

JANUARY 1995

Mon 2

Headline - *Military Convinced Wilson that Ian Smith Could not Be Beaten* – The release of cabinet papers, under the 30 year rule, shows that the Labour government under Harold Wilson, was led to believe that the UDI declared in Rhodesia by Ian Smith was supported by the British military.

This view is in direct conflict with Ken Flowers, who at the time, 1965, was a senior Commissioner of Police who was asked to set up a secret service organisation. All has been detailed in his memoir; *Serving Secretly : An Intelligence Chief on Record Rhodesia to Zimbabwe 1964 – 1981* published in 1987 by J Murry London. - GDN page 4 C 5 -

Fri 6

Headline – *Zimbabweans Protest at White Control of Business* – A much publicised demonstration, with a 1, 000 strong crowd, marched through the centre of Harare in protest at the continuing predominance in business ventures.

The march was led by a number of black advancement pressure groups linked to Mugabe 's Zanu PF party which it is felt will use the 'advancement' issue in the 5/'95 expected general election. A Meldrum GDN page 14 C 7 -

Mon 9

Headline – *Harare Doctor Awaits Verdict* – Doctor R Mgawan, indicted on five charges of culpable homicide, awaits the verdict from the high court. The Doctor, an anaesthetist , is accused of causing the death of five black patients after carrying out Nazi style experiments on them. If found innocent black students have threatened to perform amputations on whites in revenge. GDN page 9 C 1 -

Wed 11

Headline *Negligent Zimbabwe Anaesthetist Convicted* – Doctor R Mgwan (qv 9/1) was found guilty on two of the five counts of culpable homicide and is awaiting sentence.

Although the maximum sentence is life imprisonment, in a similar case a national facing a similar conviction was fined Z\$3, 000 /£230. - GDN page 13 C 6 -

Thurs 12

Headline – *Dr Death and a Call for Blood* – Dr Mgwan patients and the fear of whites and a black backlash. - G2 page 4 to 5 C 3 -

Fri 27

Headline – *Bail for Doctor* – Richard Mgwan (qv 11/1) the Zimbabwean doctor at the centre of a race row over deaths among his black patients was granted bail yesterday, pending his appeal

against his six months sentence with hard labour, his lawyer said. Mgwan, aged 56, will be released today, because the order was signed after office hours. **Reuters -**

MARCH 1995

Mon 6

Headline – ***Citizen Mengistu*** – Ethiopia 's former ruler M H Mariam, who has been blamed for thousands of deaths during his 15 year rule, has been granted Zimbabwean citizenship the Sunday Gazette reported. - **Reuters -**

Wed 13

Headline – ***Zanu PF Unopposed*** – Candidates from Robert Mugabe 's ruling Zanu PF party will be unopposed in 52 of Zimbabwe 's 120 constituencies in next month. - **GDN page 13 C 2 -**

Tues 21

Headline – ***Zimbabwe to Sell Elephants*** – National Park officials, in the Hwange and Zambezi Valley Game Reserves, want to remove 5, 000 elephants and 2, 100 other animals from within the park. Whether by sale, capture, culling or relocation to other game parks. Similar fates await 900 other animals from other Game Parks in the country. In 1994 elephants were sold for the sum of Z\$3, 000 / £225.

In the most recent survey, which critics say are seldom accurate, in 1/95, there was said to be a total of 31,000 wild animals located in the Hwange N P. - **GDN -**

Wed 29

Headline – ***Smith Claims Polls Will not be Free*** – The 76 year old former Rhodesian prime minister claims that the general election, to be held 8. 9/4 will not be free and fair because the ruling Zanu PF party has controlled and intimidated the press. Four opposition parties have called on their supporters to boycott the poll because of their fears. - **GDN page 12 C8? -**

APRIL 1995

Thurs 6

Headline – ***White Minister Shows the Lighter Side of Zimbabwe*** – Health minister Tim Stamp 's place in the cabinet – of only two whites – arrived in the then capital of Salisbury in 1968 as Deputy Medical Director of the city. Then takes a 'nominated' seat in parliament of 1990.

HIV infection rates; 5 to 7%, a fall of one fifth over the last 5 years. There are 30, 000 people with full blown Aids. The minister dismisses the indignation drive for the black majority to own restaurants and work for a 'lunatic fringe.' - **D Beresford GDN page 12 C 6 -**

Fri 7

Headline - *Mugabe 's Rivals Head Meekly for the Polls* – Standing as an Independent candidate Margaret Dongo [35] a former guerilla and Zanu PF MP who was expelled for being critical of the amount of that fellow members of parliament, but not Robert Mugabe, was involved in.

She is married to Gweru 's first black mayor; Patrick Kambi, who survived an attack by members of the Central Intelligence Organisation during the last general election campaign. Leader of the Forum Party which has 29 candidates this time round. He was also a former Zanu PF MP who left the party in 1989. A Bush War veteran and 'founding father' of the ruling party in Zambia.

President Mugabe has married Grace Marffu, his former private secretary and mother of his two children. His first wife, Sally died in 1992. - **D Beresford GDN page 14 C 5** -

Sat 8

Headline – *Harare Win may Signal Reforms* – Day one of the two day general election polling will almost certainly see Zanu PF win yet again as the partial boycott means that the sitting president 's party will retain 54 of the 120 seats constituencies and 30 nominated seats

Slowly the government is returning businesses to the private sector as demanded by the World Bank. In the case of the sell off of the Delta Corporation shares were not sold to 'empower' local black business but to the highest bidder; South African Breweries for Z\$1bn/ £730m. This apparently being fed to the international community is unsettling to opposition politicians who are calling for reforms. In reply the cabinet office and government will only consider after the election. - **GDN page 14 C 7** -

Headline – *This Weeks Winners and Looser 's* - “ Robert Mugabe scrapped home in Zimbabwe with his Zanu PF party taking 118 seats in the election. The opposition got 2 seats. Should be an exiting parliamentary session.” - **Scan G2 page 5** -

Tues 25

Programme notes, Fears shown for the countries cotton industry. Cloth and Clothes production as a foreign NGO 's bring in donated second hand clothing from the West and selling it in the markets of Zimbabwe 's cities and then using the monies raised to fund their own projects. extract **African Express Channel 4 20 00 – 20 30**

Wed 26

Special Report – [1] *Born Free but suffering adolescent Growing Pains* has it the ability to throw off the bad habits it has picked up since independence 15 years ago. - **A Meldrum** -

[2] *Triumphs of a Dubious Legitimacy* the elections looked for giving Zanu PF a huge majority. That is clearly something wrong with the body politic. - **D Beresford** -

[3] *Industry* is certainly on to the fact that economic reform can be a hard task master.

[4] *Quiet Revolution on the Stock Exchange* the Platinum Project – **Hartley** -

The serious recurrence of drought in the country crop growing areas, despite the fact that the

River Zambezi throws 120 million gallons per minuet of water over Victoria Falls. An impressive output draws out rich historical experience of coping. The country has a high literacy rate and enthusiastic Publishing Houses.

Foreign debt £3bn. Exports £1. 4bn. Imports £1. 4bn. £1 : 13. 5 Z\$. GDN page 17 to 20 -

MAY 1995

Sun 14

Headline – *Alleged Wedding and Three Arrests* – Police detained a publisher and two editors, from the Financial Gazette newspaper, that reported the second alleged marriage of Zimbabwe 's President Mugabe. Police apparently sought their sources of their reporting of Mr Mugabe 's alleged western style marriage to Grace Marufu over Easter. - IOS 'News Round Up page 2 C 7 -

Mon 15

Headline – *Mugabe Marriage Bring Arrests* – Following the arrests (qv 14/5) of E Rusike; chief executive of Modus Publishing, Trevor Ncube; editor, deputy editor Simba Makunike of the Financial Gazette their crimes have been detailed. They jointly accused of the crime of criminal defamation of Mr Justice P Garwe and the minister of Public Construction E Chikawore. GDN page 3 C 1 -

Tues 16

Headline – *Journalists Charged* – Three Zimbabwe Journalists arrested at the weekend, for reporting that President R Mugabe had secretly married (qv 16/5) were charged yesterday with criminal deception and released until their trial date on 15/6. GDN page 11 C 7 -

Thurs 25

Headline – *Fishing Protest* – A Zimbabwe government plan to redistribute licences to fish tiny fresh water sardines from the man made Lake Kariba has evoked cries of racism from white fishermen. They said the government wanted to drive white run fishing firms out of business and transfer licences to black owned firms. - AP -

JULY 1995

Thurs 27

Headline – *Zimbabwe 's Gays Censored* – The opening of an International Book Fair, by Robert Mugabe, in Harare has been put in jeopardy by the inclusion of a display by Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe [Gaiz]. A call for their exclusion has been made by the government.

The theme of the fair is Human Rights and will be attended by 450 publishers from thirty eight countries. GDN page 9 C 1 -

Headline – *Intelligence Source* – A Zimbabwe journalist charged with defaming a judge (qv 15/5), in alleging that president Robert Mugabe had married said yesterday that his source was the countries intelligence chief. Trevor Ncube, editor of the Financial Gazette told a Harare court

the reports emanated from Ellect Mashingaiozer, head of the Central Intelligence Organisation.
Reuters

Mon 31

Headline – *Gay Ban Contested at Book Fair* – Foreign publishers and authors will join with the members of the gay and lesbian scene to protest at their expulsion from the international book fair. Organisers said that the future of Harare as the venue is being considered as a move across the border, to South Africa, is possible. - A Meldrum GDN page 8 C 7 -

AUGUST 1995

Thurs 10

Headline – *Newsmen Convicted* – The claim, by two journalists (qv 27/7), that they were framed by the head of the Central Intelligence Organisation, has been dismissed by the magistrates and all three (qv 15/7) have been found guilty of criminal libel. The trial was adjourned for arguments in mitigation before sentence was passed. - D Beresford, Johannesburg, GDN page 10 C 5 -

Mon 14

Headline – *Mugabe Rails Against Gays Again to Distract Critics* – With its near majority win in the general election (qv) M Dongo, an Independent MP, successfully challenges in court against a Zanu PF win on grounds of vote rigging – hysteria against the Gaize movement (qv 27/7), increased costs of living and rural poverty and an attempt, via the Voluntary Organisations Act which will allow the government to veto any appointment to any non governmental agency. The issue of Human Rights is the the fore. - A Meldrum Harare GDN page 8 C 4 -

Sat 18

Headline – *Mugabe Steps Up Attack on Gays* –Speaking at the annual congress, held by female members of the ruling Zanu PF party the president condemned the seventy American Congressmen who have signed a letter of condemnation of his countries gay community.

In his speech to the Zanu PF rally he urges members to help police track down homosexuals in Zimbabwe. - GDN page 13 C 8 -

Sun 27

Headline - *Mugabe's ill Fitting Suit of Moral Outrage* – The attacks on the lesbian and homosexual community [Gaize] is a show that attempts to renew his government popularity at a time when Zanu PF is seen by the international community as having failed the mass of the Zimbabwean people. Since independence their 'lot' has not increased greatly, whereas the ruling 'elite' have seen advancement come their way. IOS page 12 C 1 -

SEPTEMBER 1995

Sat 30

Headline – *Soccer Diary: an extract* – According to the Harare Herald exports of live ostriches earned \$60m last year, an increase of \$10m despite the severe outbreak of Newcastle Disease in chickens.

Newcastle created a negative perception of the local poultry industry and several European countries were reluctant to accept local birds it reported. - **D Woodrow Colchester GDN page 20 C 8** -

OCTOBER 1995

Sat 14

Headline – *Don 't Cry for Me* – A Harare production of Evita has apparently snubbed a black singer from the lead role. In response agents for Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber have imposed a ban of further performances of his musicals in Zimbabwe.

Can 't say that the idea of emigrating to Zimbabwe ever crossed my mind but where else can you find a whole country that 's a guaranteed Lloyd Webber free zone. - **T Bussman Zeigest GDN Weekend page 2** -

Sun 15

Headline *Zimbabwean Politician Arrested* – The opposition leader Ndabanugi Sithole was arrested yesterday on a charge of a plot to assassinate President Robert Mugabe and overthrow the government, the state news agency Zian reported.

Political analysts said they believe his arrest could be part of the ruling Zanu PF 's efforts to destroy the remnants of a weak political opposition. - **The World IOS page 2 C 7** -

Tues 17

Headline – *Court Remands Sithole* – The Reverend N Sithole aged 75, the leader of the opposition Zanu Ndenga Party has been remanded in custody charged with plotting to murder President Mugabe and overthrow the government. He is due to appear in court on 30/10. Fighting the remand order his lawyers said that he would not abscond because of his medical condition; high blood pressure. - **C Mc Greal GDN page 12 C 1** -

NOVEMBER 1995

Tues 26

Headline – *Zimbabwe Poll Victory* – A Zimbabwean Independent MP, M Dongo, won a surprise victory over President Mugabe's ruling party in a weekend parliamentary bye election. M Dongo won in the Harare South constituency 3, 075 : 1,613 Zanu PF. - **A Meldrum GDN page 11 C 1** -

Sat 30 December - *Mugabe fights on* – Robert Mugabe will seek a new 6 year term as president

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