

South Africans Wondering If Gov't Can Be Neutral

By DENNIS LEE ROYLE, JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Many South Africans wonder how long their white supremacist government can remain neutral as Britain tightens the economic squeeze on Rhodesia.

The South African government insists its staying out of the British struggle with the white-minority government in Rhodesia. But South Africa has been quietly building its military muscle and observers say it may feel forced to help its northern neighbor in 1966.

Premier Hendrik Verwoerd vowed Friday to keep South Africa neutral in the British-Rhodesia clash.

In a New Year's message, Verwoerd said he will not let South Africa be pressured into joining the British economic boycott of Rhodesia.

The boycott, including an oil embargo, was slapped against Rhodesia in an effort to undermine the rebellious white minority government.

REMAINS NEUTRAL
Verwoerd denied press reports that his government made a secret deal with Britain to support measures against Rhodesia. He said he is keeping South Africa out of what he termed a "domestic confrontation between Britain and Rhodesia."

But at the same time, he made it clear South Africa opposes Britain's demands that the 4,000,000 black African majority in Rhodesia receive eventual political control. There are about 220,000 whites.

"It would be idle to hide... that most South Africans are convinced that it would be wise to white or black in Rhodesia to seek to hasten a black government," Verwoerd said.

Some observers wonder whether one day South Africa may not feel forced to lend a hand to the Rhodesian regime or even fight on its side. The same question arises over possible aid

CHURCHES
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Baptist Pastorate, Sunday, Jan. 9: Tryon Church School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Westmoreland: Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Rev. Edward G. Britten, pastor.

O'LEARY United Church Pastoral Charge, Rev. Elroy McKillop, B.A., B.D., minister. Laymen's Sunday, Jan. 9: Mr. O.R. Crowell, Halifax, guest speaker. Brae and West Devon at West Devon 9:45 a.m. Bloomfield and O'Leary at O'Leary 11:15 a.m.

TRYON Charge, the United Church, Sunday, Jan. 9: Sunday Schools: Cape Traverse 10 a.m. Crapaud 11 a.m. Tryon 2 p.m. Worship: Sacrament of Lord's Supper—Cape Traverse 11 a.m. Tryon 3 p.m. Crapaud 7:30 p.m. Minister, Rev. A.H. O'Brien.

NORTH TRYON and Bradbane Charge, the Presbyterian Church North Tryon: Worship Service will be conducted by Mr. D.R. Morrison, elder of the Summerside Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. Sunday School 12 noon. Rev. Raymond L. Gills, interim-moderator.

CHRISTIAN Church, Summerside. Minister, D.L. Howlett. Bible School 10 a.m. Worship and communion 11 a.m. (Service broadcast over C.F.R.W.) Evening Service 7:30 p.m. A combined service at the Presbyterian Church, concluding the "Week of Prayer" with Rev. A.W. Reynolds speaking.

ALBERTON Pastoral Charge, the United Church, Rev. David MacDonald, minister. Worship will be conducted by Rev. Arthur Murray in Cascumpec at 11 a.m. and in Alberton at 2:30 p.m. Alberton: Sunday School 11 a.m.

ALBERTON and West Point Presbyterian Services, Jan. 9: Rev. J.S. McBride, Catechist. Alberton: Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. West Point: Sunday School 2 p.m. Worship 3:00 p.m.

RICHMOND BAY Charge, the Presbyterian Church, WMS of Tyne Valley meet at the home of Mrs. James Livingstone, Thursday, Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. Free-land WMS meeting at the home of Mrs. Erving Smith, Thursday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting at the manse Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m. Worship, Jan. 9: Victoria West 11 a.m. Tyne Valley 3 p.m. Free-land 7:30 p.m. Charles E. Hoekstra, moderator.

PRINCETOWN—LOT 16 United Church Pastoral Charge. Morning Service, Princetown 11 a.m. Evening Service, Lot 16, 7:30 p.m. Minister, Rev. Frederick Lloyd.

BEDEQUE NORTH Pastoral Charge, the United Church, Minister, Rev. R.M. Shaw. Freetown: Worship 11 a.m. Traveler's Rest: Worship 2 p.m. North Bedeque: Church School 11 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m.

ANGLICAN Church, Parish of New London, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, St. Mark's, Kensington, 9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist, St. Mark's, Kensington, 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Thomas, French River, 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Stephen's, Burlington, Rev. E.J. Flander, rector.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST Church, Bedeque. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 12 noon. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study, Thursday 8 p.m. Rev. Donald Moses, pastor.

to the white-ruled Portuguese colonies of Angola and Mozambique.

BUILDS FORCES
Verwoerd's government has beefed up its military might over the last three years, building it into what is considered the

most powerful fighting force south of the Sahara.

The government has spent more than \$280,000,000 on the air force alone, buying French Mirage jet fighters, British Canberra bombers and American Hercules transports. Its army

can put 250,000 fighting men in the field.

Verwoerd said recently, "we are not fighters or war seekers," then added: "Whatever threats might be made against South Africa, and if the danger arises, we shall fight for the survival of the whites."

Observers say the "danger" that Verwoerd speaks of may arise across the Limpopo River in Rhodesia if the Smith regime starts to crumble.

Rhodesia, South Africa, Angola and Mozambique make up most of the area south of the

Congo. They constitute the last holdouts of white rule in Africa.

With Rhodesia gone, so the reasoning goes, South Africa might feel dangerously isolated and fear repercussions among her own 14,100,000 non-whites. The non-whites include an estimated 11,000,000 African Bantu tribesmen. In contrast, the whites number 3,300,000.

LOOK FOR LIFE
Experiments of raising cactus in an ammonia-methane atmosphere indicates there may be life on Jupiter.

Steinbergs Plan Chain In France

MONTREAL (CP)—A spokesman for Steinberg's Ltd. of Montreal said here the company has joined a group of French businessmen to build a supermarket chain in France to be named Super-Marche Montreal.

The first two stores, in suburban Paris, will open in 1967.

Steinberg's Ltd. will be the chief stockholder, putting up 40 per cent of the new firm's capital, the spokesman said.

The new association would allow the company to introduce to the French market Canadian products currently unknown in France, he added. Many French products also will be made available in Canada through Steinberg's Ltd.

BIRDS PLAN GETAWAY

Bobwhite quail sleep in a circle with the heads pointing outward so that all can fly away without colliding, if disturbed.

Charges Against Leader Dropped

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) Charges of failing to share the road and careless driving against Andrew Thompson, leader of the Ontario Liberal party were withdrawn here.

Mr. Thompson's lawyer, John McCahey of Peterborough, said the Crown withdrew the charges because Mr. Thompson decided not to appeal an earlier dangerous driving conviction.

On Dec. 1, Mr. Thompson was fined \$250 plus costs of \$67.10

arising from an Oct. 6 collision here which injured six persons. A charge of impaired driving was dismissed.

NAMED MINISTER

SALISBURY (AP)—An ardent advocate of Rhodesian independence from Britain has been named this country's foreign minister and defence minister. He is Lord Graham, a Scottish duke who originally came to Rhodesia to take up farming. Prime Minister Ian Smith had held the two portfolios since they were vacated by Clifford Du Pont.

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