

Africa At A Glance

OIL CONCESSION

Addis Ababa (ANP)—Gulf Oil company has become the third such firm to conclude an agreement with the Ethiopian government to explore for petroleum in the Red Sea region and along the Ethiopian coastline. The latest agreement, signed recently, puts Gulf Oil in the oil search race with Mobil Petroleum, and a German firm, Elwerath Oil—successor to Sinclair.

SUNDAY NEWSPAPER

Lusaka (ANP)—Northern Rhodesia got its first Sunday newspaper here recently when the Zambia News began publishing. The paper, printed in Broken Hill, is owned by the Rhodesian Press Ltd., publishers of the weekly "Broken Hill Observer."

PAYROLL TAX

Nairobi (ANP)—Soon after Kenya becomes an independent nation, the government intends to embark upon a "pay-as-you-earn-tax" system, it was disclosed here recently. The levy will be a form of a graduated personal tax replacing two taxes presently in operation. The rates of the new tax will vary from \$6.72 to \$84 a year according to income.

PROVISIONAL HEAD COUNT

Freetown (ANP)—Provisional figures on the population census held throughout Sierra Leone last April put the total number of citizens at 2,183,000. Of this number 128,000 reside in the capital city of Freetown.

PRESIDENTIAL TERM

Bangui (ANP)—The Central African Republic's National Assembly has unanimously voted to extend the term of office of the President from five to seven years. The law was proposed by the steering committee of the country's only political party, the Social Emancipation Movement of Black Africa (MESAN). This committee will be charged with nominating the president.

DETENTION OF SPY

Dar-Es-Salaam (ANP)—The Tanganyikan government has ordered the continued detention of Jose Fumane of Mozambique, recently arrested on charges of spying for the Portuguese government. Fumane, who arrived in Tanganyika last June, joined the Mozambique Nationalist Movement (Frelimo), headed by Dr. Eduardo Mondlane. When arrested, he is said to have had papers in his possession which indicated his objective was to collect and transmit to Portuguese authorities information on the plans and movements of exiled Mozambique African political leaders.

WRAPS OFF

Onitsha (ANP)—Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, president of the Nigeria Republic, unveiled a life-size statue of himself, which was designed by the famous Nigerian sculptor, Ben Enwonwu. The statue recently arrived in Onitsha from Holland. Enwonwu had been commissioned by the urban county council to do the statue.

CURRENCY SWITCHES

Freetown (ANP)—Sierra Leone and Ghana propose to switch to new currencies within the next two years. Sierra Leone presently uses the 50-year-old West African currency, as does fellow West African country, Gambia, which proposes to switch from British sterling to decimal currency, will make its move in July, 1965. Its basic unit will be the "cedi," worth about \$1.17.

TRANSFER

United Nations (ANP)—The Afro-Malagasy union (UAM), composed of 12 former French states in Africa, disclosed here recently its decision to turn over its permanent secretariat at the UN to the newly-formed Organization of African Unity (OAU). The decision to do this was a move by UAM to assist OAU in establishing itself at the headquarters of the world body.

NEW UNIVERSITY

Lourenco-Marques (ANP)—The first University of Mozambique was officially inaugurated here recently by the Portuguese Governor-General, Admiral Sarmiento Rodrigues. The ceremonies opening the school had all the traditional pomp which is customarily reserved for the famous Portuguese University of Coimbra.

CABINET CHANGES

Nouakchott, Mauritania (ANP)—President Moktar Ould Daddah has reshuffled the Mauritania cabinet and enlarged its membership from seven to eight. Under the new arrangement, Daddah holds the Defense portfolio.

NO DUAL NATIONALITY

Nairobi (ANP)—Kenya, now within weeks of independence, will not allow any of its citizens to hold dual nationality papers, according to Tom Mboya, Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs. Mboya said the government decided against dual nationality so as to facilitate the process of integration and to assure the African population of the equal commitment to Kenya of non-Africans who choose to become citizens.

ART EXHIBIT

New York (ANP)—The hospitality-service committee of the American Society of African culture (AMSAC) sponsored an exhibition of the works of African artists at the society's headquarters during the period Nov. 21-27. This activity was a continuation of AMSAC's program of building a bridge of understanding between Africans and Negroes through cultural endeavors. Included in the exhibit were works by artists from South Africa, Congo-Leo, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda.

PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS

Dar-Es-Salaam (ANP)—Two officials of the FUNIPAMO nationalist movement of Mozambique were deported by the Tanganyikan government here recently. The pair, declared "prohibited immigrants," were Absolom Bahlia, organizing secretary; and his assistant, Kalvin Mahlaye. Both were former members of another Mozambique nationalist movement, FRELIMO, headed by Dr. Eduardo Mondlane.

OPERATION "PRODUCTION"

Monrovia (ANP)—President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, in his capacity as general chairman, of the National Policy commission, officially launched "Operation Production," a national program for boosting the country's economic, educational and public health programs. Vice President William R. Tolbert, as commission vice-chairman, is charged with the practical application and execution of the operation; while Reginald Townsend, Information Service director, is secretary-general. First emphasis will be upon modernizing the country's agricultural methods in order to produce four times as much as is currently done. Said President Tubman: "Any country which cannot feed its people but relies upon imported food, is built upon a sandy foundation."

THIS N' THAT

By Hazel Underwood



The Christmas Spirit

It is the season of the singing heart,
In which the hopes of the ages have drawn near;
The melody of love does not depart,
While caroling its messages of cheer.

It is a climate where all good things grow,
Where kindness is not crowded nor distressed;
With faith well strengthened like a springtime glow,
And beauty roundabout, a welcome guest.

Christmas is a time of ringing bells
Of joy; a time to plead the cause of peace
In prayer—a brotherhood where love excels—
That universal hate and conflicts cease.

Humanity creates its sun-path, when
The Christmas Spirit dwells in the hearts of men.
—Clyde S. Creel, in
Kansas City Poetry Magazine

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

This is nearing the day of Christmas and wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if all of us could take a little time and go back to the delusions of the days when we really believed that Santa Claus brought our gifts in a huge sack and came down the chimney with them?

You can remember when you tried and tried to figure how a man as large as Santa could come down a chimney, but not for once did you think it impossible, because in that day and time children knew if their parents told them anything, they believed it was possible. Some people think it wrong to tell that story to their children but I have talked to a great many friends before writing this and every one of them said how happy they were to have that memory of "waiting" for Santa to come with their gifts and oh how sad they were when the children at school told them just how they did receive their gifts.

Marianne was saying, "a little girl my own age told me I was silly to believe anything like it and I was very sad when I went home and asked my mother to tell me about Santa and if there really was one. She told me it was handed down from her parents to her and she had such lovely memories of Santa Claus bringing her gifts to her that she thought she would like to pass the thought to me, her daughter, and she hoped I would understand and always think of it in that way."

Marianne said she told her children about Santa and how the family gathered to see their smiling faces when they came downstairs and found "Santa" had been there. So, the rest of the group each told of their experiences, and we all agreed it was a beautiful story as long as it brought so much happiness to many children and their parents.

They, too, said it was a sad day when they found out otherwise and though other Christmas days were happy ones they had lost something when Santa didn't seem real to them but they appreciated having had the joy of knowing Santa was on the way for the few brief weeks he was so real to them.

Many parents today feel as Marianne and let their children know the joy of waiting for Santa to come. To the children, that is the longest night in the year.

NINE LESSONS WORTH LEARNING

1. Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.
2. Learn to attend strictly to your own business.
3. Learn the art of doing kind and encouraging things.
4. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.
5. Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their hearts to be bothered with any of yours.
6. Learn to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as sun-beam in a sick room.
7. Learn to avoid all ill-natured remarks and everything likely to create friction.
8. Learn to hide your aches and pains under a smile. No one cares whether you have the earache,

headache or rheumatism.
9. Learn to stop grumbling. If you cannot see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.
—Anon.

WEDS COMMON

LAW WIFE AT 80
Ova-Ngul I, Camerouns (ANP)
—Tsongul Mimbo Jean-Baptiste headman of this village, elected to be married in a religious ceremony here recently. Prior to this, he had seven common-law wives.
Deciding he was now too old to deal with seven women, he picked one for his Christian bride, ordered the remainder to become baptized in the Christian faith, and then gave them their freedom.

Children At Catholic Home Ask Questions At President's Death

In the lounge of St. Joseph's Catholic Home for Children, 1001 E. 46th St., hangs a large color portrait of John F. Kennedy.
On Friday, the 22 residents of the home, age 10-17, were watching television in the lounge when the program was interrupted to announce the news that President Kennedy had been shot.

As the children crowded around, they learned with the rest of the nation that the President had died. Shock, disbelief, and to some for whom death had no meaning, indifference registered on their faces.

"What will Mrs. Kennedy tell her children?" said one girl. "She had to tell them that their baby brother had died, and now she will have to tell them their father is dead."

"Why was the President shot, Sister?"

And still more questions: What's going to happen to the Kennedy family?

Is Mrs. Kennedy going to be taken out of the White House?

Will she have enough to eat?

The children here knew more about this President than perhaps any other. They had heard more about him.

"He was after all, the first Catholic President we've ever had," explained one Sister. "He was a leader of not only the nation but the Catholic faith as well."

"The children felt they knew him, and they loved him."

At 4:30 p.m., the children attended a special rosary service for John Kennedy in the chapel. The rosary was voluntary, but all of the children came. It was the second time that every child in the home had attended a rosary service. The first was on the death of Pope John XXIII.

When they returned to the television and radio sets, they heard reports of the captured slayer.

A nine-year-old boy gritted his teeth and threatened to "beat up and cut the guy's arms off that did it." He bused himself organizing a "gang" to help him.

Another boy said he would "punch his eyes out."

Some of the older children cried, but the younger ones were too full of questions.

"Is there going to be a war? If there is, I've got to get my money done before the bombs come," said a 12-year-old girl.

On one station it was announced that a Negro male had been seen with a rifle before the President was killed. A 15-year-old Negro girl said to her companions "you might know, you just might know," she said.

"We want to send something to Caroline and John-John" some others said. "Could we make something for Mrs. Kennedy?"

All of the children wanted to know who would take Mr. Kennedy's place.

The Sisters explained that Vice-President Johnson would become the new President.

"He doesn't look as kind," one boy said. The other children nodded in agreement.

They watched the news until bedtime, when a small boy missing during the evening, slipped into the lounge.

Where were you? The anxious Sisters asked him.

"I've been in the chapel," he said, "praying for our President."

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CONTINENTAL FEATURES

Nancy Wilson Launches NAACP Freedom, Seal Campaign

Los Angeles (ANP) — The 1963 Freedom Seal campaign was of the Los Angeles branch of the NAACP launched at a gala reception held at the Ross Medical Center Community Room. The honorary co-chairmen, Miss Nancy Wilson, a glamorous and talented song stylist, and Willie Davis, star centerfielder of the Los Angeles Dodgers, headed the list of celebrities attending.

The chairman of the campaign is Atty. Charles L. "Chuck" Fielding.

Miss Wilson flew from her current engagement in San Francisco especially to be present at the kick-off reception recently.

TO BE OR NOT BE—SANE

Memphis (ANP) — Miss Sonja Queen Porter, 23, facing a charge of first degree murder, and her attorney, Will Gerber, could not agree in court on whether she is sane or mentally ill.

Miss Porter was arrested for the murder of Robert Franklin Jones last Nov. 28. She pleaded not guilty to the charge and claimed self-defense. Her attorney however,

said she was examined at John Gaston hospital and found to be mentally ill.

Appearing before a jury to decide whether she was sane, Miss Porter testified, as did several witnesses to support her claim to be mentally normal. The jury believed her, and now Miss Porter must stand trial on the charge.

THE WEAKER SEX???

Haifa, Israel (ANP) — There is one young man hereabouts who thinks the old saying that the female is the weaker sex, should be revised to include the words "cunning and treacherous."

While lamenting over his experience with one woman, the youth finds himself awaiting trial on charges of indecent assault. When he tried to kiss a 22-year-old miss, she clamped her teeth over his tongue and bit it half off.

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