

## JANUARY 1990

### Thurs 18

Headline – *Harare Renews Tough SOE* – By a vote of 69 : 3 the draconian state of emergency has been renewed as the Minister of Home Affairs Mr Moveia Mahachi details the reasoning behind such a move. In recent times the activities of the MNR, rebels fighting the Mozambique government, have killed at least 60 people in military action in the Eastern Highlands region of Zimbabwe. Also there are allegations that unnamed opposition parties are involved in the training of young people in the art of terrorism.

Those opposed to the renewal are members of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace because of the documented abuses of the security forces. The move has also been condemned by Africa Watch and Amnesty International both of whom have been deemed "spokesmen of our destabilisers South Africa." - GDN page 9 C8 -

### Sun 21

Headline - *Relative Values* – Judith and Sir Garfield Todd; a brief biography by the daughter of a former Prime Minister of Rhodesia. Author of 20/ books living in Harare and working for the Zimbabwe Project which has the aim of resettling civil war refugees. Her father, now retired, lives 300 miles north of the capital on his Dadaya farming estate and allows 300 acres to be used for homes for members of his daughters Zimbabwe Project charity. - H Levin J; La Chard S Times Magazine page 11 -

## FEBRUARY 1990

### Wed 21

Headline - *Strange but True* – A row broke out in Washington over a decision to use \$27, 924 to send three researchers to Zimbabwe to find out how elephants communicate.. The government backed National Science Foundation says "the fact that the creatures make sounds too low for humans to hear may be of vital importance." Taxpayers think otherwise. - Diary; GDN page 19 C 5 -

### Tues 27

Headline – *Testing Time for Zimbabwe* - "I want everyone in Zimbabwe to play cricket. I want us to become a nation of gentlemen. Cricket civilised people." - President Mugabe -

There is only one one black person in the nations cricket squad; fast bowler Ethan Dube now playing in the England A team. Few racist attitudes from whites left 100, 000 [50% of pre 1980 's levels] black players. Multi racial coaching takes place at Prince Edward School, founded in 1893, under headmaster and Zimbabwe Cricket Union member C Bones, believing the only way forward for the sport is to take talented players out of their township schools for a period of six weeks at the under 13's level.

The budget of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union is £70, 000 for 60 projects at 30 of the nations high

schools. There is a shortage of top class equipment; one shelf for storage at the Fulton and Evens Club in Harare managed by Douglas Samatina. There are also fears players would find lucrative work/ play opportunities in non racial South Africa so says M Wild of the Harare Sports Club. But the vice president of the ZCU hopes that funding would come from South Africa.

Zimbabwe hopes for Test status having gained the support from four countries with Australia and England against. Those opposed indicate that standards are not high enough and the English Test and County Cricket Board fear the rise of another black cricketing nation. - **D Hopps Mutare, GDN page 15 C 6** -

## MARCH 1990

### Mon 5

Headline - ***Mugabe Enlists Mandela*** – Only 20, 000 supporters of Robert Mugabe attended a rally at the National Stadium; capacity 70, 000 in the capital Harare in the run up to the two days of voting, 28;29/3.

A message from the South African leader of the ANC read out to the Zanu PF supporters praised the party and its president as a 'model as to how black and white Zimbabweans can live together in harmony.' - GDN page 8 C 6 and K Maver Independent page 10 C 1 -

### Fri 9

Headline – ***Hostage 'Safe'*** – Guerillas of *the MNR movement* say that two hostages they are holding are safe and in good health Red Cross officials said yesterday. The Hostages are Zimbabwean businessmen Dudley Searle and academic Dudley Stevenson both of whom hold a British passport. - AP -

### Thurs 15

Headline – ***Aids Alert*** – At least six in every ten Zimbabwean soldiers tested have the Aids virus a medical specialist, Dr J Mafson, said in Harare yesterday. Between 30% - 50% of hospital patients also tested HIV + ve and up to 20% of the 9.2m *population* were believed to be *HIV* carriers. - AP -

### Sun 25

Headline – ***The Hidden Hand of Sally Mugabe*** – With an unassailable position of First lady of Zimbabwe after being elected head of the Zapu 's Women 's League after the 1985 general election has angered many of the party's delegates. The wife of the president is also accused of initiating violence in the townships. - K Maier Independent on Sunday page 18 C 6 -

### Tues 27

Headline ***Bloodstained Shirt Becomes Harare Battle Flag*** – The run up to the general election has been marred by outbreaks of violence between the supporters of the Zimbabwe Unity Movement and Zanu PF.

The political director of the newly formed party, J Nyambuya, was shot; it is alleged by president

Mugabe 's supporters, in the town of Gweru 175 miles south west of Harare along with the Movements organising secretary P Kombayi. The shooters, it is claimed were members of the Central Intelligence Organisation. It is also said that the state owned media is giving biased coverage of the campaign run by those opposed to the rule of the present administration.

All in all international observers, sent to monitor the general election process, have ruled that the 29/3 elections will 'not be free and fair.' - A Meldrum GDN page 8 C 4 -

### **Wed 28**

Headline - ***Election Marred by Zanu Tactics*** – Members of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace condemns the pre poll violence; especially around the Harare township of Mufakose. They also the shootings in Gweru of the two ZUM officials (qv 27/3) and the placing of a Zanu poll advert which has now been withdrawn. - A Meldrum GDN page 11 C 6 -

### **Thurs 29**

Headline – ***Killings Cloud Zimbabwe Vote*** – Depending on location the general election voters are allowed to cast their ballot paper in a peaceful or intimidatory atmosphere. Where one party is in strong control - the Zimbabwe Unity Movement 's P Kambayie in Mutare faces a challenge from S Muzenda, Zauu 's Vice President, in the Gweru constituency as constituency boundaries were changed in the government s favour.

Members of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace will accuse the government of ballot rigging if the Zimbabwe Unity Movement do not win 4 out of 5 seats in parliament and five of the ten Zimbabwe provinces. - A Meldrum Mutare GDN page 9 C 1 -

### **Fri 30**

Headline – ***Poll Extended After Low Turnout*** – A third day has been allowed for the casting of general election votes because of heavy rains and transport problems in rural areas announced M Thomas Chief of the Election Directorate. Such a move is expected to help the Zanu party.

During Day 2 there were no reports of serious incidents and the turn out of voters was light to medium saw the international observers.

A spokesman for the Election Directorate, in Harare, said 8 Zimbabwe Unity Movement candidates have voluntary withdrawn from the election process even before it began. There was no signs of intimidation; and only slight harassment. In all 14 Zanu PF candidates have been elected to parliament without having to face an election.

In the Sakubua township outside Mutare a factory worker voted for change as there was a housing problem in the township. - A meldrum Harare GDN page 11 C 6 -

### **Sat 31**

Headline – ***Tekere Bitter as Election Ends*** – The leader, and founder, of the Zimbabwe Unity Movement the recent election dose not qualify as a general election and predicts that the Zanu PF government will not last for 12 months; implying trouble, a return to to the bush? - GDN page 9 C 1 -

## APRIL 1990

### Mon 2

Headline ***Mugabe Wins Election but Apathy Rules*** – State of the parties, with the votes in one seat to be counted because of a delayed vote, in the 120 seat : Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front 116 : 2 Zimbabwe Unity Movement.

There was a 54% turnout of those forty eight million nationals eligible to vote. This compares to the 96% turnouts in both the 1980 and 1985 elections. In the vote for president; Robert Mugabe 78% : 16% Edgar Tekere.

In the view of the president the number of seats won shows that the people of Zimbabwe support the mandate, already stated, to change the style of government to a one party state within a six month time scale to avoid any opposition little time to mount a protest campaign. Traditional Zanu PF voters are losing faith with president Mugabe. - A Meldrum GDN page 9 C 1 -

### Wed 11

Headline – ***Mugabe 's Cabinet*** – will be made up of thirty four ministers and seven deputy ministers. Most of the ministers in previous cabinet will keep their positions although the organisations of the Transport and Health will face a shake up. Youth wings will be run by senior ministers and their deputies. The Zanu PF Women 's League ....

There will be three whites in the cabinet, one; Denis Norman, previously Minister of Agriculture 1980 – 85, will control the Transport portfolio as he has experience of conditions in the Beira Corridor and rail transport to the Indian Ocean through Mozambique. GDN page 9 C 2 -

### Thurs 12

Programme note, ***Killing Elephants for Fun*** for £14, 000 you can play Big Game Hunter and kill an elephant. The government then expects to make £75, 000 from this sport which they say will help to conserve the animals rather than extinguish them. Is this merely an excuse to raise money and sell ivory.

The programme reporter, G Adicott, interviews Jason Sambritzi; Traders Manufacturing Association, Will Travers Chairman of the charity Elephants Friends, Pat Movros a trader in Ivory, Raven Makin; Deputy Director Zimbabwe National Parks, Victoria Chitapo Zimbabwe Minister of National Resources, Dr R Revie of the Environmental Investigation Agency. - This Week ITV 20 30 – 21 00 -

### Sat 14

Programme notes, Discussion of the results of the recent Zimbabwe general election and the likelihood of a one party state being imposed . Those taking part, with reporter Jan Goard in the chair include president Mugabe, L Mhalaba constitutional expert, E Tekere ZUN leader, M Auret of the CCJP, A Mutamba President of the University of South Africa?, A Nyathi ex combatant, L Nyambyran MP Zanu PF. Extract Weekend World Channel 4 19 00 – 20 00 -

## Tues 17

Headline – *Mugabe Uses Celebrations To Press One Party State* – A decade of Independence push for one party state with a referendum announced at the celebrations or, within months, a parliamentary manoeuvre to end adherence to the Lancaster House Agreed constitution.

A new role model has been found in Hastings Banda of Malawi, the chief guest at the celebrations, at one time despised as a dictator. Host president Mugabe praised Malawi's Women's League in its coercion methods which will be easily taken up by the Zanu PF's Women's League and its Youth Brigade.

Opposition to this political change comes from the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace who urge Robert Mugabe to end political intimidation and the violence that is endemic in the townships. Also behind the protests of the Catholic Church are other religious bodies; the Anglican Council of Churches. - GDN page 8 C 1 -

## Wed 18

Programme notes, *Ebony: Zimbabwe House of Stone* The story of Zimbabwe begins with an ancient African empire ruled from the mysterious stone city of Greater Zimbabwe and this film traces its development from there to the colonial period between 1890 to 1980 and up to the present and the recent landslide victory of President Robert Mugabe. He and other contributors, including former Prime Minister Ian Smith, discuss the country 10 years after independence.

Featuring; C Mapundera Borrowable resident, Maud Green, descendent of an original settler family anon with niece Dauphe Small, Robert Mugabe, S Sakatura guerilla strategist, R Small son of a draft dodger architect, J Impi Tobacco grower, Film of J Nkomo, A Kumala ethnic Ndbele minority, I Smith former Rhodesian PM.

## Fri 20

Headline – *Zimbabwe's 10 Years of Independence* – a supplement looking at the countries development prospects. Contents – Decade closes on a Note of Irony A M, Vote for Status Quo; Dr J Mayo Department of Political Administration University of Zimbabwe, Economy Stands Poised to Enter World's Market Place A M Sports Persists as Symbol of Age Old Racist Divide A Neustatter Dreams of Education Become Daily Reality ditto Writers Continue to Reap 'Harvest of Thorns' in their pages C Hove : winner Moma Award 1989 and ex president Writers Union of Zimbabwe GDN pages 15 – 18

## JUNE 1990

### Fri 1

Headline – *Teachers Still Out* – Striking non graduate teachers ignored calls to return to work yesterday and pushed their protest for a pay rise into its second week. The non graduate teachers, who make up 96% of the countries 90, 000 teaching force want a 33% pay rise and better conditions. - Reuters -

### Thurs 7

Headline – *Teachers Dispersed* – Zimbabwe riot police fired tear gas to disperse about 2, 000 striking teachers in down town Harare. - *Reuters* -

### Thurs 21

Headline – *Teachers Sacked* – Zimbabwe said yesterday that it had dismissed more than 1, 000 teachers who went on strike for a week to demand higher wages. - *Reuters* -

### Mon 25

Programme notes, *Blue Peter : the Tour* presenters Yvette Fielding and J Noakes; featuring J Sissman resident of the Victoria Falls area, R Staunton second generation farmer, E Mpinga manager Cheremoia Reral Development Area. G Sutcliffe manager Enterpriise Farming [Dairy]. Oliver Lasingiga J Malonbo, St Peters Catholic School. D Metcalf manager Front Line Recording Studios. Oliver Tikubi member of 07 and the Black Spirits. - **BBC1 17 05 – 17 35** -

## JULY 1990

### Mon 9

Programme notes, *Blue Peter : the Tour* presenters Yvette Fielding and J Noakes; featuring Tina Zamasina pupil Chipates Senior School, Kzito Thatero pupil St Peter Clavers Senior School. G Wood manager Kairba Dam. Zimba Hava, Chief Mola ethnic Tonga displaced out of the Kariba valley. Peter Petlo environmental expert Lake Kariba. - **BBC1 17 05 – 17 35** -

### Sun 15

Headline *Scorpions Guard White Man 's Palace* – members of the minority white population plan to commemorate the 100 years since Cecil Rhodes lead his team north across the River Shashiber to found what was to become the British colony of Rhodesia.

Planned as a typical Rhodesian 'knees up' which would have taken place in the town of Tula on 13/9. However, due to the police operation at the commemoration of the founding of the British South African Police in 1989 (qv 13/11) it has been relocated to the town of Tshipisa which is just over the border in South Africa. - **OBS page 13 C 1** -

### Thurs 19

Headline – *Rhino Saved* – Zimbabwe anti poaching patrols killed 24 poachers in the first half of this year compared with the loss of only 14 rhinos the countries top wildlife official, Dr Willie Nduku, said yesterday. - *Reuters* -

The 25 year old state of emergency will be allowed to lapse at midnight on 25<sup>th</sup> of July in a surprise announcement by the Minister of Home Affairs Mr Moven Mahachi. The security measure was first introduced by the Rhodesian Prime Minister after the 1965 declaration of UDI and thence renewed every six months since by, the now, President Mugabe till the 1987 peace

deal with J Nkomo 's Zanu party. GDN page 9 C 5 -

### **Thurs 26**

Headline – ***Frees Detainees*** – The Zimbabwe government yesterday freed, and deported, a man it says was the countries last political detainee and an alleges South African spy and detained under the 25 year emergency powers due to be scrapped at midnight.

Reporters saw Leslie J Lesia [52] aboard a SAA Boeing 737 to Johannesburg three hours after his release from Harare 's Chikurubi Maximum Security Prison where he had been held without trial since 1987. - ***Reuters*** -

### **Fri 27**

Headline – ***Zimbabwe will let Market Forces Control the Economy*** – In his Budgets speech senior Finance Minister, Bernard Chidzero, announces opening the economy to market forces, cutting through bureaucratic red tape. The move has been timed as bank employees, from the Southern Commercial before pay day and Air Zimbabwe engineers also strike for higher pay as inflation reaches 20%. Unemployment stands at 30%.

Among the measures proposed include the privatisation of debt ridden state controlled Corporations, create Free Trade zones, and reduce the size of the Civil Service which now employs 180, 000.

Payments will have to be made for secondary school education; although the sector budget will rise by 25%. Donor aid will be sought; already agreed by the World Bank. There is also be a plan to redistribute 11m hectares of white owned farmland after purchase for peasant farmers. - ***A Meldrun page 9 C 1*** -

Headline – ***Beer and Troopies for the Lost Region*** – Remembering the formation of Rhodesia 100 years ago; West Lavington, Devises Wiltshire, sponsored by Rhodesian exiles from all over the globe. An organisation to help settle exiled whites in 50 countries with Ian Smith former Prime Minister and the politician who announced the Unilateral Declaration of Independence that ultimately brought about the end of white rule. - ***P Moorcroft GDN page 19 C 1*** -

## **AUGUST 1990**

### **Sat 18**

Headline – ***Mugabe Opposed on Plans for One Party State in Zimbabwe*** – At a 2/8 Pollit Bureau meeting of Zanu PF the members 21 : 5 against a one party state. The next option for president Mugabe is to call a meeting of the Party 's160 member central committee for a second attempt to bring in this policy. GDN page 4 C 1 -

## **SEPTEMBER 1990**

### **Tues 4**

Headline – ***World Wildlife Fund Pays for Helicopter*** – Leaked documents, from the WWF, show that a helicopter was provided and used in the hunting down and killing of poachers who

resister arrest, in order to protect the black rhino in the Zambezi Valley. Between 2/87 and 10/88 37 poachers were killed and 30 captured by the countries game wardens. **P Brown GDN page 1 C 7 -**

### **Fri 14**

Headline ***Whites Cling to Supremacy*** – On the one hundredth anniversary of the raising of the Union Jack in central Salisbury on 13/9, but whites failing to integrate and being there only to take assets out of the country and not put anything back are seen as the roots of the present ethnic minority group.

What is needed is a long campaign to encourage whites to move towards reconciliation are the views of R Austin white member of Zanu 's Central Committee a Professor of law at the University of Zimbabwe and the novelist Chenjerai Hove. - **A Meldrum GDN page 12 C 5 -**

### **Mon 24**

Headline – ***Mugabe Snubbed; Campaign to Ban Rival Parties*** – The central committee of Zanu PF rejects Robert Mugabe 's rush to a one party state as it decides against banning other political parties. Heavy backing for the Presidents plan by the Zimbabwe Woman 's League, headed by Mugabe 's wife Sally, is countered by committee members as being seen as an unpopular move and being more trouble than it is worth.

The foreign minister, N Shamuyarira, agreed to achieve the presidents objective by mobilising party supporters to spread the idea that this move would be beneficial for the people. There was also a promise that this would be achieved without coercion or threats. **GDN page 6 C 7 -**

## **OCTOBER 1990**

### **Wed 17**

Headline – ***Aids Grim Total*** – 1 : 24 Zimbabweans, 400, 000 people will die of Aids in the next ten years the health ministry forecast yesterday. It was the fastest growing threat to our children the minister, Timothy Stamps, said. - **AP -**

### **Sat 20**

Headline – ***Rock of Ages Under an African Sky*** – The village, Tengenenge inhabited solely by sculptors, approximately 100 miles north east of Harare in the Great Dyke Hills near the Mozambique border has been run by a former tobacco farmer T Bloomfield for the last 20 years.

The artists in residence, working with the natural soap stone of the area, using tools more associated with the wood carving industry as the stone is so soft, have attracted to the area such famous sculptor artists as B Matemara 's : Possessed Women, J Ndanarika 's : Farmer Resting both of which are on loan to the Yorkshire Sculptor Park at this time. - **L R Banks Weekend GDN pages 12 to 14 -**

### **Sat 27**

Headline - ***Harare Unrest*** – Zimbabwe students hurled rocks at university buildings and set fire to the adjoining gardens in a second day of disturbances. - **AP -**



## NOVEMBER 1990

### Tues 6

Sir Humphrey Gibbs governor of Rhodesia when Ian Smith's minority government declared its independence from Britain, in 1965, has died in Harare aged 87. Sir Humphrey became governor of Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, in 1959 and at the request of the Prime Minister Harold Wilson refused to leave Government House after UDI on November 11<sup>th</sup> 1965. **YEP People** -

### Wed 7

Obituary – ***White Man with Burden*** – Rhodesian Army senior officers proposed, under Sir H Gibbs signature, to arrest Ian Smith (qv 6/11) ; a rebel against the Queen refused forcing those same officers to flee the territory four days later. For a further four years the governor held out; a virtual prisoner in Government House until the Republic was announced in 1969. Then flew back to Britain with his wife.

Upon gaining independence the diplomat returned to his Mabebeleland farm purchased in 1928 till the end of his life.

Eaton and Cambridge University educated with a family background in merchant banking and wool farming. Elected to the Rhodesian Assembly in 1951, married wife Molly P Nelson. Resident of Bulawayo: appointed governor and knighted in 1960. Farmed 6, 000 acres. No further political life after his returns to Harare in 1980. **P Keatley GDN page 37 C 1** -

### Fri 23

Headline – ***Harare Intelligence 'Infiltrated' by South Africa*** – The specialist magazine Southscan has links to SA secret services through the detained CIO officer C Woods; now on death row for a 1988 car bomb attack in Bulawayo, who have knowledge from inside the Mugabe office on the Zanu Zapu split. The information gained enabled the expulsion of a member of the African National Congress from his position inside Zapu. **V Brittain GDN page 10 C 7** -

## DECEMBER 1990

### Sat 8

Programme notes, - ***Weekend World; extract*** – An interview, by M Nicklosen, with Robert Mugabe points raised; foreign aid would it be refused if political strings were attached. Zimbabwe's politics are guided by Marxist Leninist principals but Mugabe is not a Marxist. - **Channel 4 19 00 to 20 00** -

### Sun 9

Headline – ***White Fury at Land Grab*** – With the passage of the Constitutional Amendment Bill by parliament the government will be able to seize any white farming land, fixed at its own price, which will not be allowed to be challenged in the courts thus bringing the spectre of food queues as seen in Mozambique. Fears are based on the efforts of those 50, 000 black farmers resettled on then white owned farms over the last 10 years. **J Roath OBS page 12 C 7** -

### Thurs 13

Headline – *Plan to Take Back Whites Land* – The Zapu PF dominated House of Assembly passed the Constitutional Assembly Bill (qv 9/12) giving the government rights to 6m hectares out of 12m hectares of whites owned land. Such a move has been criticised by the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace thus “Parliament should not judge what is fair.” Retired Supreme Court judge E Dambutshena criticised the Bill saying “a government set price was a regressive step against all accepted norms of modern society.”

At the same time he also criticised the flogging of a juvenile male and of the measure in the CAB to rule out the legal arguments on hanging which he deems unconstitutional. **A Meldrum GDN page 12 C 1 -**

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