

Famine Aid To Africa Seen Political Wind

By HAROLD MORRISON
LONDON (CP)—The so-called three-country emergency famine relief scheme for south-central Africa appears to have contained more political wind than on-the-ground preparation.

A week after Prime Minister Wilson made a sudden telephone plea for help to Prime Minister Pearson and Australian Prime Minister Menzies, the high commissioners here are still awaiting a Whitehall call that would bring them into a concerted planning conference.

A British official attributed the delay mainly to a slowness in getting accurate information of the extent of the famine area and the amount of grain and other food required. He suggested also there appears to be a lack of enthusiasm among the Canadian and Australian governments for the scheme, though a Canadian official denied this, saying Canada is prepared to do its full share once it knows what is wanted.

The lack of impetus, compared to the speed with which the British government reported the three-country agreement has caught the attention of the

British press, which has started to ask questions.

PROGRESS IS 'SLOW'
The Times reports progress is "surprisingly slow" and suggests the impression in Whitehall "is of retreat from the note of urgency that was struck in the first announcement."

The Guardian says it now is clear "that it will take rather longer than was at first hoped to get the operation off the ground."

The Spectator suggests the famine relief plan was Wilson's instant idea in preparation for the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in Lagos. Since Rhodesia was to be included in the relief plan, it would be one way of getting a dialogue started with that country through the governor, Sir Humphrey Gibbs.

Besides Rhodesia, other countries in need included Zambia, Basutoland, Swaziland, Bechuanaland and possibly Kenya.

APE LOSES GROUND
The rate Borneo orangutan is dying out, specimens being bootlegged to zoos for up to \$3,000 each.

MP Expresses Misgivings Over Associate State Idea

MONTREAL (CP)—The special status so often spoken of for Quebec should be clearly defined by Quebec politicians, Bryce Mackasey, Liberal MP for Montreal Verdun, said recently.

"Where does Quebec's special status end and separatism take over?" he asked in a speech to the Montreal Advertising and Sales Club.

Mr. Mackasey, fluently bilingual secretary to Labor Minister Nicholson, said he feared the concept of associate states, one English-speaking and one French-speaking, for Canada.

Quebec "has scrupulously respected the official bilingual character of Quebec as intended by the Fathers of Confederation. I submit that this blending of cultures is one of the predominant factors that makes Quebec so different."

"It has made it possible for residents of this province to enjoy the best of two worlds. . . . **TERMED RETRO GRADE**

Any move to make Quebec unilingual "would be a retrograde step" and would "undoubtedly destroy all the progress made in other provinces towards rectifying the injustices done to French-speaking minorities."

He mentioned the struggle of

French-speaking persons for education in provinces outside Quebec and an absence of true bilingualism in the armed forces and the RCMP. These must be rectified "and in some areas are being rectified fast," he said.

But two associate states would not solve these problems.

Those who cherish the concept of one nation must be concerned when Quebec talks of withdrawing from all federal welfare plans, the MP said. He also mentioned the way in which Eric Kierans, Quebec health minister and acting finance minister, interfered in the federal jurisdiction by writing a letter to the United States government about its monetary policy.

BALTIC

Thomas Stubbart, Belleville, Ontario was called home due to the death of his father Mr. Alfred Stubbart who had passed away in the P.E.I. Hospital on January 11th.

Ethan Garrett is now convalescing at his home in East Baltic following his recent car accident while returning home from a basketball game in Summerside on January 8th. Mr. Garrett was in the P.E.I. Hospital during the week-end. Joseph Mossey is now convalescing at his home in East Baltic following his recent surgery in the Charlottetown Hospital.

The annual meeting of the Baltic Hall was held on Monday night January 3rd, and a good attendance present.

Mr. Nelson Stewart was chairman and the secretary M.A. Robertson and secretary treasurer Russell Garrett were present. Several business matters were attended to and discussed. It was also decided that the exterior of the hall be painted this summer and other business matters left to the trustees to take care of. Meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by the ladies present.

Mrs. Garfield Stewart, East Baltic is a patient in the Souris Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scott, St. Peters Bay attended the funeral of Mr. Alfred Stubbart at the Bay Fortune United Church on January 14.

Misses Barbara Bruce, Elinor MacVane, Myrtle MacGregor,

Mildred Ching, first year students at Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, spent the week-end at their respective homes in Bothwell, East Baltic and Souris East.

The members of the U.B. W.M.U. held their meeting in the Church basement on Tuesday night.

John MacDonald, Rollo Bay is at time of writing a patient in the Souris Hospital. Mr. MacDonald is widely known in this area as he has been for many years a potato inspector. His host of friends do wish him a speedy recovery and back to his duties soon again.

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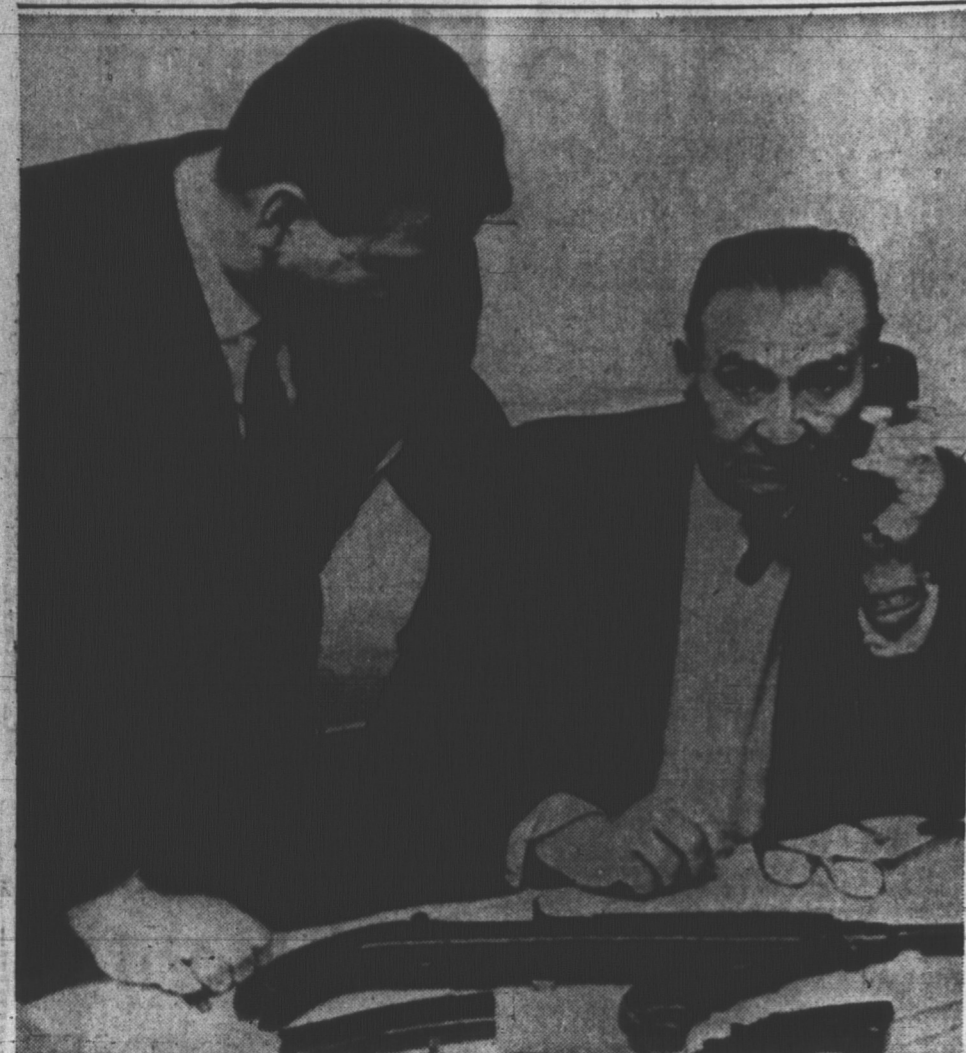
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the machine gun, revolver and shells found in a car used by fleeing bandits after a \$10,000 bank robbery.

Northern Organization Big Help In Economy

By RON MACDONALD
EDMONTON (CP)—The pulse of the North is stronger than ever, partly because of the efforts of the Alberta and Northwest Chamber of Mines, an organization that has had its finger on that pulse for 30 years.

G. H. Finland, manager of the chamber, said in an interview mining in the Northwest now turns out about \$300,000,000 worth of production a year.

The job of the chamber is to channel as much as possible of this wealth, produced by mines from northern Manitoba to the Yukon, through Edmonton.

"We try and keep Edmonton a real gateway to the North," Mr. Finland said. "Edmonton must look to the North for a lot of its business in the future."

The chamber, a private organization operated on a budget of about \$100,000 a year, promotes northern development and provides various services for its 500 member companies.

The companies range from Ace Machine Tool Co. Ltd. of Edmonton through Canada Tungsten Mining Corporation Limited of Vancouver and Imperial Oil Limited of Toronto.

CHAMBER HELPS
They get help from the chamber in directing their products to markets through a trade directory that lists the firms according to what they sell.

The trade directory is distributed to mining offices in the North and to member company head offices.

The biggest job for the chamber is providing manpower for northern operations, particularly mines, Mr. Finland said.

The chamber in 1965 placed about 2,300 men in jobs in the northwest. In 1964 the figure was 2,084 and in 1963 it was about 1,300.

"Canada is probably enjoying the highest employment level it's ever had," Mr. Finland said. "For several months last year we were even short of unskilled labor."

Out-of-town mining men checking in at the chamber's headquarters here find topographical, geological and air navigational maps and geological reports and, if they need it, a private office, telephone and stenographic service.

WINTER FOILS FLIGHT
WAYNESVILLE, N.C. (AP)—Arlin Barlett was walking along a street in 15-degree weather when he hailed a police cruiser. "Let me in, I'm freezing to death," said the 23-year-old escapee from a prison road gang.

WORKERS GET LET OFF
COLOGNE, Germany (AP)—Imam Tevfik Gerceker announced Turks working in Germany whose jobs demand physical exertion might postpone fasting during the month-long observance of Ramadan. The Imam is the highest Turkish authority on Islamic matters.

The chamber provides assistance in planning northern business trips. It publishes an annual directory of mining company personnel and an annual report that is "almost a report on the economy of the north," Mr. Finland said.

COURSE ESTABLISHED
"We've been instrumental in establishing a course in prospecting at the University of Alberta."

The chamber receives modest financial support from the city, provincial and federal governments. The bulk of the finances comes from the different companies, whose number generally holds steady at around 500.

Mr. Finland is responsible to a 46-man board of directors set from Edmonton and two from Calgary.

For 1965 the chamber president was H. E. Lake, vice-president for mining and exploration of Eldorado Mining and Refining Ltd. Vice-presidents were G. R. Heffernan, president of Peace River Mining and Smelting Ltd.; L. E. Wilson, vice-president and managing director of Futurity Oils Ltd.; and C. H. Pardee, president and general manager of Pardee Equipment Company Limited. All are Edmonton men.



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