

Kariba Dam Seen Casting Growing Shadow In Africa

By LYNN HEINZLERING SALISBURY (AP) — Kariba Dam, built across a magnificent Zambezi River gorge bounded by green hills on the Rhodesian-Zambian border, is casting a lengthening shadow over Africa and the Commonwealth.

When Prime Minister Ian Smith proclaimed Rhodesia's independence of Britain Nov. 11, he sent Rhodesian troops to the dam on the Zambian border. President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia sent troops to the Zambian side.

Now Kaunda wants British troops to move into Zambia, the former colony of Northern Rhodesia, and take over the power plant on the Rhodesian side of the dam. Britain has been objecting to this, until the last few days, but now negotiations are in progress for the dispatch of British troops. An RAF fighter force has already been earmarked for Zambia.

The power to operate the wealthy copper mines in northern Zambia flows from six huge turbines and generators on the Rhodesian side of the river.

DIVIDED AUTHORITY
Racial attitudes aside, Kariba is the source of the darkest suspicions in Zambia, although it is jointly owned and operated by both countries.

The dam, a \$225,000,000 giant 430 feet high and 2,050 feet long was conceived and constructed during the days of the Central African Federation. Britain hoped to cement ties among the three colonies in the federation — Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia (now Rhodesia) and Nyasaland (Malawi). But the federation was doomed and finally died in 1963, when Zambia and Malawi were promised independence.

The Central African Power

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Corp. was established to operate the power station, which went into service in 1960. The higher authority of the corporation board consists of two cabinet ministers from each country and three other members.

Under an international agreement signed in 1963, neither Zambia nor Rhodesia has the right to stop the flow of power to the other.

ZAMBIA INSECURE
Smith repeatedly has assured Zambia that Rhodesia will never consider cutting off the power unless Zambia takes action against his white-ruled country. Still, the insecurity lingers for the Zambian government.

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British Foreign Sec'y Hopes For Soviet Aid In Ending War

From AP-Reuters
MOSCOW (CP)—British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart said here he hopes that before long Britain and the Soviet Union will act together to try to end the war in Viet Nam.

Stewart made a television plea for the two countries to take the initiative in seeking peace in Viet Nam. His speech to the Russian people was recorded and carried on Moscow TV with simultaneous translation.

He said it is the duty of Britain and the Soviet Union to cooperate on this because they are co-chairmen of the Geneva conference and "because we are fellow human beings and we do want to bring this misery and cruelty to an end."

Stewart put Britain's longstanding call for a Viet Nam conference to an estimated 40,000,000 Russian TV viewers after privately urging Soviet leaders to agree to the idea.

Meanwhile, British sources here said Russia may be willing to reconsider its opposition to an East-West treaty to ban the spread of nuclear weapons.

The rising waters presented problems for game wardens. A rescue mission known as Operation Noah was organized and between 1959 and 1962, some 5,000 animals were taken out of threatened areas and released elsewhere in the valley.

Game Warden Rupert Pothergill, who was in Operation Noah from the start, gained world fame for his steadfastness in rescuing animals.

Until now, Russia has said establishment of a NATO multi-lateral nuclear force or a British-proposed Atlantic Nuclear Force would make it impossible to sign such a treaty.

Stewart now believed that the Kremlin, while still opposed to Western nuclear-sharing, would not necessarily regard every one of NATO's possible decisions as an obstacle, the sources said.

He, therefore, had slightly higher hopes for a non-proliferation treaty, although he realized that many difficulties remained and more talks would be needed.

He was said to have found the Russians as worried as ever about West Germany's obtaining access to nuclear weapons. He told them Britain would never agree to any plan which permitted weapons to be used without the consent of the nuclear powers.

British Gold Reserves Up

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's reserves of gold and convertible currencies rose last month to £1,067,000,000 (\$3,201,000,000), the highest they have been for more than three years, it was announced officially here.

The increased holding during the month was said by the treasury to be £41,000,000. The actual gain was higher, because during the month the Bank of England used some of the reserves to repay loans made by the central banks to support the pound.

The big improvement in gold reserves acted as a boost to sterling which had a disappointing morning on the London foreign exchange market.

Within 10 minutes of the gold reserves announcement, the rate was bid to \$2.8023 (U.S.) from \$2.8016.

Business Briefs

MONTREAL (CP)—The Royal Trust Co. will issue "savings deposit certificates" which are offered at a discount from face value, starting Dec. 6, the company has announced.

The certificates will be redeemable at face value in 5½ years, representing interest of 5.3 per cent on the issue price.

OTTAWA (CP)—New government of Canada 91-day treasury bills auctioned last week \$105,000,000 at an average price and yield of 98.974 and 4.16 per cent (last week, 98.972 and 4.16 per cent).

182-day bills \$30,000,000 at an average price and yield of 97.832 and 4.44 per cent (last week, 97.831 and 4.45 per cent).

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian wholesalers racked up sales of \$604,352,000 in September, an increase of 4.9 per cent from the same month a year ago, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics said here.

Sales in the January-September period were up 9.3 per cent to \$9,147,134,000.

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian gold production in September dropped to 290,952 troy ounces from 310,104 year ago. Production in the January-September period, also dropped to 2,700,461 troy ounces from 2,836,427 a year earlier.

WILL OPEN PARLIAMENT

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (CP) — Queen Elizabeth, who will visit the West Indies next February, will open the Trinidad and Tobago Parliament and deliver the speech from the throne during her stay there. The trip will be the Queen's first to Trinidad.

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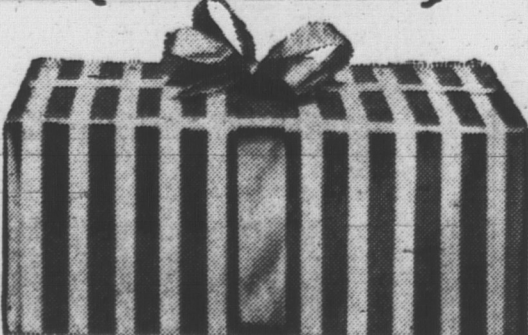
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