

JANUARY 1992

Sat 21

Headline *Letter from Zimbabwe* – Trappings of socialism are still much in evidence and the people all address each other as 'comrade' but now harsh realities much in favour of western style management. Pressure on the Mugabe regime, principally from the International Monetary Fund, has seen the administration introduce the Economic Structural Adjustment Plan that, admittedly cause the nation some pain but give support to the private sector, cut the price of staple foods and see job losses in the civil service by as much as one third. These moves have been criticised by the Harare East MP, Margaret Dongop, where the unemployment rate is as high as 60%.

Other views sought; from Max Rosenfels aged 67 Zanu PF MP who was also in parliament during the time of UDI, who along with his sons fought in the ensuing civil war as a member of the Rhodesian Army. The family now have extensive land holdings in the Plumtree district 40 miles from the city of Bulawayo.

In the opinion of Afrikaner S Hundermarks who farms 30, 000 acres in Kadomah district of Mashonaland feels this new way forward as a model for majority rule; something that could work across the border in South Africa. - G Galaway MP GDN Weekend -

Tues 27

Headline - *Amai Leaves a Political Vacuum* – Sally Mugabe [58] died in 26/1 in Parienyatwa Hospital Harare following complications from kidney failure. The president wife had a career in her own right having founded the Child Survival Foundation as well as being a member of the central committee of Zanu.

Alienated from some of the nation for being born in Ghana she supported the one party state policy of her husband even though it was eventually dropped in order that Zimbabwe received funding from the IMF. There has been a call, from opposition MP the Reverend N Sithole for early elections; before their due date of 1995. - A Meldrum GDN page 9 C 6 -

FEBRUARY 1992

Sun 2

Headline – *Mugabe Funeral* – Thousands of people, including the Presidents of Botswana, Mozambique and Tanzania attended the funeral of Sally Mugabe wife of President Robert Mugabe. Mrs Mugabe was the first woman to be buried with full military honours at the National Heroes Acre. - *Reuters* -

Sat 15

Headline – *Food Crisis Threatens* – is the staple Maize harvest due in 4/93 which may see the country having to import 750, 000 tonnes. To help avert any threats of disruption from the countries 10 million people the government is to import 100, 000 tonnes from South Africa. GDN page 8 C 4

Sat 21

Headline – ***Southern African Drought Wipes Out Maize Crop*** – Because of the severe drought Zimbabwe will need to two million tonnes of Maize according to Cephas Msipa of the Grain Marketing Board speaking to farmers.

The depleted Zimbabwe maize crop would only provide 250, 000 for the countries food reserves, a shortfall from the normal one million, in addition to the one million kept by farmers to feed their cattle. - M Hall Lusaka GDN page 9 C 6 -

Tues 25

Programme notes, Why the government of Zimbabwe is upsetting the conservationists, and actually calling for an end to the ban on trade in African ivory.

Reporter, Peter Goodwin, featuring; D Dyat Hunter. R Mansel Kariber crocodile farm manager. A Mijukarie subsistence farmer. B Siyamakonga village chairman. B Child, R Martin employees of Zimbabwe National Parks Dept. C Stockill Hunting Farm Organiser. Y Maywer Safari organiser. W Makombi. R Leakey Director Kenyan Wildlife Service. C Moss Amboseli Elephant Programme. A Binks Downy Safari Company. S Johnson Elefriends charity. - Assignment; War of the Wilds BBC2 19 45 to 20 30 -

Fri 28

Headline – ***Take Over Plans*** – Zimbabwe 's government tabled a bill in Parliament yesterday which would seize more than half the land owned by white farmers and distribute it to black peasant settlers.

The 4, 500 white farmers fiercely oppose the bill, which would forbid them to challenge cases of unfavourable compensation in court. The agricultural minister, Witness Magwenda read the bill and immediately referred it to the Parliamentary Legal Committee, charged with checking that the laws do not violate the constitution. The farmers stand to loose 13.6 million acres of their 25 million acres of prime agricultural land. - Reuters -

MARCH 1992

Tues 3

Headline – ***Effects of Drought*** – more than 90, 000 cattle have starved to death in Zimbabwe 's worst drought this century the government said. - AP -

Fri 20

Headline - ***Zimbabwe Tension Over Land Seizure*** – Without any apparent opposition the Land Act was passed by parliament after 4 days discussion increasing the racial tension of the countries 4, 600 white farmers. The government will purchase 13. 5m [of 27m] acres and redistributing it to the estimated 7. 5m peasant farmers on 40m acres. Minister of Lands, Witness Magwenda remarked we are “only fulfilling a promise made frequently during the civil war.”

Drought conditions force Zimbabwe to import foodstuffs to the value of £250m. Beef shortages

will last 2 years as their staple, maize, is affected by the lack of water as will all animals who rely on this source said Phil Gilbert Green, chief executive of the Cattle Producers Association. GDN page 6 C 1

Fri 27

Headline – ***Drought Triggers Food Riot in Harare*** – Amid fears of disorder at a shopping centre paramilitaries were called out by centre managers to control crowds who had been queuing for two days for the limited supplies of corn meal and sugar. - AP -

Sun 29

Headline – ***Mugabe Horse Play as Food Runs Out*** – The first time outing of the presidents race horse, Makorokoto; Shona for Congratulations, running in the 1, 200 meter race at Borodale Park in Harare.

As the new President of the Front Line States he seems more interested in his overseas visitors, meeting and receiving delegations, after the death of his wife, Sally, than worrying about the acute plight of the food shortages affecting the countries eleven million people.

Milling industry sources note that amounts will be one fifth of normal by 5/92. The National Food Security Unit say there are 4.6m people without food. - J Raath Harare OBS page 15 C 1 -

APRIL 1992

Sun 19

Headline – ***What is left of the Harvest*** – government sources indicate that the amount of grain harvested from this years plantings will be 26 per cent of that harvested twelve months ago. OBS page 13 C 2

Headline – ***Zimbabwe faces a Winter of Discontent*** – Masvingo Province, home to ten million people, drought hits Harare; not sufficiently to cause concern. Bulawayo water supply only enough for a few more weeks.

Rural children in Masvingo province are hard hit by malnutrition according to nutritionist Reina Buys. With a population of 275, 000 of under five year old' s in 1991 25, 000 of the children were under the agreed minimum health and weight of a 5 year old elsewhere. In response the health minister T Stamp announced a long overdue extra \$Z4m /£5m of supplementary feeding aid for the province.

In Chikuza Primary School, 100 miles south of the capital, with 1500 to 2, 000 children within the schools catchment area only 775 pupils have enrolled for the current school year. In 1987 the figure was as high as 900. According to the school 's acting head master E Chnware pupils are missing out on their education because of the effects of the drought and lack of money for the payment of fees.

The number of cattle who are farmed in the province, pre drought times, was 750, 000 and since 10/9 this number has fallen by 35, 000; which is thought to be an under estimate.

Imports of maize; 100, 000 tonnes from South Africa along with 544, 000 from the USA. The labour minister, Joshua Nkomo says that 2.4 million people are receiving drought aid this number is expected to double by 6/92. - **J Roberts Independent on Sunday page 12 C 7** -

APRIL 1992

Sun 26

Programme notes, a documentary on the renaissance of African Art. Today in Zimbabwe there are hundreds of gifted sculptors and many of them come from the Stone tribe. The two most prominent figures in this movement are F McEwen and J Margia. McEwan began his career in Paris in the mid 1920's and hung out with Picasso, Baraue, Giacometti and J Miro.

All were deeply aware of the influence of Africa on Western art. McEwan himself went to Africa in the 1950 's. Joram Maiga came from the Eastern Highlands of Rhodesia and worked as a road grader, finding the material for his work beneath his feet. Zimbabwe offers a range of stones unrivalled elsewhere in Africa; white and black serpentine, purple and blue lapidolite springstone and verdite and leopardite.

Reporter, J Bowe. F McEwen artist/sculptor. R Cuthrice Director Shona Museum. J Margia Roads Maintenance Unit/ sculptor. T Mukarowbra, N Nkumbnana sculptors. C Descarus , S Mctu sculptress. L and brother J Takwayria sculptors. T Bloomfield tobacco farmer turned sculptor. B Takaweria, T Gutsa sculptors. - **Celebration 'Talking Stones' ITV 22 35 to 23 35** -

MAY 1992

Thurs 14

Headline – ***Aids Total*** – A total of 1, 963 new full blown Aids cases were reported in Zimbabwe during the first four months of this year bringing the total since 1987 to 12, 514 the Herald newspaper said today. - **Reuters** -

JUNE 1992

Thurs 16

Headline – ***Zimbabwe Starves as the Land Turns to Dust*** – The area south of Bulawayo is a brown landscape according to Peter Dube, one of the seven former guerillas who worked a farm as a cooperative, only four remain as the others have left for South Africa. A dam, built three years ago has never had any water in it. The Gwanda fields are empty of crops and the cattle are dying. Water from the Garanyemba Dam is only a trickle. “We are only one step away from Ethiopia” says Cannon Madida of the Christian Care Agency.

The once 'bread basket of Africa' is in this state as a result of foreign aid donors forcing the country to sell its reserves of food. **P Madden Harare GDN page 10 C 1** -

JULY 1992

Mon 6

Headline – ***Drought Hit Game Park to Kill Wildlife*** – In an effort to stem the hunger of the people of Zimbabwe the Parks Department are prepared to kill 2,600 elephants and 5,000 Impala; distributing the food from the Gonarezhou National Park at no charge. Also there will be a large scale relocation of animals – rhino, hippo and others. **J Pierlez; New York Times Chipanda Pools GDN page 11 C 1 -**

Thurs 9

Headline – ***Drought Crisis*** – Zimbabwe's Bushmen, descendants of Stone Age hunters and farmers, have made a rare plea for food aid in the worst drought this century which has killed off their traditional sources of nourishment including roots and grubs. - AP -

Zimbabwe became the ninth member of the International Cricket Committee with immediate effect and therefore gaining Test status. England's Test and County Cricket Board believe a wrong decision has been made as they do not believe that the sport of cricket has not got enough popular support to sustain the standards expected of a Test playing nation. - M Selvey GDN page 19 C 5 -

Sun 12

Headline – ***Farms Targeted*** - The government has chosen the first 13 farms to be given to landless families under a redistribution plan. The Transfers are part of an attempt to speed up the land reforms promised by the Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe. - AP -

Sat 18

Headline – ***Kidnap Charges Dropped*** – Three CIO officers escaped kidnap charges after being held in connection with the disappearance of government computer operative R Guzha missing since 30/5/90. The missing employee was the girlfriend of the CIO Deputy Director E Shirihuru.

Zimbabwe Rights, a human rights organisation, director N Ndbele says “We are terrified ... unsafe for ordinary citizens.” The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace seek a presidential inquiry. GDN page 13 C 1 -

Sun 19

Headline – ***Thousands of Elephants to be Taken to Water*** – The movements of elephants from Gonarezhou National Park, 125 miles west of the capital has begun. The aim is to prevent the Park becoming a desert area due to the effects of the drought. At the same time 100 more will be culled and given as meat to villagers on the Parks borders with Mozambique.

The displaced elephants are to be located on a private game ranch in the Save valley. Such a movement will bring much needed new employment to the region. The cost, about £100 per animal, will be met by the American government. - Polly Ghazi OBS page 17 page 3 -

Fri 24

Headline - ***Opposition Unites*** – With the aim of removing the present government, democratically, the Zanu Ndango Party led by the Reverend Ndabaningi Sitholie; the United African National Party, the Zimbabwe Unity Movement led by E Tekere (qv) and the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe under Ian Smith have joined together in a coalition to end what they see as the corruption, nepotism, fraudulent and incompetent Zanu PF. - GDN page 7 C 4 -

Sun 26

Headline – ***Where You Might Find a Hippo in the Lounge*** – Wealthy sugar planter and ranch owners of Triangle, in the south east of the country, have formed 'Save Our Wildlife Heritage' which takes in orphaned animals and those suffering from the effects of the drought. Des Bentley looks after 41 hippo's @ £11. 85/day. Jan Styles on 700 acres; 97 Sable and 52 Water buck, 5 Zebra and 14 other animals.

Headline – ***Mystery of Dead Lover*** – referring to the 18/7 dropping of the charges against the 3 CIO officers a plea to parliament could see the investigation reopened. The new officer in charge, Chief Inspector C Churume works out of Bulawayo. - J Raath OBS page 16 -

Fri 31

The cost to the USA 's Fish and Wildlife Service of moving elephants in danger (qv 19/7) from the effects of the drought is put at \$200, 000 in moving 40 young elephants. - GDN page 9 C 2 -

AUGUST 1992

Sat 1

Headline - ***Poachers Killed*** – Three *Zambian* poachers were killed in a clash in the Hwange National Park in western Zimbabwe, with paramilitary rangers, who had been de horning rhino 's to protect the endangered animals and destroying their trade value. - AP -

Mon 17

Special report, - [1] *Prudence Protected* post independence gains may be undone by the current drought although the country is confident of recovery with the help of the west. - L Elliot -

[2] ***Growing Stresses*** – are seen as threatening to undermine societies faith in itself and the countries leaders . - M Walsh -

[3] ***Victoria Falls*** helps to bridge the trade chasm; a tourist must and there for a provider of much needed foreign currency.

[4] - ***Yo Yo Prices*** – fail to distract the world 's attention away from the wealth of the diamonds and precious metals found beneath the surface. - D Atkinson, GDN pages 10 to 11 -

Mon 24

Headline - *Evacuation Fears* – A million people may have to be relocated from Zimbabwe 's drought stricken second city, Bulawayo, which is expected to run out of water next month an official said. - *Reuters* -

Headline – *The Only Man in the Right Step* – Ian Smith the last Prime Minister of Rhodesia sees the troubles in his country – before independence; British lies post 1980 – as a communist plot. Current moves to oust the government with the aid of the Zimbabwe Unity Movement (qv 24/7) beg the question is it my time for a comeback even at the age of 73. - **R Boston, Profile, GDN page 17** -

SEPTEMBER 1992

Wed 2

Headline – *Funding Bill Backed* – Zimbabwe 's parliament yesterday approved a bill granting government funding to parties with at least 15 seats in parliament – in effect only the ruling Zanu PF. - *Reuters* -

Headline – *A Country Dying of Thirst* – The last rain in Harare was eight months ago. Lake Kariba is at its lowest level since it was commissioned in 1959. The residents of Bulawayo are limited to 360 litres/ day which is down from 600 – 700 per day of recent times. The city of Mutare 's residents have to get by on 100 litres/ day.

The countries wholly owned stretch of water, Lake Kyle; Lake Kariba is shared by Zambia. is 350m by 60m - was built in 1960 to hold 1, 400 cubic metres. It is reasonable to assume that Bulawayo, the countries economic power house, could go the same way as Great Zimbabwe, dried up and overworked. - **R Boston GDN page 17** -

Tues 15

Headline - *Harare Food Plea* – Zimbabwe yesterday appealed for more food aid to avert mass starvation. The vice president Simon Muzenda said the country needed 750, 000 of food aid in the next eight months on to of the 1. 25m tonnes already imported for victims of the worst drought this country *has ever seen*. - *Reuters* -

Tues 22

Programme notes, Julian Petifer reports on the drought afflicting southern Africa, worst in living memory and the efforts being made to avert disaster – for the people, the environment and the wildlife.

Featuring T Barnes Rancher Lower Veld. C Cotzee of the National Capture Programme. G Hulme of the Ruwara Ranch. C Lightfoot. Triangle Sugar Estate. Pastor G Rodgers Serhale Feeding Centre. J F Makangesi. Headmaster Serhale School. P T Nyathi Community worker. Headmen Shamba Goraro Shari National Park. - **Nature Special; If the Rains Don 't Come BBC2 21 30 to 22. 30** -

OCTOBER 1992

Sat 17

Headline – *Muted Hurrah 's for Harare 's New Dawn* – On the eve of Zimbabwe 's return to Test Cricket with matches against India the people are terribly enthusiastic but in reality there is not a lot of hope; all the countries professional players have overseas commitments and countrywide there are only 600 adults play organised cricket.

The Zimbabwe Cricket Union trained 400 coaches for teaching school age children. Only 36 schools took part in the festival, a number that was more than before. - **M Engel GDN page 20 C 1** -

Tues 20

Headline – *Rain in Drought Region* – Heavy rain pounded one of Zimbabwe 's worst drought regions at the weekend, causing damage worth “millions of pounds,” official sad yesterday.

“I have never seen anything like it. The damage the is just too colossal” said Douglas Chipato, education officer for the South East Zakare district where 14 schools had roofs and equipment swept away. The rains were the first this year during the worst drought in living memory. **Reuters**

Tues 27

Programme notes, Emily Buchan reports on the crisis facing Zimbabwe, most developed of Africa 's new independent countries now suffering from the worst drought in 100 years. She talks to President Robert Mugabe about critics claims that his excessive socialist policies have ruined the economy – and to disenchanted jobless black workers who said that they were better off under Ian Smith 's white government.

Featuring L Kleinier International resident? The Bardand family. M Tsvangaria secretary general ZTUC. Ian Smith former PM 1965 – 1980. J Barnet farmers wife. Unnamed citizen at a Job Center. Robert Mugabe President 1980 - . Squatter Camp residents. M Wellington Dr Harare Medical Department. Former prostitutes turned Aids teachers. R Style of the Buffalo Game Reserve. C Coetzer Wildlife Transportation Dept. J Dube Matebeleland Veterans Association. C Ncube Spirit medium. T G Nyjama resettled farmer. - **Assignment; Weathering the Storm BBC2 18 40 to 19 25** -

NOVEMBER 1992

Sun 8

Headline – *The Sad Tale of the Drop in the Elephant 's All Purpose Tool* – *Elephants* in the shore of Lake Kariba are gradually loosing the use of their trunks with the result that they cannot feed or drink which results in their eventual death.

The most likely cause, according to Dr N Koch, a a wildlife veterinary surgeon at the University of Zimbabwe is chemical poisoning – lead from the human polluted waters of the lake. These damage the nerve receptors rendering proboscis useless. - **J Raath OBS page 20 C 1** -

Fri 13

Pass Notes this date **1965** the duty of Britain and the international community after Ian Smiths Declaration of Independence – UDI. - G2 page 3-