

## JANUARY 1991

### Sat 12

Headline – *Mugabe Stands Firm on Plan to Buy White Farmland* – At a crisis meeting of the Commercial Farmers Union 4, 000 members, led by president A Birl, fail to change the mind of Witness Magwende the minister for Land Agriculture and Resettlement of the governments plan to purchase white owned farmland at a price they will determine. The government rejected a Commercial Farmers Union for both sides to abide by a Court of Arbitration ruling on the compensation payment. - A Meldrum GDN page 8 C 6 -

### Wed 16

Headline – *Judges Warning* – Zimbabwe 's Chief Justice has warned the government that the courts may rule 'invalid' a constitutional amendment endorsing hanging and corporal punishment. - GDN page 11 C 2 -

## MARCH 1991

### Sat 3

Picture, near Marondrea which the government hope to purchase for the resettlement of black farmers on this white owned farm. GDN page 4 C 10 -

Headline – *Zanu Charts Course* – Zimbabwe 's President Robert Mugabe yesterday asked his Zanu's Party 160 member Central Committee to come up with its own “unique version of socialism” taking into account changes in Eastern Europe and what he described as “the weight of capitalism” in the former British colony. - AP -

## APRIL 1991

### Tues 9

Headline – *Modern Methods Rescue Africa 's Ancient Walls* – The ancient walls of Greater Zimbabwe, one of the countries greatest tourist attractions, , are receiving attention from two civil engineers J Dickinson and P Walker of Loughborough University.

Their favourite theory as to the great height of the walls, 30 feet, rather than being temples is that the ground was cleared of flints and piled tidily away then piled them higher to impress the neighbours. Mave Kennedy GDN page 5 C 1 -

### Thurs 25

Special report, [1] – *A Rough Ride on Road to Market* – Economic liberalisation equals repression of trade unions and students. - C S Stone -

[2] Headline – *Pragmatic Mugabe Steers Middle Path* – the nations guiding spirit PM president. - A Meldrum -

[3] Headline – *World Bank Strategy Carries Risk of Bloody Nose for Economy* – the Harare government is setting its sights on joining the club of newly industrialised nations like S Korea and Taiwan. But this carries serious dangers. - C Stone, Economics lecturer Southern African Studies York University -

[4] Headline *Peacemaker and Power Broker in the Region* – the chief aim of Zimbabwe 's foreign policy has been the trend towards stability; especially in Mozambique. - A Meldrum -

[5] Headline – *Land Ownership is Again a Burning Issue* – the governments plan to resettle black farmers on half the land currently owned by white farmers. - A Meldrum, GDN pages 10 to 13 -

## JULY 1991

### Sun 14

Headline – *Spectre of Rationing Haunts Mugabe* – Because of the state controlled prices the staple crop of the masses, Maize, production is being shunned by the large producers; the whites, in favour of more remunerative cash crops – fruit, vegetables tobacco or horticultural produce – for sale in Europe.

From being a net exporter of maize to other African countries; 444, 000 tonnes last year the government now fears having to import the 180, 000 minimum needed. This could force the Mugabe government to impose rationing which would create divisions within the community. This may lead the country down the road as in many other African countries. J Raath OBS page 16 C 8 -

## AUGUST 1991

### Thurs 1

Headline *Aids Rapist* – A Zimbabwe man infected with the Aids virus who raped a girl aged ten was sentenced to 11 years in prison in a land mark High Court judgement. - AP -

### Mon 5

Headline *Bush Crash Kills 87* – At least 80 children and seven teachers were killed when there overcrowded bus overturned on a winding road officials said yesterday. The driver, who died, was asked several times by passengers to slow down before the accident.

The children, from St Killian School in eastern Rusape were returning from a sports outing. It was the third large scale fatal bus accident in the last two weeks. The government, which controls almost all Zimbabwe 's 20 year old buses, has little money for spares. - Agencies -

## OCTOBER 1991

### Fri 11

Headline *Royal Trip Sweeps Town Of Its Feet* – The British monarch, Queen Elizabeth the Second has arrived in Harare after a visit to Namibia to open the Biennial Commonwealth Summit. The usual clearing up and decorating the capitals streets has taken place; sweeping the

streets and the planting of flowers. Unusually the city council disregarded a court ruling that would not allow them to evict residents of Mbane township, which was last visited by the Queen; as Princess Elizabeth in 1947. The 2, 000 residents are being resettled 40 miles outside the city.

The council, giving its reasons, why such an exodus had to take place, noted that “the Queen would be seriously embarrassed.” Such an excuse was rubbished, by Declan Gould activist ;”a travesty of the governments claim to respect Human Rights.” One Mbane resident noted that “She is welcome we are not embarrassed.” - GDN page 1 C 1 -

### **Sat 19**

Headline - *Harare Police Fight to Control Campus Riot* – As the Commonwealth leaders were discussing Human Rights the University of Zimbabwe 's University campus was blockaded by students who were protesting against recent legislation which will take away academic freedoms by putting the University in direct control of the government through the power of the vice chancellor. GDN page 11 C 1 -

## **NOVEMBER 1991**

### **Wed 6**

Programme notes, Sankha and Magenta travel from Harare via Bulawayo to the Victoria Falls going on safari along the way, meeting young musicians, and discovering more about AIDS, rhinos, selling brides and witch doctors.

Featuring; Ripper Raymond/ Whynot Rap musicians. Clayton Ndluvo Yaoz band leader. Tich Matabonzo Radio DJ. Simon Shumba director /play write Mutaphowa Theatre. Shakie and Rise members of the Burundi Boys. Bikermazani Sculptor/ subsistence farmer. D Mawanku Art Gallery owner. Zuma Goshu subsistence farmer. Guy Mgee Tobacco farmer. M A Longa D Amakosa members Bulawayo Theatre Group. Alex Masako of the Highlanders FC Bulawayo; the wife Simone Masako. Sara Mpofo sales assistant and p/t model. Peter Mpofo the husband. Condius Ncube Nyanga. J Maricore Harwange N P game warden Guy Walks Somers Sherewater Rafting Club. Julia Edwards Environment 2000. Tbane Tsks Rafter Austan Malue Community Tourism Association. - *Rough Guide to the Worlds Journeys : Zimbabwe BBC2 18 50 to 19 40* -

### **Sun 11**

Headline – *Smiths Chemical Warfare Secrets Revealed* – Claims by Didymus Mutasa the Senior Political Affairs Minister, that while the Independence war was proceeding the Central Intelligence Organisation, with the help of South Africa, were using chemical and biological weapons in the normal course of events.

Filmed evidence, from former Zapu member Jeremy Brickhill, were showing use of orthophosphate's to impregnate clothing used by guerillas from 1974; nerve poisons – Thallium, Cholera, anthrax spores, in guerilla controlled areas. - OBS page 18 C 8 -

### **Thurs 14**

Headline - *Zimbabwean in Lead in UN Post* – Bernard Chidzero, Zimbabwe 's Finance Minister

and Britain 's preferred candidate, has taken a narrow lead in the race for the United Nation secretary generalship.

In the security councils latest informal, and supposedly secret poll, on 12/11 Mr Chidzero was voted for by 11 members. His rival, Boutros Ghali Egypt 's Deputy Prime Minister gained 10 votes. There were no members who did not vote. - **J Rossen New York GDN page 10 C 4** -

Programme notes, Zimbabwean writer and activist Jeremy Brickill hunted down the would be assassins who planted a bomb in his car in 1987 and uncovered a sordid world of government hired killers, secret destabilisation networks and British complicity in crimes we blamed others for. His personal story reveals a wider picture of war in South Africa.

Features Jerry Brickhill Bomb victim and author. Emerson Mnangangwa; Zimbabwe Minister of Justice. B D Borders M A Smith P Conjurra K J Woods pseudo assassins working for SA. G Borden ditto but living in SA. Voice of Ian Smith from 1965. H Ellet former Rhodesian Special Branch. General Peter Wallis former commander of Rhodesian armed forces. Sergio Verico advisor to President Machel of Mozambique. G Baret former commander Rhodesian Special Forces. Voice K Flowers Central Intelligence Office head. General J Ackland Commander British Forces in Rhodesia 1979 – 1980/ Diddymus Mutasa Senior Minister Political Affairs. Roland Hunter member of the Directorate of Special Tasks. - **Secret History : The Hidden Hand Channel 4 21 00 to 22 00** -