

# BBG Is Paving Way For Early Color TV

OTTAWA (CP)—The Board of Broadcast Governors is paving the way for speedy processing of applications to televise in color as long as applicants aren't moving into color to the detriment of other aspects of service.

In an announcement here the BBG said it will bypass the usual public hearing stage for such applications where there is no conflict with either the extension of services to areas not now served or to the introduction of second service in areas now getting only one channel.

Where the board sees some complications, it "may consider it desirable to put the application on the agenda for its next public hearing," the announcement said.

The formal debut of color TV in Canada has been set for Jan. 1, 1967. But stations may start test programming in color overnight starting next July 1, and a three-month shakedown period starts next Oct. 1 for regular color telecasts to allow stations to make equipment adjustments and get out the kinks.

The BBG announcement noted that the next public hearing of the board is set for February. This would not leave much time for stations anxious to get into the color field if they had to wait for that hearing before getting a go-ahead.

Unless the BBG sees some complications, an application for a color permit would simply be sent to the board by the transport department and sent back by the BBG with its recommendations. This should mean a "minimum delay" in handling the applications, the announcement noted.

But it added that the BBG "attaches a high priority to the provision of alternative service at the earliest possible moment" and is concerned about the capacity of licences in fringe areas "to extend services to unserved communities."

The board will, therefore, give special attention to applications in those situations in which large investments in the provision of color television service might affect either the introduction of alternative broadcasting service or the extension of service to unserved areas."

## Effective Action Doubtful Against Rhodesian Forces

By CARL MOLLINS

LONDON (CP)—The short answer to critics of Britain's refusal to take military action against Rhodesia's rebel white-minority regime is that effective action would be practically impossible.

Military experts here express doubts about Britain's ability to transport and support a force substantial enough to deal with Rhodesia's white army in an inland African territory 2,400 air miles from Britain's nearest base in Aden.

Britain has never given the short answer publicly. Prime Minister Wilson abjured the use of force even before Rhodesia's Ian Smith declared independence Nov. 11. The suggestion was that the British public would not support the use of British troops against a population with close British connections and even citizenship.

A defence department spokesman declined Friday to discuss in any detail how Britain might send troops to Rhodesia: "The question does arise because a political decision has been made against the use of force."

While critics now point out that Britain in the past has sent troops into unruly colonies, previous interventions, have involved the reinforcement of a British garrison or British-led troops on the spot.

**FIRST SINCE 1776**

The Rhodesian rebellions is the first, since the American revolution of 1776 when Britain has had to consider the opposition of an organized local army.

Some observers here have suggested that Rhodesia's troops would hesitate to oppose even a token British force. A British show of force in neighboring Zambia might cause divisions of loyalty in Rhodesia's regular army of 4,300 men, air force of 900 and police force of 6,400—many of them British-trained or recent immigrants from Britain.

But Rhodesian troops at an estimated strength of two battalions have taken up positions during the last week along the 300-mile Zambian border, an indication that the time has passed for an effective token show of force by Britain.

David Wood, research associate at the institute or strategic studies here, says Britain would need to send two or three brigades—perhaps 10,000 men—to take an opposed entry into Rhodesia.

**SHORT OF TROOPS**

Britain's home-based strategic reserve could supply perhaps half the required force. The rest would have to be drawn from the Middle East—where two of six battalions are imposing security in Aden—and borrowed from British forces in West Germany, which are already 4,000 shy of Britain's NAO commitment of 35,000 men.

Transport and supply of such a force in landlocked Rhodesia would present virtually insurmountable difficulties. Zambia, which has offered base facilities, is the only logical base of entry, Tanzania and Kenya the only sympathetic neighbors with access to the sea.

## New Stamps Are Planned

OTTAWA (CP)—Two five-cent postage stamps, bearing the floral emblems and armorial bearings of Saskatchewan and Alberta, will go on sale Jan. 19, the post office department has announced.

The Saskatchewan stamp, printed in brown, green and orange, contains the prairie lily, designated the official flower in 1941. The post office plans to issue 14,500,000.

The wild rose, adopted as the official flower in 1930, is on the Alberta stamp which is printed in tones of red and green. Fifteen million of these will be issued.

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