

RHODESIANS' VOICES RIGHTS VERNACULAR TO QUALIFY INSTEAD OF ENGLISH PARTY LEADER'S DEMANDS

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Children and their mothers on board the Angle lifeboat after they had left the tug which is alongside the Ertog.

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FOUR CHILDREN IN LIFEBOAT SAVED

After taking to the ship's lifeboats when the 1345-ton cargo ship Ertog caught fire off the Pembrokeshire coast, three young Israeli boys prayed and told stories to the four children with them while waiting to be picked up...

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BRITAIN MAKES CONCESSIONS ON MACLEOD PLAN

Some minor concessions have been made by the British Government to go part of the way towards meeting Sir Roy Welensky's demands for a Macleod plan for Northern Rhodesia...

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TWO OF HASTINGS NET HOUSES DESTROYED

Fire which broke out in a fishing quarter of Hastings Old Town this morning destroyed two of the famous net houses and badly damaged three others before firemen had them under control...

THE CANBERRA AGAIN DELAYED

Condenser trouble has again delayed the P. & O. liner Canberra on her maiden voyage and she will not now arrive at Melbourne until midday on Tuesday...

MR. G. VANDERBILT FALLS TO DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—The millionaire George Washington Vanderbilt II, 75-year-old philanthropist, sportsman and patron of the sciences, fell 10 storeys to his death from the top of the Hotel King last night...

BRITISH TOURISTS IN BUS CRASH

Mrs. Alice Irene Tuckfield, aged 55, was killed when a British motor coach from France crashed into a tree yesterday on the main highway south of Lyons...

ORPHANED IN ROAD CRASH

Two brothers, aged one year and two years, escaped injury when their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walker, of Park Ridge, Cottage, Bay Horse, near Lancaster, going on holiday to Scarborough, were killed yesterday when their vehicle was in collision with a stationary lorry near Penrith, Cumberland...

YOUTH DROWNED IN LIDO

Richard Dewey, aged 17, of the V.A.D. Ladies' Club, Great Cumberland Place, was drowned at Ruslip Lido, Middlesex, last night.

QUEEN FABIOLA NOT EXPECTED TO VISIT

A statement issued in Brussels by the Grand Marshal of the Court announces that contrary to the hopes that have been entertained, a happy event is not to be expected at the royal palace at the end of the month...

SIT-DOWN PROTEST BRINGS ARRESTS

Six men were arrested during a sit-down protest against the proposed road widening on the A1 road near Roehampton Vale, Putney, last night. The men were among a group of 300 demonstrators, including women and children, from the Putney Vale estate who are fighting to get a safer pedestrian crossing for Roehampton Vale...

CRUCIAL LEFT MEETING IN LONDON DECIDING ECONOMIC FUTURE OF EUROPE

Ministers of the European Free Trade Association (Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, Portugal, and, as an associate member, Finland) will begin tomorrow their fourth meeting—and the first to be held in London—since Etia came into being in May last year...

The programme opens with a dinner this evening given by the United Kingdom Council of the European Movement, at which Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Chancellor, will be the main speaker. Tomorrow there will be sessions in the morning and afternoon at Lancaster House, and on Wednesday two more sessions with a luncheon given by the Community of the European Movement, and a Government reception in the evening at Hampton Court. This course ends the conference, but arrangements have been made for a further meeting on Thursday, if necessary.

Although the question of Common Market membership will certainly steal the headlines, the Ministers have also to consider the time table of future tariff reductions within Etia. The Stockholm agreement, under which the Community was established, provided that tariffs between members on industrial goods should be eliminated by January 1, 1970, at the latest. The first tariff reductions of 20 per cent were carried out on July 1, 1960, and the convention provided for further reductions of 10 per cent. The first three were to take place at intervals of 18 months, on January 1, 1962; on July 1, 1962; on January 1, 1965; and the remainder at yearly intervals on January 1 of each year from 1970.

Meanwhile, however, the members, particularly Sweden, have been eager to match the accelerated programme of tariff reductions set out in E.E.C. They decided, therefore, at their last meeting in Geneva, from February 14 to 16, to bring forward by six months to July 1, 1961, the 10 per cent reduction which was originally planned for January 1, 1962.

Two-Year Gap The third reduction is at present still due to take place as originally planned on July 1, 1963. This means a gap of two whole years between the present reduction and the next. It seems safe to say, therefore, that plans to accelerate the future programme of tariff reductions are being considered. It may be difficult to finalize them, since the timetable of future negotiations is uncertain, but there is a feeling strongly reported among the Swedes, that the Etia programme should if anything outpace that of the E.E.C. Sweden and Switzerland, it is believed, favour a further cut of 10 per cent next January.

One of the main topics at the present meeting will likely be the question whether the British Government should conduct negotiations with the E.E.C. on the basis of the Treaty of Rome, and if so, what are the minimum essential conditions for the other members. On the lives have been the points to overcome the neutrals' suspicion that to join E.E.C. would mean ultimately the withdrawal of Britain from the Common Market. The British Government has been stiffened, especially in Switzerland, by the belief that the Americans are backing E.E.C. as an indirect means of bringing western Europe into the Atlantic camp. There is no published agenda for tomorrow's discussions, but the arguments prove that it is now much more than a routine meeting, or one which it now has planned to take place tomorrow and Wednesday, but a further ministerial session may now be needed on Thursday morning.

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DANES WAITING TO FOLLOW BRITAIN

The earlier Danish expectation, little short of conviction, that Britain would soon declare herself ready to negotiate for membership of the Common Market on the basis of the Treaty of Rome, has perhaps been somewhat subdued during the last week. Nevertheless Mr. Krug, the Foreign Minister, before leaving London yesterday, took occasion to restate his Government's wish that Britain should take a decision soon on the Common Market. The opportunity to join and especially to be present at the discussions on agricultural policy before this matter was settled between the two countries.

NORWAY READY TO GO IN

In Norwegian quarters it is regarded as likely that Norway will re-join the Community as a result of the talks between Etia countries. Norway is expected to keep to the predetermined schedule of tariff reductions, but to bring the tariff cut of 10 per cent on July 1 of this year, bringing the total reduction to 30 per cent by January 1, 1965.

MINISTER TO VISIT CYPRUS

Mr. Nicosia, June 25.—A British Cabinet Minister is to fly to Cyprus soon to consult the Cypriot Government on British negotiations to join the European Community. In addition, a spokesman of the British High Commissioner's office said yesterday. The Minister, it was stated, is to be accompanied by Mr. Sandys, Mr. Thorneycroft, and Mr. Hare, whose itineraries have already been announced.—Reuter.

HOPE OF BIGGER COT ORDERS FROM FRANCE

The way was now open for further discussions on boosting British cotton exports to France, said Mr. Robens, chairman of the National Cotton Board, when he arrived in London last night after a four-day visit to Paris. He said he hoped a French mission would visit Britain in the autumn to discuss cotton orders. During his stay he met officials of the French Government, the state-owned coal industry and coal engineers, and expressed himself as "very pleased" with the talks.

ONE KILLED, ONE HURT IN GLIDER CRASH

A man was killed and another injured today when a glider crashed into a field near Winchester, Hampshire, yesterday. The injured man, who is in hospital at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, is Mr. Robert Wood, of Manor Farm cottage, Ailington Lane, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, Hampshire. The man who was killed was Mr. Frank William Keith Charles, aged 32, of Waterloo Avenue, Highfield Estate, Waterlooville, near Portsmouth.

MR. MACMILLAN FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The Prime Minister, who spent the weekend working on papers at his country house, has now returned to work from the cold and sore throat that caused him to cancel one or two engagements and which is expected to be back at Admiralty House this afternoon.