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GENERAL INFORMATION

WAR,WEAPONS, SOLDIERY

STOCKHOLM, June 12 - African states have increased their spending on war, weapons and soldiery by an average annual 15 per cent in real cash terms, notably for fighting in the Horn of Africa and in the south of the continent, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said here today.

Total military spending in Africa last year was 10,200 million U.S. dollars calculated in constant 1978 dollar values, the Institute said.

South African military spending contributed 2,200 million dollars to this total in 1979, equivalent to 4,8 per cent of the country's gross national product.

Zimbabwe - at that time Rhodesia - last year spent 487 million dollars compared with 385 millions in 1978, equivalent to 11.3 per cent of its gross national product.

Zambia, the Institute said, has also shown a clear increase in military expenditure since 1975, spending 248 million dollars for this purpose in 1979.

By comparison, Tanzanian military spending showed a decrease from 301 million dollars in 1978 to 283 millions in 1979, according to the Institute's calculations.

In the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia's military efforts totalled 308 million dollars in money terms in 1979.

Morocco also figured among African states spending major sums on defence : 1,000 million dollars last year compared with 800 millions the previous year, which at that time represented 6.6 per cent of gross national product.

The Institute also calculated that total arms spending in Africa accounted for 18.2 per cent of the money value of all third world arms imports.

In North Africa, Libya imported the most arms, said the Institute, which gave no figures for Libyan spending in 1979 but gave 1978 spending as 1,500 million dollars in constant 1977 money terms.

A notable exception to the general trend among African states to increasing military spending was Ivory Coast, where the total last year of 78 million dollars was nine million less than in 1978. (A..F.P.)

SMALLPOX OUT

ABIDJAN, June 12 - A smallpox vaccination certificate will not longer be needed by visitors to the Ivory Coast, the daily Fraternité Matin said today quoting a recent presidential decree. The decision had been taken as "smallpox has been totally eradicated from the world since 1977", the paper added. (A.F.P.)

AFRICAN MOVES FOR PREFERENTIAL TRADE

ADDIS ABABA, June 11 - Negotiators have adopted a draft treaty that would set up a preferential trade zone as the first step toward a regional common market covering 18 East and Southern African states.

The treaty and accompanying protocols were adopted here at an inter-governmental meeting that began May 29 and ended onSaturday. It was the latest in a series of negotiating sessions, the last two of which were in Gaborone (Botswana) in January, and in Luanda (Angola) last June.

The protocols cover re-export within the 18-nation area of goods imported from outside countries, standardization and quality control of goods, transit trade, cooperation in agricultural and industrial development, rules of origin of goods, clearing payments arrangements, reduction and elimination of trade barriers on selected commodities, and the special situations of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

Ministers of the states involved are to meet in Kampala (Uganda) in October to examine the draft treaty and protocols. Organizers hope the treaty can be signed by heads of state and government before the end of the year.

The 18states are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. (A.F.P.)

SUGAR HIGHS

LONDON, June 11 - Sugar future prices could rise to previously-unseen hig hs of 750 pounds a metric ton (more than double present levels) in the coming year, Wallace Brothers, London-based commodity brokers, predict in their latest report.

At the same time, the brokers forecast that, on top of this season's (1979-80) deficit of six to seven million tons, there would be another deficit in 1980-81 of 3,000,000 tons.

This would take stocks "well under the critical level needed to supply the sugar industry", Wallace warned.

World prices have risen sharply, but they are currently not high enough to stunt consumption and a further 1 to 2 per cent increase in demand should be seen, the report added.

It estimated this season's consumption at 91,000,000 tons and end-of-season stocks at 24,000,000 tons (against last season's 31,000,000 tons). (A.F.P.)

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OLYMPICS : AIM IS AFRICAN GROUPING

LAUSANNE, June 11 - National Olympic Committees of the African countries taking part in the Moscow Olympics are being asked to attend a meeting there on July 29 to set up a continent-wide association, it was confirmed here Tuesday after a two-day meeting ofthe executive of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The confirmation came from Ivory Coast member Louis Guiraudou, who is his country's Ambassador to Canada.

He said that, despite the crisis in the Olympic movement, it was necessary for the Africans to meet as scheduled to approve the statutes of the future association of their national Olympic Committees.

Those œuntries absent from the Moscow Games could join the others later, he said.

Mr. Guiraudou said the tardy formation of the African association would enable it to "benefit from the experience of the older continental groupings, such as those in Europe or the Pan-American Confederation, and thereby avoid the mistakes of our predecessors".

The IOC session here meanwhile recognised the National Committees of Mozambique, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

It is in Africa that the International Football Federation (FIFA) is seeking a 16th team for the Olympic tournament, following Ghana's withdrawal. Senegal and Madagascar were submitted to complete Group B with Czechoslovakia, Colombia and Kuwait.

Africa already has two countries in the football tournament - Algeria in Group C with East Germany, Spain and Syria, and Zambia in Group A with the Soviet Union, Venezuela and Cuba.

Group D comprises Yugoslavia, Finland, Costa Rica and Iraq. (A.F.P.)

FRENCH SPACEMEN

PARIS, June 11 - Jean-Loup Chretien, 41, and Patrick Baudry, 34, both French military test pilots, have been selected for a flight aboard the Soviet Soyuz spadecraft and the Salyut orbiting station, it was announced here today.

According to Hubert Curien, President of the National Center for Space Studies (CNES), the flight in which the two Frenchmen are scheduled to participate should occur in the first half of 1982. Only one of the two will go on the flight, the second being kept in reserve. (A.F.P.)

FEES A MAJOR ISSUE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 - Malaysian student organisations want to make a major Commonwealth issue out of British Government plans for a drastic increase in fees for overseas Commonwealth students studying in Britain.

The Malaysian Students Association's Council in the United Kingdom and Eire felt it was time for a total Commonwealth involvement on the issue, Council President Baharuddin Mokhsen said in a statement released here.

The Council had launched a campaign to rally support among Commonwealth High Commissioners in London and results were so far encouraging, he added.

"From latest information received, the subject of fees for overseas Commonwealth students will be included on the agenda of the eighth Commonwealth education conference to be held in Sri Lanka this August",he said.

The Council also welcomed Malaysian Government criticism of the British plans. (A.F.P.)

DANES FREEZING AID

COPENHAGEN, June 10 - The Danish Government has decided to freeze assistance to developing countries at 0.7 per cent of Denmark's gross national product from 1982 to 1984, Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen said.

He told the Danish Aid Committee for Developing States here yesterday that the Government was having to hold down expenses throughout the budget.

The People's Christian Party, one of the parties that helped the minority Social Democratic Government of Premier Anker Joergensen get its austerity plan through Parliament recently, has told the Government that it will not accept the freeze in development aid.

Thorkil Kristensen, the former Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, was at yesterday's meeting and advised the Government not to apply the freeze. (A.F.P.)

LANDLOCKED MEETING

OUAGADOUGOU, June 11 - An ad hoc committee on the problems of landlocked states will hold its first meeting in this Upper Voltan capital soon, it was announced here today.

John Walla, General Secretary of the West and Central African States Ministerial Conference on Maritime Transport, made the announcement after a meeting with Voltan President General Aboubacar Sangoule Lamizana.

Mr. Walla is here for talks with Voltan transport officials. (A.F.P.)

LIBYAN WALKOUT

BANJUL, June 11 - The Libyan delegation walked out of the second day of a conference here of justice ministers preparing a human rights charter for the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The head of the delegation had started a vitriolic attack on Egypt, saying it had no right to be at such a meeting when it connived with countries like Israel and South Africa which violated human rights.

Host Chairman Gambia cut the speaker short, and the delegation quit the meeting. It came back after other delegates spent some time in the conference corridors persuading the Libyans to return.

Their leader then repeated his accusations against Egypt, and said he would do the same against any other country which betrayed African ideals, which he said included the Palestinian right to self-determination recognised by the OAU. (A.F.P.)

OIL & ENERGY

IRAN HOLDING PRICE

TEHERAN, June 13 - Iran will hold the price of its oil to present levels at least until the end of the month, Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinfar said here on Thursday.

"After that, we will look at market conditions and may decide to increase the premium added to the basic price", Mr. Moinfar told a news conference after returning here from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) conference in Algiers which raised the benchmark price of oil to 32 dollars per barrel.

Iran at present charges an average of 35 dollars per barrel. The basic price is 33.50 dollars a barrel, and a premium of three dollars is payable on one-half of amounts delivered. (A.F.P.)

24 M. FROM IRAQ

PARIS, June 12 - Iraq will furnish France with about 24 million tons of oil this year - approximately the same amount as last year, Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi said today at the end of a three-day visit to Paris.

Mr. Hammadi said that he had asked France to step up its technical cooperation with Iraq and had proposed consultations by the two countries on international issues, particularly the Middle East crisis.

Prime Minister Raymond Barre assured Mr. Hammadi that, despite efforts from certain quarters to disturb nuclear cooperation between the two countries, the program would not be interrupted. (A.F.P.)

LABORIOUS COMPROMISE...

WASHINGTON, June 12 - Saudi Arabia''s efforts only just managed to temper oil increases, U.S. oilmen said here Wednesday following the laborious compromise hammered out in Algiers by ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The deal, spelt out in a pre-dawn announcement, provided for the setting of a "marker crude" priceup to a ceiling of 32 dollars a barrel. The compromise in effect leaves Saudi Arabia and the 12 other member countries free to raise their prices or leave them unchanged, observers noted.

The compromise is proof that the split between OPEC hard-liners and moderates still remains, observers here said, noting that Iraq seems to have assumed (to the detriment of Saudi Arabia) a much more important role within OPEC.

Both business and government representatives appeared satisfied by the role played by Saudi Arabia at the Algiers conference.

U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan said that, while any oil increase was unjustified under present circumstances, Saudi Arabia's attitude had been reasonable and responsible.

The oil increase will likely add an extra dollar to the price of each barrel of crude imported by the United States, and this will add one or two cents a gallon to prices at gas stations, he added.

The New York foreign exchange and gold markets, like those abroad, appeared to have stoically withstood news of the increase, observers said.

But on Wall Street oil shares were up and the industrial share index gained 8.7 points.

A study of 1958-76 by the National Bureau of Economic Research, published here this week, apparently confirmed reports that oil increases had resulted in higher profit margins for oil companies. (A.F.P.)

LPG GO-AHEAD

TOKYO, June 12 - Five Mitsui Group companies have agreed on resuming work this autumn at the Bander Khomeini petrochemical complex in Southern Iran, which was suspended after the Islamic revolution last year.

Japanese and Iranian engineers have agreed to start building three liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) units and 10 other units this autumn. The last unit to be completed is a benzene facility that is due to begin production two years from now. (A.F.P.)

ABORIGINAL FLARE-UP

PERTH, June 11 - Trouble has flared again between Aborigines and white workers at Noonkanbah in the isolated far corner of Western Australia with a party of contract surveyors being held prisoner for a while by about 30 Aborigines, Western Australian Minister for Mines Bob Jones said today.

He said the surveyors were told that on no account would they or any other Europeans be allowed to enter Noonkanbah, the huge pastoral property leased by the Aborigines from the State Government.

Aborigines oppose oil drilling on the grounds that it will desecrate sacred sites.

The Western Australian Government has responded swiftly to the new confrontation. It has announced it will take control of an access road leading to a proposed exploratory drilling site and increase the drilling site from two to four hectares.

Mr. Jones said the Aborigines' refusal to allow normal access to the station was reaching dangerous levels : "This is an intolerable state of affairs in which the local Aboriginal community has virtually claimed a sovereignty over a pastoral lease. It will be made abundantly clear to them that such lawless behaviour cannot continue".

A spokesman for the Aboriginal Legal Service in Perth said today there had been rumours the Government intended to make the access road a public way and part of a scheme for entry to the drilling rig, with the support of armed police. (A.F.P.)

CHINESE "GEOMANTIC"

PEKING, June 11 - Angry locals destroyed or stole oil-prospecting equipment worth 441,50 yuan (more than 291,000 dollars) on China's Hainan Island off the southern coast, a new issue of the Hainan daily received here today reported.

The islanders see oil exploration as a violation of their traditions, and said it destroyed the "geomantic" (divination by means of geographical features) of the land. Belief in the supernatural influences of geographical features of the landscape is still very strong in the Chinese countryside.

The newspaper called for sanctions against "individuals with ulterior motives who made use of feudal superstitious ideas to instigate the masses to stir up trouble and engage in sabotage". (A.F.P.)

LOANS FOR ZIMBABWE

SALISBURY, June 12 - The Zimbabwe Government has obtained loans totalling more than 170 million U.S. dollars to begin work on a thermal power station that will help make this newly-independent country self-sufficient in energy, Transport and Power Minister Ernest Kadungure said here.

Power from the station, at Wankie, 100 kms (almost 70 miles) from the Zambesi River and the Zambian border, supplemented by smaller hydroelectric stations, would go a long way towards this, he added.

The idea behind the expansion was that the country could be developed rapidly, without new industry being hampered by lack of power, he said.

Mr. Kadungure secured the loans forthe first stage of the Wankie project from French and German companies and commercial banks during a recent visit to Western Europe.

He said here that the Government was now seeking a further 145 million U.S. dollars for completion of the project.

The first-stage loan companies are Manschinelfabrik Augsberg Aktiensellschaft from Germany and Alsthom Atlantique from France. Wankie is expected to produce 480 megawatts a year initially. When a second stage is completed, this capacity is expected to rise to 1,200 megawatts. (A.F.P.)

MIDDLE EAST

TALKS RESUMING

CAIRO, June 11 - Egypt today officially accepted an invitation to resumed talks with Israel in Washington on Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied Jordan West Bank and Gaza territories.

The talks, held in several cities, have been suspended since May 15. No specific date for resumption had been fixed but Egypt favoured the first week in July, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Salah Hassan, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, meanwhile reaffirmed Egyptian condemnation of Israeli settlements on the West Bank, which he called an "obstacle" to the autonomy negotiations. He was speaking at a meeting with West European ambassadors.

Egypt's May 15 suspension of the autonomy negotiations, held in accordance with the Camp David agreements, was in response to an Israeli decision formally to annex East Jerusalem.

(In Washington yesterday, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie announced that both Egypt and Israel had informed the United States they were ready to resume the tripartite talks). (A.F.P.)

JOINT MANOEUVRES

WASHINGTON, June 13 - American combat planes will participate next month with the Egyptian Air Force in joint manoeuvres in the Gulf region, sources close to the Pentagon said Thursday.

Washington observers consider the mission is aimed at showing the Soviet Union that the U.S. Air Force is able rapidly to intervene in the Gulf region without permanent bases.

A squadron of 12 F-4E chaser planes is to arrive at an Egyptian military base west of Cairo at the beginning of July for a training period of several weeks. The planes will be refuelled in the air and no stops are scheduled en route.

The squadron is to be accompanied by several C-141 transport planes, which will be carrying all theequipment needed to set up an operational base including hangars and lodgingfor the crews. (A.F.P.)

SPY SHIPS...

JERUSALEM, June 12 - Israel plans to extend its territorial waters beyond the present six-mile limit to keep away Soviet "spy ships", Navy Chief Admiral Almog told the magazine Ba-Mahame today.

The Soviet vessels cruised seven or eight miles from the Israeli coast and were so far within international law. Their activities had increased last year, he said. (A.F.P.)

PRO-SHAH PLOT...

TEHERAN, June 12 - Officials have smashed an Army officers' plot to return the Shah to power and restore the monarchy, reports said here today.

Six officers denounced by Army colleagues have been arrested and will go on trial in Teheran next week, the newspaper Keyhan said.

A military court communique confirmed that a "counter-revolutionary network" had been unmasked by "committed personnel" and that those accused would appear in court. State radio put the number of arrests at 11.

According to an Islamic judge interviewed by Keyhan, the officers planned to bring the Shah back to power and return his Paris-exiled former Premier Shapur Bakhtiar. They wanted to keep the monarchy going for two years and then put the type of government to national referendum, Hojatoleslam Rey Shahri was quoted as telling the paper.

"We have established this from confessions of the accused which they made during interrogation", he said. (A.F.P.)

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NORTH AFRICA

Algeria

BEN BELLA'S ESCAPE PLAN...

RABAT, June 11 - Former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella apparently was transferred from his guarded residence in M'sila to the town of Bou Saada after the Government discovered an alleged escape plan, according to a journalist who recently arrived here himself from an Algerian prison.

The journalist, a Moroccan dissident named Mustapha Bziuit, said Mr. Ben Bella's transfer to the town 150 kilometers (93 miles) south of Algiers took place five or six months ago. The former President was living there with his wife and two daughters, Mr. Bziuit said.

Mr. Bziuit said he learned of Mr. Ben Bella's transfer while in the Boufarik prison. He said he was told by associate warden Ali Auich, who had been responsible for protecting Mr. Ben Bella but acknowledged that he had wanted to help him escape.

Mr. Bziuit said he was arrested December 28, 1975 in Algiers. He added that he was working for the Swiss International Radio in Geneva at the time, and was a correspondent for several Arab newspapers, many based in London.

He was arrested as he arrived in Algeria for the Hassi R'Mel Algerian-Libyan conference, then was transferred to the military communications base at Bouzeah, in the suburbs of Algiers. Once there, he said, he was tortured for two-and-one-half months.

In telling AFP of his captivity, Mr. Bziuit showed remaining scars from electric shock tortures on various parts of his body. His face is disfigured, allegedly from the poor treatment he received.

Jails overflowing...

Mr. Bziuit was able to follow Algerian politics from the Boufarik prison, he said. Last April, he said, he was able to see the arrival of a large number of pro-French Kabylian prisoners. The group included several doctors, he said.

Algerian prisons, often hidden behind innocent-looking houses, were overflowing with political, military and common-law prisoners, Mr. Bziuit said : "The Algerians can no longer tolerate the present Government, They can no longer wait. They're ready for anything".

Mr. Bziuit's case had just been accepted by Amnesty International when, after being heard before the special military court in Blida April 27 and then transferred to Iran, he managed to escape May 27. He then crossed the Moroccan border in the Oujda region, near the Mediterranean coast. (A.F.P.)

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Sahara

RABAT : "BIGGEST MASQUERADE"

RABAT, June 12 - Morocco's Foreign Ministry issued a scathing new warning here Wednesday against letting the Arab Republic proclaimed four years ago by the Polisario Liberation Front for Western (Ex-Spanish) Sahara become a member of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The Front, battling Morocco for control of the desert territory, is expected to make a major bid for admission at next month's OAU summit in Freetown, Sierra Leone. It claims the backing of slightly over a score of black states and is counting on admission by a simple majority. Morocco argues that a two-thirds majority of the 50 OAU members would be needed.

Polisario's bid showed it had scant regard for the OAU and its principles and aims, the Ministry said, dubbing the Front "the biggest masquerade Africa has known these past 20 years".

It asked : "How can the OAU consider an application for membership from a so-called Sahrawi Republic whose government is installed in a luxury hotel in Algiers, whose population consists of families who have fled the past few years of drought in the Sahel and whose army comprises mercenaries from the same region led by some ambitious adventurers from Mauritania and other strays ?"

To present such an amalgam for OAU membership was to calumniate Africa and assail the dignity of African states, the Moroccan Foreign Ministry said.

It expected Africa would, however, prove capable of denouncing the "masquerade" and would "save the OAU from breaking up".

The Ministry alleged that economic and political pressures lay behind some countries' recognition of the Polisario Republic. It conceded that an African country could recognise anyone it wished to - but in the OAU context there had also to be respect of its charter principles, the Ministry said. (A.F.P.)

FRONT WARNS AGAIN

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, June 11 - Some 200 to 250 Spanish fishing boats are currently offshore Western Sahara, it was learned here today as the Polisario Front warned it would take prisoner and punish all those who violated the waters of its declared republic in the former Spanish colony.

Traditional grounds

The Canaries-registered fleet returned to its traditional fishing grounds on Monday despite the sinking of a Spanish fishing boat and the capture of its 15-member crew by the Polisario on May 22 for violating waters claimed by the self-proclaimed Democratic Saharan Arab Republic.

Following action against the boat and also a Portuguese fishing boat earlier this month, Polisario said today in Madrid that it would fight any violation of territorial integrity and warned "all those who attempt to undertake illegal activities of whatever nature that they will be punished and imprisoned".

The action against the boat was condemned by the Spanish authorities and the Canaries fishermen have received a formal assurance of naval protection from the Spanish Defence Minister.

But the Spanish Government has played down the crisis. According to Spanish authorities there was no Spanish "challenge" or show of force aimed at the Polisario, they said. The number of boats off the Saharan coast and the naval protection were normal for the season, they added.

Under-Secretary for Fishing and Merchant Marine Miguel Aldasoro visited Las Palmas at the weekend to reassure Canary fishing boat skippers.

And Assistant to the Under-Secretary Juan Prat told Agence-France-Presse today that the action on May 22 against the Garmo Mar was "an act of piracy on the high seas" committed by "terrorists" and that, the matter was being pursued at diplomatic level.

Liberated zone

In the communique today in Madrid, the Polisario said the crew of the Garmo Mar were all in "excellent health" somewhere "in the liberated zone" of the Saharan Republic.

A statement sent to Spanish Radio added that the exact whereabouts of the crew would be revealed as soon as the Spanish Government contacted Polisario.

Polisario guerrillas are fighting Moroccan forces for independence of Western Sahara, formerly Spanish Sahara, which was annexed by Morocco after Spain pulled out.

In an apparent reference to fishing agreements between Morocco and Spain, today's communique added that Polisario "hoped that Spain would desist from signing accords which affect the sovereign territories".

Observers in Madrid today said the Polisario action against the Garmo Mar was aimed at making the Spanish authorities officially recognize the Saharan Republic. (A.F.P.)

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Libya

KADHAFI SAYS "STOP"

PARIS, June 12 - Libyan leader Colonel Kadhafi yesterday asked Libyan "revolutionary committees" to stop all their commando operations throughout the world.

Col. Kadhafi made his statement in a speech on Radio Tripoli, monitored in Paris, a few hours after expiration of his ultimatum to Libyan opposition members living abroad to return to Libya or risk death. He asked these committees "not to put the death sentence on the traitors into execution unless their guilt has been established by a revolutionary court".

He said that Libyan emigres whose collaboration with the Israeli, Egyptian or American authorities had been established, even without the help of a revolutionary court, "are guilty of high treason and deserve death, wherever they may be".

In another development, Col. Kadhafi accused British police of having "officially organized" a demonstration in front of the Libyan People's Office (Embassy) in London, and he announced that the Libyan Foreign Affairs Secretariat (Ministry) was preparing to make "a severe protest" to the British Government.

Col. Kadhafi also asked the "Libyan Student People's Congress" to reconsider its decision to demand the return home of Libyan students studying abroad at their own expense, after "they prove they are quite capable of resisting traitors".

Ten Libyan nationals have been assassinated abroad (West Germany, Britain, Greece, Italy and Lebanon) over the past four months. The last one was gunned down inside Milan's central station Wednesday. Four other Libyans were assassinated in Rome.

Col. Kadhafi told the foreign press recently that he had not ordered the "liquidation" of Libyan "traitors" abroad, saying this decision had been made by "revolutionary committees".

He indicated that his call to Libyans to return home was meant to protect them from those committees, over which, he said, he had no personal control. (A.F.P.)

BRITISH PROTECTION

LONDON, June 11 - British police have taken steps to protect Libyan nationals living in this country as a deadline for them to "return home or be eliminated", set by Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi, expired today, Scotland Yard sources said here. (A.F.P.)

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Libya

DIPLOMAT OUT

LONDON, June 13 - The head of the Libyan diplomatic mission in London, Musa Kusa, was today ordered out of Britain, Deputy Foreign Secretary Sir Ian Gilmour told the House of Commons.

His presence in the country was not in the interest of Anglo-Libyan relations, Sir Ian said, adding that the British Government had made it clear to Libya that "criminal activities" in Britain should stop.

The Times newspaper today reported what it said was a statement yesterda y by Mr. Kusa, saying Libyan death squads were preparing to murder two opponents of Col. Kadhafi living in London, and adding that he approved of the project.

In April two opponants of the Libyan regime, journalist Mustapha Ramadan and lawyer Abu Nafa, were killed on London streets. (A.F.P.)

BUSINESS HOSTAGES

BRUSSELS, June 11 - Nine Belgian and two French nationals are being held hostage in Libya after their firms - Semico of Belgium and Ugha of France, which were to have built a road some 1,000 kms (650 miles) from Tripoli - went bankrupt, a Belgian newspaper reported today.

The French-language daily Vers l'Avenir said that Libya had refused to give the Europeans exit visas in protest against non-payment of duties and taxes, estimated at almost 500 dollars a day per employee, outstanding since the companies went bankrupt last February.

The Foreign Ministry said that the necessary funds had been sent to the Belgian Embassy in Tripoli and that the detained people would shortly receive visas to leave the country. (A.F.P.)

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General Information

SISTER COUNTRIES

MONROVIA, June 11 - Liberian Foreign Minister Gabriel Bacchus Matthews returned home yesterday after a four-day trip to Guinea, Benin and Togo.

A statement from the Foreign Ministry said that the visits were "in furtherance of improving relations between Liberia and other sister African countries."

Since the April 12 military coup and murder of President William Tolbert (the sitting Chairman of the Organisation of African Unity) and the subsequent execution of several former ministers, Liberian delegations have been refused entry to an OAU summit conference in Lagos and a meeting of the Economic Community of West African States in Lomé. (A.F.P.)

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BLINDNESS : GAINS IN SIX-YEAR DRIVE

OUAGADOUGOU, June 11 - The countries of West Africa's Volta Basin region must now work to consolidate andprotect the gains of their six-year program to control river blindness, the Upper Volta Health Minister said here.

The Minister, Tinga Douamba, was opening a meeting yesterday of committees from eight nations where river blindness occurs. They are Benin, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Togo and host Upper Volta. International bodies including the World Bank and the U.N. Development Program also were represented.

Mr. Douamba said that the first phase of the fight against river blindness, an eradication campaign against the carrier mosquito, had covered 800,000 square kilometers.

For 80 per cent of that area, results had been satisfactory in line with criteria set by a scientific and technical consultative committee of international experts, the Minister said.

These results had been maintained for two years, "so that river blindness can no longer be considered an obstacle to development", he said.

The Minister said that, for the program as a whole, the incidence of the disease had been reduced by between 10 and 20 per cent. He added that during the second phase of the campaign the goals would be to consolidate the results so far, improve control in the remaining 20 per cent of the area and "maintain the status quo everywhere else".

Some ofthe most fertile valleys of the Volta Basin are under-farmed because many people go blind when attempts are made to settle them. Meanwhile, the healthier highlands are over-used and over-populated. (A.F.P.)

TALKS ABOUT WATER

ABU DHABI, June 12 - Malian Industry and Development Minister Amine Keita left here today at the end of a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Keita was understood to have had talks with Abu Dhabi Development Fund officials about completion of a project to make use of water from the Senegal River.

Mali is a member of the Senegal River Development Organisation (OMVS) along with Senegal and Mauritania. (AF.P.)

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Ghana

AMNESTY ASKS FOR REVIEW

PARIS, June 13 - Amnesty International has asked Ghanaian civilian President Hilla Limann to order a judicial review of sentences imposed for "economic crimes" by military coup-masters between June and September last year.

In a statement published here today by its French section, the London based human rights group said it had gathered testimony claiming that "more than 150 persons were judged by a military tribunal in extremely unfair conditions".

"Most of the court sittings lasted only five minutes and the accused had no defense rights", the statement said.

"Some of the accused were struck by soldiers during their trials, and many life sentences were pronounced".

Amnesty International said that these special tribunals were established soon after the coup of June 4, 1979, led by Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings.

The tribunals were to judge cases of corruption under the previous military regimes. Two of the former military Heads of State - Generals Fred Akuffo and Ignatius Acheampong - were executed.

Flt. Lieut. Rawlings's Armed Forces Revolutionary Council turned over power to Mr. Limann's elected Government last September 24. (A.F.P.)

Nigeria

CONTRACT PROBE

LAGOS, June 13 - The Nigerian Senate has suspended a 490-million dollar contract with a U.S. company, awarded during Andrew Young's visit here last year, following allegations that the American bid was not the lowest.

The chairman of the Senate finance committee, Ameh Ebute, said yesterday that it had been alleged that other contractors with lower bids were denied the contract for a fertilizer plant that was given by the former military regime to the Pullman-Kellog company.

The plant is to be built at Onne, South-Eastern Nigeria.

Mr. Young, the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, led a trade delegation here last September, the last month in power of the regime of Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo. The civilian Government of President Shehu Shagari took over on October 1.

The Nigerian Senate has appointed a three-man committee, headed by Senate leader Olusola Saraki, to investigate the contract award. Mr. Ebute said the Senate had ordered the Industry Ministry to give the committee all relevant documents on the project. (A.F.P)

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Nigeria

NEW CENSUS IS ON THE WAY

LAGOS, June 11 - The Nigerian Government is to complete a population census before 1983, an adviser to President Shehu Shagari said here today.

Census-taking in Africa's most populous state has traditionally proved to be a complex business, with the results of the two previous headcounts challenged by different interest groups.

For the sake of revenue allocation, a matter decided partly by the number of people in each of the 19 federated states, the Government is nowusing the results of the 1963 census, which gave Nigeria's population as 55 million.

The 1973 census ordered by the Military Government of Yakubu Gowon was largely discredited and finally abandoned in 1975 by the subsequent Military Government.

Dr. O.O. Olaifa, Presidential Adviser on Statutory Corporations, said that sample enumerations were already under way in many parts of the federation. The United Nations had offered to help make the headcount a success, he said.

Most recent estimates of Nigeria's population vary between 75 and 85 million. (The number of over-18-year-olds registered to vote in last year's elections was just over 48 million). (A.F.P.)

"OILGATE" : BACK TO WORK

LAGOS, June 11 - Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) executives suspended by the Government last month pending enquiries into 2,800 million naira (about 5,000 million dollars) allegedly missing from Corporation accounts have been told to resume work.

Only the NNPC Chairman and Managing Director were excluded from the lifting of the suspension.

Justice Ayo Irikife, Chairman of the "Crude Oil Sales Tribunal of Inquiry" , said that the suspension was ordered to enable the Tribunal to get hold of all documents relevent to the inquiry, which ended a month of public hearings on Monday.

Closing the public hearing, Mr. Irikife said the Tribinal was not "in a position to determine the action which the Government will take against the officers".

President Shehu Shagari has instructed the Tribunal to submit its report by next Monday. (A.F.P.)

Nigeria

PULP AND NEWSPRINT

LONDON, June 11 - British engineering companies have won contracts worth more than 100 million pounds sterling (more than 230 million dollars) to supply equipment and services for a Nigerian pulp and newsprint mill, it was announced here today.

The mill will be built at a cost of 200 million pounds (460 million dollars) over the next 16 months under the supervision of Foster Wheeler World Services, the British subsidiary of the American Foster Wheeler Corporation.

The cost will be met in part with a 50 million dollar line of credit backed by Britain's Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) and a 50 million dollar syndicated Eurodollar loan, both arranged by Morgan Grenfell, the London-based merchant bank.

The ECGD loan is the largest loan ever from the Department for Nigeria.(A.F.P.)

7 MORE UNIVERSITIES

LAGOS, June 12 - Nigeria is to establish seven more universities in the near future, bringing the total number in the country to 20, President Shehu Shagari said yesterday.

The new universities would be built in states where there are none at present, giving each of the country's 19 states its own university, he added.

The President was speaking during a visit to Gondola State in North-Eastern Nigeria. Gondola State would have its own university of technology, he said. (A.F.P.)

Liberia

TREBLE SHIP TAX

LONDON, June 12 - Tonnage tax on shipping registered in Liberia will be trebled from 10 to 30 U.S. cents per ton next Jan.1, the Commissioner of the Liberian Bureau of Maritime Affairs, Gerald Cooper, told British shipowners here.

This will be the first rise since the register began in 1949. Liberia has the world's biggest "flag" at 2,466 vessels, totalling 81,500,000 tons.

The new Liberian regime that took over after the April coup planned a further increase in this tax to 35 cents in two years' time and to 40 cents in 1985, Mr. Cooper said. But the registration fee would remain unchanged at 1.2 dollars a ton. He denied reports that shipowners were deserting the Liberian flag of convenience in large numbers and said that only six had left in April and May. (A.F.P.)

Ivory Coast

ELECTIONS COMING

ABIDJAN, June 13 - President Felix Houphouet-Boigny has announced presidential and legislative elections before the end of the year, but kept silent about his own re-election plans.

In a speech yesterday to the National Council of his ruling Ivory Coast Democratic Party, he also announced a major restructuring of the state-owned economic sector, and a move to allow more Ivorians to participate in the democratic process within the single party.

The President, who will be 75 inOctober, said that from now on Ivorians would elect their own party representatives, until now named by the party's own apparatus at all levels. Ivory Coast was ahead of many countries in social and economic terms but had "been lagging behind as far as democratization is concerned", he said. (A.F.P.)

SHRINKING FOREST

ABIDJAN, June 12 - Tropical forest, for years the mainstay of Ivory Coast economic development, is shrinking towards the point of extinction.

Twenty five years ago the forest cover, rich in woods coveted the world over, extended over more than 12 million hectares (30 million acres).

Today, according to arecent survey here, it covers between three and four million hectares (7.5 and 10 million acres) and is disappearing at a rate of 500,000 hectares (1,250,000 acres) a year.

Replanting meanwhile accounts for only 3,000 hectares (7,500 acres) a year.

The forest, in the words of the Abidjan Institute of Tropical Geography, the body that made the survey, "is an example of mismanaged and dangerously dilapidated wealth".

Destruction of the forest, often judged irreversible, stems, according to the experts, from two root causes : commercial exploitation and the search by peasant farmers for more land.

The Institute also denounces what it calls "illegal practices, collusion and corruption", which it says were at the root of this "extraordinary waste" along with complete anarchy in forest exploitation and the extension of agricultural land.

The report has, however, received coverage in the press, a sign that the authorities here are beginning to take a greater interest in the problem. (A.F.P.)

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

ADDIS ABABA, June 11 - The Swedish Government and the Swedish Save-the-Children Federation will give Ethiopia more than 6 million dollars to finance the construction of a children's village, it was reported here Tuesday.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Kassa Kebede, who returned from a visit to Stockholm on Sunday, said the Swedish Government would provide five million dollars and the Federation 1.25 million dollars to finance the village in the southern part of Central Shoa Province.

A Swedish delegation yesterday began talks here with the Ethiopian Government on a three-year development aid package to Ethiopia.

The talks were between representatives of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) andofficials of the National Revolutionary Development Campaign, a top Government body charged with managing Ethiopia's economic recovery.

Sweden has been giving Ethiopia about 17.5million dollars a year over the past four years. (A.F.P.)

FOOD AID PACT

ADDIS ABABA, June 11 - The World Food Programme (WFP) is to grant Ethiopia food aid worth 38.6 million dollars over the next four years under an agreement signed here yesterday.

The grant is to be used in food-for-work projects in three of Ethiopia's worst drought areas - northern Tigrai and Wollo Provinces and eastern Harrar. (A.F.P.)

CIVIL RULE MOVES

ADDIS ABABA, June 11 - A commission set up here six months ago to create an Ethiopian Workers' Party will open its first congress here on Monday.

The organ, formally known as the Commission for Organizing the Party of the Working People of Ethiopia (COPWE), has been carrying out its work in the highest secrecy and little has filtered out of its work to set up a national party.

The announcement by a COPWE spokesman, reported by the official Ethiopian News Agency, said the congress would last until June 19. COPWE's principal task will be to prepare Ethiopia's transition to civil rule from the Military Government that took over from Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974.

This is to be achieved by first creating an Ethiopian Workers' Party whose establishment would automatically lead to the dissolution of the ruling Military Council (DERG), still holding the reins of power. (A.F.P.)

Kenya

NORDIC ASSISTANCE

NAIROBI, June 11 - The Nordic countries will for the next three years provide Kenya with technical and financial assistance to the tune of 68.2 million Kenyan shillings (9.2 million dollars) to help diversify and expand the cooperative movement in the country.

This was disclosed here today by Kenyan Economic Planning and Development Minister Zachary Onyonka (who is also acting Minister for Cooperative Development) when he met advisors and lecturers on Government cooperative development policies from the Nordic countries.

Dr. Onyonka said the aid would be directed not only towards cooperative savings, credit and banking, but towards the programmes aimed at improving life for the less-privileged.

Registered members of the cooperative movement in Kenya increased from 350,800 in 1975 to nearly 1.2 million in 1978, while gross turnover had increased from 150 million shillings (20 million dollars) to 2,200 million shillings (297.5 million dollars) over the same period. (A.F.P.)

EDUCATION JUMP

NAIROBI, June 11 - Kenya's expenditure on education jumped 17 per cent this year to 2,264 million Keny an shillings (305.9 million dollars), according to the 1980 economic survey released here by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development.

Following the introduction of six years of free primary education, primary school enrolment shot up from 2,995,000 in 1978 to 3,698,000 in 1979, which is 93 per cent of the total number of primary school-age children.

Secondary school enrolment also increased by five per cent to a total of 378,310, but this compares poorly with the 12 per cent increase recorded in 1977. (A.F.P.)

BUMPER HARVEST

NAIROBI, June 11 - Kenya is to have a national food policy for production and storage of food crops, President Daniel Arap Moi said here today.

Speaking during discussions with U.N. World Food Council President Arturo Tanco, he said Kenya was expecting a bumper harvest this season and the Government was preparing storage facilities.

Mr. Moi told Mr. Tanco, who is also Phillipines Agriculture Minister, that Kenya had the resources and soil for good crop production but lacked long-term storage facilities. (A.F.P.)

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Kenya

OGUTU LOSES OUT

NAIROBI, June 11 - Former Cooperative Development Minister Mathews Joseph Ogutu, stripped of his West Kenyan National Assembly seat by the High Court, has failed to win back the seat in a by-election.

The seat, in Ugenya constituency, Nyanza Province, was won by High Court advocate James Aggrey Orengo, 28.

The Nairobi High Court nullified Mr. Ogutu's win in the general elections last year following a petition filed by another candidate, Archbishop Stephen Ondiek Oluoch. The former Minister said he accepted defeat and added that he would now like to lead a "peaceful and private life". (A.F.P.)

Tanzania

W. GERMAN AID

DAR-ES-SALAAM, June 13 - West Germany will give Tanzania about 12.8 million dollars in hard currency to import goods and services for agricultural, industrial and transportation development. The grant is the result of an agreement signed here. The money will come through the West German institution Das Kredit-anstalt fur Wiederaufbau. (A.F.P.)

PLAGUE KILLS 12

DAR-ES-SALAAM,June 13 - Plague has killed 12 people in a Northern Tanzanian village and three more victims are being treated, the Government newspaper Daily News said today. The report said plague had broken out last month and that the village, in the Lushoto district, had been quarantined. (A.F.P.)

Uganda

ELECTIONS "GIMMICK"

KAMPALA, June 11 - Announcements by the ruling Military Commission that general elections will be held by the end of September are a "gimmick" to gain acceptability or, at best, mere declarations of intent, a Ugandan newspaper has charged here.

What was needed now were concrete steps towards an election target-date and not a "barrage of assurances", the paper Weekly Topic said. It noted that crucial constitutional matters had not yet been agreed, up-to-date population statistics were still lacking for the entire country, voters had not been registered and an electoral commission had not yet been set up. (A.F.P.)

Uganda

THE KIDS WHO LEARNED HOW

by Marie-Thérèse Delboulbès

KAMPALA, June 11 - They loiter, barefoot, dirty and ragged, in the markets of Kampala, speaking a language that few but themselves understand. They are mixed up in the city's ubiquitous crime, often its victims, sometimes its killers.

These are the Bayaye, the delinquents and hooligans who grew up learning how to make a fast buck and survive during the insecure eight years of Idi Amin's rule and who have multiplied in the turmoil of post-Amin Uganda.

Deputy Minister for Rehabilitation Rev. Kefa Sempangi estimates that there are some half a million orphans among Uganda's 14 million people. Of these 20,000 can be counted among the Bayaye, whose name derives from Njaye, the vernacular term for marijuana

The Bayaye came into their own with the growth of magendo (the black market) under Amin when Bayaye were used as smugglers and middlemen. Today the Rev. Sempangi, who is also a member of the National Consultative Council, the interim Parliament, is trying to improve the lot of the younger hooligans by providing them with a refuge.

Kefa Sempangi divides his time between his ministerial office in the bullet-scarred Crested Towers office block which dominates Kampala and the Africa Foundation, which he created and where he goes daily to visit the children housed there.

"These kids who sleep outside, sometimes they kill them. In February we had more than 10 kids killed. They beat them to death because they are caught stealing something", he said.

But the revenge of the homeless city children can be just as terrible : they have been known to burn alive a man who tried to take some of their food.

Money from death

For the Rev. Sempangi, the children "reflect our society. They gain money out of the death of others. They are surviving on magendo. Money is gambling, and so is life, There is no sense for tomorrow. You are not sure that you will survive tomorrow".

So far 140 children - the youngest of them only five years old - have found a home at the Foundation, two houses which would be magnificent if they were done up. One of them was formerly a recreation centre for Amin's soldiers.

The Rev. Sempangi took them over when he came back from exile, but there was nothing in them. Like most other buildings in Kampala they had been looted to the bare walls.

Uganda

Hardcore marijuana

To begin with the children slept on the floor, then the Iraqi Embassy donated some mattresses and the Red Cross provided blankets. Now the dormitories are decorated with pictures from magazines.

Many of the children are now at school, but more have arrived since last month's coup d'etat when a military commission seized power from President Godfrey Binaisa. Each time security worsens in the city, which is still under night curfew, more children come to the home in search of refuge. They are being looked after by American and Australian missionaries.

Hardcore Bayaye keep going on marijuana, a crude banana-base spirit called waragi and petrol fumes. In garages where cars line up for a full tank children wipe the drops off the end of the petrol hose and inhale.

Farming project

Kefa Sempangi tells of his surprise at discovering that one of the decisions taken by the children at the Foundation was to ban handkerchiefs. Only later did he discover what the handkerchiefs could be used for.

The priest-Minister hopes that soon he will be able to take in many more children on a large farm provided by the Government, where cash crops such as tea and coffee grow. His hope is to turn it into a home for up to 10,000 homeless children, if he can get enough donations from abroad.

The rules in the Foundation are simple. The inhabitants govern themselves. "I never say don't steal, don't smoke. They come when they want and they leave when they want. It is a home, not an institution. They need love and trust", says Kefa Sempangi. (A.F.P.)

POP. NOW 12.6 M.

KAMPALA, June 12 - Uganda has a population of 12.6 million compared to 9.5 million in 1970, according to provisional results of last January's census released today.

Planning and Economic Development Minister Anthony Ocaya said that the population growth rate was 2.8 per cent annually, with relatively higher growth in the rural areas.

The capital counted 458,000 inhabitants and the greatest density was recorded in the east on the Kenyan border and in the south-west towards Rwanda and Tanzania.

The definitive figures are expected to be published in December next year (1981). (A.F.P.)

EAST AFRICA

Uganda

"SINGED" BY ZIONISM

KAMPALA, June 11 - Former Ugandan President Milton Obote has accused Israeli authorities of masterminding the 1971 military coup in which he was overthrown and replaced by Idi Amin.

He told a rally in the eastern town of Kumi that before the coup he had asked Israeli Army instructors "and others" to leave Uganda. "But they (the Israelis) refused, so they staged this coup. We therefore blame both Idi Amin and Israel", Mr. Obote said.

Speaking at the beginning of an 11-day tour of Uganda's up-country districts, it was the second time he had attacked Israel since his return to Uganda two weeks ago from more than nine years' exile in neighbouring Tanzania.

At the weekend, addressing his first political rally in Kampala since his return, he said : "We oppose Zionism unequivocably. Zionism is a vicious and mischievous creature of imperialism. We in Uganda have been singed by the terrible fire of this creature of imperialism" . (A.F.P.)

FOOD FROM EEC

BRUSSELS, June 12 - The European Economic Community (EEC) will grant almost 700,000 U.S. dollars in emergency aid to help feed people threatened by famine in Northern Uganda, sources close to the European Commission said here today.

The World Food Programme would handle distribution of the food, the sources added. (A.F.P.)

CENTRAL AFRICA

General Information

DAM FOUNDATION

BANGUI, June 11 - Presidents Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire and David Dacko of the Central African Republic will lay the foundation stone of a hydroelectric dam on the Ubangi River between the two countries next week, according to a diplomatic source here.

The dam will bring electricity to an area that includes Gen. Mobutu's home town.

The source said Gen. Mobutu would make an official visit here beginning on Sunday, and that the twoPresidents would sign an agreement for the construction of the dam at Mobaye, a Centrafrican city 450 kilometers (280 miles) east of here.

On Tuesday, the last day of the visit, Gen. Mobutu and Mr. Dacko were to go to the site and lay the first stone. The dam is to provide electricity for the Zairese towns of Mobayi and Gbadolite - from which Gen. Mobutu's family comes - and for the Centrafrican regions of Basse Kotto and Mbomou. (A.F.P.)

Sao Tomé & Principe

COSTA RESHUFFLES

LISBON, June 12 - A diplomatic source here today revealed the list of Ministers of Sao Tomé and Principe following a Government reshuffle by President Manuel Pinto da Costa on June 2 :

- Foreign Affairs and Education : Maria de Amorim (formerly Foreign Affairs)
- Information & Culture : Maria de Rosario Lima Barros (formerly Health)
- Health : Carlos Alberto Tini
- Defence & Security : Major Daniel Daio
- Commerce : Carlos Gomes
- Planning : Enrique Pinto da Costa
- Communication, Transport and Construction : Lieutenant Oscar de Sousa Aguiar
- Justice : Celestino Costa
- Secretary of State for Education : Rafael Branco (formerly Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs)
- Secretary of State for Construction : Fernando Paquete

Named as new President of the National Assembly was Adda do Espiritu Santo (formerly Culture and Education Minister). Major Raul Braganca was named Assembly Vice-President.

Missing from the new Government were former Assembly President and Education Minister Leonel d'Alva and former Communication, Transport and Construction Minister Evaristo Carvalho.

And uncertainty still surrounds the fate of Miguel Trovoada, ex-Prime Minister. Reports reaching here from the former Portuguese colony in the Gulf of Guinea said he was to appear before the political bureau of the ruling Liberation Movement party.

Mr. Trovoada has already been expelled from the party and the question was therefore of what further sanction might be taken against him. He has been refusing to appear and has demanded a public hearing.

The role of Prime Minister has been assumed since March by President da Costa, who was also reportedly re-elected head of the ruling party last month. (A.F.P.)

Rwanda

21 M. FROM IDA

KIGALI, June 12 - The International Development Association has provided an interest-free 21 million dollar loan to develop forestry and stock-raising in this tiny landlocked republic, government sources said here. Rwanda will itself put up 2,600,000 dollars towards the project, the sources added. The IDA is a subsidiary of the World Bank. (A.F.P.)

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CENTRAL AFRICA

Chad

"SECESSION" DENIAL

PARIS, June 11 - The verbal fighting accompanying the 10-week civil war in Chad flared again here Tuesday when Chadian Agriculture Minister Naimbaye Lossimian denied accusations that France was helping the southern part of the country to secede.

The allegation was made on Monday by Mahamat Saleh Ahmat, Information Commissioner for the Armed Forces of the North (FAN) of dissident Defence Minister Hissene Habre.

Speaking in Cameroun at the start of a propaganda tour of Central and West Africa, he claimed that France was helping to set up separate governmental and economic structures in the south, centered on the city of Moundou.

Mr. Lossimian, here on his way home from a meeting in Rome with officials of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), denied that there were any plans for splitting Chad.

He also denied repeated reports that FAN units had seized the presidential complex in the capital Ndjamena from the forces of President Goukouni Weddeye, and that major towns in the northern Borkou-Ennedi-Tibesti region, including the administrative capital Faya-Largeau, had switched allegiance to Mr. Habre. (A.F.P.)

Angola

FISHING PACT

LUANDA, June 12 - Spain and Angola have signed a fishing agreement covering the training by Spain of technicians and the construction of a fish cannery, sources said here today. (A.F.P.)

Zambia

SULPHUR PLANT

LUSAKA, June 11 - Japan is to loan Zambia more than 21 million dollars for the construction of a sulphur plant at Kafue 44 kilometres (28 miles) south of Lusaka, it was announced here. With a production capacity of about 60,000 tonnes per year, the plant will make Zambia self-sufficient in sulphuric acid, which is used for fertiliser production. (A.F.P.)

SOUTHERN AFRICA

General Information

BETTER RAIL LINKS

MAPUTO, June 12 - Mozambique and Swaziland have signed an agreement for improved rail links between their two countries, in particular where the transport of coal is concerned. (A.F.P.)

General Information

BRAZIL LINES UP

LUANDA, June 12 - Brazil aligned itself firmly with Angola in condemnation of South Africa in a joint communique issued Wednesday after a three-day official visit by its Foreign Minister, Ramiro Guerreiro, for talks with his opposite number here, Paulo Jorge.

The two ministers said they "vigorously condemn the inadmissible acts of aggression of the South African regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola".

They were referring to raids arising from Pretoria's action against guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) in Northern Namibia, on Angola's borders. (A.F.P.)

Zimbabwe

BOOK BANS GO

SALISBURY, June 13 - The Zimbabwe Government has lifted bans on books about black nationalism that were imposed by the former white-minority regime.

They include "Speech from the Dock" by Roman Catholic Bishop Donal Lamont, who was expelled from Rhodesia in 1977 after he was convicted of failing to report guerrilla movements in the eastern border area.

In court, Bishop Lamont read a three-hour indictment of the racial policies of Ian Smith's Government, which he later turned into his book.

Bans were lifted on "Zambia Shall be Free" by President Kenneth Kaunda, "Zambia, Independence and Beyond" edited by Colin Legum and "Tomorrow's Sun" by Helen Joseph, a long-time anti-apartheid campaigner in South Africa.

Also un-banned were "Before the Mayflower : A History of Black America" by Lerone Bennett and "The Militant Black Writer in Africa and the United States" by Mercer Cook and Stephen Henderson.

The Zimbabwe Government is continuing the old Rhodesian ban on erotic books and most "girlie" magazines. (A.F.P.)

3 BLACK PILOTS

SALISBURY, June 13 - Zimbabwe's first three qualified black pilots have returned to their country after being trained by the Ethiopian Airline, it was reported here today.

Charles Samuriwo, 25, Alexio Makanda, 26, and Christopher Chenga, 28, were sponsored in Ethiopia by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front. (A.F.P.)

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Zimbabwe

WHITE "DRAIN"

SALISBURY, June 11 - Finance Minister Enos Nkala today warned that he would soon take "drastic action" to prevent white emigrants "draining the country" of currency reserves.

"I don't intend to preside over the liquidation of my country's economy. People will either have to learn to remain here, or go away and get nothing", he said here. (A.F.P.)

86 GOOD FARMS

BULAWAYO, June 11 - Nationalisation of land for refugee resettlement will go ahead on a "willing seller" basis, Minister of Lands Sydney Sekeremayi told a farmers' meeting here today.

His assurance came during an outline of Government plans to buy 86 farms totalling 130,000 hectares (325,000 acres) of good agricultural land.

The Minister added,however, that "much more" land would be needed to ensure equal distribution among the people. "There are numerous commercial farms throughout the country that lie vacant or are not being farmed to their full capacity", he said. "No country in the world can allow land to stand idle". (A.F.P.)

Republic of South Africa

BROAD SECURITY POWERS

CAPE TOWN, June 13 - The South African Defense Ministry will be given broad powers to assure the security of "strategic" installations under the text of a draft bill made public in Parliament here on Thursday.

The legislation was presented little more than a week after saboteurs, against a background ofrising racial unrest and violence, touched off huge fires at major oil refineries.

The bill would authorize the Army, at the discretion of the Defense Ministry, to take over security duties at such installations. The Army would be given stepped-up powers of arrest and search, and troops would be allowed to use firearms in carrying out their duties. (A.F.P.)

ANC : "ALL MEANS"

BONN, West Germany, June 12 - The banned African National Congress (ANC) will continue its fight against the Government of South Africa "using all means" open to it, ANC General Secretary Alfred Nzo said here today. He did notrule out further operations like the attack at the start of this month on the country's largest petro-chemical complex at Sasolburg near Johannesburg. (A.F.P.)

Republic of South Africa

BOYCOTT GOES ON

JOHANNESBURG, June 13 - The boycott of schools by coloured (mixed race) pupils will continue until school vacations begin on June 19 unless students and community leaders currently in detention are released, students' representatives said here Thursday.

The schools boycott, now more than two months old, was called to protest against apartheid in education and has spread to coloured and black schools all over the country.

Meanwhile, the Government has suspended all coloured (mixed race) high school students still boycotting classes. South African Radio reported Tuesday that seven schools were affected and scholarship students would not be paid for this term.

And at a Joburg meeting Wednesday night, several hundred treachers of all races, many of them whites, formed a non-racial education union for South Africa with the aim of campaigning for a single teaching system. (A.F.P.)

Namibia

13 WHITES, 3 BLACKS

PRETORIA, June 13 - Sixteen South African soldiers have been killed in Southern Angola, it was learned here today.

An official communique said only that 16 men - 13 whites and three blacks - had been killed "in action" without stating when or where. But informed sources said they died as a result of an operation inside Southern Angola.

According to South African figures, 60 soldiers under South African command and 445 guerrillas have died in the war in Namibia since the beginning of this year. (A.F.P.)

MUDGE IN CHAIR

WINDHOEK, June 13 - Dirk Mudge, chairman of a multi-racial political party backed by South Africa, was elected today to head the new Namibian Council of Ministers. Its formation represents South Africa's latest move toward its goal of a "moderate" independence government in Namibia rather than one dominated by black nationalist guerrillas.

The territory's Legislative Assembly elected members of Mr. Mudge's Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) to fill the other 11 seats on the semi-executive council as well. (A.F.P.)

Namibia

3 MIRAGES CLAIMED

LUANDA, June 12 - Three South African Mirage aircraft were shot down last week near Lubengo in Southern Angola, according to an official statement here today.

The statement said the three aircraft were part of a South African squadron attacking a Namibian refugee camp 16 kilometres (10 miles) from Lubengo. Two Namibians were killed, it added. (A.F.P.)

Lesotho

FIRST BRICK WORKS

MASERU, June 11 - Germany will do everything in its power to lessen Lesotho's dependence on South Africa, West German Ambassador H.J. Regenhardt said here today.

Mr. Regenhardt, speaking on the inauguration of Lesotho's first brick factory, which was financed by West Germany, said that his country would give both financial and technical assistance to the Loti Brick Works for the next three years until it became viable.

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