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*The Prime Minister's Office has announced that the Government intend to recommend to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government that 11th November be declared a permanent holiday.

* Rhodesia’s Minister of Transport, Brigadier A. DUNLOP recently made a successful parachute drop over Lake Kariba.

*Considerable delays in obtaining medical necessities from Britain are being experienced by Rhodesian authorities because of payment difficulties, the Secretary of Health, Dr. Mark WEBSTER, said.

*According to the resident Director of the Southampton Insurance Company Ltd., Mr. W.S. PARKER, the company will definitely go ahead with the construction of a £1 million skyscraper in Salisbury this year.

*In the House of Lords on January 31 Lord SALISBURY, the Conservative leader, suggested that Britain’s actions on Rhodesia should be referred to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

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*Mr. Justice Hector Norman MCDONALD, formerly the acting Chief Justice, became Chief Justice of Rhodesia, with effect from February 7, in succession to Sir Hugh BEADLE who retired on that date.

*The rainy season has got off to a bad start. Even if the rains improve during the next two months, serious problems will still be encountered by farmers.

*The Director of Connex, Mr. J.H.H. “Laurie” LOUWRENS, has announced that during the past 18 months, his department had appointed 11 blacks, who hold diplomas from the Chibero Agricultural College, as extension Officers.

*Four terrorists abducted more than 400 school children from Manama Mission Secondary School in Dibilishaba TTL, Gwanda District on Sunday evening (January 30). The terrorists also robbed the school of $13 000 in school fees.

*In a recent incident in the operational area, Security Forces killed 17 terrorists and 12 recruits who were trying to cross the border into Moçambique. In this action 20 terrorist recruits were captured.

*New moves to find a Rhodesian settlement are under way. Discussions held recently in Cape Town between the Prime Minister, Mr. Ian SMITH, and the South African Prime Minister, Mr. John VORSTER, may lead to further steps being taken which could involve Britain and the United States.

*In a recent interview on Rhodesia television, Dr. CHAVANDUKA, Secretary of the Muzorewa ANC, said that white population of Rhodesia was most important and he felt the country could not function without the presence of the whites.

*Terrorists massacred 27 unarmed African tea estate workers in the Honde Valley, in Eastern Rhodesia, while their wives and children were forced to watch.

*Rhodesia recently became the first country in Southern Africa to become self-sufficient in barley production.

*The value of Rhodesia’s mining output will exceed even the record forecast, and will pass the $220 million mark said the Minister of Mines, Mr. Ian DILLON, recently.

*Rhodesians during the festive season just passed, pulled nearly one million crackers and sent about three million Christmas cards to friends and relatives. Rhodesia is now self-sufficient in items such as cards, crackers and wrapping paper although much of the raw material still has to be imported.

*The Rhodesian discovery of what could be a vital free world source of strategic metals was announced recently by the Prime Minister, Mr. Ian SMITH.

*The enrollment of African pupils in schools this year may exceed 915 000, the Secretary for African Education, Mr. John SMITH, said recently. He compared the figures for 1901 when 265 pupils attended three primary schools to 1976 when 870 000 attended 3 500 schools.

*The haul of sardines from Lake Kariba in 1976 was more than 1 000 tonnes, the first time this figure has been exceeded in one year.

*Six ex-servicemen and one woman participated in the ANZAC day parade in Perth, marching for the first time behind the Rhodesian flag which was borne by Tony SMITH (ex-Rhodesian Air Force). During World War II Rhodesia had, per capita, more men and women serving with allied forces than any other country in the British Empire, and they were all volunteers.

*The Pope has honoured a Rhodesian doctor with a knighthood. He is Professor Michael GELFAND, Head of the Department of Medicine at the University of Rhodesia. The Order of the Knighthood of Saint Silver is rarely conferred, and normally to Roman Catholics. Professor Gelfand is Jewish.

Pictures are from newspapers of 30 and 40 years ago so please pardon their quality.

Left to right, top to bottom: Ian SMITH presents Nuffield Week Colours, Brig. DUNLOP, Game Viewing in Wankie, Children abducted return to Rhodesia, Lady GRAHAM, Honde Valley massacre, Chief Justice MACDONALD