Shortening the British politicians reply; it is only now, when the fighting is becoming more of a reality and law and order is harder to maintain, that the minority whites are rushing to exit the country. They should have done more, over the previous years, to encourage the Rhodesian Front to

embrace the black population. - **Daily Express** -

## **FEBRUARY 1978**

### **Wed 1**

Headline – ***Rhodesia deal is rejected*** – by the coalition leaders of the Patriotic Front David Owen 's plan that the British military forces would be in overall control of the transition period as Rhodesia morphs into Zimbabwe. In the thinking of Robert Mugabe London has had control of its Crown colony since 1923; why now? - **Daily Mail** -

Headline – ***Rhodesia peace talks back on*** – after the walk out by an 'insulted' Bishop Musorewa left the Salisbury talks. This came about after the efforts of J Chickerema, deputy president of UNAC, who met with Ian Smith and his deputy David Smith; who was alleged to have made the unwelcome comment to the cleric.

The British foreign secretary stood his ground over PF demands concerning rule during transition. This must be in the hands of a British Commissioner and a UN referee as these were the two groups that could ensure a free and fair vote. - **Daily Mail** -

### **Thurs 2**

Headline - ***Smith scores as Owen looses out*** – as the Malta talks fail, after only three sessions as the leaders of the Patriotic Front warned they despite the added plea of the American UN ambassador Andrew Young, to intensify the armed struggle with the Salisbury administration. The sticking point; London 's insistence that the British government must take overall control of Rhodesia during the period of transition. - **Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

### **Fri 3**

Headline – ***Owen is Red stooge claim Tories*** – was the implied taunt of Conservative MP W Churchill during a House of Commons statement by the foreign secretary on the outcome of the Malta talks.

“The British people want a solution through the ballot box not the gun.” Even then the shadow foreign secretary, J Davis, accused his opposite number of trying to hinder the Smith/ Sithole et al talks in Salisbury by contacting Mugabe and Nkomo before the Malta talks began. - **unsourced page 15 C 5** -

### **Tues 7**

Headline – ***Will it be tourists or terrorists tomorrow?*** - asks the writer as a night is spent in the Victoria Falls Hotel, next to the countries largest tourist attraction that straddles the Zambian border. **A Leslie; Daily Mail**

### **Thurs 9**

Headline – ***Walk out rebels attack Sithole*** – as one, A Chakaodza; London representative of the clerics Zimbabwe African national Union Group, along with seven other members were deemed trouble makers. After being told to go to Uganda he, and six others resigned.

This small group of moderate politicians were pushed before jumped as they deemed the actions of their leader to be against the interests of the majority by talking to Ian Smith. They accused the

Rhodesian prime minister as being a dictator with only the ambition of advancing his own political ambition. "Democracy and independence can only be established by smashing up the racist and Fascist state of the Rhodesian oppressors ... their foreign masters by force of arms." - **Daily Mail** -

### **Sat 11**

Headline – *'When Smith is addressing the nation I just know he 's not talking to me'* - says one of 'our blacks; a term used by the white minority population, the black businessman S Tatendi. Interviewed in Meikles Hotel in the Rhodesian capital. Seen as one of the black businessmen that the country will have to depend on when freedom comes. In his mind the ethnic minority only pay lip service to the majority and thus it will stay as long as the whites are able to continue their privileged life style. - A Leslie; **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

### **Sun 12**

Headline – *Owen makes bid to close Rhodesia gap* – as papers detailing ideas for a new constitution; a major sticking point of both the internal and Anglo/US plans, have been sent from London to all 'interested parties' in the ongoing debate. A first initiative, sent to Salisbury earlier, reported on the Malta talks between the foreign secretary et al and the Patriotic Front.

The White Paper, unseen by Chief J Chirau; president of the Zimbabwe United Peoples Organisation [Zupo] was denied access to this, although his organisation is part of the internal settlement, because he was not part of the 1976 Geneva discussions. Doctor Own felt that to recognise it would mean any number of small organisations could claim association and call for inclusion. - **Sunday Times** –

### **Thurs 16**

Headline – *Political settlement agreed in Rhodesia internal settlement* – after ten weeks of talks in thirty six sessions the 'moderate black politicians' and the prime minister are on the brink of an internal settlement. Without bloodshed and no need for anyone to back track on their principals all parties agree that the parties were very close to agreeing a transitional government.

The issue of white seat numbers has now been revised down to 20 who will be elected on a separate voting roll but whites will nominate 16 candidates to contest eight seats to be voted for by blacks and whites on a common roll. - **The Times page 1 C 1** -

Headline – *Alarm over Smith 's Black rule deal* – as the Americans warn that any settlement without involving the 40, 000 strong Patriotic Front would lead to an increase in the ferocity of the civil war inside the country. - **Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Has Mr Smith done it?** If so "it is great news for Rhodesia." However the position of Dr Owen is a snub. Even as the whole world, well the USA and Britain have based any deal on "the assumption that there can be no settlement in Rhodesia which does not include the guerilla backed Patriotic Front."

In hindsight it would have been better for the foreign secretary to "make concessions to the moderate blacks years ago ..... if he can bring the Rhodesian problem to a decent and stable conclusion, he will have done well by his country." **ditto page 10 C 1** -

## **Fri 17**

Headline – *Owen blasted over Smith pact* – as he refuses to give his blessing to the announced agreement between the moderate politicians in Rhodesia. The verbal attack took place across the floor of the House of Commons and led by a former Conservative foreign secretary Reginald Maudling.

With many settlement questions unanswered at this time the wait and see policy of the foreign secretary was not deemed to be of sufficient praise by members of the Opposition benches. It was noted that the 'principals' of the settlement would be invited to London. Zambian authorities rejected this deal and announced an intensification of the fight. - **Daily Express** -

## **Sat 18**

Headline – *Rhodesia sell out!* - is the general opinion of the black nationalist leaders not invited to part of the internal settlement reached with moderate nationalist politicians. Such was the condemnation voiced by Joshua Nkomo “Never shall this thing be realised” were the words of one half of the PF; a sentiment echoed by Robert Mugabe. Both men have given notice that the armed struggle would be intensified.

In Salisbury a new round of talks begin; to define the structure of interim administration that will run the country before the first multi racial elections happen. - **unsourced** -

## **Sun 19**

Headline – *Sithole accuses Britain of bias* – as the leader of the moderate Zimbabwe African National Union party speaks to the press in London 24 hours before meeting the foreign secretary where he would try and have him turn away from his, and America 's, support for the PF. - **Sunday Telegraph page 1** -

Headline – *New Rhodesia black armies* – loyal to Bishop Musorewa and the Reverend Sithole are being trained in Libya, Sudan and Zaire. Each contingent has many hundreds of trainees who were either refugees from the internal fighting or those that have been abducted, as youth,s and taken across the border to Botswana by forces loyal to Nkomo.

Conventional guerilla force numbers, controlled by Nkomo 's Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army [Zipra] allied to its political wing Zapu [Zimbabwe African Peoples Union] are said to number 3, 000 fully trained fighters based in camps in Zambia. There are also said to be 7, 000 trainee fighters based in Angola being instructed by Cuban trainers. Only about 500 of these have been deployed inside Rhodesia at this time.

Forces; Zanla loyal to Robert Mugabe, operating out of Mozambique and Tanzania, are said to number 14, 000. With 4, 000 inside Rhodesia and the rest split between the two countries. - **ditto page 4** -

Headline – *Real hope at last for Rhodesia* – develops, so the writer believes, as the countries founder Cecil Rhodes wanted. If only Britain, and the world would accept the internal settlement as planned by Smith and moderate politicians then all will be well. Nothing concentrates the mind so much as an “external threat compelling rival classes and parties to forget their differences in the interest of mutual survival.”

If only the foreign secretary could look beyond the short term, where without doubt, elements of the Patriotic Front would continue the fight. This internal struggle, with some degree of acceptance of

the inevitable by Joshua Nkomo; seen at the Malta talks then Robert Mugabe becomes more isolated and the new multi racial government can go about its business. - **P Worsthorne; ditto page 18** -

Headline – ***What the curfew means in Rhodesia*** – for the rural living black. “You are now warned that as from the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1978 the following restrictions will be imposed all you and your Tribal Trust Lands and African Purchase Lands.” Human curfew last light to Mid day. Cattle, yoked oxen, goats and sheep curfew last light to Mid day. No vehicles, including bicycles and buses to run either within, from or to the TTL or the APL. No person to go on or on any high ground or they will be shot. All dogs to be tied up 24 hours a day or they will be shot. Cattle, sheep and goats after Mid day are only to be herded by adults. No juveniles [to the age of 16 years] will be allowed out of the kaaral area at any time either day or night, or they will be shot. No schools will be open. All stores and grinding mills will be closed. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – ***Sayings of the week*** – We are dealing with honourable men – **I Smith; Observer** -

### **Wed 22**

Headline – ***Owen bid to stay in Rhodesia picture*** – as, after two sessions of meetings with the Reverend Sithole the foreign secretary opens the third round to the American assistant secretary of state R Moore. As to the ongoing talks in Salisbury, concerning the length of the transition period, the leader of the African national Council leader thinks 6 – 9 months is the optimum. - **unsourced page 4** -

Headline – ***Why do so many blacks flock to fight for Smith*** - asks the writer. Answers are found after spending time at the Balla Balla barracks of the trainee recruits for the Rhodesian African Rifles, 40 miles outside Bulawayo the countries second city.

Claims that 400 new recruits begin training for an army that is said to be 80% a black fighting force are made every month with the boast “to kill terrorists ... they killed my father” are made. Chaperoned by a white major from Hampshire sings his praises of some, those trained by Cuban or Soviet officers. The rest he dismisses as 'rubbish.'

Since 8/'77 2, 000 new members of the RAR have passed their one month, cut down from six months, training and only one person has gone AWOL when out in the bush. Throughout the whole army only 16 blacks have reached officer class up to the level of lieutenant. There are hopes that there will be at least 40 by 12/'78. - **A Leslie; Daily Mail** -

### **Fri 24**

Headline – ***Smith men butchered children*** – according to a written report supplied by Augustine Nabaki. The alleged atrocities, against eleven school students from Kandenga school in Rhodesia eastern region occurred on 28/1. Troops just opened fire even though there were no guerilla forces near by. As parliament debated the issue for 3 hours, in which minister of defence, Roger Hawkins made no attempt at an apology.

In the opinion of A Nbaki MP the introduction of the curfew in the Tribal Trust lands and African Protected Lands, did more to push the rural dwellers into supporting those opposed to the white regime, that ever the whites do to gain the support of the black majority population. - **Daily Mirror page 1** - ?

Headline – ***Rhodesia; the hunger odds*** – as a new report, written by R Riddle for the Catholic Institute for International Relations, claims that farmland is equally owned by whites and blacks. **Fact** there are 800, 000 black and 6, 700 white farmers where 90m acres are suitable for food



production. In reality white farmers have access to 100x 's more land than a black farmer.

The CIIR report notes that the newly introduced restrictions, placed on the TTL and APL 's, limit the work of the black farmer as to the number of hours he can spend cultivating his land. Thus food supplies are falling. In 1977 the maize crop, the staple diet of the rural dweller, was only weighed 231 pounds per head whereas to be fully fed 385lb 's would be required. - ditto page 6 –

### Sat 25

Headline – *US reverse on Smith peace deal* – as Washington based president Carter heeds the advice of the British foreign secretary and his own security advisor, Z Brzezinski, against the advice of Andrew Young; American advisor to the United Nations and back the internal settlement of the Rhodesian conflict. - **unsourced** -

### Sun 26

Headline – *Rhodesian s 15 year 'revolt' ends* – as conscientious objector R Knottenbeelt aged 35 arrives in London to escape a second term in jail for defying the call up. Unbeknown to the authorities the targeted teacher who is partially deaf would have been excused military service because of his complaint.

Other acts of defiance, towards the Salisbury authorities, happened in 1963 when because of religious beliefs; being a Quaker he was not able to join the Medical Corps. The government imposed punishment was a ban on any teaching position in a government school or mission. In 1967 a second military call up was ignored and he registered formally his distancing himself from the, by then, illegal regime. A marriage, in 1972 to an Indian woman, Pashpa, forced them both to move 12 miles outside the city of Gwelo as there was no mixed race housing provided their.

1975 fined for refusing military service. 1976 refused military service; no monetary penalty. 1976 a five month jail term for a fifth refusal to fight for his country. Thus the couples exodus to Britain; freeing themselves from the cat and mouse of military call up; refusal and prison sentence. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – *Rhodesia MPs debate misery of blacks in 'keeps'* – due to the fact that the reporting of debates in parliament are not subject to the strict laws of censorship imposed on other journalistic writings.

After five years of was as many as 500, 000 ethnic blacks live in these 'protected villages' whether they be Tribal Trust Lands or African Purchase Area. During this time span 1, 500 have died by the black nationalist guerillas and 800 by the security forces. The majority of the deaths, at the hands of the military, are on account of the breach of the curfew imposed by the government.

Another incidents, detailed in the 19/2 debate, was the deaths of three children; aged eight, four, eleven along with the headmaster of the Buhera TTL school which is 100 miles south of Salisbury. The shots, fired from the military, came from a helicopter in which they were travelling.

On the eve of a BBC television programme Panorama a participant, K Kaunda president of Zambia warns Britain that the fighting will intensify until the prime minister Ian Smith is gone from office. To stop the coming onslaught London will have to remove the Rhodesian prime minister. - **The Observer** -

## Mon 27

Headline – *Castro ... conqueror* – as it is detailed that about 27, 000 troops or 'military advisers' or technicians are based on the African continent according to the American state department. Just two years ago there were only 12, 000 and that was in Angola. As a proxy force for the Soviet Union the Moscow authorities are happy to finance the £1m/day that flows into the Havana economy. - **Daily Express** -

## MARCH 1978

### Wed 1

Headline – *15 killed in border raid* – who, as members of the Botswana military, were defending the border as Rhodesian forces went in hot pursuit of black nationalist forces after they attacked forces inside Rhodesia. The border troops were killed in an ambush.

Supporters of the black nationalist leader, Joshua Nkomo are said to have stripped and beaten 120 blacks in Rhodesia 's Lupane area, 100 miles north west of Bulawayo. - **unsourced** -

### Thurs 2

Headline – *Smith: I'm ready to stand down* – before the new multi racial government takes over on 31/12. By that time, and 10 months into his chairmanship of the proposed executive council, he would have expected that the cabinet will be made up of equal numbers of whites and black MPs.

London officials have offered no opinion on this latest move although critics indicate that there is no prospect of peace as no cease fire has been agreed by the warring parties. - **Daily Mail Page 1** -

### Fri 3

Headline – *Smith 's plan snubbed by Owen* – even as the Rhodesian prime minister puts his signature to the internal agreement settlement. The foreign secretary will not endorse the deal until the Westminster parliament acknowledges that the rebellion is over. Until Then sanctions must stay in place.

The leaders of the Patriotic Front deem the interim settlement a 'stooges charter' and the members of the Front Line States will not endorse the deal as the PF has been excluded. - **Daily Mail** -

### Sat 4

Headline – *The moment Smith signed away power* – the questions come 'is the bloodshed really over? Such a prospect could be seriously compromised if the forces of the Patriotic Front joined with the Cuban forces that are close by. To stall such an event all four; Smith, Musorewa, Sithole and chief Chirau have been urged to attend the forthcoming United Nations Rhodesia debate. - **Daily Express** -

### Sun 5

Headline – *Smith 's 'bogus' deal attacked* – by the members of the Patriotic Front after a two day meeting in Maputo Mozambique. Criticising the details of the settlement Nkomo/Mugabe noted that the land ownership remained the same 50 : 3% in favour of the white minority. The military, police, civil service and the judicial structure remains the same as at the time of UDI. In parliament 28% of the seats go to only 3% of the population. Both leaders deem the system 'rule by colour.' - **Observer**

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Headline – *Now Musorewa has to sell pact* – although no 'formal' invitation to the United Nations security council Rhodesia debate was sent from London for any of the black nationalist leaders. In the mind of the clerics is seen as a snub by the foreign secretary. An invite, whether formal or not, has been sent and accepted by both leaders of the Patriotic Front.

As of this time the UNAC leader has chosen to travel to Britain and friendly African states to spread the internal settlement deal the Reverend Sithole will be in the United States renewing associations with members of the Congress and business contacts. Chief Chirau travels to West Germany 's Bavaria region and his Christian Social Union contacts. Then onto the Middle East.

Back home, in Rhodesia, the white population themselves seem not to be happy with this deal. Would the call up for military service remain? Would those so called be as ready to serve knowing that they were fighting for a land that was shared with the black majority? - ditto page 6 CC4 -

Leader Comment, **Rhodesia; a first step, but .....** the end of 12 years of civil war comes with the rebels signing “their terms of defeat.” The Rhodesian PM has “now reversed his position completely by offering to help install a black majority government by the end of the year.”

The view of the British and American government is that the deal is “an important step forward” while at the same time seeking to push forward the Anglo/ US deal. With the help of the Front Line States “to get the Patriotic Front to participate in negotiations with the parties to the Salisbury agreement.” ditto page 12 C 1 -

### Mon 6

Headline – *Support the Smith solution* – the plea this writer makes as he hopes that the foreign secretary and Andrew Young et al “jettison their own hopelessly collapsed and Communist compromised plans, and throw their entire weight behind the internal settlement ..... illegality of Rhodesia can now be ended and the sooner the better this is done the better.” - **George Gale; unsourcecd** -

### Wed 8

Headline – *Crisis at battle of the Zambesi* – a cross border raid, into Zambia, has seen the deaths of at least thirty eight black nationalist fighters loyal to Joshua Nkomo. The Rhodesian military first used helicopters and jet fighters before the ground troops. As well as the body count the invaders said they destroyed a consignment of Russian made weapons and its ammunition.

Britain 's foreign secretary noted that the attack could jeopardise any further moves towards any genuine and peaceful solution in Rhodesia. A military explanation, via the Salisbury authorities said that the nationalists were killed as they entered into the Rhodesian waters of the River Zambesi. A second group then left the riverbank and moved deeper into Zambia. From Lusaka came word that six Rhodesian troops died and that the fighting is continuing. - **Daily Mail** -

### Fri 10

Headline – *Carter cools it* – as he puts pressure on the American ambassador to the United Nations, A Young, after he accused the British foreign secretary abandon its colonial duties towards a settlement in Rhodesia. Some would say this is a mirror image of the 1948 position taken by the then government in regard to its actions over its mandate in Israel.

There was an apology from the ambassador, via an American journalist, that was sufficiently humble for the minister to insist that there had not been a diplomatic bust up between the two countries. - **The Sun page 2** -

### **Sat 11**

Headline – ***Date for Owen*** – with the leaders of the Patriotic Front, with maybe Andrew Young, in London on 13/3. The foreign secretary himself has been invited to meet with Ian Smith in Washington at a later date. - **unsourced** -

### **Sun 12**

Headline – ***Owen tries again on Rhodesia*** – even as Mugabe and Nkomo, who spoke at the United Nations Security Council debate recently, strongly criticised those involved in the internal settlement. The foreign secretary's plan is to have the PF leaders speak directly with the 'principals' in Salisbury. With these recent views such a meeting could be allotted the name proximity talks where the Rhodesia lot and the Patriotic Front members never met face to face and all ideas are exchanged through go between.

As of this time 250 black Rhodesian students, studying at British universities are running short of finances. Arriving in the country in 10/77 and being able to attend lectures, out of the kindness of their lecturers, the time is coming when exams must be taken. Money is short, or non-existent, and the possibility of expulsion is real. Already the government finance the education of the 1,100 black Rhodesians attending our education establishments.

Defending their refusal the Ministry of Overseas Development note that they must use their cash wisely. It is not a welfare fund to prop up students, the 250 highlighted, who do not reach the required standards or already have a university degree and should head home to improve the living conditions of the black majority. The counter argument, put by the students supporters, is to note that great amounts of goodwill would be earned for the British people/government if they were allowed to sit their final exams. - **Sunday Times** -

Leader Comment, **Honest brokers** the Rhodesia/Israel argument put forward by Andrew Young was historically wrong. “The major reason that the Atlee government quit Palestine was because Britain found itself opposed by the United States. In Rhodesia the case is different.”

“In this new situation the negotiations are no longer between black Rhodesians and the Smith regime; they are now primarily between the rival African camps.”

As to the situation now it would be best to leave it all to the leaders of the Front Line States. As the leaders of the black African States that surround Rhodesia are so involved with the Patriotic Front any solution needs a third party as mediators: the British/the United States axis.

The imminent future lies with the outcome of the vote by the Security Council “the going is likely to be rough in the next few weeks, but there is no reason for premature pessimism. - **ditto** -

### **Mon 13**

Headline – ***Owen aims to ditch Carver*** – as resident commissioner delegate, appointed six months ago, to oversee the transition of Rhodesia to an independent Zimbabwe. Such a move is the foreign secretary's attempt to remove an obstacle, in the independence struggle, to a peaceful settlement.

The dropping of his Lordship is part of a new initiative for the Anglo/US peace plan first exposed at the recent United Nations general assembly meeting. This entails all groups attending but there being no face to face meetings between the delegations; shuttle diplomacy in action.

### **Wed 15**

Headline – *Owen 's new bid turned down* – as the joint leaders of the Patriotic Front both decline the foreign secretary's invitation to attend the general assembly debate of the future of Rhodesia. Their main reason for this is their belief that the minister has some degree of sympathy for the achievements of prime minister Smith and the black moderate political leaders.

Various other minor details of diplomacy niceties upset Mugabe and Nkomo; the invites to New York were given out on an equality basis, the fact that Chief Chirau had firstly had talks in London with the foreign secretary. These indicated to the Patriotic Front leaders that Dr Owen had, to all intent and purpose given the internal settlement his sanction. - **Daily Mail** -

### **Sat 18**

Headline – *Owen flies out as Rhodesia talks flop in demo fury* – along with his American counterpart Cyrus Vance. Amid the flying rotten fruit, thrown by members of the black majority crowd of demonstrators. The Anglo/US team had also failed to persuade the 'principals' of the internal settlement to attend talks in New York.

Speaking to the press the interim prime minister indicated that there might be talks, at a later date, once a decision had been made by the executive council. **Yorkshire Post page 1** -

Leader Comment, **Mugabe spells it out** as foreign secretary Owen bangs on about the threat of the “Soviet and Cuban physical involvement in Rhodesia, if implicitly, the Patriotic Front does not get its way.” This the one half leader, of the Patriotic Front, has already stated that with the intention of implementing a one party Marxist state a free and fair election, which vetoed this idea would not see such a regime imposed..

Meanwhile foreign secretary Owen noted, less than 24 hours ago, that a deal “recognised by Britain and the international community must contain two elements .... acceptable to the majority of Rhodesians as demonstrated by free and fair elections ... groups fighting in the guerilla war .. protecting minorities after independence.”

The best way forward is putting pressure on the PF rather than the interim government ... “So it is the Patriotic Front and not the interim government that the British and Americans should be pushing in the direction of compromise.”

There is no trust between the Rhodesian people and the United Nations to take control of the growing situation; believing it has a hidden agenda having noted how the “Western Powers accept the MPLA as the authority in Angola and Swapo as the only black authority in Namibia. - **ditto page 8 C1** -

### **Sun 19**

Headline – *Golf pro can 't have his prize money because he 's Rhodesian* – and as such G Harvey is subject to financial restrictions imposed by the international community. A planned circuit of the British tournaments beckons the player, where he is expected to win prize money, is already hampered by the Salisbury administration not allowing more than £480 out of the country. So most

of his of course time will be spent in cheap boarding houses and travelling between courses on public transport.

As to any prize money he, 29 year old may win, there will be no opportunity to spend it. According to the rules, imposed by the government and Bank of England, it will have to stay in a special fund to which he has no access unless special humanitarian issues can be brought forward by the player.

In similar circumstances are S Hobday winner of the German Open with a prize fund of £10, 000 and a junior Nicky Price who will come to Britain even though they will both suffer financially. - **Sunday Express** -

### **Sun 26**

Headline – ***Bishop's secret army*** numbering approximately 560 members is being trained in Libya and must be seen as a fighting force to be considered as part of the transitional government. Almost half this number are also under arms and loyal to the Reverend Sithole and also training in the north African country.

Training has also been offered/undertaken in Madagascar, where Musorewa recently transferred 24 black officers to Libya for extra training. Such moves are seen as slightly unusual as the leader in Libya is the principal backer, via being a member of the Organisation of African Unity, Patriotic Front.. Is Libya hedging its bets with this apparent support for the interim government or just creating trouble in the OAU.

### **Wed 29**

Headline – ***Peace! It's a war plan*** – is the opinion of Andrew Young the American ambassador to the United Nations on the conclusion of the internal settlement in Rhodesia. Even the fall of the British Labour government may be a consequence. The diplomat was speaking to the Zimbabwe Times; the newspaper favoured by the black majority in Rhodesia.

“I frankly think the British people want to wash their hands of the Rhodesian issue and almost don't care what happens. They would like a quick solution that would turn it over to Smith and they would look the other way.”

Whatever the British governments thoughts Washington would not abandon the issue as in their views this settlement was no real solution as the way was still open for war was still there and a “suicide plan for Western” interests in the country.

A comment from foreign affairs minister Peter van der Byl noted that in the history of America “the illegal colonies of America would not have achieved independence without necessary arrangements being made with the British government of the day. - **Daily Express page 2** -

Leader Comment, **The incredible talking envoy** that is Andrew Young “the past master of deliberate accidental affront.” Telling the world later that his words had been misinterpreted. Being used to being insulted by the governments actions as Britain's decriers “wanting to work the anti Imperial routine we do not expect to get it from a member of the United States cabinet.” - **ditto page 10 C1** -

### **Thurs 30**

Headline – ***Shut up, Andy*** – is the message that the foreign secretary wants the American ambassador to London, Kingman Brewster, to deliver to the US diplomat who was critical of way

London is dealing with the fall out of the internal settlement agreement in Rhodesia.

World wide development on the African continent sees the American president Jimmy Carter travel to Nigeria, where Young 's gaffe will be a side issue, for a major insight into Americas emerging policy in southern Africa. While David Owen waits for an assessment of Soviet involvement in the region from London 's ambassadors in the region. - **unsourced** -

Headline - ***Rhodesia fights off an invasion*** – of loyal Mugabe guerilla 's who, according to themselves, have advanced 40 miles into Rhodesia after crossing the Mozambique border. Despite claims from the Rhodesian military, who have used ground troops with air support to kill 100 members of the black nationalist force, as of this time the swollen River Sabi is holding up the advance of the 600 commandos. - **ditto** -

Headline – ***War criminal Smith will die – Mugabe*** – if caught alive after the battle for Zimbabwe is complete. One half of the Patriotic Front made this claim when speaking to the French magazine Afrique – Asie. It will be published on 3.4 in Paris. The interview also the role of whites in the new scheme of things; they would work alongside the majority in a “peoples state” with both groups working alongside with each other. - **ditto** -

### **Fri 31**

Headline – ***Home you go*** – is the message given out to the majority of the 432 pupils and 12 staff that were brought over the border into Botswana within the last twenty four hours. Unknown gunmen entered the Tegwani School in Rhodesia at that time. Now it transpires that only 42 wish not to return to their education.

According to Botswana 's minister of defence, D Mophuthing, the non returning forty eight pupils were “anxious” to join the Patriotic Front rebels and not resume their learning at the mission school.

It would seem that the infiltration of PF guerillas, from Mozambique, has the intention of distributing propaganda against the internal settlement. - **unsources-**

## **APRIL 1997**

### **Sun 2**

Headline – ***Wilson raps US envoy Young*** – in a similar vein as foreign secretary Owen recently did. Not one speaking with an understanding of the Rhodesian/British history; the former prime minister was has had numerous encounters with the leader of the minority led government in central Africa over the years. Noticeably the failed talks on HMS Tiger and then HMS Fearless post UDI in 1965.

Speaking to the Law Society at Oxford University Lord Wilson noted “What is particularly dangerous is his assertions which can only be read as meaning that any settlement involved without bloodshed and massacre won 't count.” Also he noted that Washington, in the recent past, showed no respect of the international sanctions placed on the Salisbury. American industries still imported chrome; am important metal in the electronics industry.

President Carter, speaking in Lagos made his toughest speech against the racial policies of the Pretoria government. “We have made it clear to South Africa that the nature of our relations will depend on whether there is progress towards full political participation for all her people in every aspect of social and economic life of the nation and an end to discrimination based on race or ethnic origin.” - **Sunday Express** -

## **Sun 9**

Headline – *Guerilla leaders to hold new talks with Owen* – that is Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe in Dar es Salaam on 16/4. Also in attendance will be Cyrus Vance the American secretary of state. The Patriotic Front leaders will be called upon to further consider their hostility of the internal settlement and lessen their objections to it. The second motive of the British and American diplomats is the preparation for an 'all interested parties involved in the Rhodesia issue' conference sponsored by president Carter.

Emanating from Salisbury are the thoughts of the interim administrations executive council 's thoughts on the Anglo/US initiative; polite attention is the outcome. The deal, barely four weeks of life, is not up for renegotiation until after the expected general election. The only exception; if the executive council grew from its present make up of four persons.

Progress, during the next eight months, depends on the expected laying down of guerilla weapons and the countries welcome back into the international community depends on how the 'moderate black politicians' can put across their intended message, co operation with the white minority, to their supporters among the rural black population as step up to the mark in a changing world.

Their biggest struggle will be in the rural areas of the country where the people are closer to the words of the black nationalist fighter than they ever were to the words of the politicians. - **Sunday Times** -

## **Mon 10**

Headline - *Rhodesia sees envoys today* – who have flown in from Maputo to begin detailing the timetable of the president Carter all Africa Rhodesia conference. The big question will any of the executive council members; Smith, Musorewa, Sithole or Chief Chirua make an appearance.

In London, after talks with foreign secretary Owen, American diplomat Andrew Young tried to explain his recent remarks that brought criticism from both Dr Owen and former prime minister Harold Wilson.

His comments were tactics to “shock people into thinking about possibilities.” It was not the government he was criticising but the attitudes of some of the press and people of Britain that were his targets. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **Sat 15**

Headline – *Rebels agree a peace plan* – and use the Anglo/US initiative as a basis for meaningful negotiations. Thus the leaders of the Patriotic Front, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, have a complete reversal of thought since 1/78 when such an idea was rejected out of hand.

Of further developments Robert Mugabe indicates that he will attend the Carter inspired all Africa conference as long as all participants “come on the basis of negotiating on the basis of Anglo American agreement its all right by me.” However the black nationalists will not be bound by that “iniquitous internal group.” - **Daily Mail** -

## **Sun 16**

Headline – *Sacking of black law chief splits Smith team* – and brings the 14 day old administration near to collapse. British legal expert Byron Hove aged 38, brought into the government as co



minister of justice, was dismissed for calling for changes to the police and judiciary to take account of black majority rule. Encouraged to join the government by Bishop Musorewa the cleric now insists that he was not at the meeting of the executive council when the decision was made.

This view of events was challenged by councils chairman, Chief Chirau, hit back at the UNAC leaders words. His statement claims this view is a falsehood as his recollection of the event was that all four members were present at the time. No decisions were made out of session. - **Sunday Times page 1** -

Headline – *Nkomo and Mugabe agree talks* – in only two hours of talks in Dar es Salaam with Britain 's foreign secretary. Also present were Cyrus Vance, US secretary of state and Washington 's representative at the United Nations Andrew Young. Other elements of agreement between the differing parties was the presence of United Nations forces on the ground in Rhodesia during the period of transition. The one sticking point is the powers of the British commissioner, Lord Carver, or the role of the existing police force of Rhodesia.. - **ditto page 6** -

Headline – *Smith tries to lure Nkomo* – away from the influence of his coalition partner Robert Mugabe. In this he is supported by the British foreign secretary who revealed this when talking with the Reverend Sithole in 1/78. Such a move would be the lesser of the best favoured option to have the PF in its entirety 'on board' the internal settlement.

Both politicians know that the next important personality to move this wish along is the Zambian president Kaunda; who is the main backer of Nkomo 's military force. All such approaches have been rebuffed as of this time even though any power that Zanu gain after independence is gained will leave the political leader behind Robert Mugabe 's Zapu party. - **ditto** -

Leader Comment, **Keep trying** the UK/ USA mission to Africa “which is crucial to the future of Rhodesia and perhaps to the peace of Africa” hinges on whether the internal settlement will work or not.

“There are enough genuine points of discussion, given a willingness to talk and an adequate realisation of the dangers of not doing so. But there may not be many more chances if this one is missed.” - **ditto page 16 C 1** -

## **Sat 22**

Headline – *Death of the dashing Lord* – that was Richard Cecil, the son of the Marquis of Salisbury, as he was on a filming assignment. Working as a freelance photo journalist in the north east of Rhodesia; an acknowledged war zone he met his death on 19/4. Military authorities made no mention of the circumstances that led up to his death. - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

## **Mon 24**

Headline – *White mother killed in convoy attack* – as she travelled on the road that directly links to the countries southern border to South Africa. Aged 47 Annie Holland was with her two teenage sons as part of an escorted convoy. In unrelated actions military sources claim five black nationalist fighters and 6 collaborators were killed. There was also two deaths and eight injured when a land mine exploded under a bus which was on the road in a operational area.

Details of some of the alleged 40, 000 civilians allegedly kidnapped by the black nationalists over the five and a half year civil war have emerged. Newspaper reports, from the Sunday Mail, note that one of the latest cases involves the tea estate employee I Taylor, who was taken in 2/'78 is,

according to a letter received by his wife, received on 21/4, to be held in Mozambique. His letter which says he is being well treated also includes a note from a Frelimo official confirming these facts. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Sun 30**

Headline – ***Plea on Rhodesia recruits*** – to join the Bedfordshire police force has been supported by the forces chief constable. The idea was put to him by former military officer General L Owen who now runs the Scorpion Society; an organisation that looks after Rhodesians with British passports. With a membership of 200 – 300 since 2/78 top cop A Armstrong would welcome the idea where migrants were able to fill some of the 100 vacancies in the force.

Politician G Roberts a Labour MP called on home secretary to discourage this practise. He himself would acquaint his opposition to the idea to the chief constable. - **Observer page 4 C 1** -

Headline – ***Sacking puts Smith deal in jeopardy*** – as the clerical sponsor of the co minister of justice and law and order B Hove was sacked after his comments on the Rhodesian legal system caused anger among the white community. Arriving at Johannesburg 's Jan Smutts Airport the barrister of the Inner Temple London condemned the interim government as being a fraud.

It has now emerged that the crucial meeting that decided to let the barrister go was not, as alleged, attended by any member of the UNAC movement. Thus turning on its head the words of Bishop Musorewa who has already stated that he was there and so any dismissal notice must have been sent as an after thought by the three other members of the executive committee. - **The Observer page 1** -

Headline – ***David Owen 's three impossible choices*** – one of three options open to the foreign secretary as he sits in Mirimba House, the residence of former governors of the the country.;

[1] Accept the situation as it now stands and that the chances for compromises are made by either of the factions. The dangers; the executive councils hopes a fair ceasefire and a fair poll are unlikely as nationalist fighters continue to disrupt these plans. Thus there will be no international recognition or the ending of sanctions, whites will leave as the economic future of the new Zimbabwe looks grim.

[2] Grant immediate recognition immediately and not wait for the elections and end sanctions immediately., with the hope that a pro western government emerges. The dangers black African governments drop their trade with the West, mainly the USA and Britain, if the emerging Salisbury administration bases its economy in other directions. Thus the rise of the Soviet/China sphere if influence beckons.

[3] Covert backing for the interim government to aid the economy and the continuing fight against the guerilla forces still raging civil war. As the battle is won support for the government will increase. The danger will than come from the leaders of the black African states. - **Sunday Times page 6** -

### **Undated**

Headline - ***Now Tiny tries a Rhodesia take over*** – as he tells friends he is willing to take on the position of Britain 's resident commissioner in Salisbury if Lord Carver were to step down.

Other deeds done, in the recent past in the interests of the troubled country, by the head of the business conglomerate include; 10/77 Lusaka summit of Ian Smith and president Kaunda. Always a controversial business figure, with many connections due to business on the continent once described, in 1973 by Edward Heath as “an unpleasant and unacceptable face of capitalism” he now names Joshua Nkomo among his friends. - **Public Eye; Observer** -

## MAY 1978

### Tues 2

Headline – *Smith is fooling the blacks* – and his cabinet was collection of contradictions says the sacked justice minister Byron Hove as he returns to his 12 year old legal practice in London. He set great store by the cleric he invited his return calling Bishop Musorewa as the only person who would stand up to the prime minister.

Now it is believed that the controversial sacking was due to the perceived unwillingness to the Rhodesian prime minister to play fair in his dealings with his cabinet and no the co ministers arguments on behalf of the legal system when dealing with the black majority population. - **Daily Mail** -

### Thurs 4

Headline – *Guerillas scorn ceasefire deal* – as Joshua Nkomo 's political party; Zimbabwe African Peoples Union [Zapu], as well as Zanu, was unbanned after 16 years. Such bribes were dismissed 'with scorn' by him. The fighting goes on was the message to black nationalist forces.

With the ceasefire call rebuffed, and no new ideas from the executive council, Bishop Musorewa' UNAC party has turned on the prime minister and called into question the commitment the intention of black majority rule as great numbers of black political prisoners are still in detention and are not being released. - **Daily Mail** -

### Thurs 11

Headline – *Rhodesia deals probe Yard visits Lonhro* – as police seize documents, under the 1968 Southern Rhodesia[UN Sanctions] order, to determine if the company is in breach of the act and helping the economy of the last British colony in Africa.

At this present time the company is involved in a £40m bid to take over the Scottish and Universal Investment company. - **YEP page 1** -

### Sun 7

Headline – *Sithole recruits a fake army of 'guerillas'* - with which he is trying to prove to the international community that black nationalist fighters have laid down their weapons at the request of the African National Council 's leader.

However, according to one of the Reverend Sithole 's aids; Kesiwe Malindi those purporting to to support the interim government by laying down their weapons, are in reality the unemployed youth from the city townships adjacent to Salisbury and Bulawayo. In recent times have have been rounded up and relocated in camps near the towns of Plumtree in the south west and Mtoko in the north east. Both camps are just over inside Rhodesia 's border with Mozambique.

The above is the image that was to be 'sold' to members of the international media as 1, 000 fighters were to be paraded before journalists from the BBC and CBS television.

As an all party committee of MP 's report into the sacking of the co justice minister B Hove, is in preparation its findings could have a major impact on the governments future. If the report does not recommend reinstatement for the barrister Bishop Musorewa could face call to pull the United

African National Council out of the interim government. - **Observer** -

#### **Undated**

Headline – *'Smith out or Cubans in'* – is the possibility that president Kaunda will offer to the British and American governments if they cannot fulfil their promise to have Ian Smith removed as prime minister of Rhodesia. This offer is made in the full knowledge that the Cuban authorities are primed and ready to deploy military personnel on Zambian territory. Their role would be to protect the countries borders from Rhodesia 's forces and provide assistance to the black nationalist guerillas sheltering there.

Such a move would upset fellow members of the Front Line States and the leader of the Zimbabwe African National Union as Robert Mugabe has made it plain that he is deeply opposed to any foreign military help in defeating the white regime. As for the FLS leadership; Tanzania 's president Nyerere and his Mozambique opposite number note that to bring in foreign troops anger the South African administration and could widen the conflict throughout the region. - **The Observer** -

#### **Undated**

Leader Comment, **The seventh principal** to add to those gone before as the barest minimum required for the new Zimbabwe is the principal of a free press. This would guarantee “reasonable access throughout Zimbabwe for the international news media including genuine investigative news media.” Such a principle would be more likely acceptable to Bishop Musorewa “and his lot than by the Marxist back Soviet backed people like Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe.” - **Yorkshire Post** -

#### **Sun 14**

Headline – *Rhodesia: why Smith should surrender* – is that the interim government seems to be working on principals that were laid down in 1964 when the Conservative prime minister, now Lord Holm, laid out his six principals for offering independence to Rhodesia. The writer, who still farms near the town of Shabami believes that these founding articles are out of date and offers a different interpretation that is more acceptable to the modern world. - **G Todd; Rhodesian PM 1955 to 1958 Sunday Times** -

#### **Mon 15**

Headline – *Muzorewa stays with Smith* – despite a statement, from comments from members of the United African National Council, that the sacking of Byron Hove left them “angry bitter and suspicious” of the white element of the transitional government.

The statement from UNAC also reiterated the parties concerns that the interim government should move forward towards; the release of all political detainees. The ending of the hanging of all political prisoners which is associated with guerilla activity. The end of the 'protected village' regime. Removal of racial discrimination. - **Daily Telegraph page 1 C 1** -

Headline – *Kaunda in talks on Rhodesia* – in London with government ministers. Along with the Zambian leaders concerns over the civil war, across his southern border, he is concerned with the effects of the downturn of the countries economy after the fall in the price of copper; the countries chief export. London 's prime minister Callaghan and his foreign minister have both assured Kaunda that they will use their influence on the international community to make sure that measures are put in place give assistance to the Zambian economy.

As to the civil war, down south, the president will be pushed towards influencing Joshua Nkomo to

drop his coalition partner Robert Mugabe and support the efforts of the moderate black politicians involved in the transitional government. - ditto -

Headline – *The time to end sanctions is now* – believes the writer because now is the time for those concerned to believe that the Patriotic Front; which, in his view, is neither patriotic or unified, takes pleasure in inflicting pain and suffering on its victims. Also the foreign secretaries view on the Rhodesian problem “seems to have matured since he realised that he is unlikely to win a Nobel Peace Prize.” - R Moss; Daily Telegraph page 6 C 6 -

**Undated**

Headline – *Worried Kaunda asks Britain to bail him out* – as the economy of Zambia suffers as a result of the ongoing civil war across its southern border. The country's chief export copper has suffered most since the rebel prime minister Smith closed his borders in 1973 to the ore exporting railways south to South African ports.

Copper ore exports made up 90% of the country's overseas earnings and 99,000 tonnes, valued at £60m awaits export. A secondary route, through to the Indian Ocean port of Dares Salaam, awaits facility improvements; the handling infrastructure is non-existent as of this time.

Other drains on the Zambian economy, in foreign earning terms, is the amount of maize that is needed to feed the 20,000 strong forces loyal to Joshua Nkomo who are based there. In the guerilla camps there are also shortages which, according to sources, have led to the deaths of 300 combatants from one camp since 1/78. Such numbers do not take account of the number of refugees that need feeding.

Onward, from his London meetings, president Kaunda will travel to Washington for a plea to increase the \$30m worth of aid promised by president Carter. In the past two months a \$322m loan, from the International Monetary Fund, was used to prop up two of the country's copper mines to prevent their closure. - un sourced -

**Tues 16**

Leader Comment, **Rhodesia must be democratic** and this has been made more of a probability with the decision of Bishop Musorewa to remain as a member of the transitional government after the sacking of the co justice minister Byron Hove.

“It would have been easy, indeed popular, for him to walk out. Instead he has chosen to stay. By doing so he has shown himself to be a political of considerable acumen, patience and maturity.”

Such actions, even before black majority rule has become the norm “everyone with the interests of the country at [its] heart surely hopes that Bishop Musorewa takes command.”

As to times past, from the failure of a settlement under Harold Wilson; blame Ian Smith. As to the earlier offers of Internal settlement blame the London politicians of the time. As of now, knowing the economic plight of Zambia and the urgent need for a peaceful solution to the crisis over his southern border “it would be right, if ruthless, to link aid to Zambia with support for the moderates in Rhodesia. - Daily Express page 10 C 1 -

**Fri 19**

Headline - *Red Cross men killed* – in Nyamaropa near the town of Inyanga which is about eight

miles from the border with Mozambique. The, as yet the two unnamed Swiss nationals, members of the International Red Cross Committee died at the hands of members of the black nationalist guerilla force. Despite journeying in a clearly marked IRCC vehicle the two were taken into a field and shot. - **Evening Post page 1 C 1** -

## **Tues 23**

Headline – *The savage face of black Africa* – has already exposed to the white Rhodesians through an earlier, successful, guerilla campaign some 400 miles north in a former French colony. The ferocity of the killings of French nationals in the town of Kolwesi is a constant reminder of the depth of hurt the ethnic population felt against those that governed them.

The destruction of the Congo 's white population, in Shaba province, is one of the deep reasons that its counterparts in Rhodesia will not allow the command structure of the security forces, army or police, ever to be handed over to a black officer class. Its a matter of trust.

For the greater region, southern Africa, Pretoria looks on the Cuban and Soviet influences, that assisted the black nationalists in the French colony, noting their involvement firstly in Mozambique and now in Angola. Their fear such tactics being employed by those who wish to overthrow the National Party's rule in South Africa. - **J Ellison; Daily Express** -

## **Undated**

Headline – *The young brigade* – tales told of the thousands of refugee children, below the age of sixteen, who arrive in transit camps inside Zambia after walking across the Botswana border and then are transported to military training camps to one of three children 's camps outside the capital Lusaka.

Most of the arrivals are from Matebeleland in the south west of Rhodesia. The boys are sent to J Z Camp. Parentless girls go to Victory Camp; all at least 2 hours drive outside the capital. The Botswana government indicate that as many as 200 would be fighters arrive daily and then are put aboard the Freedom Charter plane and dispatched to Zambia. In JZ camp it is said that there are about 4, 500 would be fighters. They are taught by only 30 instructors; a ratio of 150 : 1, making discipline difficult. A guess – **Sunday Telegraph magazine page 34 to 39** -

## **Undated**

Headline – *Current events* – sees the Times newspaper publish, on a Monday, the wild and inaccurate story that the white regime in Rhodesia, led by the prime minister I Smith and his foreign secretary Van der Byl, were telling other whites that the deal with the moderate black politicians was just a sham and they had no intention of handing any power to the likes of Sithole or Musorewa.

For two editions of Britain 's most influential written media did this story appear and in the most prominent of position; page 1? In the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition nothing of the story appeared on any of the pages. The questions; why was it dropped or even published if not true. - **unsourced** -

## **JUNE 1978**

## **Sat 3**

Headline – *Tanzania kick out Lonrho for 'meddling'* – because the Nyree government could not let the business conglomerate continue as it continues to undermine the struggle for freedom in

southern Africa by its actions elsewhere. There is also the claim that the British based company has falsely acquired a mine in Mozambique to export copper using false end user certificates. **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1 -**

#### **Sun 4**

Headline – *The Smith version of Zimbabwe is getting nowhere* – is the conclusion of four African emissaries dispatched to all parts of the country who were tasked with encouraging the guerilla forces to lay down their weapons. The response of the black nationalists was instant and brutal. The government messengers were killed. - **Sunday Times** -

#### **Fri 9**

Headline – *Murder of the Sally Army angels* – at a girls mission school; the Usher Institute outside the city of Bulawayo was the place of death of Dianne Thompson and Sharon Swindells along with other members of the Salvation Army. The school was attacked by as many as 15 guerillas on 7/7. There were two named injured; Captain D Cotton aged 39 and the Institutes vice principal G Paulson. The remaining teaching staff will now abandon their posts and relocate to a safer area. **Daily Express page 3 C 1**

#### **Tues 20**

Headline – *No to son with father 's ashes* – in his wish to bring home dads ashes for burial in the land of his birth. However the remains of Herbert Simmonds can be brought to England. The son, Roy, happens to be a high ranking officer in the Rhodesian air force and as such is not allowed to enter Britain so say the foreign office.

Even as the disputed ashes returned home the Wing Commander walked through all the airport officials, as he had done on many other occasions before returning to the family home in Salisbury without incident. - **Daily Mail** -

Leader Comment, **Another heroic achievement!** Shows that the the “foreign office has all the impact of a five day old lettuce,” at its mealie mouthed attempt to prevent a grieving son bring dads ashes home.

“Such petty malice leaves one wondering whether we are being governed as an occupied country or just in the hands of borough council officials who have got above themselves.” - ditto -

#### **Fri 23**

Headline – *Black revenge-* will be taken by Robert Mugabe upon any of his Zanu military commanders who consider instruct their men to lay down their weapons as part of the ceasefire call of the interim government in Salisbury. As of this time one example of this summary justice has been noted.

As for the response of the second leader of coalition force of the Patriotic Front Joshua Nkomo has told his forces to target soft white targets. This has led to an increase of guerilla fighters attacking mission stations where five staff have been killed. - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

#### **Sun 25**

Headline – *Twelve Britons hacked to death* – at the Elm Pentecostal Mission station in the Vumba mountains close to the countries border with Mozambique. It is known that two survived the attack

which took place on 23/6.

The twenty strong black nationalist force entered the mission grounds about 21.00 where a meeting with the 250 female pupils was taking place. The ethnic groups of teaching staff were separated and the white element taken outdoors and massacred on the school 's cricket pitch.

Police and security forces, who only became aware of the deaths the next day, believed that those responsible 'marched under the banner' of Robert Mugabe 's Zanu forces as the attack took place to the state that is known to shelter his forces. - **Sunday Times page 1** -

Headline – *Why I am still hopeful – by Bishop Musorewa* – even after black and white members of the Rhodesian parliament attacked the ruling four man ruling executive in its failure to get to grips with the economic crisis grips the country. An interview with the UNAC leader tries to answer these, and other questions.

Topics covered; criticism of lack of introduction of progress towards introducing a cease fire after 3 months in power. Lack of progress attempting to end racial discrimination. Loss of support by the black majority because of this lack of progress. Satisfaction rate on government achievements during this period. Why no appearances with with other members of the EC since the sacking of B Hove? Support for all party conference to settle civil war stance on. Commitment to the Salisbury Agreement. Possibility of resignation. - **Sunday Times** -

## **Mon 26**

Headline – *And the bereaved prayed: Father forgive them ...* - was the message that the congregation at the Cheltenham headquarters of the Elim Pentecostal Mission preached after the massacre of the 'sister mission' in Rhodesia on 23/6. - **Daily Express page 2** -

Leader Comment, **Bullets or ballots in Rhodesia** which way to go “should force the west to think hard, and with utter realism, about what is at stake” after the Elim mission massacre. In reality Nkomo and Mugabe are only after power and if they have to be ruthless to achieve it so be it. Then there is their “Soviet paymasters and strategists who hope to profit from anarchy and bloodshed in Africa.”

The west shows poor initiative, to encourage a settlement, as as of this time no help is being offered to the “moderate black politicians such as Bishop Musorewa and the whites, to make the internal settlement work.”

“Britain and America should stand behind Smith and Musorewa and the internal settlement. It is the only hope for peace and decency in that unhappy country. - **ditto page 10 C 1** -

Headline – *I blame Britain for not keeping her word* – of offering, along with the American administration, no steps to end the war and placing economic sanctions on the transitional government, - **Ian Smith; ditto page 11** -

Headline – *Mission slaughter – Owen steps in* – and has a meeting with the Reverend L Wigglesworth; director of International Missions and director designate Reverend D J Ayling of the International Pentecostal Mission where one of their outposts was recently attacked by black nationalist fighters in Rhodesia.

The meeting took place in London before the clerics fly out to the Mozambique border area on an inspection. - **Evening Post page 1** -



## Tues 27

Headline - *Owen takes a battering* – as he insists, during his statement to parliament after the killings in the Vumba mountains of Rhodesia, that he did not know who the killers of 12 staff from the mission were killed by, and would therefore continue a dialogue with the black nationalist forces fighting to overthrow the transitional government.

The question and answer session that followed foreign secretary's statement noted calls from opposition MP's that the PF should be listened to less than at present by the minister. He dismissed the claims by the police and military in Rhodesia that Robert Mugabe was behind the killings because "he had in this case specifically denied any responsibility.

Agreements; that cash, sent by the London government for the use of the World Council of Churches was being sidelined towards the black nationalist guerillas for their use. This massacre, or one like it, had been predicted to occur once the Cuban forces became involved in black Africa's struggle for freedom by cleric Ian Paisley MP and M Mc Millan MP respectively.

Ending his statement the foreign secretary noted that there would be no lifting of sanctions, British forces to help track those guilty of the massacre or call for a United Nations inquiry although this might be possible it was unlikely to happen. - **Daily Mail page 1** -

## Wed 28

Headline – *We must support Rhodesia now* – or are we to submit to the Russians and Cubans or back our old allies and friends? The writer believes that to do anything other and help the transitional government will show that the west condones the killing of black residents of the country by followers of Mugabe and Nkomo and their communist backers. - **Sir D Barder; Daily Express** -

Headline – *Bishop's Rhodesia peace team killed* – as they travelled through the country's war zone intending to plead with black nationalist guerillas to lay down their weapons in an effort to slow down the fighting.

The three men and one woman were in a tribal trust area of south east. One of the dead was a member of the United African National Council's central committee. Military headquarters noted that although a burnt out UNAC vehicle had been found there were no bodies to be seen. It was also noted that in the last months four members of the Reverend Sithole's political party, taking on a similar mission, had been killed south east of the capital. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 8** -

## **Undated**

Headline – *Dr Owen: not guilty but must try again* – to bring the black politicians and their defenders; Mugabe Nkomo/ leaders of the black African states that surround Rhodesia into the peace process. This will be all the harder for the foreign secretary what with the Conservative MP's and its friends in the press who constantly depict him as being callous, a man of bad judgement and one who does not condemn the actions of the Patriotic Front.

His next move should follow these lines; message the Rhodesian PM with the facts that Britain is still constitutionally responsible for the colony that is Rhodesia. Before it descends into complete anarchy I will fly to Salisbury to try and sort out the mess. There will be talks with yourself and the other members of the executive council to try and avoid any further disasters. Despite knowing the road to an agreement will not be easy I urge all interested parties to come together "in the name of humanity" to seek a way forward "anything seems better than sitting back and waiting for the

worst.” - **F Giles; unsourced** – Sunday Times ?

### **Thurs 29**

Headline – *Mother forgives son 's killers* – as family members of those killed in the black nationalist guerilla attack on the Elim Pentecostal Church in the Vumba Mountains arrived for the funerals of the 12 people that died.

One grieving mother, Florence Evens from Mansfield Nottinghamshire, speaking about the loss of son Philip, wife Susan and daughter Rebecca aged four, noted that “My son was prepared to die for his Christian faith.” - **Daily Mail** -

### **Fri 30**

Headline – *Revenge call by a mayor* – was heard at the Umtali funeral of the victims of the Elim Pentecostal Church massacre. The call was made by Doug Reed who was speaking to 500 people gathered in the cities Queens Hall after the funeral.

The forgiveness message, deemed to a New Testament value, of one of the mothers was far away from the Old Testament view of the council leader. “I hope that those responsible will speedily be brought to justice” was the theme of his address. **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

## **JULY 1978**

### **Sun 2**

Headline – *Dear minister why don 't you investigate these torture charges?* - that originate in an exchange of letters between H Squires the countries justice minister and member of parliament Enoch Lot Dewa who has the interests of the people of his Matojeni constituency; a vast tract of land in south central Rhodesia.

Originally based in the town Msase he has had to move to to Bulawayo because of constant harassment from the police and security forces. All incidents have been documented and reports sent to the minister for an investigation and explanation. Non has been forthcoming.

Other cases of torture have been noted; 9/1 letter to minister Squires concerning Spector M Moyo, a teacher, who in a hand written note details illegal acts by Special Branch officers. Fearing for his life he fled his job and home. A second teacher, M Hungwe, headmaster of Mapunya School who faced torture by SB officers from Belingwe. The outcome; retirement and left home. Medical staff from Msase Hospital mistreated by the same SB officers.

Other similar cases were noted, one the case of a shop worker Sesulelo, from Msase township even resulted in death a the alleged hands of the SB officers. In his reply minister Squires accuses the MP are deemed to be untrue and any further matters will be dealt with by the minister of law and order.

In summary your accusations are unfounded and any more of such will result in a suit for defamation being made against you. “The rest of your allegations have been passed to the police.” **Sunday Times page 8 C 1**

### Mon 3

Headline – *Terrorists burn family alive on Rhodesia farm* – as a revenge attack on those blacks who still work for the ethnic minority despite being warned against doing so by members of the nationalist guerilla forces.

This latest attack occurred 135 miles east of the capital outside the town of Mayo thus only 75 miles from the Mozambique border. The 1/7 attack involved 20 to 23 gunmen swept into the Kundara Farm situated in the ten mile strip of white owned land that cuts the Weya Trial Trust Land from the Tanda TTL.

Of the fourteen black civilian victims a mother and child were burned alive inside their thatched cottage and seven workers were shot through the neck. There were survivors, three, who were flown to one of the capitals hospitals. - **Yorkshire Post page 1** -

### Tues 4

Headline – *Guerilla predicts worse Rhodesia atrocities* – as the military authorities announce 28 deaths in the last 24 hours along with the fifty three disclosed on 2/7. The chief spokesman for the Patriotic Front, Joshia Chinamano, called for a long awaited 'all party peace conference' to be called soon. If not the possibility of an increase in the number of multi pull death incidents will increase. Dismissing responsibility, of the PF for the killings he blamed rogue elements among the nationalist forces; vigilante elements for the killings.

Since the 2/5 call for ceasefire a total of 700 war dead have been noted by military headquarters; an average of twelve per day. The prime minister used the figure of 20/day and before the c/f was called that figure was halved. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### Wed 5

Headline – *Sithole to press Owen on Rhodesia* – when he arrives in London following his European tour in which he was trying to garner support for the new transitional government in Rhodesia.

Speaking in Luxembourg, a a press conference sponsored by members of the European parliament, the moderate black politician held out little hope that the British foreign secretary would change his mind.

In Zambia 's capital Lusaka Joshua says that his loyalties remain with the Patriotic Front and the guerilla campaign would continue until elements of the Front made up the majority element in a free Zimbabwe. The Zapu leader also rejected a plea, from the opposition in the Westminster parliament, to ditch his coalition partner and join the interim government. - **Yorkshire Post page 9 C 8** -

### Thurs 6

Headline – *Rhodesia cheer as guerillas flee Mugabe* – who had been deemed 'dissidents' in 2/'78 by the Zanu leader. The report, from the South African city of Johannesburg, says that left Mozambique and crossed into Swaziland. Two of those that fled, R Gumbo and M Hamadziripi were said to be among a group that sought to oust party leader Robert Mugabe.

Their fate was sealed as pamphlets, laying out their plans, were sent to foreign embassies in in the capital Maputo . They were arrested; tried and jailed in the central city of Chimoio; the

headquarters of the Zimbabwe African National Union. An appeal by Bishop Musorewa, to have the 'dissidents' sent back to Salisbury filed. The whereabouts of the majority of the 15 is unknown at this time. Only one person is known to be in Swaziland.

The Conservative shadow foreign secretary, J Davis, has arrived in Salisbury for a three day visit. Before arriving in the Rhodesian capital the MP had had talks with president Kaunda and Joshua Nkomo. The Zambian president later accused the CP of being racist. - **Yorkshire Post page 11 C 7**

Headline – ***1, 000 at service for murdered Yorks missionaries*** – who died at the Elim Pentecostal Mission in the Vumba mountain region of Rhodesia recently. The service took place in Huddersfield town hall. The two hour memorial service was attended by many of the relatives of the murdered victims.

Even among the grief shown by relatives of the Mc Can family, husband Peter wife Sandra and children Phillip and Joy, a plea; made at the end of the gathering, by Pastor T Walker, for volunteers to become missionaries brought many of the congregation to give a positive response. - **Yorkshire Evening Post -**

#### **Undated**

Headline – ***Rhodesia peace envoys killed*** – recently; bodies have been found. The team, three men and a woman were found buried just under the ground 155 miles south east of the capital. The victims, sent out to try and sell the ceasefire to the nationalist forces, had been shot through the back of the neck. Their hands had been tied behind their backs. Prior to their deaths they had been denounced as 'sell outs' before a gathering of 200 tribesmen.

Salisbury notes; UNAC leader is of the opinion that the internal settlement in his country is on the verge of recognition by the international community. Recognition is only withheld as to the outside world the issue of racial discrimination has not been tackled sufficiently. Bishop Musorewa, speaking in the city of Grahamstown South Africa said “If we change racial discrimination, and achieve a ceasefire, surely we will have persuaded people that there is a change in the country.

In the last 24 hour the war death toll has increased by twenty four.; 2 members of the white led military 11 guerillas and the same number of African civilians. Prime minister Smith is to meet the visiting politician J Davis. - **unsourced YP? -**

#### **Sun 9**

Headline – ***Why we must talk peace with Ian Smith 's enemies*** – because the governments of Africa, with 49 individual countries with a combined population of 400 million people, have a trade symbiosis with London. In 1977 the business community in Britain exported goods to the value of £1.742m . In the same year exports to the apartheid state of South Africa were worth £581m.

Being the foreign secretary of the country that at one time had much of the responsibility for the peoples of Africa, through their governance throughout the colony, the present day London government has to maintain a watching brief over the decolonisation of our last holding on the African continent.

With the beliefs that disputes are best settled through negotiation and African countries must be encouraged through aid and development to solve their own problems and use of the Anglo/US initiative during discussions are the best option on offer. The guiding principal 'that any agreement must be acceptable to all the people of Rhodesia as a whole.'

Such a time nearly came, during the end game of the 1972 Pearce Commission when the Conservative government of the then Douglas Hulme could not reach an agreement that safeguarded the black majority population 's hopes. - **David Owen; News of the World** -

**Cartoon Do not Disturb, Dr Pontius Pilate Owen is washing his hands of the Rhodesia massacres;** A reference to the deaths of 12 British missionaries from the Elim Pentecostal Mission. - **Cummings; Sunday Express** -

### **Mon 10**

Headline - *Owen 's freeze 'fuels Rhodesia terror'* - says the shadow foreign secretary John Davis after his three day visit to Africa. Talking about the interim settlement he was of the opinion that all that was needed was speedier implementation of the hand over of power to a black majority government. He castigated the Labour government for showing little support for the internal settlement and giving some support to the Patriotic Front forces who continue the fight.

His next move is a meeting with party leader M Thatcher with whom policy decisions on Rhodesia will be discussed if and when the Conservative Party form the next government. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 ?** -

### **Wed 12**

Headline – *Tories 'will lift Rhodesia curbs'*- if the CP wins the coming general election of 10/78 according to the shadow foreign secretary J Davis. How would it be fair to maintain measures that damage the countries economy on the eve of the countries first ever multi racial election? - **Daily Mail** -

### **Fri 14**

Headline – *Fury over Young* – as the America diplomat accuses the transitional government was responsible for the Elim Church massacre. A challenge to prove is allegations, aided by his choice of American forensic experts, was put out by Rhodesia 's joint foreign minister E Galbellah. The American's comments which were made in a French newspaper also caused the foreign office in London some concern. **Daily Express** -

### **Sun 16**

Headline – *17 blacks killed in Rhodesia massacre* – and injured twenty two from a village ruled over by executive council member Chief J Chirau. The grass hut living spaces are located 50 miles south of the capital. Those responsible, for the killings and the burning down of their homes, are thought to be loyal to Joshua Nkomo 's Zimbabwe People 's Revolutionary Army. A second atrocity occurred 14 days previously 80 miles west of the capital where 14 farmworkers were bayoneted shot and burned to death.

Across the border, in South Africa, the authorities have introduced the Military Area Radio System. Used, mainly by farmers and others living in remote areas, use of this means of communication will alert neighbours, the military and civil defence operatives of the need for assistance by land owners in the event of attack. - **Sunday Times page 1?** -

### **Sun 23**

Headline – *Rhodesia claim 106 rebels killed* – as the military begin an operation in the Highfield

township outside the capital. Among those fighters killed outside Salisbury were the guerillas that massacred 39 rural living blacks in the Wendza TTL located 70 miles south east of the capital.

The dawn raid, by the military forces in Highfield centred on 482 76 Street where three bodies were taken away by the military. It would seem that the authorities were acting on information gleaned from a captured guerilla who had told journalists that there was at least six Mugabe fighters who were tasked with assassinating prime minister Smith and other members of the transitional government. - **Sunday Times page 1?** -

Headline – ***The white hopes fade in Rhodesia*** – as the ethnic groups that make up the transitional government turn on each other and blame each other for the lack of progress; improvement in the lifestyle of each ethnic group. Even members of the the white military conscripts voice the opinion of not wishing to fight as the black politicians struggle for power.

The future offered, apologetically, by the defence minister, to the part time soldiers is the bitterness of war. At the same time he notes that there are as many as 7, 000 black nationalist fighters active in the countryside at any one time. In future times it is expected that the fighting will move from the rural areas into the cities where, at this time, the white population are mostly resident. Thus the number of whites leaving the country will escalate. - **ditto page 9** -

### **Sat 29**

Headline – ***More whites quit Rhodesia*** – 6/'78 official statistics; 1, 138 exit. Incomers numbered 395. Therefore the net outflow was 743 which was the highest monthly total since 1/'78.

The Pretoria government, led by prime minister J Vorster, has rejected a United Nations security council resolution to incorporate the port of Walvis Bay into an independent Namibia. Speaking from New York foreign secretary Pik Botha said the port would remain under South African administration until 'issues' had been sorted out, - **Yorkshire Post page 1?** -

### **Sun 30**

Headline - ***Rescue plan for white Rhodesians*** – sponsored by the British and American governments are being worked out that will safeguard the lives of the 20, 000 ethnic group still residing in the strife torn country.

Options discussed, when the diplomats met at the recent gathering of world leaders at the United Nations building in New York include military protection for the direct road route from Salisbury to its border with South Africa at the town of Beit Bridge. The second option; parachute troops into the surrounds of Salisbury Airport and thus secure an air route out of the country. Similar methods will be used to secure the airports of other major cities to aid the airlift out of refugees. - **Observer page 1** -

Headline - ***Rhodesia trap awaits Carter*** – as the Republicans lost the vote 48 : 42 to end economic sanctions against Salisbury after a 3/'77 vote to end Rhodesian chrome imports 66 : 26; the twenty six being hardcore supporters of Ian Smith. Even Bishop Musorewa called for their restoration.

With this latest American support for continuing to hamper the nations economy Washington hopes this will put pressure on the Patriotic Front 's leaders and members of the Front Line states to give some thoughts to the Anglo/US proposals. - **ditto page 4** -

Headline – ***The plan that would bring peace to Rhodesia*** – could, the writer believes, stop total economic collapse, ditto law and order and the majority of fighting between the ethnic groups. The

internal settlement gets into deeper trouble as the PF loyal forces continue their onslaught from the countryside to the cities. Thus the moral of black and white citizens both suffer.

Mistakes have been made; failure to accept the deal offered after the HMS Tiger and HMS Fearless talks in the 1960's although he now accepts that the next government will be multi racial. The country; Britain is not without censure our efforts, to settle the black/white issue in its last African colony has often seen government, Labour or Conservative, become frustrated. However as a great nation we should be able to rise above it.

As of the present efforts foreign secretary Owen is moving the issue forward, unlike his predecessor, Jim Callaghan the present prime minister, who avoided any dealings over the issue. Relying on the Anglo/US initiative he now seems to be just a follower. - **R Maudling; Sunday Express** -

## **AUGUST 1978**

### **Tues 1**

Leader Comment, **Can we save Rhodesia?** From “going down in blood and ruin.” If not then not only will the people of that country feel let down the world at large would have been let down also. The tide of recent events; the increased grip of the forces loyal to the PF increase their hold on the countryside, the “gentle hostility of London and Washington” towards Ian Smith and his fellow members of the interim government leads them feeling “close to despair.”

The way forward for the London government “recognise the interim government, lift sanctions and give what aid we can to the Rhodesians of all races in their fight against barbarism and murder. If we do not, history will conclude that we have lost our courage and for every civilisation the loss of courage is the beginning of the end.” - **Daily Express page 10 C 1** -

### **Thurs 3**

Headline **Tories lash 'weak kneed' Owen** – over the policies of the foreign secretary pursues towards Rhodesia. Harsh words were exchanged with his opposite number in the continuing debate in parliament.

Deemed 'incompetent' by J Davis the MP called for the minister to abandon his low key approach to the situation, which in his mind, had encouraged those inside the country to continue their fight for more say in the future of the country. Responding MP 's on the Labour benches suggested that “we may be nearer in Rhodesia at this moment to a democratic transfer of power to majority rule than we have ever been.” At the end of the debate a vote indicated that government lost the vote by six votes. - **Daily Express page 2 C 1** -

### **Sun 6**

Headline – **Rhodesia poll shock: Smith 'not finally committed'** – to significant events that have already been announced. These are the whites only referendum and the all nationality general election. Both these polls were seen as the main elements that brought the moderate black politicians 'on board' the interim government that has administered the country since 3/78. - **Observer page 1** -

Headline – **Rhodesia: face to face with chaos** an interview with prime minister Ian Smith. - **ditto page 9 C 1** -

## Mon 7

Headline – *Rhodesia: does Callaghan want a Communist solution?* - the writer is of the opinion that the errant prime minister has been let down by the efforts previous Labour prime minister's and the United Nations from as far back as 1965. Their decision, the day after UDI was declared “Mr Smith's illegal government posed a threat to international peace and security.” Not so when the Soviet backed rebels, in Ethiopia, Somaliland or Angola to assert their right to self rule. A case of double standards is the writer's thoughts. - **Sir D Barber; Daily Express** -

## Wed 9

Headline – *Black want more* – as the interim government rise to the challenge of allowing black residents to move into white suburbs of the towns and cities., open schools to all races and repeal the Land Tenure Act thus allowing blacks to own their own farmland in white areas.

The executive council has begun preparing the legislation to allow these deregulation issues as well as allowing the majority access to hotels, cinemas and an ending of separate toilet/washroom facilities. - **Daily Express** -

## Fri 11

Headline – *it's blood money* – is the widely held view, of the cash offer granted by the World Council of Churches to the Patriotic Front. According to a spokesman for the clerical group the £43, 000 grant is to be used for projects that combat racism, provide food, medical supplies and educational opportunities and other initiatives in Botswana Mozambique and Zambia. The grant would have been paid in 1976 except that the Council's executive committee deemed the situation in Rhodesia as unsettled.

Condemnation came from foreign minister Dr E Gabellah vice president of Sithole's African National Council “I am appalled that a so called church organisation can give money to people who murder innocent people.” - **Daily Express page 2 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Giving money to the devil** is one way of looking at the cash, gift by the WCC to the PF. More realistically it could be said that the “World Council of Churches has taken leave of its senses.”

The motives of the worldwide clerical body are questioned as this is not the first time dubious cash grants have been handed out to support groups of the black nationalist fighters; the group Truth and Justice have made claims.

“By their fruits ye shall know them. Well we now know the Patriotic Front. Now we Know the World Council Of Churches.” - **ditto page 10 C 1** -

## Sun 13?

Headline – *Rhodesia rescue would catch RAF on the hop* – as three years ago as defence cuts drew down the number of long haul planes that could carry out the type of mass exodus of large number of people from a war torn region could be achieved.

Such a plan, to take ethnic whites out of the war zone has already been mooted. With a reported 10, 000 whites planning to leave for London by 12/78 this still leaves a large number behind. As of this



time such an airlift would have to rely on 13 VC 10 airliners, 45 Hercules C130 's transports and 54 on loan from the Dan Air company.

Refugees airlifted out VC10 120/ fleet 1,560. Hercules 100/4, 500. Therefore in one single airlift 6,000 people could be evacuated. Whites, with a constitutional right to come and live in Britain number 150, 000 therefore many flights would have to be made to lift all who wanted to leave away from the war.

Logistics flights Brize Norton Cape Verde islands, If Portugal agrees, Ascension Isle Salisbury. Or BzN , Cyprus, Nairobi Salisbury. Thus about 6, 800 miles a return trip with a turn round time of fifty hours. Full evacuation would involve 1, 250 transport hours or 53 days. Such timings take no account of delays or mechanical failures. More realistic timings are 100 days back to Britain or just Seventy days to RAF bases in Cyprus. All in all the only feasible evacuation route is a road journey south through Beit Bridge into South Africa. - **Sunday Times? Page 9 C 7 -**

Leader Comment, **A mission for Owen** is to avert an “accelerating disaster.” Efforts since 3/78; the executive council made up of Smith, Sithole, Musorewa and Chiru “lacks authority.” Victory for either settlement hopes; the EC “out of the question”, for the Patriotic Front “not out of the question but can hardly be achieved without a great deal of destruction of life and property.”

On offer from the CP, after the House of Commons debate recently, is to “bolster the internal settlement ... establish a mission in Salisbury with proper leadership to boost morale their.” Would it work?

“Dr Owen should ..... fly to Rhodesia, Lusaka and Maputo in one more supreme effort to extract from all parties the concessions that all must make if Rhodesia is not to be wrecked. - **ditto page 16 C 1 -**

Headline – ***Ian Smith and the unmaking of UDI*** – describing the Rhodesian perspectives observed following a countrywide tour . **Observer page 9 C 1 -**

**Undated** as above?

Headline – ***Sithole guerrillas 'fly to Amin for training'*** – with the help of the Rhodesian Air force who, in 6/78, brought back 48 trained fighters loyal to the leader of the African National Council leadership. They had been trained by members of the Ugandan military forces.

This revelation was made by just returned Luton probation officer S Macharaga who had obtained a tape recording of the details and a letter that called for his 'elimination'. His purpose, for being in the region, was as a delegation head, and one time national organising and then financial secretary of the ANC who reported from the Ugandan capital for the party leadership back in Salisbury.

The two fell out when the cleric showed 'naked aggression' towards the Karanga people a subsection of the Shona ethnic group; the tribal sect that the ANC drew on mostly for its support. Then there were the many Sithole family appointments to positions of influence within the party structure; nepotism.

In further evidence of wrongdoing, of the Sithole military force, put at 500 and receiving training on a farm near the town of Plumtree, there is evidence held that guerillas had been responsible for the massacre of 17 residents of the Makanza Tribal Trust Land, near the home area of Robert Mugabe, a co leader of the Patriotic Front. - **Observer -**

Headline – ***Muzorewa in danger*** – after the poor showing of the interim government since it was set

up in 3/78. So concerned are the national leadership of the United African National Council that more than 200 party delegates have gathered in the capital to debate whether to call a national congress. If such a decision was made the political future of the party leader could be at stake.

The emerging national criticism centres on alleged nepotism and tribalism and his failure to be sufficiently rewarded, by prime minister Smith, for the continued loyalty of the United National African Council in remaining as part of the coalition interim government. - ditto -

### **Mon 14**

Headline – *Guerillas help keep the peace in Rhodesia* – as Bishop Musorewa addresses a UNAC rally 40 miles outside Salisbury. As a show of strength the cleric marched on stage surrounded by gun toting fighters who, it was said, had defected from the forces of Robert Mugabe 's force.

Speaking to party supporters the cleric noted that the country is “not in the mood” for an all party conference. This was the first rally where civilians and nationalist guerillas came together are present officially on the same terms as the security forces and in charge of law and order. - Daily Express page 2 -

### **Wed 16**

Headline – *Rhodesia deal is hard to sell in the bush* – as politicians traverse the country and try persuade the rural Africans to lay down their weapons and support the aims of interim government. In one meeting, at the Wankie Colliery Stadium, in the north west of the country only seven people turned up to hear the co minister of transport and the co minister of justice, B Irvine and F Zindoga respectively make the governments pitch for understanding. Such a low turn out saw the meeting cancelled. The poor turn out was put down to intimidation of the locals, 13, 000 of whom are employed in the mine.

Other meetings, involving government speakers and an audience not receptive to the ministers blandishments occurred. One such, in the Hondo Valley east of the capital, saw four; 3 black and one white, ministers heckled by the estates tea workers. The meeting was held in the vicinity of a massacre, in 1977, of 27 of the estates employees. Alleged cases of intimidation, by thought to be nationalist fighters among the audience saw numbers gathered drop from 2, 500 to 200 by the end of the meeting.

Other meetings; Mkoto north east of the capital, saw three black ministers shouted down by an audience of 600 residents of Mudzonga protected village. The guard force, made up of black troops, caught the ire of Chief N Mtoko when he criticised them for their “extremely bad behaviour.” The ministers next speaking engagement, in Dendera PV saw only a few villagers attend. Again the turnout was blamed on intimidation. It was noted, by district commissioner A Kenny, that in the area there were about 2, 500 'young hooligans' who wandered in and out of the bush “constantly receiving communist indoctrination.” - Daily Telegraph page 4 C 1 -

### **Thurs 17**

Letters, **K F Shurety Shepperton Surrey** and **C E Welsh Ipswich Suffolk** anger at the £43, 000 grant given, by the World Council of Churches, to the Patriotic Front. - Daily Express -

### **Fri 18**

Headline - *Smith bows to rebels* – of the Patriotic Front and agrees to the talks, chaired by foreign

secretary Owen. The meeting will take place in Lusaka. The prime ministers object is to end the continuing fighting and to hand over political power to the black majority if safeguards for the ethnic white population 's life style can be guaranteed.

The option of an all party conference is, in the eyes of the three moderate black politicians who make up the majority of the executive council of the interim government, must be to fall in line with the PM's wishes or plunge Rhodesia into an even more bitter civil war. Chief Chirau encapsulated the feelings of the black majority. "Whether we like it or not the majority of our people want an all party conference and we all must listen to their voice." - **Daily Mail page 1** -

### **Sat 19**

Headline – *Nkomo tougher as Smith softens on talks* – as both leaders of the PF talk with president Kaunda of Zambia in the countries capital Lusaka. The leader of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union noted that, in his opinion, the guerilla war was more and more turning in their favour; which was not the case when there has been previous chances of all party talks. So in the current situation it would be unreasonable to expect that this time round settlement talks would follow the same lines as previously.

In other words we are the on the winning side. We will dictate the terms of settlement. - **Daily Express page 2 C 1** -

### **Sun 20**

Headline – *Inside the rebel Laager* – one persons story; Dennis Hill telling how it is as a teacher where whites, unlike as himself, are preparing to leave the country that they built. The Africans distrust Smith and the black government. His impressions of the country are sharp, often comic, always unconventional of a troubled land. **The Observer page 17 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Rhodesia 's slim chance** of peace has opened now that prime minister Smith has agreed to meet with leaders of the Patriotic Front. Such a meeting however is "far from being a guarantee of such a settlement."

From the Nkomo/ Mugabe perspective peace will only come when the Salisbury regime ends its Unilateral Declaration of Independence of 1965 and returns, for however long, to being governed from London. The questions to be asked; "Is Smith prepared to hand over to an interim British controlled administration." Secondly "will white officered security forces accept the decision?"

With a fear that, without the return to rule from London the security situation, for whites and members of the black population will deteriorate as the country becomes encased in a bloody civil war "it is a chance it should take." - **ditto** -

### **Mon 21**

Headline – *Don 't panic, Smith urges whites* – as he made a 30 minuet radio and television broadcast to the nation in which he urged the minority ethnic group not to take their skills out of the country. A second aim was to explain the coming all party negotiations with the PF in Lusaka.

With the unrest continuing, which has cost 13, 000 lives in the past five years, the prime minister was at pains to detail the need of an understanding, from both ethic groups, that could move the country towards a peaceful settlement and black majority rule. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 8** -

Headline - *So what does it take to face a risk like this?* - questions asked of Archie Nicklson aged 54 the Pentecostal cleric and his wife Agnes aged 51 who have been preaching in Southend for the past seven years. They are now preparing to travel to the Vumba Mountain region of Rhodesia and work from the Elim Pentecostal Church replacing the missionaries killed recently. - **Daily Mail page 7 C 1** -

## **Tues 22**

Headline – *Rhodesia talks still wishful thinking* – as no date has been set, PF leaders are now demanding to set conditions; the dismantling of the security forces, nor have all the concerned parties given notice of attending; Sithole and Musorewa and seem reluctant to do so.

American thoughts; down playing expectations of progress comes from the state department, and a start date before 5/9. The fighting continues in Rhodesia as an ambush 17 miles north of Salisbury on Wilsden farm was successfully thwarted. Other incidents claimed a further 28 lives. In the last 72 hours military forces killed 11 guerillas and six collaborators for the loss a police officer and a black army private. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **Wed 23**

Headline – *Lawyers blame Rhodesia for Elim killings* – after a fact finding mission, involving four members of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, reported their findings to the media. The main body of their evidence, gathered in Mozambique, came from Flint a former constable in the Rhodesian security forces.

According to the twenty four year old on other occasions he was out of uniform and dressed as a guerilla fighter and paid a bonus of \$Rh 100 to participate in a massacre that took place in 1976. The 'refugee' told that the killings were ordered by a white officer. Participating in the attack on the mission were at least 50 black members of the security force, all dressed as nationalist fighters, separate the ethnic groups. Interrogate the 5 white adults and two children, tied them at their hands, beat them with sticks and gun butts for two hours then shot them dead.

In Umtali, the nearest town to the Pentecostal mission the inquests were being held of those who died in 6/78. The coroner ruled that the massacre was carried out by members of the ZANLA; forces loyal to Robert Mugabe.

One of the members of the IADL delegation, British barrister, R Harvey, noted that “we are all four of us satisfied that Flint did take part in a massacre on more than one occasion and his story had a ring of truth about it.”

Other members of the Association were made up of lawyers from Belgium and the USA. The final report will be considered at the forthcoming International Conference for Action Against Apartheid taking place in Geneva 28 to 31/8. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – *Churches try to heal Salvationists split* – as the Salvation Army pull out of membership of the World Council of Churches. Their withdrawal was triggered by the clerical bodies award of £45, 000 to the guerilla organisation the Patriotic Front. Trying to defend its recent move the clerical body, with 288 members world wide, indicated that the grant was for humanitarian relief and the acting general secretary, W Kenworthy, indicated “we don't even try to have control over how the money is spent. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Leader Comment, **Armies at odds** as the Salvation Army “has been put in the position of having to

make a moral judgement .... which has earned and deserved the respect even on non Christian humanists, agnostics and atheists.” The world body needs to explain why the just the Patriotic Front organisation was offered the humanitarian grant when it has been well documented other organisations have been guilty of atrocities. - ditto -

### **Thurs 24**

Headline – *Four killed in fresh Salisbury clashes* – and now can be reported after a 2 day news blackout imposed by the military authorities. Details; black nationalist insurgent killed on 24/8, in the Highfield township, located eight miles away from the city centre, as he attempted to mount a grenade attack. Forensic examination of his Russian manufactured weapon proved that it had been used in two German missionaries on 27/6 56 miles north west of the capital. The second guerilla was shot on 22/8 in the same location. Bullets from his weapon showed that it had killed a railway worker in Bulawayo previously.

The police injuries, along with the civilians injured at a road block in the township, was the result of a fire fight between the security forces and a returning home guerilla who spotted the 'enemy' on returning to the township. Police sources indicate that the security forces are still hunting for the alleged assassination squad members sent to eliminate the black members of the transitional government. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Sun 27**

Headline – *BP confesses it broke sanctions and covered up* – as it supplied the rebel Smith regime with petroleum products twelve years. The principal findings on an inquiry have been detailed in a 102 page report. Findings; as well as as the BP headquarters staff , in which the British government holds a majority share, the Shell Oil Company head office staff knew that their South African affiliated companies were shipping oil illegally to Smith. Shell Mozambique, a subsidiary of joint venture Shell and British Petroleum were involved since 1968. With the knowledge of prime minister H Wilson an unnamed French company facilitated the shipments of oil into Rhodesia in the same quantities that had at first been imported into the region.

In other words the oil import documentation indicated a final destination of Mozambique or South Africa. Whereas in fact the named country was used only as a transit point. The end destination was in fact the rebel regime across the border.

London offices of the British Petroleum company, its planning department, took on board that Rhodesia 's state purchasing agency Genta was being supplied, as it considered plans in 1975 to expand the groups oil interests in South Africa.

The work of the Bingham Inquiry, set up to report on the illegal supply of oil to the Smith regime has just been published. The 600 page report notes that BP has don what it said was impossible; end the supply of oil, through the South African Freight Services, to Salisbury. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – *How we bust sanctions by BP* – the oil company always denied breaking sanctions. However its own evidence to a state inquiry makes it clear respectable figures in Whitehall and industry have been party to offences that could land them in jail.

Names that matter; Sir M Palliser, Foreign Office; welcomes Shell' s1976 assurance that it adheres to sanctions law. Commonwealth Secretary, as was, G Thomas; learns that in 1968 Shell Mozambique has broken sanctions. Sir F MC Fadzean assures government in 1976 that no British company in Shell group is supplying oil to Rhodesia. British Petroleum director D Milne

discoverers in 1974 intimate details of the companies Rhodesia oil trade. BP director W Fraser fears, in 1968, that sanction busting could force full government control of the company.

The 'swap' arrangement, between 1968 and 1973 explained; British petroleum negotiated direct with Genta but arranged for Total, the French owned oil company, to deliver, using French extracted oil. BP then sold matching supplies to Total for use in South Africa. - ditto page 17 C 1 -

Headline – *Churches give aid without prudence to anti racists* – In the continuing row between the Salvation Army and the World council of Churches over a cash grant to the Patriotic Front it can be noted that the 'Arm' had only given £700, in 1977, the WCC 's general fund and nothing to the bodies anti racism fund. Other British clerical organisations contributions; Methodists £1, 000 and £500 from 25 private donors.

European contributions to the anti racism fund; Dutch churches £500, 000, W German £300k, Sweden £130, 000. USA £90k and Canada £80, 000. Inaugurated in 1968 the WCC started off with 220 members. As of this time there are 293 member countries. - **The Observer page 6 C 1** -

Headline – *Where angels should fear to tread* – is more urgently highlighted across the African continent in Namibia where a date for independence is more clearly defined than it is in Rhodesia. A recent meeting of clerics, of various faiths, in London reaffirmed their support for the Swapo organisation. Thus there are at least Soviet backed organisations, fighting to free their countries the colonial power, supported by the church. - **A Sampson; Observer?** -

## **Mon 28**

Headline – *Sanctions scandal: oil chiefs face court action* – as the contents of the Bingham report is digested by the Director of Public Prosecution. Named, as possible subjects of legal action is Lord Greenhill, the government 's representative on the board of the British Petroleum Oil Company.

The foreign secretary has his own dilemma over the report; ordered by himself in 2/77, as to how much detail to allow into the public domain. What should not be published on security grounds. To publish too much could be embarrassing for the Labour government; turning of 'blind eyes' to the close association of BP and its activities in southern Africa. - **Daily Mail page 1 C 4** -

Headline - *Jim faces sanctions storm backlash* – as the prime minister was, at the time of the oil supply route being established in the 1960 's chancellor of the exchequer and then home secretary in the Wilson government. A second minister D Healey the present chancellor needs to answer questions on providing the funds for the Royal Navy 's wasted missions to enforce sanctions off the coast of southern Africa. - ditto page 3 C 1 -

Headline – *Rhodesia on brink of war ...* so says foreign secretary Owen when being interviewed for the ITV television programme Face the Press. “If we were not to have a negotiated settlement then by the end of the year I think it could be plunged into irreversible civil war.” - ditto -

Headline – *Recall MPs demand in oil row* – demands W Molly who represents Ealing North. “A solution to the Rhodesian issue must not be thwarted by the international vandals of the oil concerns who obviously have been prepared to allow blood to flow so long as their old flows to Rhodesia.”

A second MP, J Ryman, Labour Blyth, has asked the attorney general S Silkin to call on the DPP to advise whether evidence, from the Bingham report, is strong enough to prosecute under sanctions legislation. - **Yorkshire Evening Post** -

## Tues 29

Headline – *Oil scandal 'kept secret'* – from the Conservative administration that served after the fall of Harold Wilson 's Labour government; at the time of the sanctions busting operation involving Shell and BP. So said Lord Home; Sir Alec D Home foreign secretary 1970 – '74. “No one knew anything about it.” **Daily Mail** -

Leader Comment, **Sanctions humbug exposed** as it is a Labour MP who is asking for a parliament recall. However as a Labour MP himself “Mr Molly has a good cause .... so that these and other questions may be pressed, but the Labour Party managers will not thank him, since it is mainly Labour ministers or ex ministers who are most likely to be embarrassed.”

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### Sat 2

Headline – *Britain has betrayed us, claims Smith* – as well as taking a swipe at the action of the Americans and the Soviet Union with the intention of not allowing the internal settlement time to develop into a workable solution. The Rhodesian prime minister was speaking as he opened an agricultural and industrial show in Salisbury.

As to recent events; reportedly a meeting with with Joshua Nkomo, in Lusaka on 14/8, in which an attempt to have him renounce his support for Robert Mugabe and join the interim government, apparently sourced by Sithole and Musorewa. It never happened as on that date the PM was carrying out engagements inside the countries borders on that date. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Leader Comment, **Mounting pressure** disseminating the alleged secret talks that were or were not held between the Rhodesian prime minister and Joshua Nkomo in Lusaka. - **ditto page 10 C 1** -

### Sun 3

Headline – *Smith did make a secret offer, claims Nkomo* – when the two attended a regional gathering in the Zambian capital Lusaka fourteen days ago. The meeting, quickly cancelled, was also one that his coalition partner, and Zanu leader as well as the Nigerian ex foreign minister Brigadier J Gaba attended.

As if these disclosures were not sufficient to have western diplomats and journalist all in a flutter the the Zapu leader also disclosed that the Rhodesian PM offered to step down from political office and hand power to the Patriotic Front who would take a”majority role” in a new government.

Headline – *Sanctions: ministry man now has top job at BP* – named as Alan Gegory who as a civil servant in 1968 facilitated the face saving actions, of BP and the Shell Oil Company, after the disclosure of both companies illegal supply of oil to an illegal regime.

It would seem, from close reading of the Bingham report that when the authorities realised that oil was reaching Rhodesia via Shell Mozambique; a British owned company, the decision not to prosecute was taken without the approval of the attorney general of the time.

The report rejects BP 's claim that Shell Mozambique ended its oil supply to Rhodesia in 1/68 in the knowledge that the 'swap deal' via the French owned Total company would ensure that the illegal regime would still receive its quota of oil. - **Sunday Times page 1 C 1** -

Headline – *How the oil men beat the sanctions to fuel Rhodesia* – and kept the illegal regime a viable concern. Plans had been laid, by the Shell and BP companies, even before the Smith regime was subject to a Harold Wilson, a prime minister at the time, of outlawing the sale oil to the regime on 17 12 1965.

On 4/12 the authorities in Mozambique granted permission, through the Portuguese governor, for oil shipment papers to be falsified to hide the true amount of oil that had been delivered to Mozambique. Import figures were high and the excess was sent through the Lonhro owned pipe line from the port of Beira over the the border into Rhodesia 's oil refinery at Umtali. However the pipeline was closed down in 1966 as Lonhro management acceded to sanctions order. - ditto page 6 C 1 -

Leader Comment, **A scandal reaching the very heart of government** despite all the various efforts made by governments since the 1965 break away regime in Rhodesia took full powers, illegally, into its own hands “yet now it appears that tow of our greatest companies Shell and BP have been pouring oil directly or indirectly into that supposedly beleaguered economy, while officials and/or a clutch of senior ministers ... condoned, shrugged their shoulders or did just not bother to enquire how all ... cars tractors and lorries continued to drive ahead regardless.”

Rumours have abounded over the last 16 years as to how the regime was being fuelled and questions asked as to how this was happening. However there was always a ready answer from Whitehall or company public relations offices. “Now we are beginning to know .... months ago doubts and accusations accumulated to a point where foreign secretary David Owen wisely thought it necessary to set up his own inquiry ... it was decided to pass its findings to the Director of Public Prosecutions.” ditto page 16 C 1 -

**Cartoon** Forgery in oil – G Scarf; ditto page 17? -

Headline – *Black mark in white memories* – With the nostalgia market ripe for exploitation the remaining minority, put at 240, 000, are collecting any object with the soon to be defunct name of Rhodesia embossed, stitched or licked on it. Up for offer are flags at £8 each and selling for £100 each bought from London. Stamps, commemorating the death of Winston Churchill in 1965; the same year as UDI; £2, 500. Printing of the last Rhodesian definitive issues, the last ever, have been snapped up as have British stamps, with the monarchs head also been selling fast.. - J Kelly; ditto -

#### **Mon 4**

Headline – *Holiday airliner lost in Rhodesia war zone* – along the countries northern border with Zambia. There was a distress call from the Air Rhodesia Viscount pilot 10 minuets after take off from the town of Kariba to Salisbury indicating that both his starboard engines had lost power. As of this time this incident is not classed as a military matter.

Theories of an attack by guerillas using a ground to air missile abound as in 11/77 such a weapon was deployed. Its target was a Rhodesian pleasure flight ; it missed but destroyed the Elephant Hill hotel after a fire took hold. - Yorkshire Post page 1? -

Headline – *Smith Nkomo meeting threat to conference* – as black African delegates, from the internal settlement politicians to the leaders of Front Line States are concerned that the all has not been told about the alleged secret meeting said to involve both leaders of the PF and a former Nigerian foreign minister.

A military announcement; details 38 people including 17 black civilians have died over the last



seventy two hours. - ditto -

Headline - *Rhodesia oil leak: inquiry call grows* – with the west Stirling MP, D Canavan, calling for the setting up of a select committee to determine the role of certain civil servants and ministers in the illegal oil trade.

Explaining their role the then Commonwealth secretary, A Bottomely Labour Middlesbrough denied all knowledge as the Pretoria government promised not to break the oil embargo “but they could not control private enterprise.” - ditto -

Headline - *8 alive in plane wreckage* – after rescuers locate the downed Air Rhodesia plane close to the border with Zambia. The full complement of those travelling back to Salisbury was fifty six. Of those 4 were crew members. - **Evening Post page 1 C 6** -

## Tues 5

Headline – *Butchers of Africa* – are the words of those who survived the Air Rhodesia plane crash, 12 miles from the town of Kariba, to describe the guerilla fighters who lined 10 passengers up and then massacred them after they had initially survived the impact.

It is thought that those who brought down the flight, using a Russian made ground to air missile, were members of the Zipra force loyal to Joshua Nkomo. Among the dead were a couple from Scotland who had saved for many years to spend six weeks with the wife 's sister in Rhodesia.

In Salisbury members of the Rhodesian Front political party have supported the prime minister 's approach to the Zapu leader Joshua Nkomo to come on board the internal settlement. Such a happening would anger both Sithole and Musorewa. - **Daily Express page 1 C 1** -

Headline – *Nkomo awaits key to power* – and an endorsement from the leaders of the Front Line States, who are to meet to discuss whether or not to throw their weight behind one half of the PF coalition and ditch Robert Mugabe and his Zanu forces.

Foreign secretary, David Owen, has decided to stand above the issue as the wrong words from London as the wrong words spoken could jeopardise the long standing Anglo/US initiative may have on future talks. - **Yorkshire Post page 9** -

Leader Comment, **Whose Zimbabwe?** The propaganda 'spin' surrounding the bringing down of the passenger plane close to the Rhodesia/Zambia border will be used by both left and right to justify their current political positions. The Marxists will say the dead were “gunned down by terrorists, who were actually disposed of by Rhodesia 's Selous Scouts ass disguised to look like Mr Joshua Nkomo. Or some thing like that.”

Others will see the action, whether condoned by him or not, as an action that will totally disbar him from joining any internal political settlement on offer and force him back into the PF fold alongside Robert Mugabe.

The recent call, by the president of Tanzania, that there should be no more contact between black nationalist fighters and the Smith administration angered the Zapu leader. “Who is President Nyerere? .... he is not the final authority on what happens in Zimbabwe. That is true. And another thing is true. Mr Nkomo is not the final authority on what happens in Zimbabwe either.” - ditto page 10 C 1 -

## Wed 6

Headline – *Rhodesian guerillas go for 'total victory'* – as Joshua Nkomo, speaking in the Zambian capital, called for a stepping up of the war to bring about the aims of the civil war. Also he admitted that it was forces loyal to him that brought down the Air Zimbabwe plane soon after take off. The plane was targeted because other civilian aircraft had been used by the military to ferry troops around the war zone. - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

Headline – *Question that torments a family* – why did one of the victims; W Brown, of the Air Rhodesia airliner decide to travel this way when he had a long established fear of flying. The family of the man aged 43 who in his time had been a stock car racer need to know when he died; as a consequence of the air crash or as a result of guerilla post crash actions? - **ditto page 4 C 2** -

Headline *Can anyone trust Nkomo now ... ?* - who stated, after ten years of detention on the orders of Ian Smith “I have no bitterness against that man. But one day he will hand everything over to me.” How a prophecy, of four years ago seems to be about to come true.

So why spoil the prediction with such an atrocity of recent times? Because he knows, as well as the embattled prime minister, that of the black nationalist forces aligned against the small ethnic whites that he is the only political figure that can preserve the living standards and the economic standards that the white population are used to. In essence prime minister Smith is no Canute he cannot turn back the inevitable.

“Smith 's first decision on gaining power in 4/1964 was to have Nkomo arrested. Perhaps the last act of the white rebel will be to hand over to the black rebel.” - ditto page 6 C 2 -

## Thurs 7

Headline – *I told Wilson and in writing* – about the sanction busting operations being managed by the Shell Oil Company and British Petroleum. So says, at that time, the now ennobled Lord Thomas. commonwealth secretary. The facts were there in the relevant cabinet papers and blow out of the water the argument that the prime minister never received the information.

Detailing his involvement; for 14 months 8/'67 – 10/'68 departmental responsibility for the rebel colony. Noted that oil had been flowing into Rhodesia for two years before these dates and 10 years after. Therefore the activities of the Heath government of 1970 – 1974 then the Labour government of Wilson administration of 1976 when J Callaghan replaced him. - **Daily Mail page 1** -

Headline *The killing must end says Owen* – by a truce being called by all factions fighting in Rhodesia. The foreign secretary was speaking at the Royal Commonwealth Society. To underline the urgency he told his audience that despite this time being one where all sides are nearing the goal of independence than at any time since 1965 this aim could be lost and the country descent into an ever increase into bloodshed. - **ditto** -

Leader Comment, **Government by deceit** after the exchange of letters, dealing with the sanctions busting of the oil companies, between Wilson and his then commonwealth secretary. Such actions “is a salutary reminder of the deviousness so characterised of that period of Labour government.” **ditto page 6 C 1**

Headline – *Smith: time for the big stick* – to be brought into use against the black nationalist forces who continue attack our people and disrupt their lives. These words were spoken by the prime minister in parliament where he also gave notice that details would emerge within the next forty

eight hours. He was responding to the bringing down of the Air Rhodesia flight by Nkomo loyal guerilla forces.

Headline – *How tiny Tracy dodged guerilla* - after surviving the Air Rhodesia crash and having to spend the night the night sheltering in the bush. According to others in the same position the four year old spent the night hiding, along with four other people. - **unsourced page 2** -

Headline – *Jack slams sanction busters* – as the elder statesman of the trade union movement, Jack Jones addresses the annual trade union congress in Brighton. “There should be no cover up. They have given aid to Ian Smith and his illegal regime and there is blood on their hands. - **Evening Post page 1 C 8** -

## **Fri 8**

Headline – *Zambia asks Britain to restrain Smith* – after intelligence reports, through the PF leadership, that the Rhodesian military are planning air strikes inside Zambian air space on refugee camps housing those who ha fled the Salisbury regime. London' s response was a fear that such an attack would be another set back to the deeply desired peace conference.

Headline - *'I did get sanctions letter;* says *Wilson* – in the third month of 1968, although it was not in the terms that then commonwealth secretary; now Lord Thompson indicated. The them PM 's recollections, backed up by an inspection of his papers, dealt with certain allegations of the Zambian president that British firms were involved in the illegal oil supply business. **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 5**

Headline - *Oil men accused* – the retiring secretary general of the Trade Union Congress, Jack Jones. In no uncertain tones he called for the chief executives of Shell Oil and BP to account for their actions. “Our government must use every means to stop oil supplies and that means to put pressure on the United Nations to insist that sanctions apply.” The retiring trade union leader that 40% of South Africa 's oil comes via Shell or BP with a goodly supply of this ending up across the countries northern border.

As an ending Jack Jones rounded on the apartheid system of the Pretoria government calling on companies who would not grant trade union rights to its black work force should leave the country. Those who invest in companies that deny workers these basic rights should take their money elsewhere. - **ditto page 6 C 1** -

Leader Comment **Can of worms** is the best description of 'who knew what' of the sanctions busting activities now highlighted by the exchange of letters between a prime minister and the then commonwealth secretary. “Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practise to deceive” would be an apt quotation, taken from Shakespeare repertoire,

With all now revealed, by Harold Wilson, “had to make the best of it there would be a fresh crisis in relations with Russia and the African world, a big crisis within the Labour party, and increasing pressures on the United Nations for sanctions against South Africa led by friends of the Soviet Union. - **ditto page 10 c 1** -

## **Fri 8**

Headline – *Smith 's top brass hold secret talks in London* – as represented by the executive of the Public Service Union who have 60, 000 white members future to secure. The union leadership, led by C Reese a senior hospital worker from Salisbury is due to meet with minister T Rowlands a foreign office minister on 11/9. While the civil service has agreed to work on under a black

nationalist government the union have undisclosed issues which need to be cleared up before any such government takes power. Numbers involved; 35, 000 junior civil servants and 40, 000 workers in nationalised industries and the police force. - **Daily Mail** -

## **Sat 9**

Headline – *Umtali attack alarms white Rhodesians* – as mortars reign down on the town close to the Mozambique border. Two civilians were injured black nationalist forces, twenty in number thought to be loyal to Robert Mugabe, dropped 25 shells into the city from a site one mile distant. They made their escape towards the town of Penhalonga thus taking the Rhodesian military by surprise and not crossing back into safe territory across the border.

Military headquarters in the capital note that 32 war dead have been announced in the last twenty four hours; 17 of whom were black combatants

Headline – *Owen to meet U S envoys* – from the state department. The foreign secretary will brief Richard Moose and Tony Lake on the crumbling security situation within Rhodesia. Also attending will be the shadow foreign minister J Graham and Washington 's ambassador to Zambia S Low.

Headline – *Clashes at air crash service* – during a national day of mourning service, in the Anglican cathedral in Salisbury for the 48 victims of the Air Rhodesia crash. More than 1, 000 attended the memorial service.

There were scuffles between members of the clergy and demonstrators, as the prime minister exited at the end of the service, to be faced with placards held by members of the public. These were ignored by the guests and the confrontation developed as members of the whites congregation tried to tear down the placards. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – *Zambia warns Smith* – with the use of foreign troops to defend the country if Rhodesian forces cross the countries borders as has been threatened. - **Daily Mail** -

## **Sun 10**

Headline - *Shell and BP are still helping Rhodesia* – although at this time the topping up agent; the company that fills in the quota of BP/Shell Oil supposedly destined for South Africa is Pretoria 's own state oil company Sasol and not the French owned Total company, as was at the height of both companies sanction busting operation.

Significant changes had to be made to the oil supply route to Rhodesia following the 4/74 overthrow of the Lisbon regime. No longer would Shell Mozambique be allowed to supply oil to Salisbury. On 4/7 representatives of the five major oil companies operating Total, Caltex and Mobil as well as the already noted, met with Shell South Africa executive K Geeling and B Becker and government minister J Steyn to work through the problem. Thus South Africa 's state owned oil company took on the task of supplying its northern neighbour. - **Sunday Times page 1 C 2** -

Headline – *Plane massacre closes another door for Smith* – as it closes down the prime ministers hopes of enticing one member of the PF, Joshua Nkomo, to ditch his ally and join with others in support of the internal settlement.

Options to improve the chances of a successful internal settlement; hope the 'fleeing' whites have a change of heart and delay any mass exodus until after the 31/12 election. Massive military retaliation; cross border raids into Mozambique and Zambia to lift moral. Given time begin talking

to the Zapu leader. - ditto ? -

Leader Comment, **Time to end double talk** – despite the revelations, about the illegal supply of oil to an illegal regime, that has been brought into the light after the publication of the Bingham Report, “nothing in the weeks parade of partial revelations, hedged denials and efforts to spread and shift the blame brought us significantly nearer to knowing the full truth” of the deceit involved.

“Until responsibility can be fixed for this negligence and there is complete exposure of the political processes which permitted it, and concealed it a corrosion will eat at the heart of the British government.” - ditto page 16 C 1 -

### **Mon 11**

Headline – ***Martial law as Smith steps up war on terror*** – as a general mobilisation is considered for sometime in the not to distant future. There was also a warning for the leaders of the black African states bordering the country of not harbouring nationalist guerillas who wish to overthrow the Salisbury regime. The last point, of his nationwide TV and radio broadcast, was the search for and detention of internal supporters of the Patriotic Front. Already in detention is J Chinamano and 19 members of the internal executive of Zanu. The aim of these raids and imprisonments was to break the structure and moral of the supporters of the nationalist fighters. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Playing it cool** a “damp squid response” is the white populations opinion of their prime ministers actions. This small, and ever diminishing group of persons, would rather “have wanted to see major strikes against Mr Nkomo 's terrorist bases in Zambia” in retaliation for the downing and subsequent massacre of survivors of the Air Rhodesia plane incident.

The Smith style of martial law imposed 24 hours ago “a modification ... a typical ingenious Rhodesian compromise, to be introduces ... as and when required, not on a nationwide basis. We will have to wait and see how it works in practise.” In the end though whatever Britain, the US or South Africa think they “will have to like it or lump it.”

Is Joshua Nkomseen “as father of his people” as noted recently by Britain 's foreign secretary or is he unwilling to put that to the test in a Rhodesian election, for “he knows his children better than Dr Owen does.” - ditto page 8 C 1 -

### **Tues 12**

Headline - ***Rhodesia talks dead and buried Nkomo*** – a statement on the Anglo/US peace initiative hopes of a settlement with the present struggling interim administration in Salisbury. Speaking in the Zambian capital the Zapu leader forecast that the military victory to install a majority black government would be in place by 3/79. Questioned by the media Nkomo was not telling about his coalition partner Robert Mugabe and their relationship.

The US Senate has approved a Foreign Ad Bill that will end sanctions against the Rhodesian government in 1/79 providing the free and fair multi racial elections have taken place and the country has a government that is willing to negotiate with all parties. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – ***Resign call to premier Smith*** – cam in a deluge of letters, written by members of the white community, to the countries most widely read newspaper. A spokesman for the Herald noted that most of the callers were angry that would be no military action taken against Zambia or after the Air Rhodesia plane incident.

Internally the number of Zapu officials arrested, under the partial martial law imposed recently has risen to thirty. Within the last twenty four hours 32 people have died and 296 people 1 to 11/8; a four fold increase on 3/78 and x's 2 for 8/78. **ditto** -

### **Wed 13**

Headline – *Guerillas split on Rhodesia talks* – as Robert Mugabe 's spokesman Edgar Tekere, also speaking in Lusaka, indicated that the Anglo/US talks were a basis or negotiations and Zapu would be a participant once more preparatory work had been done by London and Washington. There was also a little niggle about the forces loyal to Joshua Nkomo were not fighting enough. The two leaders had not met since 22/8 due to the unwillingness of the Zanu leader.

The internal supporters of black nationalist fighters continue to be detained under martial law strategy, 200 as of this time. Zapu vice president, J Chinamano, arrested earlier, emerged from court and is now on his way to Johannesburg and then London or Lesotho. - **Yorkshire Post page 22?** -

### **Thurs 14**

Headline – *Sir Harold must tell oil secrets* – in the shape of a public inquiry. He was speaking at the Liberal Party conference in Southport? - **Daily Mail** -

### **Fri 15**

Headline - *'Monster' Nkomo* – words used by prime minister Smith against the Zapu leader, which heralds a tougher stance; as the white community demands following the massacre of the Air Zimbabwe passengers recently. Another 'hunted' Zapu official, J Chinamano who has just arrived in London noted that his life was in danger as it was his belief that Rhodesian security forces had placed him on a 'liquidation' list. As to a missing black journalist of three weeks, Justin Nyoka, the vice president told the London press that he believed he had been killed by the countries security forces.

Concerned that military forces of the Patriotic Front may soon have to face the wrath of the Rhodesian military both Robert Mugabe and his coalition partner will meet with Fidel Castro the president of Cuba. The meeting will take place in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa as a side issue to the Afro Arab solidarity conference. - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

Headline – *No more talks with .....* **Smith** – but the prime ministers plan is to concentrate on winning British and American backing for his transitional government of black and whites. A volunteer force, 300 strong, made up of former American military men has arrived in London in transit for eastern Rhodesia.

Giving themselves the name the Emmanuel Volunteer Brigade the groups purpose is to rebuild the Elim Pentecostal mission buildings in the Vumba Mountain region close to the Mozambique border. One of the EVB members, G Page aged 34, noted “We will meet violence with violence. If we can get our hands on the guerillas we will be more than happy to exterminate the.” - **Yorkshire Post page 1? C1** -

Leader Comment, **Rhodesia s enemies** could by extension become the foes of Britain and the US if the military expansionist policy of the Russians, through its proxy forces; Cuba and members of the black nationalist forces battling it out in the region.

“The fact that a country is unable to exercise control over a colony or province or city provides no

excuse in international law for foreign intervention.”

One example; following the collapse of the regime in Portugal conflict ensued in Angola, after the Lisbon government invited the MPLA faction to form a government. This was disputed by a second faction and who 'invited' the Soviet/Cuban cabal to support their claim.

To step to present times “could a British government which has refused to encourage, never mind recognise, an internal settlement that would ultimately have fulfilled the six principals, ever grant recognition and legality to a minority regime which had been put in power by outside forces.” **ditto page 12 C 1**

### **Sat 16**

Headline – *'Do or die' Smith told* – by one who had been mortar bombed out of her Umtali home after the recent attack by loyal Zanu forces. The prime minister also admitted for the first time that “we are not coping with the war against the guerillas.”

It is said, by those that were on site, that there was ten members of the Rhodesian military on board the downed Air Zimbabwe plane. This despite earlier denials of such occurrences,. In London Conservative MP, M Riffkin called for an armed take over in Rhodesia by western powers. - **Daily Mail** -

### **Sun 17**

Headline – *Rhodesia calls up all blacks* – under the same conditions, all males over 18 years, and has been sanctioned by N Sithole the executive councils chairman. Thus the military force numbers can be expected to rise by more than a million. Such a call up was not expected until after the 31/12 elections. Another move to limit the influence of the internal PF political activists, so far 500 have been detained, will see both parties once again subject to banning orders.

Guerilla death rates 1 – 15/9 ; 165 the worst set of figures for a fifteen day period since 12/'72. The as of now 1978 black nationalist death figures stand at 1, 639.

Headline – *The white retreat grows* – as many as 5, 000 Rhodesians have, because of their antecedence, taken up their rights and returned to live in the UK. All together there may be as many as 160, 000 eligible to residency rights in the country.

Such an influx, at this time, has caught officialdom on the hop. Many town councils are unprepared for an influx as large as seems possible. According to one who has fled the strife driven country the local papers estimate that 1, 500 residents have taken the 'chicken run' and left via the road to South Africa or by air to London. Only allowed, if married, to take out R\$1, 000 /£700 arriving in the home country can be precarious. - **The Observer page 1** -

Headline – *Time to send our troops into Rhodesia* – as a political solution is no longer likely. Only a British military presence can save the country from chaos. - **ditto page 13 C 1** -

### **Mon 18**

Headline – *Black fury over Rhodesian call up* – as black journalists hear as they canvas the opinion of residents of the townships outside Salisbury. One such writer noted that residents “are really hostile and are saying they will refuse to do national service because blacks have not gained full control of the government.” More to the point many have friends or relatives fighting with the coalition forces.

Such a move, according to a former chairman of the United African National Council, academic; the Dean of the Social Studies faculty at the University of Rhodesia, Dr G Chavunduka called the plan unworkable and will bring a hostile response from these Universities students. As early as 7/78, when the idea was first mooted, school children marched through the streets in protest at such an idea. **Yorkshire Post page 1?**

Headline – *George for England* – as if there were not enough 'notable persons' trying to solve the crisis that is Rhodesia eminent publisher Lord Weidfield, who is in Africa anyway, has entered the fray. Three months in the planning, and consultations with our ambassador in Cape Town; D Scott and defence expert Lord Chalfont, the mission ends before 1/10. - **W Hickey; Daily Express** -

### **Wed 20**

Headline – *The great oil stain* – will be discussed at a cabinet meeting within the next 24 hours. Calls abound, from Conservative and Labour MP 's for a public inquiry into the illegal supply of oil to the rebel Smith regime. To allow such an inquiry, would undoubtedly, expose present and past high flying politicians to intense scrutiny.

Possible names; Edward Heath, Sir Alec Douglas Home, Lord G Brown; former Labour foreign secretary and M Stewart his immediate replacement. Facing the most criticism is the former PM Harold Wilson who will know about previous discussions as he was a member of the Defence and Overseas Policy Committee in 1968. Another DOPC member D Healey will also have tales to tell.

Behind this call the present prime minister, J Callaghan, is launching his own inquiry into whether the Wilson Cabinet 's of 1966 to 1970 can be accused of talking sanctimonious humbug on Rhodesian sanctions. **Daily Mail page 1 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Pin responsibility where it belongs** for “the oil that has been gushing in over the years to sustain the regime of Mr Ian Smith.” The failures of the Bingham Report is that it accepts actions when blame is more of a response and “exposes what must be the major political scandal of post war Britain. It does not probe it. That was not its job.”

The Director of Public Prosecution considers the possibility of criminal charges; “a legal side show” and irrelevant. “Another inquiry, impartial and public, there will have to be. - **ditto page 6 C 1** -

Headline – *How oil went to Ian Smith* – **ditto page 6 C 2** -

Headline - *Rhodesian troops kill guerilla leader* – named as 'One Eye.' This death was one of seven black nationalist fatalities alluded to by a military source in Salisbury. Thus the number of guerilla deaths has increased by 23 since the last communiqué was issued. Also five collaborators and 3 black civilians died in the cross fire.

'One Eye', given name Rapson Sibanda, who was killed on 18/9, was a member of the Zimbabwe People 's Revolutionary Army with his loyalty to Joshua Nkomo

Away from the incident Robert Mugabe held a three hour meeting with the Cuban leader in the capital of Ethiopia where they discussed the close association and strengthening ties. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 ?** -

### **Thurs 21**

Headline – *We will face up to oil report* - **Owen** – is the promise of the foreign secretary as he



meets a delegation from the Anti Apartheid Movement. However first the cabinet will have its first discussions over the findings of the Bingham report and any decisions it makes will have to be on hold until the DPP has ended its investigations into possible prosecutions.

The AAM delegation came to the foreign office with a plan of urgent action to stop oil reaching Rhodesia. Following the line of the present government it wants prosecutions, if deemed necessary, of those involved in oil supply. An examination of the links between government and businesses that have aided the Pretoria regime to sidestep the United Nations sanctions against its northern neighbour. Demand that Shell, BP and other oil supply companies do not supply the Salisbury regime with oil any more. The AAM 's final demand is to the UN security council to force South Africa to comply with the sanctions against Rhodesia or face such sanctions themselves.

Responding to the Anti Apartheid Movement 's points British Petroleum that such demands, because of legal differences between the UK and South Africa made such demands could be implemented as it would put companies and employees in "an acutely difficult position." The company also denied that its actions to make Ian Smith 's UDI possible. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Fri 22**

Headline – ***Wasted time ... wasted opportunity*** – is the time between 1965, the time of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence, is as much that black majority rule was inevitable. There was an chance to hasten the deed, despite what the minority white population thought, if the prime minister Harold Wilson had ordered parachute troops into Salisbury Airport and called the Rhodesian leaders bluff. - **W Davis; Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

### **Sat 23**

Headline -***Kaunda may press Britain to take over Rhodesia*** – as officials; J Callaghan D Owen met with; the Zambian PM, attorney general F Chona and the London high commissioner L Allinson in the city of Kano Nigeria.

Earlier the Zambian president told his countries media, before leaving Lusaka, that he wanted to have an understanding "on the flow of oil into Rhodesia and what they plan doing to stop the war that has claimed 12, 000 innocent lives in the country."

Away from 'principals meeting' in west Africa officials from Lusaka try and second guess the needs of their president. Despite a decade of war uncertainty remains as to whether British military forces would be offered a spring board to launch an invasion of Rhodesia. Zambia would have to be assured that the military were going to see that a black majority rule government was installed and not just to prop up the minority.

An alternative force, for intervention, could be an invitation to to Soviet or Cuban forces, to achieve the same aim; one that the British may have refused to do. - **GDN page 1 C 5?** -

Headline – ***Nigeria poses threat to British oil interests*** – while economic moves abound against Rhodesia threats self imposed restraint, from Zambia would be little felt. However if the economic power house of west Africa; Nigeria was to turn its back on the United Kingdom the consequences would be more serious.

Britain 's exports 1973 £173bn, £1069bn 1977 and thus the countries second largest export market outside Europe. Such spending only purchases 23% of the west African countries exports. London needs less of Nigeria 's oil thanks to North Sea oil fields; imports shrunk from £368m in 1974 to

£219m in 1978. British assets about £500bn and the Shell /BP part would be ripe for seizure. The Lagos government, which already owns 22.5% of Shell/BP Development may seize a controlling interest as a retaliatory measure.

Zambia's chief export to Britain is copper and the value of which has dropped in recent times. Price per ton has fallen from £1, 300 to £700; which is well below the £850 mine profit break even point. UK exports; to £80.2m in 1977 and imports from £95.4m. Assets in 1974 valued at £57. 8m with a present value of about £100m. - ditto page 6 C 1 -

### **Sun 24**

Headline – *Callaghan calms down Kaunda in hush hush summit* – as he arrives back in London after receiving assurances that black African states would not retaliate against the London government during their six and a half hours of talks in Kano Nigeria. The prime minister landed back in London leaving journalists little the wiser as to how this had been achieved. **Sunday Express page 1 -**

**Cartoon** Press sanctions rather than Rhodesia sanctions; a sop to a president – ditto -

**Cartoon** “Of course Harry cares very much about sanction – busting in Rhodesia. It 's just that it wasn't the best time to ask him.” - ditto page 4? -

**Cartoon** “You are charged with the atrocious crime of conspiring NOT to kill Ian Smith. Lord Justices Kaunda Nkomo and Mugabe presiding

**Cartoon** Thames Flood Warning Westminster drowning under a flood of Shell and BP oil

**Cartoon** Mr Callaghan clarifies the position for Mr Kaunda – **Sunday Times -**

### **Wed 27**

Headline – *Steel repeats oil probe demand* - at a self requested meeting with prime minister Callaghan to be informed of the details of his Rhodesia problem discussions with the Zambian president. - **unsourced -**

**Cartoon** Mr Smith 's missed opportunities – **Punch Magazine -**

### **Thurs 28**

Headline – *Owen 's Africa corps* – an adoptive name for a 'fire brigade' military force to be sent wherever they are needed is the idea put forward, by the foreign secretary when speaking at the United Nations general assembly meeting in New York.. In the Britain 's mind eye the force, possibly involving 1, 000 infantry of marines, would firstly see action in African trouble spots; Rhodesia. Reaction in London, from Winston Churchill CP MP, was one of derision.

The rebel regime has not wholeheartedly dismissed the idea of talking to the leaders of the black nationalist forces. They have however stated that a suitable mediator would be the American secretary of state Cyrus Vance. Britain 's foreign secretary would not. - **Daily Express page 1 -**

### **Fri 29**

Headline – *TV probe upsets Sir Harold* – as the former prime minister appeared on Canadian

television. During his interview, on 26/9, he was asked his thoughts on the Bingham report. Viewers than saw him upset and angrily voicing "I'm not going to answer questions about this."

Headline – *Sanctions busting inquiry must wait says Cabinet* – about six weeks; this will be after parliament has debated the issues highlighted. It is hoped that by mid 11/'78 both Houses will have heard evidence given by oil executives and key political figures and have the 'swoop' arrangement explained more clearly. - **Daily Mail** -

**Cartoon** "Another giant cock up, Sergeant! We're landing on the wrong hot spot ... - **Daily Express page 9** -

Headline *Nurse killed in Rhodesia ambush* – along with her four man military escort. The Australian national first triggered a land mine in Mrewa, fifty miles from the Mozambique border. The group were then attacked and raked with machine gun fire. Her death brings the number of white civilians who have died in 1978 to 150.

Official figures also note that since 31/8 1, 630 whites have left the country; the second worst monthly figures since UDI in 1965.

Wholehearted condemnation, from notables in Rhodesia, for the Owen plan of a military force for intervention in Africa 's trouble spots. Prime minister Smith; 'tommyrot.' The chairman of the Rhodesian Front, Lt Colonel W M Knox; "Unfortunately Dr Owen remains what he is – a little man with a big grudge against the majority of Rhodesians, both black and white. - **Yorkshire Post page 1?** -

### **Sat 30**

Headline - *Our gravest hour, says Smith* – tells the prime minister to his annual party Congress. More than 500 delegates heard the party leader note, as well as the above, that the issues still outstanding between the ethnic groups could have been sorted by now if only the western powers had "the guts and courage" and assist the bi racial impending government the conflict would soon die down. - **Daily Mail** -

## **OCTOBER 1978**

### **Sun 1**

Headline – *Ian Smith is banned from Britain* – on a point of law and at the behest of the foreign secretary. Thus is scuppered an 'in transit' stop in London, to change planes for an onward trip to the United States. There the prime minister, and the three other members of the transitional governments executive body, would explain the current situation to the 27 members of the Senate who made the invitation. As of this time no entry visa to the USA has been granted. - **Sunday Express page 1** -

Headline – *Smith can 't stem the black guerilla tide* – as military analysis seems to show. Six incursions by Rhodesian military raids across its eastern border in the last twenty four months has seen Salisbury claim the deaths of 3, 500 black nationalist guerillas and the destruction of rebel held military supplies. But still, in the same time span the number of guerilla infiltrations, east to west, has increased from 1, 200 to 8, 000+.

There is a feeling that the Zanu forces would be more of a problem for the Rhodesian military if their supply lines, back into Mozambique, were more reliable. Thus it is seen rebel military action over long distances is only limited because re supply is so unpredictable. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – *Owen 's Africa Corps gambles on manpower* – with only about 900 members of the British military being thrust into an international force. Speaking to journalists the foreign secretary also sought to push UK forces into non combat rolls 'other approaches'. Training foreign forces to the acceptable standard to participate in a peacekeeping roll.

Seemingly this 'limiter roll' of involvement results from an understanding that the UK force commanders do not wished to become over stretched in their commitments as their main concerns is the escalating violence in Northern Ireland. -ditto -

Headline - *Mugabe 's men try new tactic* – of encouraging the population in and around the town of Untali to participate in a mass civil disobedience campaign. Leaflets, distributed in the city and surrounding area, by the Patriotic Front have asked the black majority to stay away from their place of employment indefinitely. In response the authorities have sent large numbers of troops to the area.

The campaign, which if a success will be seen as a psychological blow on white moral, will cover the small farming area to the town of Melsetter 50 miles south of the Eastern Highlands town. One sixth of the country is now under martial law and the only way to travel on the countries 900 miles of roads, and only during daylight hours, is in military convoy. - **Observer** -

## **Mon 2**

Headline – *Snubbed Smith storm* – as the American administration refuse an entry visa for the prime minister to appraise members of the Washington Senate of the ongoing situation in his country. Bishop Musorewa and his colleague the Reverend Sithole have been granted visas.

The leader of the African National Council made a strong criticism of the standard of US democracy “America is supposed to be leaders of the free world and of free speech. They are apparently trying to resolve the Rhodesian issue, and you might feel that getting the other point of view would be essential to their work.” - **Daily Express** -

Leader Comment, **Don 't call us ...** likening the actions of the Americans to the script of a BBC radio soap opera. The son in law, a D Owen, was “a rather priggish young man whom .. was killed off.”

If the Carter government had let the full executive council debrief senate members “the new Dr David Owen sounds just like a character from a bad script. As for the Carter government, which has us all weeping and giggling by turns, it is a soap opera all to its self .... “ - **ditto page 8 C 1** -

## **Tues 3**

Headline – *Carter showdown over Smith visit* - as he is the man who could overrule the authorities and allow the prime minister, and the other members of the executive council of the transitional government, and grant entry visas for the three to state their case. To do so however may upset the domestic policies of the US government. The senate may vote down some schemes of president Carter. - **Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

Headline – *Stop this vicious vendetta* – the aftermath of the publication of the Bingham Report has, according to this writer, seen those that knew and those that need to know about the sanctions busting of the Shell and BP companies how and why we continue to break the spirit of a long held friend of Britain; Ian Smith.

Thirteen years ago, right at the beginning of the crisis that was, and still is, Rhodesia the then London prime minister Harold Wilson made comment of the majority populations aspirations for a vote. "One man one vote is not today, it is not tomorrow. It is not within measurable time by the clock or calender."

As of now British politicians seek much favour from the leaders of the black nationalist governments that surround Rhodesia. Its all wrong. Solutions to the problem through the interim government have been offered and rejected as no western government would endorse the administration negotiated internally. - **Sir D Barder; ditto** -

Headline – **Rhodesia bans black newspaper** – the Zimbabwe Times on the grounds that its weekly edition are "likely to be contrary to the interests of public safety or security. According the the papers general manager, R Roberts, the governments action was sparked by Bishop Musorewa and the United African National Council was in dispute with the paper. The executive council member had cut all ties with the paper as he accused it of biased reporting towards his party. The most recent incident was when the Times reported a tribal clique 's attempts to manipulate the Bishop.

Military action by the national guerilla forces, has seen the bridge over the River Tokwe; south of Fort Victoria and the main road route to the border crossing into South Africa, suffer blast damage. Drivers now wishing to travel the Beit Bridge will now have to use another river crossing. Deaths, since 1/10 were 32 whereas in the whole of 9/78 758 people were killed on Rhodesian soil. In the last 48 hours 15 guerrillas died along with 4 collaborators. A would be fighter, attempting to cross into Zambia fell to his death as he attempted to cross the border via Victoria Falls. - **Yorkshire Post page 1? C 1** -

#### **Wed 4**

Headline – **Smith vents fury at US visa 'plot'** – as Washington declines his visa application as well as Chief Chirau. Speaking from Salisbury the prime minister accuses the US state department of delaying any decision until a later date; political speak for a time when the RF leader is in no position to explain the situation because the PF forces have accomplished their mission to oust the white regime and its collaborators from power. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline - **Owen and Rowlands in oil clash** – as both men, foreign secretary and the business man who supplies oil to the rebel regime until UN sanctions were in place, exchange letters as to whether the foreign secretary threatened the business interests of the Lonhro chairman. It is said that the London based operative is in the process of suing both Shell and BP and the foreign secretary wants non of it. - **Daily Express** -

Letters, [1] **L Irvinne Brown Ling Shipping Agency Hope Street Glasgow** concerns that if whites exodus the country in large numbers industry and farming will fail. What will become of the many people, both inside and outside Rhodesia, that rely on the grain crop that was supplied.

[2] **J Potter Riverford Road, Pollockshaws Glasgow** double standard concerns of prime minister Callaghan; against the white minority in Rhodesia and for the immigrant minorities in Britain. - **ditto** -

Headline – **Santa Harold where the claws show** – on the Canadian television show, hosted by Adrienne Clarkson, which destroyed the former prime ministers act of being the 'man next door.' That is until awkward questions are asked. "I 'm very sorry ... will you turn the camera off .. I really can 't be treated like this." - **Jean Rook; ditto** -

#### **Thurs 5?**

Headline – *Snub for Owen as US gives Smith his visa* – despite a plea to the US secretary of state Cyrus Vance not to do so. Gracious in defeat! The government minister noted that if such a gathering in Washington improved the chances of an all party conference on the future of Rhodesia then there was merit in the meeting.

He rebel prime minister will now have to find another way to reach the American capital. To land in London, even in transit, could lead to him being detained by the police on a charge of treason after his illegal UDI in 1965. - issue 40, 830;Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1 -

Headline – *How I was fooled over oil sanctions by peer* – as he spoke at the Labour Party conference. In Lord Brockway 's speech to delegates he told how, over the past ten years, he had produced evidence for the House of Lords that British oil companies were breaching the imposed sanctions and supplying oil to the Rhodesians. The presented evidence came in the form of a report from the Zambian president. Officials, in London, told his Lordship that the document was a forgery and had been planted on the Zambian head of state.

For these last ten years, in the words of the report; no British company themselves had been supplying oil, is the wording that was made acceptable to myself. In reality, closer reading/understanding of the wording , it could have been determined that other oil firms were involved in the supply of the oil. In this case the French company Total. - ditto -

Leader Comment, **Shades of Paul Revere** deemed a British rebel; the about turn that saw the United States offer a hearing to the proxy English rebel Ian Smith. “President Carter is only bowing to the inevitable” after weeks and weeks of senate accusations of his support for African terrorists “and turning his back on Rhodesian Africans who share western values and of not favouring free elections in Zimbabwe.”

It may be a good thing the Smith and members of his executive council are welcome in Washington as it is only they “who can shake the complacency out of the American people. Mr Smith and his colleagues might not have the independence formula right but it is nearer to being right than the formulae which the divided factions of the Marxist backed patriotic Front see to have in mind. - ditto page 10 C 1 -

## Sat 7

Headline – *Kaunda opens border with Rhodesia* – in an effort to improve the economy of the country. The export of goods has been severely limited from Zambia, to the outside world, as the civil war across its borders has raged. Pre trouble exports would travel, by road or rail to South African ports or to the east coast port of Beira on Mozambique 's Indian Ocean coast. Come the troubles the route south was blocked as restrictions were imposed by the rebel regime and its apartheid neighbours South Africa.

Although the Lusaka government has had, for the sake of its people well being, to 'sup with the devil' in its trade with a country with which it is in conflict these new trade agreements does not mean any lessening of border regulations between the two countries.

The main rail route that exports; chiefly Copper from the north of the country, will use the rail line that has in the past been a main strike point for the Nkomo loyal Zanu guerilla force. This vital line crosses the border by the Victoria falls bridge onto Bulawayo and onto South Africa.

Early notice of the reopening of the southerly export route for Zambian exports saw the Tanzanian president, Julius Nyerere, leave the countries capital for meetings in Zambia and Mozambique. It is

thought his brief, from Kaunda, was to have president Machel grant permission for the export of goods through Mozambique's ports. - **The Guardian page 1 C 1** -

Headline – ***Tough time in US for Smith*** – is the promise made to Britain 's foreign secretary, by Cyrus Vance, is the reception that the Rhodesian prime minister will receive by the Washington administration during his visit.

Throughout the trip the US secretary of state will continue to push the benefits of the Anglo/US initiative with an added understanding that there is leeway to change tac if new ideas emerge that will bring opposing sides into the fold and become part of the negotiations. Unwilling to detail new proposals, seen by the Tanzanian president and four other members of the Front Line States.

The hopes, of ten Conservative members of parliament and seven members of the House of Lords, that members of the internal settlement; in transit from Washington will be allowed into London, have been thwarted. The approval of Parliament would be needed as the Order of Sanctions would need to be amended.

Military deaths seven nationalist guerillas, 5 collaborators and ten black civilians. - **ditto page 4** -

### **Sun 8**

Headline – ***'Let Smith in' plea is spurned by Owen*** – has been called for by former Labour foreign secretary Lord George Brown and other members of the HOL. In a letter to the current foreign secretary which notes “We felt that now the United States Senators have extended an invitation to Mr Smith, there would seem to be some chance of the current deadlock in the situation in Rhodesia becoming slightly less solid.” - **Sunday Express page 1 C 1** -

### **Mon 9**

Headline – ***Smith blames Britain for holding up black rule*** – as he appears on the American TV programme Meet the Press after arriving in Washington on 7/10. The gist of argument with the London government has been delaying what the people of the UK have wanted him to do; bring in black majority rule in Rhodesia.

Back in Salisbury a whole raft of government ministers, finance, education and land tenure, all assured their critics that in the near future the repressive laws that separated the races would soon be repealed. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Guarded optimism** needs to be shown, by the American Congress and the countries President Carter ”that Ian Smith and the Rev Ndbaningi Sithole have an overwhelming case.” Even if such a case can be made that the internal settlement can work there is no proof that it will work. It must work as “there is no other workable alternative in sight.”

Anger, among the supporters of the Patriotic Front both in Britain and the USA, could be a signal that they well know that under the rule of the PF free speech in an independent Zimbabwe would be in short measure. In any case the coalition of two nationalist forces is only a means to an end; black majority rule. Once achieved these idealogical would have to be addressed.

As the situation now stands “no one should underestimate the wreckers – domestic, foreign and Rhodesian ... as hopes can be as quickly dashed as raised. Meanwhile it would be unwise for politicians in Britain to make capital out of trivia ..... until the substance of the promised anti discrimination legislation it would be wise to accept the Foreign office view that the let Mr Smith

into Britain would at this stage raise some totally unnecessary problems. - ditto page 8 -

## **Tues 10**

Headline – *Without West 's help more will die, says Smith* – comments made after his meeting in Washington with the 27 members of the Senate who had invited the members of the executive council of the interim government of Rhodesia. Answering questions from the politicians he said that he was sure the 31/12 multi racial elections would still take place even. It was just that more Rhodesians would die. “We hope for the countries of the free world.”

Inside Rhodesia other members of the African National Council political party, nine in all, are preparing to travel to the USA to give support to their clerical leader and the PM to reinforce the message of hope being spread by the executive council. Also travelling to America? are the president and two of the vice presidents of the National Unifying Force; white liberal in stance to call for a conference between all interested parties and the Patriotic Front which to them is the only solution to the conflict.

Combat deaths 24 including seven black civilians 2 of whom were axed to death.

Headline – *Washington visit regretted by UN* – security council. The world body stopped short of a full censure motion, put forward by delegates from the black African states. The wording change, from 'regret and concern' to 'deplore' was thought to have been instigated by the Zambian authorities once the decision that Lusaka reopened its border with Rhodesia. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **Wed 11**

Headline – *Rhodesia scraps the race barrier* – soon says Bishop Musorewa a member of the Supreme Executive Council left in Salisbury noted that the time to end the 88 year old statute was imminent . The UNAC leader, speaking in Salisbury was flanked by Chief Chirau, education/health minister R Cronji, foreign minister E Gabellah and finance minister D Smith.

In Washington, where there will be no meetings between president Carter and Ian Smith however the PM will be trying to persuade the administration to back his emerging government. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **Thurs 12**

Headline – *Jibes put Davis on the Rack* – as the Conservative Party debate the sanction issue at their party conference in Brighton. The shadow foreign secretary criticised the role of sanctions imposed by the Labour government. As the majority of the delegates became more and more angry at this stance the front bench spokesman left the debate citing a medical condition. This later turned out to be a migraine type headache.

With the shadow minister out of the hall delegates voted to approve a resolution condemning Labour for failing to seize the chance to bring peace to Rhodesia. - **Daily Express page 4 C 1** -

Headline – *'Biased' Owen must go, demands Sithole* – as he accuses him of supporting the aims of the Patriotic Front. The comment was made to the American ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young. The African National Council leader also has this opinion of the Washington administration. The Rhodesian prime minister did not see the need to follow this line of argument as “he did not want to get involved in personalities.”

Such a stance, an aggressive tone in defence of the internal government, has angered the American



public. This can be seen in the increase in the number of demonstrations, and hostile press comment that the African delegation has faced. To counter this the prime minister brings out the bogey man of Communism; the great fear of Middle America.

His most recent speech, cites words lifted from a captured document taken from the body of a Robert Mugabe supporting guerilla fighter. Remarks made 'show our country is going to become the new ideological battleground for the communists.'

“To achieve power there can be no agreement based on détente which will preclude the emergence of a Socialist State.” - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

### **Fri 13**

Headline - ***Smith trip fades out*** – on the fifth day of his American adventure. On this day the prime minister met with the Senate 's foreign relations committee in the Capital building. Then there was a private meeting with the former secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

Other engagements, largely ignored by by the local written media, was a speech to the National Press Club by himself an fellow executive council member the Reverend Sithole. However the Washington Post and Washington Star did hear the views of white opposition leader A Savory of the National Unifying Force. Who detailed the urgent need for an all party talks.

After the pm met with the SFRC one of the committee told all about the private talks. The committee was told that the PM would attend all party talks, including the Patriotic Front,? With no preconditions from either side. A change of stance from from the PM who had earlier thought that to include the PF would mean an automatic entry into government without an election; something that he dose not believe possible. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – ***Smith 's flop*** – the American trip and how, the writer believes the prime minister became America 's biggest turn off. Pomp and circumstance; the Washington administration high diplomacy treatment- the wailing sirens, the secret service detail and the cleared streets all seemed to make him feel 'like a man with a purpose.'

Mainly he was a 'man of despair' no more so when informed, by the media at his airport arrival, that the WW2 hero would not be allowed to place a wreath on the tomb of the American Unknown Soldier.

“The company he has been keeping over these past few days has done precious little either to revive his fading image.” - **S Winchester; Daily Mail** -

### **Undated**

Headline – ***Smith gets a second chance in US talks*** – as he, and his three executive council colleagues gain a second chance to meet with high level politicians in the American administration. The decision came after the Rhodesian prime minister seemed to move his negotiating position into attending any talks that also have members of the Patriotic Front in attendance. The change of heart was announced in Los Angeles as the PM, Sithole, Muzorewa and Chief Chirau were spreading their message throughout the USA.

With the anticipated presence of British government representatives at the Rhodesian 's meeting with the senate foreign Relations committee, it is still London 's view that there cannot be any lasting settlement until the difficulty of the length of the transitional period; from British rule to the rule by the elected government of Zimbabwe through the multi racial voting.

Inside Rhodesia the town of Umtali has come under bombardment from a hail of rockets and mortars from the guerilla forces loyal to Robert Mugabe. Troops search for the culprits as it became known that five town residents were injured.

On the opposite edge of the country; the Botswana border Rhodesian forces clashed with members of the Botswana Defence Force. The white soldiers were tracking guerillas that had entered the country after crossing from Zambia and were tracked across the Botswana border. On being pursued the contact with the BDF were made. After exchanges of courtesies contact was broken. Some time later at the border town of Kazungula mortar fire, from inside Botswana landed over the border, there was no retaliation. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 ?** -

## **Sun 15**

Headline – *Cost barrier will do race laws' job in Rhodesia* – as the promised reform will only effect a small number of black population. The real limitation will be the economic status of this small emerging middle class. Few people will be able to afford housing in the previously 'white only' areas of the towns and cities.

Along time in the planning the Land Tenure Act is the legislation that will have the greatest bearing on the future of the majority population. It is a specific sign that the 88 year old white domination of society is ending. In the end the paperwork could have been completed in days; its only four pages long. The delay, many assume, is that the prime minister held back for the greater impact the announcement would make on his American trip.

Headline – *Smith finds it hard going in US* – an overview and mainly for the benefit of the Rhodesian whites. A British observation the PM is grandstanding in America for the whites at home and show the hot heads that despite all efforts by himself and the executive council members the only way to bring peace to the country is to sit down and negotiate with the PF. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – *Last bid to avert Rhodesia disaster* – considering the military conflict between Salisbury and the coalition forces of the Patriotic Front are running out of hand, is according to both London and Washington the standing Anglo/US initiative as a frame work for talks on neutral ground. To not follow this course could see all hopes of a peaceful settlement ended so the diplomats hint.

The two administrations have made these conclusions after secret talks, led by J Graham of the foreign office and S Lowe US ambassador to Zambia , with all the relevant notables, from all sides of the dispute taking part. Meetings were held in Lusaka.

The outcome of the talks; after consideration of three options placed before delegations from the Patriotic Front and the interim government in Rhodesia, by the British and American team was stalemate. Following this 3 option rejection the UK/US team put forward new ideas.

The combatants rejections were mainly based on how extensive the powers were bestowed on the British resident, Lord Carver, who would oversee the transitional period and his legal powers during this time. Both the PF and the Rhodesians want some powers to be with a representative council on which PF and Smith 's representatives would be members. The division of seat numbers were also a concern of the Patriotic Front delegation. Noting these criticisms the US/UK team have agreed to the PF demands on seat numbers, Lord Carver will now only be responsible for defence internal security and external relations.

The chairing of the representative council became a contentious issue. Lord C was not acceptable to

PF/Smith so the UK/US negotiators left the job of finding an alternate chair to the combatants. If then they could not agree they themselves must settle for the London Washington choice of the military choice. Other points of contention; length of the transitional period, the timing of the elections; seen, by all delegations as the most contentious issue and the deal breaker.

The third option, Option B, devised by the UK/US facilitators; deferred election, post independence if agreed by a countrywide referendum favoured such a proposal. In effect the British Representative, Lord Carver, would leave the country leaving the interim administration, under the premiership of Ian Smith to run the country until independence and on till the multi racial elections.

It must be said the the American /UK negotiation team favour the BRC as the chair of the equal seated divided representative council and elections before independence. The next move issue invites to all relevant parties hold the conference and hope all the invitees attend. - **Observer** -

Headline – *Mugabe plans one party rule and land take over* – with the first million acres being seized from the foreign owned Lonhro company. The next wave of land grabs would be the acres owned by landlords that were not residents of the new Zimbabwe.

Interviewed, in the last seven days, the co Patriotic Front leader indicated that the present economic structure of Rhodesia would, in the newly independent state, be one of centralised state control in the long run. In the immediate future the new government would work with the private land owners alongside the state run enterprises. - **ditto** -

Headline – *Alec, son of Ian Smith to marry M R A girl* – named Elizabeth Knudsen, who at the age of 28 in one year younger than the prime minister's son. The announcement was made as he flew into the Norwegian capital, Oslo, to meet the woman's family for the first time and his soon to be wife for 18 months. The happy couple then both returned to London.- **Town Talk O Maitland; Sunday Express page 2** -

### **Mon 16**

Headline – *Giving Smith a miss* – will be the Princess Margaret, who happens to be on a stopover in the same Los Angeles hotel;the Biltmore that the Rhodesian prime minister is to give a political speech. A confrontation, between the royal and the rebel would be best avoided. - **W Hickey; Daily Express** -

### **Tues 17**

Headline – *Smith shift on all party talks* – as he announce to journalists that his government is willing to sit down and negotiate with those who wish to overthrow the white regime. The prime minister only condition is that there are no preconditions.

Upon hearing his Los Angeles news the Washington administration invited him back to the American capital for a second round of talks. Its also thought that the British ambassador, Peter Jay, will be present.

### **Thurs 19**

Headline – *Rhodesia swoops on rebels* – who are thought to be responsible for the two rocket and mortar attacks on the border town of Umtali that have occurred in the the last eight weeks. This current operation involved Rhodesian air force jets bombing guerilla camps, believed to have just been reinforced with 5, 000 fully trained fighters, Zanu transit camps inside Mozambique.

In light of the Rhodesian prime minister's willingness to negotiate with the likes of Mugabe and

Nkomo the American president Jimmy Carter has invited the South African premier, P Botha, to Washington. There the two nations leaders will talk on the future of Namibia. The US invite comes at the same time as foreign ministers, from five western nations, ended their talks with the Pretoria regime, on the country. - **Daily Mail** -

Headline – ***Rhodesia attacks*** – deemed, by the military authorities in Salisbury, as a search and destroy mission was seen as a surprise by observers coming only two days before the Washington talks offered by president Carter. It is thought such a hurried response was due to an intelligence report that indicated the sudden build up of Mugabe loyal guerillas. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **Fri 20**

Headline – ***Smith 's jets pound Zambia base*** – housing Nkomo loyal black nationalist fighters outside the Lusaka capital. This attack, and the air strikes over the Mozambique border are the military 's response to the known build up of rebel forces who are known to increase their attacks during the coming rainy season. The foreign office officials in London condemned the military action in both Mozambique and Zambia as they have done on may occasions.

As of this time black resident, aged between 18 and 25, who have completed in excess of two years of high school education would be liable to be conscripted into the military forces. Registration would begin in ten days time. - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

Headline – ***Is a Fairey flying for Ian Smith?*** - as the son of Sir Richard F the an aviation pioneer; John left his 600 acre Hampshire estate to throw his lot in to fly with the Rhodesian air force. According to his wife, Anne, the former BA pilot departed the £10m lifestyle and has not been seen for the last 21 days. - **N Demster Diary; ditto** -

Headline – ***Rhodesia jets blitz guerillas' top war base*** – as first reports indicate that in the Lusaka raid the death toll was between 400 and 600 and more than three hundred men of military age had been treated in a Lusaka hospital.

The cross border air strike, 95 miles distant from the Rhodesian capital and twelve miles north of the Zambian capital. A second air attack, may have attacked a guerilla base outside Mumbwa which sits alongside a Zambian air base and 80 miles west of Gwerere. The significance of this camp; FC on Westlands Farm, is that it is thought that from this base the plan to shoot down the Air Rhodesia aircraft over the Victoria Falls was hatched.

Informed sources report that the raids were carried out using two Hawker Hunter jet fighters and three of four others identified as Mirage 's. It was not thought that the Rhodesians used these French manufactured planes. However it is known that the South African Air force pilots fly these fighter jets. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Gun barrel bias** or “power through the barrel of a gun” is the way forward if the antics of the US and UK governments, and some extent the media, is to be believed. Why then do Washington and London get so angry when the interim government makes use of the military to quell attacks “in Zambia and Mozambique, both of which are one party states ..... having ruled from the start without anything remotely approaching a popular election.”

The recent foreign office note that actions such as these raids can lead to nothing more than an increase in hostilities does not ring true. In the Middle East 'blind eyes have often been turned on terrorist activities from the Arab side and an eagle eye on Israeli retaliatory ... strikes.'

With nothing else to offer the British and Americans except those, that rubbish the Six Principals

and ruin Zambia, politically and economically even more quickly than it would ruin Zimbabwe.

“Whitehall and Washington, by siding with the Patriotic Front and its divided Marxist backers, have not diminished the prospect of wide scale violence and disaster; they have encouraged it.” - ditto -

## **Sat 21**

Headline – *Nkomo pledges raid vengeance* – as the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union leader details the human loss of life following the Rhodesian Air Force 's 18/10 raid on a refugee camp outside the city of Lusaka. The PF co leader indicated that 226 people were killed and in excess of 629 camp dwellers were injured out of a total approximately 3, 000 residents. As to the prospect of the promised talks with the white minority and its US/UK supporters the rebel leader said “you can forget about the whole dam business.”

Following the raids Zambian leaders held high profile talks and 500 students marched on the British and American mission buildings in Lusaka. Police, with riot shields, closed down their access and no reports of injuries or damage was reported.

Giving details of the purpose of the FC refugee camp Nkomo noted the the men housed within worked on the camps farms to produce edibles and building living spaces for the 11, 000 inadequately housed child refugees. All told 9, 000 other child refugees were waiting to travel to safer camps in neighbouring Botswana. - *Yorkshire Post* -

Headline – *Smith ready for summit* – as the US state department note that the Rhodesian military raids on neighbouring Zambia and Mozambique was 'particularly objectionable' an after a two hour meeting with the PM defined the basis of any peace conference;

**1** Free and fair elections **2** arranging a cease fire. **3** a transitional administration **4** the formation of an armed force to serve an independent government **5** Adhere to the basic principal of an independent constitution which includes the rights of individuals.- *Daily Mail* page 4 C 1 -

## **Sun 22**

Headline – *Rhodesian troops raid Zambia again* – this time the target being Mkushi 110 miles north east of Lusaka and near the countries border with Zaire. The second objective Rufunsa 60 miles east of the capital near to the Malawi border.

Away from the combat zone, in Pretoria, revised British/USA proposals were delivered to members of the Patriotic Front. They detail a summery of the initiative that has been extensively revised from the 9/77 proposals.

The current spate of military raids, by the white minority regime, were under the spotlight as foreign minister Owen met with M Chona a special envoy; former prime minister and now general secretary of the of the ruling party led by president Kaunda. The two met in a Heathrow hotel. There was no plea for British military 'troops on the ground' style help. More it was, as was agreed between Callaghan and Kaunda, at their last meeting, calls for the dispatch of a technical mission and provide missile protection systems. - *Observer* page 1 -

Headline – *Kaunda 's opponents thrown off the rails* – after the Zambian president opened the border with Rhodesia with the specific purpose of moving the countries exports to the waiting worlds markets. According to the United Nations the closure of these routes, over the past five years, have cost the country £600m. In addition to the southerly route, to South Africa, the main

Zambian export; Copper has had to travel either through the war torn country of Angola to the port of Benguela. A second route, to the Indian Ocean port of Dar es Salaam, was equally congested. Along this rail line 140, 000 tones of copper ore or ingots; earning 90% of the countries foreign earnings were exported. Also 100, 000 tones of fertilizer was imported.

Those who are challenging the president and his political opponents in the forthcoming general and presidential elections, are of the opinion that the opening of the export routes are a cynical rouse to curry favour with the electorate. - ditto page 6 C 1 -

Headline – *Why Smith raided Zambia* – was, in the main, to prove to the western nations; the US and Britain that the Rhodesian military were well able to take on the black nationalist forces thus proving that the country is not on the verge of collapse.

As the military action was taking place the prime minister was agreeing to take part in all encompassing negotiations with the Patriotic Front. Already noted are the words of Joshua Nkomo that the hopes for these talks are off. In effect it is the black nationalist forces who have cancelled the talks; thus no blame can be apportioned to the white minority leader.

Headline – *Tactical switch in US* – was made by prime minister Smith after his 14 days of exposure to the political culture of his hosts. With his, and the other members of the executive council, agreement to attend talks misunderstandings from the already published Anglo/UK initiative can be ironed out.

Even with this 'clarification' of previous understandings American southern African experts note that the Patriotic Front are in such a position that in reality there will be no need to attend talks as they are militarily strong enough to take what they want by force. - ditto page 9 -

Leader Comment, **Double blow for Africa**; the calling of, by PW Botha, of elections in Namibia. “The African leader 's attitude will be strongly influenced by the west 's willingness to act decisively in Rhodesia.”

Recent military confrontations, following earlier peace talk failures have gone as expected as the might of the Rhodesian forces have battled with the black nationalist force in both Zambia and Mozambique. However by thus expanding the 'field of war' outside the countries borders “the Rhodesian regime has created a serious problem for Britain” to supply president Kaunda 's forces with weapons or allow other regimes; the Soviets/Cubans to do so?

The hope now is that “Mr Smith and his African allies will attend all party talks. Yet such talks will be no more successful than previous ones unless there is some agreement among the parties about who will control Rhodesia 's administration and security forces during the transmission to independence.” - ditto -

Headline – *What led BP to end oil swap* – just four days before the Bingham Report was published came on 10/9. Other points made in a statement, from BP executives, noted the the London offices were not aware of the know of the companies close association with the South Africa state owned oil company. After 10/9 company specialists were wrongly assured by BP South Africa that the swap arrangement had ended one year earlier. When this was discovered BPSA took immediate steps to end the 'cloak and dagger' supply of oil to the rebel regime. The same applied to other western oil companies; the French Total Oil company. - **Sunday Times page 1** -

Headline – *How we severed our last Rhodesia links by BP* – a statement from company chairman Sir D Steel. A detailed history from 1971. ditto page 4 C 7 -

Headline – *Threat of private armies* – with their loyalties to the black members; Sithole and

Muzorewa of the ruling executive council in Rhodesia have emerged in recent times. Camps, with about 700 quasi military trained supporters are located on the outskirts of Salisbury. It is not unknown for the UNAC and ANC leaders to accuse each other of murder, intimidation and random acts of violence against their perceived allies. - ditto page 10 C 1 -

### Mon 23

Headline – *Smith 's troops killed 110 girls says Nkomo* – as Rhodesian forces attacked the female refugee camp close to the Zambian town of Mikushi. Of 1, 633 people in the camp, only 34 of them male 192 had not been accounted for and 90 were in hospital said the leader of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union when speaking to the press. Responding one Rhodesian office commenter “Nkomo is a raving lunatic. He is lying.” - **Yorkshire Post** page -

Leader Comment, **Terror 's boomerang** works against the Zapu leader following the military raids into Zambia. As the morale of the terrorist army is crushed so the morale of the multiracial interim administration in Salisbury is raised. Military might; weapons power wins out each time. Turns out Nkomo is now unpopular in Zambia; bad things happens to nations that harbour terrorists.

With the expected elections in Zambia the sitting tenant, K Kaunda, “is not going to get much thanks from his people if his government and his troops get involved with a shooting war on behalf of a foreigner whose chances of getting control of Zimbabwe are certainly no better than 50 50.”

Who can Kaunda and Nkomo rely on? Tanzania and Mozambique are out the president because he had to save the countries economy by 'dealing with the enemy' or the rebel leader when he told a president, Nyerere, “to mind his own business when the Tanzanian leader tried to rule out the possibility of further bilateral talks between Mr Nkomo and Salisbury.” Both men cannot rely on the Cubans or the Russians as they only “back possible winners and demand a high price for the jockeys.” To save both men the two should ditch Robert Mugabe and Zanu; also divided by factions, along with the leaders of Mozambique and Tanzania.

“Power sharing with the internal factions in Rhodesia is probably the best Mr Nkomo can hope for if, indeed, there is still time for that. - ditto -

### Tues 24

Headline – *Kaunda scuttles plan for all party talks* – and takes a side swipe at the British and American governments for their lack of response to the recent Rhodesian military raids into his country. Late in the day Washington issued a statement noting that “the dramatic and untimely escalation will not bring about an end to the conflict.”

The fall out from the raids continue with the announcement that eighteen foreign national have been detained in Zambia. They were suspected of collaborating with Rhodesian military in setting up the military actions, that the Zambian president totalled in excess of 330 dead and 200 missing persons., and would be denied consular access until their guilt or innocence had been determined. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Leader Comment, **Kaunda 's options** are, in the case of the foreign national arrested after the neighbours military raids should be to offer open access to those detained otherwise “if the international conventions are not fully observed in a judicial and humanitarian sense in the matter, then one would know what to expect in Zimbabwe if a client of his ever got control. - ditto -

### Wed 25

Headline – *House ducks Bingham vote* – even as the House debates the oil sanctions report and hears from the parliamentary 'notables' most linked to that time in history. The debate will take place over two sittings of the House and will be part of the Queen's speech and thus would become part of the debate that sets out the legislation for the next year in parliament and not a separate debate as the left wing of the Labour Party would desire. - **Yorkshire Post Page 1** -

Headline – *Britain plans military aid to Zambia* – which had been promised by prime minister Callaghan after meeting Zambian president in Nigeria in times past. After a senior British military officer visited Lusaka the supply of ground to air Rapier missiles, spare parts and civilian technicians were thought to be the relevant hardware required to defend any further cross border raids by Rhodesian air force jets. - **ditto page 3 C 8** -

### **Thurs 26**

Headline – *Owen promises arms for Zambia* – as the foreign secretary reviews the situation in the region following the air raids on the refugee camps outside Lusaka. He was speaking at the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association lunch that honoured him. The equipment provided would be only suitable for defensive purposes only. No British land forces would be deployed in the region unless part of a United Nations contingent.

At the same time The British Overseas Development Ministry has allocated £4,500 worth of military aid to purchase medical supplies for those injured refugees injured by the Rhodesian air strikes on the refugee camps in Zambia run by the Zapu organisation. Such an offer of help was condemned by the authorities in Salisbury.

Reported comment from ethnic whites in the capital's main street, Jameson Avenue, noted "We used to think that despite everything blood was thicker than water and that Britain was still our kith and kin. .... Some times I think the British government has gone mad. Do they realise the sort of war the terrorists are fighting? Or that the whole thing is communist backed."

A second tranche of medical aid will arrive in the next seven days. It has been donated by the Westminster Hospital in London and delivered to the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka. **ditto**

### **Sat 28**

Headline – *Missiles flown to Zambia in aid package* – on 26/10 from RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire. Alongside the Tigercat Missile Defence System there was a supply of radio 's radar equipment and anti aircraft guns. Such was the amount sent, free of charge, that on 27/10 at least three more Hercules transport planes were needed to ferry the defence load to where it was needed most.

Headline – *Rhodesian sanctions summons served* – on the Huddersfield based Hopkinson Valves Ltd. The six charges all relate to work done that aided the rebel Rhodesia to remain supplied by fuel oil despite the sanctions imposed following UDI. Also indicted was an employee of the Birmingham based Stewarts and Lloyd of South Africa who worked in the company's Leeds office.

The police investigations were initiated when a number of Hopkinson employees, belonging to the TASS union went on strike. One of those disgruntled employees passed information to the authorities. - **Yorkshire Post page 1** -

Headline – *Trust fund promises aid for Rhodesia* – when a new administration takes over government responsibility. The York based Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, which supported the



work of the Rhodesian Council of Social Services from 1962 up to 1976 sees no reason why a resumption cannot commence. In this spirit of giving funding has already been passed over which will see the CSS part funded till 6/'79. - ditto -

## **Sun 29**

Headline – ***Tory anger erupts over missiles for Zambia*** – followed by a call, from the shadow foreign minister Francis Pym calls for a full explanation of the government 's policy which former RAF officers now serving in the Rhodesian Air Force seek to know why 'unsuspecting' RAF servicemen are seen to be helping terrorists. It is known that more than 100 CP MP 's have objected to the sending of the military equipment to Zambia.

The key to the Tories demands for a full explanation of the Labour governments policy rests on two points; the weapons will only be used for defence of the countries infrastructure and not its airspace. Any such weapons sent, from the UK, will not see the Zambian authorities hand over any their own weapons to the Patriotic Front forces. - **Sunday Express page 1** -

Headline – ***British 'advisers' will help Kaunda*** – as it is revealed that the value of the 'donated' British military aid, to deter foreign air attacks on Zambian property, is seen as £8m. As well as the Tiger Cat missiles the anti aircraft cannon of choice is the Oerlikon product. - **Sunday Times page 1? C8** -

Headline – ***Kaunda 's agony*** – is, despite being a major opponent of apartheid, having to deal with a regime that enforces it. As a long time socialist, he must seek capitalist help; a pacifist, he must gird his people for a defensive war. - **ditto page 9** -

Headline – ***More doors open for Mugabe*** – as the leader of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union completes a 25, 000 mile goodwill tour which he begun in 5/'78 to give the international community a better understanding of the movements ideological stance. During this time he has visited Moscow, Cuba three times, Ethiopia, Vietnam, North Korea, Syria ending his travels in Angola.

At the same time other members of the Party were sent to Iraq, Yugoslavia Romania and one, led by the movements vice president S Muzenda has recently returned from the Soviet Union. These trips have opened more of an understanding, in the host countries, to that half of the PF coalition they were not receiving from there preferred PF member; J Nkomo 's Zapu.

Headline – ***Summit gets West plans*** – at its meeting in the Tanzanian capital. The heads of government Front Line States are to consider the three point plan of the Anglo/US initiative. Both London and Washington seek their support for immediate talks among all parties without the need to sort out their acknowledged differences. Support for the existing UK/US proposals. Push for Pretoria 's understanding that the UN must be allowed to supervise the coming elections in Namibia and allow UN mandated troops into the territory before and during said elections. - **Observer page 1?** -

Leader Comment, **When the Ian Smith euphoria has to stop** despite the successes of the past, both military in Zambia and politically in the USA his actions “serve to protect the agony of white and black Rhodesians.”

Britain continues to play a role in “the evolution of Rhodesia” into Zimbabwe. It would be fatal “to play little games aimed at pre selecting a ruler for Zimbabwe. The people of the country will have to choose them, if those leaders are to win wide African and therefore international recognition .... to bring war to an end.”

For the government of the new country of Zimbabwe the leaders could be either 'moderates or

Marxists.

“What is important is that they should be accepted as legitimate rulers, chosen by their own people, neither imposed by force nor insinuated by extended artifice. That open process is the only one that can end sanctions and bring to Zimbabwe peace within its borders and with its neighbours. - ditto -

**Cartoon** Hello Jim, Josh says the next time ....

### Mon 30

Headline – *African summit set back* – as there was a 'no show' at the five nation meeting of the Front Line States meeting in Dar es Salaam . The absence of president Machel of Mozambique was unexplained. It was thought that the heads of government, meeting in the cities Kilimanjaro Hotel, would discuss the recent raids on Zapu refugee camps in Zambia. This was not so which in turn led to the non appearance of R Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Headline – *Bishop denies Rhodesia poll decision* – over the re timing of the 12/78 promised elections by the interim administration of which the cleric Musorewa is a member. According to Bishop any views expressed by the prime minister were his personal view.

Speaking while in London, at the launch of his autobiography, one forth of the executive council administrating Rhodesia, also blames the British for the mess “in which we find ourselves.” with its insistence that the black majorities views must be considered yet gave no credence to the wishes of Zambia, Nigeria and others.

Inside Rhodesia rebels have been bombarding a border village; Chirundu 's security post, located 200 miles north west of the capital for the last 72 hours. The Rhodesian military destroyed a Zambian emplacement as retaliation.

Whites exodus, 9/78 numbered 1, 776 with only 286 immigrating; net loss of residents 1, 490. Thus the last four weeks saw more leave than in 5/77' s net loss of 1, 359. - **Central Statistics Office** -

Conscription for the majority black population, announce earlier, has been solidly rejected by those now targeted as a large number gathered in the centre of Salisbury and signed a petition for being immoral'. Across the border, in the Zambian capital students also demonstrated. They marched between the US and UK embassies accusing them of being compliant in the recent military raids on black nationalist refugee camps. - ditto page 9 C 1 -

### Tues 31

Headline – *'Traitor' demo shakes Rhodesian leader* – as Bishop Musorewa publicises his recently authored autobiography whilst in London. There was a considerable police presence at the demonstration, mounted by members of the Anti Apartheid Movement, outside his London Hotel. The mainly white crowd took no part in the clashes with the police however one black women was taken away by the police as a placard wielding crowd .

“Musorewa pseudonym for butcher of Rhodesia “ Wanted for Murder, Ian Smith Musorewa” were in evidence among the gathering who were, according to M Terry chair of the AAM, those who support the aims of the Patriotic Front and had relatives injured by the white military. **Yorkshire Post page 1? C 8** -

Headline – *Civilians die in Rhodesia guerilla clash* – during an attack on a farm outside Bindura

just forty miles outside Salisbury. The death toll included eleven blacks and 13 seriously injured from the majority population. At the same time the military authorities announced the death of two black nationalists on 20/10; which brings 31 more victims to the toll of death as a result of the six year fight for independence by the black majority.

The cause of the deaths was linked to the supply of food demanded by the black nationalists. This was given freely by the farm labourers. However the fighters were unhappy at the amounts offered. And opened fire. - **Evening Post page 1 C 7** -

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### Wed 1

Headline – ***Smith extends soldiers' rule over Rhodesia*** – by extending martial law over more than 30 black reservations and areas owned privately by black farmers. The whole of Matebeleland South has also been deemed to have become a military protectorate and subject to a whole new barrage of laws that restrict the movement of those who live within the designated areas.

In Salisbury students delivered a petition, to the prime ministers office, giving notice that the majority community would not be prepared to be conscripted into the countries military forces. At the same time the PM noted that the chances of a multi racial election being held, before 31/12, was unlikely. In Oslo Bishop Musorewa indicated the opposite.

The debate, in New York, by the United Nations general assembly heard a plea from the black African nations to place sanctions on South Africa as it had altered its plans for an election of independence in Namibia. Speaking for those nations the leader of Mauritius, R K Ramphul, noted that the five permanent members of the security council 'had failed utterly in their attempt to have South Africa accept UN supervised and controlled elections' in the country. **Yorkshire Post page 9 C 7**

Headline – ***Right hook by Reggie*** – as former chancellor Maudling encourages his fellow Conservative MP 's to vote to not to renew the sanctions against Rhodesia that will be subject of a vote on 7/11. In his campaign the shadow minister, sacked by party leader M Thatcher in 1976, has written to all 120 back bencher's noting that 'this is the least our supporters in the country expect.' His plea letter is also signed by five former ministers. - **Daily Express page 2 C 1** -

Letters, [1] **J G Finlay Glasgow** disapproval of the sending of British military supplies to president Kaunda. The Zambian state would never have needed such weapons if there were no safe havens for J Nkomo 's guerilla forces in the country. Ian Smith is, after all, a hero from WW2.

[2] **D G Capp Guilford Surrey** handing over weapons from Britain that will kill people who may have relatives in Britain how does foreign secretary David Owen feel that they may harm British living relatives moved to central Africa?

[3] **G J Hemmett London N** how could anyone authorise the sending of weapons anywhere were they may be used to kill relatives of those who had paid for their taxes for the government to send such weapons to whoever wanted regime change in the country home country descendent 's were living? - ditto -

### Thurs 2

Headline – ***Rhodesia poll this year says Bishop*** – as prime minister Smith has a change of mind

about any postponement. Speaking in the Norwegian capital, before his leaving for Holland the black cleric said that the PM 's earlier announcement was only his personal view and only the executive council could change the date of the elections.

In Salisbury the acting president, Lieutenant Colonel H Everard, has resigned because of ill health. He was succeeded by J Pithey aged 74 who until his elevation lead the department of justice and internal affairs. A nun has been jailed for 6 months as the government try and limit the contact between supportive civilians and members of the black nationalist forces. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – *The folly of David Owen* – was, according to the writer, the introduction of the weapons to the Zambian military to defend attacks on refugee camps run by the black nationalist forces loyal to Joshua Nkomo. Not only do we not now whether the weapons given will only be used for defence by the Zambians. Could it be possible that Lusaka authorities will hand over the Zapu forces surplus Zambian military equipment? - **E Griffiths M P; Daily Express** -

### **Fri 3**

Headline – *Rhodesian jets defy British arms lift* – as they pound 'Victory Camp' about ten miles outside the Zambian capital of Lusaka, even as British RAF technicians begin the unloading and assembly of the military aid sent from London to end such attacks. During the air strikes 11 people were killed and about 100 injured. According to your point of view the Camp was either a refugee camp or a terrorist camp. - **Daily Mail** -

Headline – *Tory urges U S summit on Africa* – in the latest initiative hoped for in an attempt to settle the Rhodesian crisis. In the view of South Yorkshire CP MP; J Osborne Sheffield Hallam, a negotiating process, similar to one used during Middle East talks, would begin at the American president Carter 's Camp David retreat.

As of this time there are at least 60 opposition MP 's ready to vote No for the extension of sanctions imposed against the Smith regime. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Leader Comment, **Aid for Zambia** should be welcomed as it might “assert Zambia s sovereignty and propel Mr Nkomo towards the conference table. The position must, of course, be carefully monitored, especially while the British Government still maintains its hostility towards the Salisbury administration. - **ditto page 8 C 1** -

Headline – *Zambia to get £10m arms aid* – which was according to the foreign secretary “my most difficult decision as foreign secretary.” Speaking in the House of Commons he minister assured Francis Pym, acting opposition foreign affairs spokesman, for a guarantee that weapons delivered from London would not mean that guerilla forces would have more weapons. - **Daily Express page 2 C 5** -

### **Sat 4**

Headline – *Smith attacks raid critics* – and lamblasts the Americans and the British governments for not supporting the interim governments executive councils call for a cease fire by both sides in the conflict. It would seem that both London and Washington would have a discussion over a ceasefire once all concerned were attending the long sought settlement talks.

The number of dead, following the raid on the Victory Camp/Chikumbi refugee camp outside the Zambian capital on 2/11, now stands at 226.

Headline – *Inquiry into South African funds scandal* – as prime minister P W Botha announces a judicial inquiry into the use of £6.9m of government money to set up a pro newspaper that began publishing in 1976. The inquiry is based on evidence, uncovered by Mr Justice Mostert as a by product of his inquiry into the violation of the countries strict exchange control regulations. The JI findings will have to be ready to put before a recalled parliament by 6/12. - **Yorkshire Post page 11** -

## **Sun 5**

Headline – *Rhodesia 's oil: the secrets MPs still need to know* – are told in a deeper analysis of the links between Shell/BP links to the rebel regime in Salisbury than the wordy Bingham report has produced. The contents of which will be debated in parliament.

Ahead of this debate a more comprehensive publication; A Review of the Bingham Report by the Social Audit office notes that that Lord Bingham 's conclusions are open to question. The authors report, by A Phillips, insists that there are more findings; leading to a greater scandal to be uncovered.

Headline – *Abel 's empire* – recently centred on the headquarters building of the Royal Commonwealth Society as this was the location for his launch of his autobiography 'Rise Up and Walk' which, despite the cleric being a member of the interim government executive council, has been banned Rhodesia.

Headline – *Rhodesian sanctions should now be dropped* – says Lord Blake, author and Provost of Queens College Oxford for any of three reasons. **1** Hold to the present line offered by the Anglo/US initiative. **2** Britain to take back all legal control of the colony even if this entails some degree of military action. **3** Recognise the internal settlement and lift sanctions. - **Sunday Times** -

Headline – *Terror from the private armies of Smith's allies* are the PM 's concern as bands of guerillas loyal to separate black leaders of the executive council roam the countryside. As of this time it is noted that the Reverend Sithole 's armed supporters number about 600; the majority of whom are defectors from the Mugabe wing of the PF. Others indicate that these armed supporters come from the unemployed residents of the black townships outside Salisbury.

Bishop Musorewa 's guerilla band who mainly operate in the tribal trust lands with the notable 'Comrade Max' a genuine Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army commander who came in from the cold after the 3/'78 agreement was signed. His base, as 'District Commissioner' is in the Msana TTL 35 miles north of Salisbury.

Inter faction fighting between these groups is not unknown. In recent times two of the Sithole 'private army' were sentenced to death in the high court. They had been found guilty of five people on a white owned farm near the town of Sinoia 60 miles north west of the capital in the Zwimba TTL. The dead were all Bishop Musorewa.

Another hight court case saw three fighters, with loyalty to Chief Chirau, were sentenced for an attack in the same TTL on supporters of Bishop Musorewa. Their defence of their wounding and killings, was that they were disadvantages because the Chief 's followers did not make alliances with PF followers.

Leader Comment, **Margaret in Africa** did not show good governance practice as parliament debated the arms for Zambia issue. There was condemnation of the supply. "What would their attitude have been ..... the flow had come from Russia and Cuba. Would they not have turned on the government ..... to accuse them of allowing the anti western forces to make further

important inroads into southern Africa?”

The Conservatives need to give credit to the Labour prime minister for his actions in limiting the expansionist plans of the eastern bloc for the time being. “The irony of the situation is that it is the frenetic Russophobes in the Conservative Party whose policies are most calculated to advance the Soviet cause in Africa.” - **The Observer** -

Headline – *What more do you want from us'* – asks the writer when, in his mind the Rhodesian transitional government, all that has been demanded by London and Washington has been complied with. Surely the need for economic sanctions has ended?

All the Salisbury regime, including the executive council moderate black politicians, are asking for is that the British government should reconsider its policy of according the members of the Patriotic front a power of veto over a Rhodesian settlement. - **Ian Smith; Sunday Express** -

**Cartoon** “The service in the restaurant is terrible – the chefs still haven't shot my pheasant... “ says president Brezhnev as J Nkomo and D Steel go hunting for Ian Smith. - **ditto** -

### **Mon 6**

Headline – *Lift sanctions plea* – is the call from Ian Smith on the day that parliament begins a debate that could trade restrictions renewed for another twelve months. The rebel PM, denied entry into the country believes with weapon imports his government will be able to protect its people “the murderous attacks of the terrorists”, made his plea through the written media.

His concerns will add to the 51 to 80 Conservative back bench MP 's who will vote No at the end of the two day debate. The leadership would rather its members abstained from the vote. One back bench MP, R Bell QC attacked this stance noting that abstaining would send the wrong message and show the leadership was “ineffectual.” What the country demands, at times of crisis is “bold and decisive leadership” something the present government is failing to do at this time. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **Voting for sanctions** by the Conservative Party “ought not to vote against the renewal of sanctions orders unless they would be prepared to drop sanctions unconditionally and as circumstances are now” if they were to become the government. As a government in waiting, which other countries see an Opposition, it is to be remembered that there other states that will be affected by London 's decisions.

To abstain would be “justifiable” but a waste of time as such a “hand tying gesture” would be outdone by the near majority of the government votes. “It would however be intolerable if a labour government which had maintained sanctions against a multi racial interim administration that was getting close to the six principals was to drop sanctions in the event of the Patriotic Front dictators achieving physical ascendancy through the barrel of a gun. - **ditto page 8 C 1** -

Headline – *Rhodesian troops 'deep in Zambia'* – even as white troops, in disguised with camouflage paint and Zambian style uniforms, aim to drive a wedge between Nkomo forces and the host military. The latest incident; an ambush of a military vehicle on the Kafue to Kariba road on 4/11. The truck was destroyed. - **ditto page 9** -

### **Tues 7**

Headline – *25 blacks die in massacre* – as Rhodesian military discovered as a patrol, in the north of the country, went to investigate the sounds of machine gun fire. Those who carried out the killings were not thought to be members of any of the 'private armies' loyal to Sithole or Musorewa that are

known about. Most probably the killers were black nationalist guerillas as bullet cases at the scene came from communist issue weapons. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – *'Five minutes later, I'd have found my children on bayonets and my wife raped* – are some of the tales told by those Rhodesian whites who have taken the decision to take the 'chicken run' and leave the country for their families safety. - **ditto** -

### **Wed 8**

Headline – *I knew nothing of oil deals says Wilson* – was the unsurprising comment from the former prime minister at the beginning of the debate on the Bingham Report's findings. What was more surprising was that he put much of the blame on the Commonwealth Secretary of that time George, now Lord Thompson.

There then was a long and convoluted explanation that if the relevant information had been disclosed in cabinet then “his foreign secretary, Michael Stewart would have dropped everything and put it at the top of his agenda.”

Headline – *Oil swap deals for DPP says Owen* – was the foreign secretary's decision, announced to the Commons before the beginning of the sanctions debate. The minister has promised “no cover up” and went on to detail the points of concern for the government legal team to consider. These were the sections of the report dealing with supplies made by South African subsidiaries of British oil companies of agents acting for Rhodesia. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Leader Comment, **African racism and censorship** should not spread from countries where it is known to be rife; Uganda and Cambodia just because of the colour of a person's skin must not become the norm in a new Zimbabwe. - **ditto page 14 C1** -

Headline – *Crossing the great divide* – an examination of the gap between the old and new Rhodesia as their differences narrow. As it does tensions mount as the attitude of the majority population towards the white minority change. - **ditto page 14 C3 ?** -

Headline – *Zambia mobs attack whites* – in a show of frustration at the continued military raids from across the country's southern border. Among those injured were Britons, Americans and Swedish nationals. Police in Lusaka arrested, over a 24 hour period, 34 whites as collaborators who are accused of aiding the Rhodesian military. - **ditto page 15** -

### **Thurs 9**

Headline – *Heath support for Zambia upsets Tories* – as he supports the sending of defensive military aid to defend against the aggression of the Salisbury regime with its attacks on refugee camps outside Lusaka et al. The former CP party leader was speaking on day 2 of the oil sanctions debate.

As to his government knowing about the illegal supply of oil to the rebel regime the former PM excused his administration; as the outgoing Labour government did not disclose confidential information that were in their possession. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Headline – *No decision on sanctions move* – although the government may opt for a high level inquiry set up by the Privy Council according to S Silkin MP QC as he opened day 2 of the oil sanctions debate.

Such an inquiry could be set up quicker and was less cumbersome as its elements would encompass both political and judicial elements within it. All relevant documents; cabinet papers would be examined in one go. While no inquiry could entail all the desirable elements it was up to MP 's to decide on priorities; openness , speed, prosecutions width of inquiry, fairness, preservation of confidentiality, objectivity and political experience. - ditto page 3 C 4 ? -

Headline – *Cold blast of isolation* – feelings of the ethnic whites among the minority community towards Britain.

Headline – *The uncertain road ahead* gloomy thoughts of Sir Roy Welensky a former leader of the Federation of Nyasaland from 1953 to 1963.

**Cartoon** 'Your Sauce, sir? - Daily Mail page 15 -

### **Fri 10**

Headline – *Peer challenges Sir Harold over 'oil swap'* argument as the then Commonwealth Secretary G Thomas puts forward a defence of the outline of events made in the 'other place' by the former prime minister.

Backed up by a the then foreign secretary, George Brown, Lord Thompson agreed with the told events recently given by ex Labour cabinet minister M Stewart, and was glad that the Bingham inquiry had agreed that all relevant papers, linked to the resupply of oil to the regime by South Africa, had been passed directly to the ministers concerned. - Yorkshire Post page 7 C 1 -

Headline – *Tories in fury over sack for Churchill* – as one of the 113 opposition MP 's who were against the renewal of sanctions against Rhodesia. The rest, it would seem; 164 backed the official line and voted for a continuation. - Daily Express -

Leader Comment, **The flinchers flinch again** the outcome of this sanctions debate could be termed “ a nonsense treated in a suitable nonsensical way.” This following the Nkomo “giggling reaction” on BBC radio in interview after the shooting down of the civilian airliner ... 2there is no reaction to it.”

The present Tory front bench or ex chief whips; Atkin, Pym and Whitelaw are the soft core of the present party supported by the likes of Lord Carrington and “discourage any policy which involves a little nerve and courage.” Those who step out of line are revenged.

“The Tories should be ashamed of themselves. Mrs Thatcher must really give thought to whether she can continue to alienate her natural supporters in the country by deferring to the limp and feeble advice of reliable men.”

### **Sat 11**

Headline – *Smith extends soldier rule* – in 16 more regions of the country as the minority population celebrate 13 years of independence from Britain. Martial law now extends to over half the country; the Tribal Trust Land 's north east and south east of the capital.

Across the countries northern border white farmers band together to protect themselves against the wave of racial attacks following the Smith 's military attacking refugee camps outside Lusaka and elsewhere in Zambia.



A delegation, led by the countries Commercial Farming Bureau 's head ,G Bender, led a delegation to plead with president Kaunda to intervene in the increasing attacks, at road blocks, on a number of white farmers carried out by supporters of the Zapu leader Joshua Nkomo. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Sun 12**

Headline – *Thompson 's answers raise new sanctions questions* – so says the author of the Review of the Bingham Report published by the Social Audit. - **A Phillips; Sunday Times** -

Headline – *How British Airways makes Rhodesia profit* – over the past, at least, seven years. According to the Tribune magazine the cash from the airlines Salisbury office, approximately £700, 000 ended up in a Swiss bank account. All these practices were known, and approved by the Bank of England and the Rhodesian foreign control authorities.

The practise, of allowing the British national airline to continue working inside a rebel nation, was first noted by the Anti Apartheid Movement in 4/78 and a letter was sent to the foreign office. On 5/6 a ministerial letter reply noted that the government was well aware of the details divulged. However the issue is complex and a more time will be needed before a more positive reply can be given.

A second observation; South African Airways are freely using the facilities at Heathrow Airport during the companies turn round time of its two Johannesburg to London weekly flights. Foreign Office note that this issue does not breach sanctions as the planes are registered in Pretoria and are free to operate. - ditto -

**Cartoon “Sanctions are beginning to bite Back”** says Ian Smith after reading British media reports **OBS page 14**

### **Mon 13**

Headline – *'Stay in at night', Rhodesia whites told* – as guerilla forces penetrate the white suburb of Umwinsidale on the outskirts of the capital Salisbury. One elderly female was seriously wounded. Police admit that this type of attack was the first of its kind; an attack within the city limits. Security forces, using much manpower as well as tracker dogs thought that the attackers had fled to a tribal trust land close to the suburb which is well known as a hiding place for black nationalists.

Executive council member, Bishop Musorewa is undecided whether to back the plan of his three other colleagues in the interim government and allow the 31/12 date for the multi racial elections to lapse until a later date. - **GDN page 1** -

Headline – *Moderate Tories defend sanctions stand* – although their position might change once there had been a test of public opinion by the Rhodesian people together with a white referendum repeal of race discrimination laws and the enactment of the Land Tenure Act . This explanation was given by Lord Carrington, the Tory leader in the House of Lords, during a speech in Coventry. **GDN**

Headline – *Guerillas may close Zambia 's white farms* – unless the security forces in Lusaka force the guerilla elements sheltering their to stop their abduction of white farmers. A group of angry owners met 12 miles north of the capital, in Ngwerere, and indicated in no uncertain terms that their crops would be burned and guerillas would be shot on sight.

Even though there are only 300 white farmers in the country such a loss of land owners would see

Zambia 's food production of maize would fall 30% over the year. In recent days farmers had been unable to collect fertilizer from the rail head as the Nkomo loyal nationalists, who control the area, refuse to allow him to collect the load.

The protest was sparked by the abduction, on 11/11, of A Krige who was stopped while travelling to inspect his land while riding a motorbike. Denying he was a South African spy the four nationalists marched him away into the bush for interrogation. Many hours later he was dumped, injured, outside a police station on the outskirts of the countries capital. - GDN page 4 C 1 -

Headline – *The tourist resort sheltered by martial law and minefields* – where holidaymakers in Victoria Falls soak up the scenery but restricted in their activities by the minefields and the enhances security necessary to protect the countries enemies crossing the border from Zambia.

The Falls area is home to 270 whites, who might be said to live in a 'protected village' and over 11, 000 members of the majority population. - ditto page 11 C 1 -

## **Tues 14**

Headline – *Red Cross set to help Rhodesians flee* – as the IRC 's trouble shooter; Geneva based lawyer Jacques Pelechets is of the opinion that 100, 000 whites, who do not hold British passports and therefore are not entitled by birth in a host of nations, will need assistance to leave war torn rebel colony.

With the coming task the International Red Cross office in Salisbury has increased it office base to twenty five whites who are helped by 80 persons from the majority population. There present services offered; distribution of relief /medical supplies into the TTL 's and church missions in remote locations. They also look into the conditions that the prison service detain political prisoners in. Their monthly budget is about \$28, 000 per month. - GDN -

Headline – *Kaunda rejects farmers' call to move guerillas* – as it would not be conducive to a show of good presidential rule to be seen to give in to outside pressure from the farmers. Although, in his statement he did indicate that their work was appreciated. At a second meeting, a delegation of farmers and the head of the white farming union; G Bender chair of the Commercial Farmers Bureau, met with the president and withdrew the scorched earth policy advocated at the Ngwerere gathering.

There was also a presidential plea, to the Zambian majority population, over the recent Lusaka street attacks on ethnic whites believed by the mob to be spies for the Smith regime. The point made was not to take the law into their own hands but to hand suspects over to the police and let the law take its rightful course.

In the same region as the recent abduction it has been reported that a number of armed men have occupied farmland which is owned by the South African owned Anglo American Corporation. Farm employees are giving the seized land a wide berth. This unauthorised camp is in the same area as the Zapu camp that was attacked by the Rhodesian Air Force on 19/10. - ditto -

Headline – *Oil swell* – as the writer argues that too much has been made of the sanctions busting affair. Its not that those named over the period of the parliamentary debate; George Thompson/ Lord Thompson of Monifh and Sir H Wilson are 'bad people' its just that after the deeds of US president Nixon 's Watergate moment has tainted the ordinary persons perspective of politicians who made 'wrong decisions.' - G Taylor; GDN -

## Wed 15

Headline – *Smith and team in S African talks mystery* - as all four members of the executive council travel south to meet with the countries prime minister Pieter Botha. Leaving the prime minister behind in South Africa on his return the Reverend Sithole noted that the 'get to know you meeting' discussed the nature of the problem. There was no talk of Pretoria 's military becoming involved with Salisbury 's fight with the Patriotic Front militia.

The meeting was held on the southern bank; South African territory, of the River Limpopo according to a Pretoria official. Whereas his Rhodesian counterpart noted that the talks were held further south.

A military communiqué, from Robert Mugabe 's headquarters inside Mozambique, has been termed a death list. Those it concerned were the black minority who were working/fighting with the white Rhodesian forces."You are likely to be shot on sight there is no hiding place in Zimbabwe. Named on the list were about 50 persons. Heading the list were he four members of the Executive Council, ministers, soldiers and police. - *Yorkshire Post* page 1? C 1 -

Headline – *Poll deadlock as Rhodesian violence grows* – as the EC members fail to come to an agreement on the bi racial elections. The decision has been delayed 24 hours in consultation with ministerial council of the interim government.

Military action has seen more than 28 people die and seven guerillas force the closure of the St Patrick' s Church Mission School. Home to about 300 students; resident about 140 miles south east of the capital they managed to flee as the guerilla forces attacked the schools headmaster and burnt all the school books after ordering students to fill their hijacked bus they arrived in.

According the minister of education 263, 000 black students are missing out on their education as the black nationalist forces demand the closure of 1, 003 schools which educate about 25% of the countries black children. - ditto -

## Fri 17

Headline – *Rhodesia majority rule put back* – until 20/4/79 after the joint meeting of both the executive council and the ministerial council. The two elements of the interim government. Deliberated for a total of nine hours.

A statement at the end of the day long meeting indicated that the delay was caused by the inability of the interim government to agree on key political decisions by 31/12. With more time the new constitution would be agreed by 22/12 and the white minority would vote for acceptance on 30/1. Within two days of parliament being recalled, on 2/6, a vote of approval will be sought from members. Thus the way would then be open for the campaigning to begin. - *GDN* page 1 ? -

Headline – *The Smith raids that could mean open war* – as the plight of the white farmers ability to produce the crops that the Zambian people so rely on is being disrupted by the actions of black nationalist forces that have spilled out of the refugee camps recently attacked by the Rhodesian air force.

In recent times 12 railway wagon loads of fertilizer, waiting to be unloaded and collected by farmers from the Lilyi rail; head south of Lusaka, have been prevented from doing so by forces loyal to Joshua Nkomo. Other incidents include the actions of renegade guerillas on land, 30 miles

north of the city, in Karubwe; the site of the largest poultry farm in Zambia. Here intimidation prevents farm workers using decent roads to reach the birds and forcing them to use tracks that will become inaccessible during the rainy season.

Other reasons for the instability of the Zapu loyal fighters, confined in Zambia, is that despite their numbers only 10% of the fighters are located inside Rhodesia. The rest wait bored and listless crouped up and at the mercy of the Rhodesian forces. There are fears that the internal high command of the guerilla force fear that clashes between renegades and the Zambian army and police will distract from the common cause; to oust the white regime across the countries southern border. - **J Borrell; GDN** -

Letters [1] **Rev F Ockenden, Moorbank, North View Rd Bradford** in defence of Ian Smith 's UDI. It was not an isolation of the country more a desire to be friendly to its neighbouring countries. London overreacted by involving the UN in its sanction policy. As of this time the present government can only sit and wait to see the outcome.

[2] **E E Hailey, Church St Sutton Courtney, Berkshire** the patience of a rebel PM should be rewarded.

[3] **E Jorden, Ramsy Avenue Bishopthorpe York** Tories, and by implication party leader Mrs Thatcher, attacked over voting for renewal of sanctions at a time when settlement seems close.

[4] **M Todd Thorganby York** notes the actions of a former Conservative Party leader, Edward Heath, has lessened the changes for a Conservative government after the next election. The question is asked, by this writer, is Heath still a Conservative at heart?. **Yorkshire Post**

### **Sat 18**

Headline -***Briton in Zambian jail over jacket*** – bought in Sheffield, South Yorkshire and worn by J Warby, a chemist by trade, who has been in Lusaka jail since 20/10. According to the police his sports club jacket, being green in colour, resembles combat clothing. Therefore he must be impersonating a foreign soldier.

The arrest came at a time of heightened tension between the white and black communities in the capital. Employed in a copper mine the father of a six year old boy who left the country with his mum in 8/'79, was detained after a scuffle in the street where he was badly beaten. Detained in Chingola prison and described as living in medieval conditions; with only bread and water for food, he will face trial on 27/11. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 ?** -

Headline - ***Zambians fire on Rhodesian post*** – at Chirundu which is about 200 miles north west of the countries capital. The military notice indicated the sustained, and unprovoked attack, 250 mortars rounds and small arms fire crossed the border north to south.

As to deaths over the whole theatre of war; military headquarters indicate that 55 people have died in the last forty eight hours. This number includes four military personnel close to the Chirundu border post. Other deaths; 34 guerillas, seven black civilians, killed by insurgents with a further 8 others killed in crossfire.

To date 222 members of the Rhodesian military have died 2, 134 guerilla deaths 2, 812 black civilians killed by black nationalist fighters. Cross fire incidents have seen 1, 010 of the majority population die. From 1972 11, 500 have died fighting here.

In an effort to end the growing upsurge in faction fighting, attacks on people of different political beliefs, the interim government has brought in measures it hopes will end such attacks. To this aim the wearing of a T shirt with a party logo or the name of a party leader will be banned. As will the owning of a membership card.

This is not such measures have been imposed. In the 1960's there was an outbreak of violence when clashes occurred between supporters of the Reverend Sithole 's ZANU and Nkomo 's ZAPU were common. - GDN -

**Cartoon** Harold Wilson mounts a defence against alleged oil sanctions cover up knowing that evidence is protected for 30 years. - ditto -

## Sun 19

Headline – *Rhodesia on the Rack : the Blacks* – one man 's journey through a land locked in a 'frozen war.'

### The Death Toll since UDI; Nov 11 1965

Guerillas killed inside Rhodesia	5, 931
" in external raids in Zambia/ Mozambique at least	5, 000
Government troops killed in action	6, 034
" off duty	112
White civilians	301
Black "	2, 501
" classed as guerilla recruits collaborators or crossfire victims	1, 479
Total	at least 16 238

– Sunday Times page 5 C 6 -

Headline – *Secrets of the Smith railway* – an eyewitness account, in 1966, which was told to the British government 's 'ambassador for all Africa' M Mc Donald when in the Zambian capital. The tale was told, once back in London, to H Wilson who had earlier declared that the rebel PM would be brought to heel within “weeks rather than months.” All the time oil trains from South Africa kept the rebel regime going for years.

It would seem that while all eyes were on the direct rail routes north; Mafeking, Botswana Bulawayo to Salisbury. Route two direct north across Beit Bridge then onwards north to the capital. The more indirect route saw tanker trains take a spur line to the South African town of Komati Poort to Moamba on the Indian Ocean coast into Mozambique and then cross the border into rebel Rhodesia town of Rutenga and on to Bulawayo. - G I Smith; Observer page 13 C 8? -

## Mon 20

Headline – *Terrorists 'firing on airliners'* – that approach Lusaka airport have been reported by the International Air Transport Association. Those seen firing the Sam 7 ground to air missiles are most likely to be black nationalists loyal to Joshua Nkomo. It is said that they have orders to target the

planes, including those that belong to the British Caledonian company, as soon as they come into range of the projectiles. Such an attack measure was first noted by eyewitness accounts from those aboard a civilian aircraft and later by the crew of a Zambian air force transport plane. **Yorkshire Post**

## **Tues 21**

Headline – ***Rhodesia all – party talks off*** – With swift consideration of recent events in the region, cross border raids by the Salisbury military along with the postponement of the internal governments 31/12 elections, both the British and American administrations have ended all their efforts convene an all party conference that would lead to a settlement in the region.

The announcement was made by the state department in Washington. The spokesman expressed both governments belief that at this time it was better to let the dust settle before any new initiative is forthcoming. - **Yorkshire Post** -

## **Wed 22**

Headline – ***British deny split over Smith talks*** – as the prime minister acknowledged the fact of the British/US initiative was on hold however the conscription of eligible black males would continue as planned.

Speaking as to why the two governments had chosen this time to take a step back from any negotiations he said it was because of “the intransigence of the Patriotic Front whose leaders had repeatedly refused to attend such a conference unless its purpose was to hand over effective power to them.” London's foreign secretary, D Owen, has also let it be known that he sees little prospect of any such conference in the near future. There has been no mention of any plans recently. **Yorkshire Post page 13 C 7 ?** -

## **Thurs 23**

Headline ***Guerilla leaders 'out of town' for Dr Owen 's secret envoy*** – the foreign secretary's political advisor David Stephen; a former director of the Runnymede Trust and a friend of Robert and Sally Mugabe, rather than his 'African expert' John Graham.

With the intention of Maputo expecting to have discussions with the Zanu leader he found the Mugabe 's' visiting eastern Europe. In Lusaka, expecting to have talks with Joshua Nkomo, he was told the guerilla leader was in Moscow. However he did manage to meet members of the Zapu executive committee. - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

Headline – ***Ian Smith could come to Britain, says Dr Owen*** – when the time was right; if it would help to achieve a negotiated settlement. The Labour minister was speaking in parliament. He was supported by the oppositions spokesman on foreign affairs, F Pym, when he said that such a meeting would be helpful. A second Conservative MP N Winterton; Macclesfield, urged the foreign secretary himself to visit Salisbury to negotiate with all interested parties. In his reply the minister noted that the question was would all parties attend? Answering another question, from C B Fowler; Norfolk NW, he said that the Anglo American proposals offered the best approach to a settlement.

Headline – ***Oil inquiry fears*** – of MP 's that the government preference for a Privy Council inquiry into how oil reached Rhodesia despite sanctions rather than one that contained member appointed from the backbenches.

The plea was made by the Labour MP Robert Hughes and backed by the Conservative J Pardoe; N Cornwall who questioned Dr Owen and assured that there would be no cover up even though, in the opposition MP 's view there were “extremely complicated issues” to be considered. - GDN page 5 C 8 -

## Fri 24

Headline – *Briton jailed for storing arms* – including Russian manufactured rocket launchers and hand grenades, which were on show in the court room in Lusaka as I Sutherland; white farmer born in the country with British nationality aged 43, was jailed for five years.

His defence lawyer noted that the farmer kept the weapons as he “loves Zambia and could not bear to see outsiders use Zambia as a battlefield.” According to the prosecution the weapons had arrived on his farm; Mazabuks about 50 miles west of the capital in three loads, by troops disguised as long distance lorry drivers, from across the southern border, in articulated lorries carrying timber from Johannesburg. - *Yorkshire Post* page 1 ? -

Headline – *Callaghan envoy for Rhodesian peace shuttle* – as plans for Camp David style peace conference begins to take shape. To this end the chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party, Cledwyn Hughes, makes ready to conduct about a two week mission to ready all interested parties for this latest attempt to end the conflict. The interim government 's executive council welcomed the move.

With knowledge for the region, as a former minister of state at the Commonwealth Office, the MP for Anglesey, will be accompanied on his 14 day mission by president Carters personal representative to the American ambassador to Zambia. Meanwhile back in London the prime minister will piloting the legislation needed for the setting up of the Privy Council/ Royal Commission inquiry into the sanction breaching highlighted by the Bingham inquiry report.

The prime minister hopes, that the outcome of the Hughes trip, is that there is enough momentum for a push for peace that a peace conference can be called in early 1979 to end the conflict between those who have been at war for the past 5 years. - *Yorkshire Post* page 1 -

Leader Comment, **A fresh start** with a politician/ lawyer with knowledge of the region but with “non of the hang ups that some of his colleagues have .... has the patience, intelligence and integrity rather than recent African experience.”

The former minister of state may fail, as many of those involved may want him to, But as of now “a sense of realism has begun to dawn in many circles in Africa “ - the Front Line States and even within Rhodesia itself. A “new man with no awkward history might conceivably break the logjam.” For those who do not work with the man who, after all is only preparing the ground for future negotiations, will “bear a heavy responsibility” for whatever comes after this most recent attempt to solve the crisis.

To set the base lines for a peace conference Mr Hughes “will have earned the gratitude of millions of people in Britain, in Zimbabwe and in Africa ... failure will certainly not be his fault. The trouble is that those factions and leaders he will be trying to influence have lived for so long with their entrenched views and aims that they might have to do a lot of un learning before they can learn. YP

## Sat 25

Headline - *Rhodesia imposes martial law* – on another 26 districts of the country thus bringing 75% under the rule of the security forces. The announcement comes as the Salisbury authorities

note the loss of one member of the military as seven black nationalist fighters, four collaborators and two cattle rustlers and 3 black bystanders were killed recently. Details also divulged also noted that the guerillas injured 11 after they attacked a bus carrying blacks struck a land mine.

Ministers were not hopeful of a breakthrough with the imminent arrival of the Camp David style negotiators led by C Hughes MP. The interim governments minister of transport, W Irvine, noted that it was the Patriotic Front who would not shift their stance and were inflexible in their demands. The minister also believed that many of his colleagues, both black and white, were of the same opinion.

The streets of the capital were marched down by a large crowd of those opposed to the call up of ethnic blacks to fight in the security forces. Despite this peaceful protest all one hundred and fifty of the student demonstrators were arrested by police.

Headline – *Jailed Briton 'fortunate'* – was the opinion of the *Zambian Times* in its comment on the jailing of British national; Zambian born, Ian Sutherland, jailed for five years after being convicted of weapons hoarding. The newspaper noted the the 43 year old had been of another colour he would have been “most likely hanged the next day.” - *Yorkshire Post* page 1? -

Headline – *Nkomo rejects British plan* – although the co leader of the PF has agreed to speak with the Anglesey MP even as he agreed that the Anglo/ American plan for Rhodesia were a “non starters and dead.”

It has been noted, by the Rhodesian media, that the recent introduction of the latest clutch of martial law proclamations, that the government is moving towards a dictatorship. The media note the concerns of the church to this, the fourth, security helpful government clampdown. **GDN page 5 C 1**

## **Sun 26**

Headline - *The rising exodus* – detailed by the Central Statistical office and produced for its monthly digest indicate show that in 9/'78 1,776 whites emigrated and only 286 settled; a net loss of 1, 490 the highest monthly loss. In the period 1/'78 – 9/'78 11, 241 whites 'took the gap' and 3,719 arrived thus the country lost 7, 552. The CSO officials are of the opinion that by the end of 1978 emigration numbers will exceed the 1977 figure of 10, 900. - **Sunday Times page 8 C 4 -**

Headline – *Africans say Rhodesia mission impossible* – a view that will become more apparent as MP C Hughes, assisted by President Carters envoy; the US ambassador to Zambia S Low, spend seven days travelling to the capitals of the Front Line States and sounding out the opinions of heads of government and other interested parties.

Opinions; Nyerere of Tanzania non belief of the Rhodesian PM 's belief in a negotiated settlement. Any talks would be hijacked by the PF delegation. The Mozambique president Samora Machel; nothing to be gained from talking as of this time although Zanu leader, R Mugabe would attend, even as his co leader would not.

In an interview, for the Rhodesian publication *Commerce* magazine, Rhodesian PM notes that any all party talks are not imminent as Washington and London have given the PF leadership of veto to any such gathering. He would, however, attend such a meeting when it is held. - **Observer -**

Leader Comment, **Avoiding a new Suez** the Callaghan/ Hughes plan for settlement means “he is treating Rhodesia as one of the governments main priorities it deserves support .... whether Rhodesian rivals are willing to attend all party talks should be treated with scepticism.”



For the Callaghan/ Hughes mission to work is, at this time, as there is little hope of the seven interested parties agreeing to anything like a compromise that was the Camp David outcome on which these hoped for negotiations are based.

The only way forward, if civil war is to be avoided, is for London rule to be reintroduced in the country and “stop pretending that all party talks can succeed.” The question is how can this be achieved “difficult .. though no means impossible, providing Mr Callaghan gives to its achievement as high priority as he does other major domestic problems.” Otherwise the consequences will divide the country as it was during the months of the 1956 confrontation.

“Evidence is still lacking that Mr Callaghan is moving with sufficient vigour to avert this danger. But the Hughes mission might at least bring the Rhodesian crisis into its proper British domestic focus. - ditto page 12 C 1 -

**Cartoon** On goes the substitute referee, C Hughes, replacing D Owen as Rhodesia v Zimbabwe reaches a crisis. ditto page 13 -

## Tues 28

Headline – *Death list threat as whites quit Rhodesia* – according to the monthly CSO emigration figures, during 10/78, reaching a net in balance of 1, 582. Actual numbers; whites entering numbered 252 and leaving 1, 834.

Revealed has been the findings of the 'death list' taken from a Mugabe loyal guerilla during a Rhodesian military raid on the Mozambican capital on 13/11. The seek out and assassinate lists contains 55 people, one of which is of Indian extraction. As expected the four members of the executive council are high on the list. In addition are 9 black ministers on the lower ministerial council. They have all been deemed as traitors and given until 13/12 to resign. From that time they will become legitimate military targets for any of the PF forces.

Military action in the south west of the country; West Nicholson shows that 25 black nationalists, eight collaborators and 9 black civilian bystanders were killed by soldiers, who lost two of their own, as they clashed when white farmer died during an ambush. - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – *Firm accused of sanctions busting* – that is based in Huddersfield West Yorkshire. The company, Hopkinson Kirby, a manufacture of engineering products, appeared in court facing six charges; 6 of supplying soot blower spares on specified dates in 1971, 1972, and 1974. The sixth charge was based on evidence, from a date in 1968 when the company actively promoted the supply of these same soot blowers spares. Their crime; knowing or believing that they would be used in Southern Rhodesia.

Also facing the same charges was a former board member P K Walker aged 51 for promoting the supply of the blowers in 8/68 as was office manager E W Bibby of the Birmingham based engineering company Stewarts and Lloyd 's, South Africa Ltd. Both men face promoting the supply of the engineering parts named above. The case will be heard again on 10/1. - **YEP page 1 C 7** -

## Wed 29

Headline – *Smith challenge puts peace talks in doubt* – as the guerilla war enters the suburbs of the capital. Despite a machine gun attack no persons were injured on the white owned house owned by C Inglis aged 52; a lecturer in auto electrics at the Salisbury Polytechnic. The defence of the family

home, in Christon Bank, on 27/11, was aided by daughter Linda 15 and son Colin 15 who fired rifle and pistol and then machine gun. Retaliating the black nationalists managed to fire 2 rockets at the property which exploded in mid air.

Comments from the prime minister and one members of the executive council, the Reverend N Sithole, on the benefits of the hoped for Camp David style peace talks, can seen non. He also noted that even if they did happen there was no expectation, on his part, that they would be of any benefit. Even so the PM called for the talks to take place. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Thurs 30**

Headline – ***Rhodesia must accept peace plan says Nyerere*** – otherwise what is the point of the CD style talks asks the Tanzanian president who was speaking in Dar es Salaam to Cledwyn Hughes as he begins his southern African mission which will end in talks in Rhodesia. In the presidents view it is the PM who has to change his stance as the Patriotic Front accepts most of the points of the Anglo/ American plan conceived 14 months ago.

As to the assurances that Smith would attend any such talks 'without preconditions' was in reality a meeting with conditions set by himself and the other leaders of the interim government. The chairman of the Front Line States advised the Anglo/US team to embark on renewed shuttle diplomacy to determine the levels of agreement between the parties in conflict. Then call a negotiation/settlement conference.

Headline – ***Terrorists confirmed*** – of having military bases across the border in Mozambique. This has been confirmed after troops and nationalist guerillas clashed, with several blacks being captured by Rhodesian forces. Thus such an finding brings fears of more military raids across the countries border into Mozambique. An American Baptist cleric, the Reverend J Dearmore aged 58, was injured as he defended his heavily fortified home in the Zimbabwe Eastern Highlands. - **Yorkshire Post page 1** -

## **DECEMBER 1978**

### **Fri 1**

Headline – ***Rhodesian whites to get new lease of power*** – which in effects gives the white minority, only 4% of the expected electorate, increased powers until at least 1984. Thus the executive council have gifted 28% of the cabinet seats out of the hands of the majority following the 20/4 vote for a government of national unity.

With the apparent agreement of the black members of the executive council, Sithole and Musorewa were standing beside their prime minister, the effect on the PF who are in two minds as to whether to attend new negotiations. Both Mugabe and Nkomo were unhappy at the white representation put in place of the abandoned 21/12 elections. This new allocation, of a guaranteed 28% of cabinet seats for 5 years, is akin to 'twisting of the knife' in a still open wound.

Leader Comment, **Smith 's new plan** is seen as simply “to persuade the whites to stay on and the black minority and tribal factions to stop their quarrelling.” At the same time as assuming that envoy Hughes gets nowhere and the guerilla terrorism continues. However there is a chance that “the idea of a government of national unity will be seen by moderates in the Patriotic Front as an opportunity for them to join the internal settlement.”

Whether a GNU, with so many whites in the cabinet is a country ruled by the majority of the

population is open to question. What is hoped is "if there is to be a peaceful transition in Rhodesia, and stability in the years immediately following elections, the structure of government there is going to be unique in Africa." - **Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – ***Carver quits Rhodesia 's peace fiasco*** – after ten months as the British resident commissioner designate who was supposed to represent London s interests during the hand over of power to the black majority. The announcement would have been made earlier except that the Field Marshall was persuaded to time his resignation announcement until the latest political mission, of C Hughes MP et al, had embedded itself on the African continent.

An official explanation; changed circumstances in so much that the British residents powers have been limited to internal security, defence and external affairs. Under the Anglo/ US agreement he would have had overall control of the country until the newly elected administration took over. In the mind of him himself the rot set in after the downing of the Air Rhodesia plane in the vicinity the Victoria Falls. The attacks, by the Rhodesian military, on the Nkomo military/ refugee bases in Zambia was the 'final nail in the coffin' for the need of his services. - **Daily Mail** -

### **Sat 2**

Headline – ***Bishop 's advisor quits*** – as he, Doctor A Palley one who has been alongside Bishop Musorewa as constitutional advisor since the Geneva talks of 1976, now is of the opinion that this present coalition would not bring the hoped for peace. It is said that in an effort to have the new election date accepted by the executive committee the prime minister floated the notion that if no agreement was reached Rhodesian soldiers might see fit not to continue the fight against their guerilla foes. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### **Sun 3**

Headline – ***Nkomo says talk must be on the battlefield*** – in summing up his view after a one and a half hours of talks with Cledwyn Hughes MP and the US 's Lusaka ambassador, S Lowe, at their talks in the Zambian capital. In London these words, by the Zapu leader, were not giving much relevance to this pronouncement given that others, of a similar nature, have had no real meaning. The duo now travel to Pretoria then other capital of the Front Line States where, in Mozambique a meeting with Robert Mugabe will be held. - **Sunday Telegraph** -

Leader Comment, **Step Backwards** In trying to hang on to entrenched rights for whites for a further five years, during which the political and military balance threatens to swing overwhelmingly against him, Mr Smith seems to deserting reality. - **ditto page 18** -

Headline – ***Smith 's whites cling to power*** – even as the number of seats in parliament, post 20/4, would see the United African Council could win 60% of the black vote or 43 seats, from the 72 available for the African National Council led by the Reverend Sithole and those won by Chief Chirau. This leaves fifty seven seats for the white minority population.

In the end the 57 seats, of which the whites are assured of 28 seats, could seed the two black run political entities combine with the whites as, at this time Sithole and Chirau , are willing to tag along with Smith to keep their semblance of power in tact. - **Observer page 8 C 1** -

Headline – ***Where a black man is killed every hour*** – a map of the region showing the distribution of the various military forces who show loyalty to the majority ethnic groups. "The whites haven 't lost yet, but they can 't hope to win. The guerilla 's haven 't yet won, but they can loose. - **ditto page 15 C 1** -

Headline – *Danger for Dame Molly* – and the rest of the Gibbs family as the wife of the last governor of Rhodesia; Sir Humphrey live life out on their farm close to the Botswana border. Their three children have been sent to England for their schooling. Not only have the couple, aged 66 and 76 respectively, to confront being possible targets for guerilla actions the London government has impounded the family funds sent back to Britain for safe keeping. Not only that the authorities are charging the family £100 a month to keep the silver safe.

A bright note; one son returns to Rhodesia in seven days time to act as best man at the wedding of one of his brothers to a local woman Susan Flemming. - **Diary; Sunday Express page 2 C 6 ?** -

#### **Mon 4**

Headline – *Rhodesia peace mission goes on despite Nkomo* – says MP C Hughes who leads the peace mission that has now reached Pretoria where the US/UK duo will have talks with the leading lights of the South African administration.

Commenting on the Zapu leaders recent comment on the relevance of this initiative 'being out of date' the Welsh MP said that nowhere in his statement was it mentions that his efforts should end. As to the talks, in Lusaka with president Kaunda, he said that they were helpful.

Prime minister Smith, speaking on television, pleaded with the dwindling white population to stay and help build the finest state in Africa. This came at a time when the Salisbury government figures revealed that 1, 834 whites had left in 11/'78. - **Yorkshire Post** -

#### **Tues 5**

Headline – *Young may meet British envoy on Africa mission* – as president Carter 's United Nations ambassador A Young traverses the African continent en route to the annual conference of the African – American Institute meeting in the Sudanese capital Khartoum. The American diplomat will link up with R Moose assistant secretary for Africa in the state department after meetings in Nigeria and Guinea. The Washington based diplomat had earlier been to many of the FLS to sound out those who had most influence on those that would overthrow the white Rhodesian regime.

Headline – *Hopeful Hughes to see Smith* – arrive in the Rhodesian capital following talks with Pik Botha the foreign minister of South Africa. There were no details of the talks between the interim executive council members. Earlier Sithole and Muzorewa et al had welcomed the side lining of the efforts of foreign secretary Owen and the UN 's US ambassador, A Young, as they both were supporters of the ideas of the Patriotic Front leadership. - **Daily Telegraph** -

#### **Thurs 7**

Headline - - *Zambian ordeal for stamp collector 'spy'* – Scots born geologist I Petifer who spent twelve days in jail after a police raid on his home in the north of the country. Lusaka special branch officers detained , and tortured the copper mine employee, after finding Rhodesian stamps during their searching.

It took the persuasive powers of his father in law 's lawyers appealed to the local police chief to have his son in law released. He is now back in Irvine, Scotland.

Headline – *Secret of the Z troops* – being trained at military bases in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire have been released by CP MP Winston Churchill. At the same time it is known by the British army trainers that their Zambian pupils will use their newly gained knowledge of operating surface to air

missiles against their Rhodesian counterparts.

The training, of the Zambian 25 and 5 technicians, is being provided at the base in Kirton Lindsey Lincs by six officers, two NCO 's from the Royal Artillery 16th [Air Defence] squadron. Additional training is being provided at Catterick in N Yorkshire Garrison by the RAF Regiment. **Daily Express**

### **Sun 10**

Headline - ***Rhodesia Is it goodbye to all that?*** - the writer reports from Salisbury on a country questioning itself over its future. - P Taylor; **Sunday Telegraph page 10 C 1** -

Headline – ***Options open for Rhodesia peace talks*** – as the prime minister, J Callaghan, waits for the report of C Hughes MP upon his return from his recent mission. Some news; that all the main players are willing to attend a conference is tainted by the opposition of Joshua Nkomo who deem the talks unworkable.

Never the less the PM is minded, on advice of his envoy, to call his all party talks for late in 1/79 even if they become 'proximity' talks with Callaghan shuffling between each separate delegation to find common ground before full peace talks and the 4/79 multi racial elections already agreed by the interim government.

Further insight into feelings of black Africa leaders will be gleaned by C Hughes as he returns from Africa. There will be stop off in Luanda to take the views of the Angolan president Neto. A second stop in Lagos Nigeria will also be made. - ditto page 49 -

Headline – ***On patrol in a war torn country*** – experiences, and sights as the writer joins a military convoy out of the Rhodesian city of Umtali and along the countries border with Mozambique. First noted is a black family squatting outside their burned out home on the side of the road. Then the crosses on the road where land mines have been located beneath the road surface.

The bridge over the River Mpudzi, 18 miles from the convoys start point has been destroyed by black nationalist forces. Moving into the Cashel Valley the forces can only locate two white farmers still farming the land Twelve months ago there were 105 families working the land. Government projects; an irrigation scheme for the black farmers in the region lies in ruins. The town of Melsetter has seen white farmer numbers drop from 35 to four. All told 28 homesteads have been destroyed by fire.

At journeys end, the town of Chipinga, 110 miles from Umtali, the area shows little commercial activity with the signs of destruction all around as property suffered from the closeness of guerilla activity; burned out buildings and abandoned farms.

Around the town itself, has suffered little from the guerilla campaign. What is noted is the 'armed camp' mentality fostered by the many Rhodesian military members, private security guards for the numbers of tea and coffee plantations in the district. Add to this the numbers of soldiers of fortune/mercenaries that gather in the local bars and the town, in reality, is just an armed camp.

The region now is under martial law and the 75, 000 blacks living in the area have been forced to move into 'protected villages.' Thus they are denied basic rights and are supposed to be kept away from the nationalist forces who rely upon them for assistance in their ongoing fight. Life may be hard inside but most of the majority population seem to prefer this way of life. Evidence has shown, after the removal of restrictions in two such, in 5/78, that many returned after a short time because of the intimidation from guerillas. There was also protection, from any cross fire, when the two

sides made contact.

Many whites are determined to stay in the region. However there is a cost, lost lives, to be taken into account. In the local primary school 34 of 168 children have lost either a mother or father in the war. The rewards; in the 102 white farms in the area earn the country \$Rhodesian20m /£16m annually in foreign exchange. - **P Ellman; Observer** -

## **Tues 12**

Headline – *The Bishop 's private army* – seems to be fighting for the political system favoured by the British government rather than the Marxist principals of Robert Mugabe 's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army. Thus London should support Joshua Nkomo as head of a the first multi racial government in Salisbury.

Such thoughts were espoused to the media by a lone visiting Labour member of the British parliament Alex Lyons. Having just returned from Mozambique, the location of the said guerilla leader and his base of operation there was evidence of a clash of thoughts between himself and C Hughes MP and the London government.

While much of the attention has concentrated on the recent, very public, atrocities carried out by the Nkomo guerilla force; forcing the crash of a Air Zimbabwe aircraft near the border with Zambia, it is the actions of the Mozambique guerillas and the political ideals of the leadership that should be more of a worry to London. Indications are that Mugabe forces cause the deaths of more Rhodesian residents, both black and white. Also the Marxist policies of Robert Mugabe and his Soviet backers are more of a threat to Britain and the west.

A visit to a farm, in the Enkeldoorn, forty miles south of Salisbury to sound out residents of a country torn apart by civil war. Attacks by guerillas devastate the country not only are farmers killed also cattle are targeted; freed to be infected with diseases such as foot and mouth after security fences have been cut open. Also cattle dips, another measure to prevent animal disease spreading, have been destroyed by the guerillas – all in an effort to force the farmer family away from the land.

Further out from the town, nicknamed the Wigan of Rhodesia, there is an encounter with one of the private armies loyal to one of the three black members of the executive council. Twelve miles distant about 100 auxiliaries loyal to Bishop Musorewa, to provide him security when he spoke to a gathering of 37 bus loads of Salisbury supporters as they were brought to a location 10 miles of the main road into the middle of the bush. - **R West; Yorkshire Post** -

## **Wed 13**

Headline – *Fuel dump blaze our work, say guerillas* – who show their loyalty to Joshua Nkomo 's Zimbabwe African Peoples Union. The fire, which started on 11/12, at an oil storage depot in Salisbury. Fifteen hours later the burning fuel, part of the sanctions busting oil provided by BP, Shell, Caltex and the Mobil Oil companies was still sending flames 200 feet into the air.

According to the capital fire chief, V Lowerie, the pumps were running out of foam to smother the flames and more supplies were being flown in from South Africa. Eleven storage tanks were ablaze and the estimated cost of the lost fuel is put at £1.5m. The fire chief thought that the blaze would be extinguished, at the latest, by 16/12.

Sources indicated that the cause of the fire was the explosion caused as a rocket propelled grenade

was fired into one of the tanks. It was well noted that the Zambian based guerillas were well known for their use in recent times. Such a loss of fuel will be no hardship to Rhodesian drivers as already established is a system of fuel rationing throughout the country. On average a family is allowed only 20 gallons per month. The price per gallon is one pound. - **Yorkshire Post page** -

### **Thurs 14**

Headline – *Death of a suburb* – Yeovil; Umtali the countries third largest city. Somerset Road has seen 22 of its homes vacated by white residents in recent times. The owners come back to Britain or move south to South Africa or away from the continent altogether. Many end up in in Australia, New Zealand, South America or Australia.

Suburban homes can be rented for £40 a month or bought for as little as £3, 000. The once hectic city, as a rail head for onward travel to the Mozambiquan city of Beira and the Indian Ocean, once employed 1, 600 of a city population of 10, 000 whites has now fallen by half. - **Daily Mail page 23** -

Headline – *The quality of terror* – an examination of the terror campaign and its effectiveness as compared to other historic events; the taking of the majority's land in 1880 's expansion north out of recently white settled South Africa and the fight for freedom in Kenya. - **R West; Yorkshire Post** -

### **Fri 15**

Headline – *Marxist Mugabe builds his dreams on £17, 000 'refuge'* – in a suburb of the countries capital Salisbury. According to his niece the bungalow is being built close to the Mugabe family home where he lived before leaving the country.

It has also become known that there will be a public inquiry into the 'guilty men' who were behind the planning and execution of the operation to supply sanctioned oil to the rebel regime. Expect an announcement before parliament rises in recess. The big question is whether the cabinet papers, usually kept secret for 30 years, relating to the relevant period will be released.

A breach of American laws, preventing the export of military hard wear to the rebel Smith regime is to be investigated. The state department in Washington has knowledge of 11 Bell Helicopters being used by the Rhodesian military in their fight against black nationalist guerillas. A spokesman noted that “they are there but we don 't have any information at present to suggest their origin. - **Daily Mail page 4 C 1** -

Headline – *The only hope for Rhodesia* – as espoused by the US senator G McGovern, who himself had just completed a six nation tour of Africa, was for all the concerned parties to come together at a round table peace conference.

As a member of the Senate foreign relations committee he has a deep interest in the outcome. This, a similar idea, to the British initiative, was told to the foreign secretary, David Owen, when the two met at Heathrow Airport.

Giving more details; any future elections should be overseen by the United Nations or under the supervision of an unbiased third party country. “This is a very difficult situation in Rhodesia, the military activity is increasing, politically it is declining and civilian life is deteriorating. I cannot see any immediate solution.” - **Yorkshire Post** -

## Sat 16

Headline – *Callaghan in trouble with new oil inquiry* – which will not be an in public examination of the facts. Rather it will be a special commission and comprise of four members of parliament with the same number of peers from the House of Lords. Controlling the sessions will be a Lord of Appeal. The commission would sit in private but publish its findings without any of the evidence being divulged. As to the evidence being scrutinised that would be down to the commission chairman and the treasury solicitor.

This make up of the commission, evidence disclosed did not sit well with CP MP and former prime minister Edward Heath. With this construction, of the investigation, deemed by him as the worst of all possible conclusions, there would be nothing binding commission members to secrecy or leaking evidence to the media The back bench MP is undecided whether to allow the cabinet papers, amassed during his time as PM, to be used. His decision will be made before 22/1; the day that parliament will debate the special commission issue.

In the view of the CP leader, Margaret Thatcher, the early revealing of the cabinet papers were an issue to be considered at length. There were issues about any findings of the commission not damaging UK interests abroad or the process of government. A decision the Party's support will be made after deeper study of the implications. - **Yorkshire Post page 1 C 1** -

Headline – *Nkomo in kidnap panic* – detailed by the Zapu leaders aid Naisson Khezwana. The 'most wanted man in Rhodesia' was booked on a British Caledonian Boeing 707 flight out of London 's Gatwick Airport on 13/12 bound for Lusaka. It is alleged that the planes pilot would claim that bad weather south of the Zambian border would force the plane to land at Salisbury Airport. Once on the ground the military would enter the plane and seize the co leader of the Patriotic Front. In the end the renegade politician refused to travel.

In their defence the company indicated that Nkomo knew of the landing possibility at the time. This was denied by his aide. The travelling party, of six, then left the plane and after a 24 hour delay they flew into Lusaka airport on a scheduled Air Zambia plane. - **Daily Express page 1** -

Leader Comment, **What sort of inquiry?** Deemed the “worst of all possible worlds” by the CP MP Heath. Prime minister Callaghan indicates that there will be no “Watergate cover up.” However one element of the American investigation that is missing is that “the Congressional Inquiry ..... was held in open session with press and TV cameras there.”

Even a prime minister “who was not born yesterday” knows ..... better to have a full public inquiry or no inquiry at all. We hope Mr Callaghan will think again.” - **ditto page 8 C 1** -

## Sun 17

Headline – *Rhodesia 2 the fight to the finish* – how black and whites are treading the lonely road to Christmas. - **Sunday Telegraph page 10 C 1** -

## Mon 18

Headline – *Rhodesia cannot win* says *Smith* – against the might of the Patriotic Front. This admission, from the countries prime minister, was broadcast on the ITV television's Weekend World. There was also a hint that small demands of the guerilla forces might be acceptable at this stage of the long running dispute.

Stating for the first time that he was disappointed as the internal government seems unable to



persuade the black majority population's support for the PF to be curbed. There were hints of government positions for both Mugabe and Nkomo. The PM was assured of one thing any negotiations would have to take place out of the public eye as tactics should not be discussed in public. - **Yorkshire Post page 1?** -

## **Tues 19**

Headline – *It 's war, says Kaunda* – the recently re elected Zambian president opens the countries National Assembly. With his secured fourth term as head of state he confirmed his military support for the Patriotic Front forces in their battle a military victory across the countries southern border.

At the same time there also was support for the black liberation movements who were fighting to overthrow the white colonial powers who had in times past exploited the indigenous population; Swapo in Namibia where in recent times Pretoria has held elections, forbidden by the United Nations, in which the white dominated DTA received a majority as Swapo called on his supporters to boycott the vote. - **Yorkshire Post page 1?** -

Leader Comment, **Kaunda 's choice** for the future of Rhodesia is at odds with his own countries future as he perceived Western stance “let him call call them in. If he wants to hand control over every initiative to the Soviet imperialists and their Soviet proxies, let him get on and do it ..... to become Soviet satellite and an impoverished Soviet confrontation state in Moscow 's war against Rhodesia, Namibia and even the Republic of South Africa, who can say him nay?” - **ditto** -

## **Thurs 21**

Headline – *With the 4, 000 on the yellow trail* – a journey into self exile for the dwindling ethnic white minority who 'take the gap' road trip south the apartheid south Africa. - **R West; Yorkshire Post** -

Headline – *The 'gospel at gunpoint' squad* - from the American based Church of Christian Liberty, made up of four 'missionaries' ; ex Green Beret who saw service in Vietnam, nurse, preacher and a hotel owner. They have arrived, with their bibles and also with military rifles, eight miles from the Mozambique border near the town of Untali.

Working alongside them will be preachers from the Rhodesian Emmanuel Committee which as a community has not been unaffected in the civil war in the area. Back in the US the CCL organised the lobbying that saw the entry of prime minister Smith into America recently. **Daily Mail page 4 C 1**

## **Sat 23**

Headline – *Troops saved in 'Entebbe' swoop* – after their detention in a Zambian jail. The 31 members of the military were rescued by after the prison buildings were attacked by recently purchased Huey helicopters. It was thought that this was the first time that the Salisbury forces had made use of aircraft.

In the minds of the international community the military 's next move was an error. Hunter jet fighters then attacked a training camp of the Zambian military in the countries central province. This was the first known incident of a direct attack on the Zambian army by the Rhodesian forces.

South African police, from the Witwatersrand area, covering Pretoria and Johannesburg, have raised concerns that a number of blacks have left the area and are believed to have travelled north to join the black nationalist forces fighting the present regime. - **Daily Mail page 2** -

Headline – *Carter turns down Britain 's plan for Rhodesia airlift* – as in the eyes of the American president such a move would be seen as an admission that the Anglo/ US initiative had failed and that bloody civil war was now inevitable. It would also give the impression that the ability of the remaining whites were unable to manage the countries economy. Also for Washington to agree to the proposals of an airlift, of its approximately 2,000 nationals residing in the country, it would be seen by the rest of continents leaders that America was loosing interest in the future of Africa. GDN ?

### Wed 27

Headline – *51 die over Christmas* – in the three day period 24 – 26/12. Details; two white security force members, a farmer aged 55, 15 black civilians, 27 members of the guerilla forces and 6 guerilla collaborators and recruits. - **Yorkshire Post** -

### Thurs 28

Headline *Rhodesian MP quits Smith regime* – over his support for the Anglo / US peace initiative which does not find favour with the the prime minister. In support of his stance the former joint internal affairs minister, Rolo Hayman, will seek to continue representing his present constituency when a bye election is called. The disgruntled MP has represented his constituents since 1970. **Yorkshire Post**

### Fri 29

Headline – *Private armies in battle for power* – as the election date of 20/4 looms the supporters of of Sithole and Muzorewa are beginning to flex their muscles and seen the support of the black community.

In a report from the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace details abound where these private armies jockey for power throughout the country. The report notes incidents where loyalty to one or other of these private armies is forced from people through violence and intimidation. - **Daily Mail** -

Headline – *More whites flee fear of black rule* – government figures show that during 11/'7 2, 057 whites left the country while only 223 entered. Thus overall the country lost 1, 834 whites. **Yorkshire Post**

### Sun 31

Headline – *Welcome to Britain except for your son* – was the reception received by G and J Matthews, the parents of Ross as all three arrived at Heathrow Airport after leaving war torn Rhodesia. As British born the parents were entitled to return however their son, born during their five years aboard; their son actually 2 months ago was the holder of a Rhodesian passport and there fore not entitled to enter the country. As a temporary measure Matthew was issued with a three months visitors visa.

Black nationalist fighters have attacked and killed a four member family on a farm outside the town of Gwelo. The victims, the Hutchinson family; Denis 32, wife Diana 28 and children Barry 5 and Vaughan aged two and the yet to be born still in the mothers womb were having tea when the attack took place. - **Sunday Express** page 1? -

Headline - *Owen gives in on Gibbs' silver* – and returns the ornamental plate, belonging to the former British governor who sent it back to his son resident in Britain only for it to be seized by Customs and impounded 14 months ago. The return was achieved with the help of the Conservative

MP 's R Maudling and the shadow foreign secretary F Pym. The silver, valued at £4, 000, was seized as it exceeded the rule that goods valued at no more than £50 could be imported from Rhodesia. - **Diary ditto** -

Headline – *Forgotten by their kith and kin* – a review of the current situation in the war torn country from one who has made a recent visit to assess the, then, mood of the small white group. Here the writer considers the changes in their circumstances. - **P Taylor; Sunday Telegraph** -

Headline – *Smith could loose the white referendum* – now that members of his Rhodesian Front are keen to force bye elections, R Hayman MP, to challenge the PM's ideas about the way forward. Other names, with the same challenging ideas are H Squires, co justice minister and K Musset co minister of land. Minister Squires is said to be concerned about the links that have been forged by the black 'private armies' and members of the black nationalist forces.

Headline – *Nkomo on arms trip* – to replace the military equipment lost during the recent raids both the Rhodesian Air Force and the countries armed forces as Salisbury 's forces crossed into Zambia. The Zapu leader is set to travel to Eastern European capitals in the near future. - **The Observer** -