

AFRICA NEWS

A WEEKLY DIGEST OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS

The North Carolina Central University Museum of

N. C. Museum of Art Receives \$12,120 Grant

Art has received a \$12,120 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support a November exhibition of works by William E. Artis, Romare Bearden, and Selma Burke.

The three artists were born in North Carolina. Each is Afro-American.

Bearden, a painter, was also born in 1914 in Charlotte. He has worked most recently in colleges and mixed media.

Burke was born in Moore-

ville in 1900. Her profile sculpture of Franklin D. Roosevelt was chosen by the president's widow for the ten-cent piece commemorating Roosevelt.

The show will open on the afternoon of NCCU's Founder's Day, November 4, and will continue through the month. Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degrees will be awarded to the artists. Bearden and Burke are expected to be present for the ceremonies.

NEW FIGHTING EXPECTED IN AFRICA'S HORN

[AN] Ethiopia claims to have shot down five Somali MIGs last week, in a counter-offensive designed to break the military stalemate between Ethiopian soldiers and guerrillas of the Western Somali Liberation Front.

During July and August, the Front wrested control of up to 90 per cent of Ethiopia's Ogaden region, bordering neighboring Somalia, from the Ethiopian army. But its drive to capture the three Ethiopian strongholds in the Ogaden — the towns of Dire Dawa, Harar, and Jijiga — has apparently faltered.

Despite denials by Somalia, most reports from the area say regular Somali units are

probably involved in the fighting. Both Ethiopia and Somalia are shopping for weapons in anticipation of a wider war.

Somalia makes no secret of its support for the Western Somali guerrillas, and says it fears an Ethiopian attack on Somalia itself. The arms race is clouded by secrecy and contradictory rumors. Some Soviet supplies are reportedly reaching both nations, but the bulk of Soviet aid is said to be going to Ethiopia, rather than long-time Soviet ally, Somalia. Somalia is therefore turning to Arab regional neighbors, including Iraq, Syria, and Saudi Arabia.

Mediation efforts have had

little apparent effect, although a Mozambican delegation visited South Yemen and Somalia, and a Malagasy team went to both Somalia and Ethiopia, carrying messages to the parties. Formal Organization of African Unity efforts are also stalled.

Somalia's President Siad Barre returned last week from a two-day visit to the Soviet Union, but there has been no sign of an improvement in the recently-strained relations.

The United States is trying to distance itself from the conflict by announcing that an earlier offer of arms for Somalia refers to "defensive" weapons only, and will not be for use in the Ogaden fighting.



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CHILLY RECEPTION FOR RHODESIA PEACE PLAN

[AN] Bolstered by a re-sounding election victory, Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith last week raised serious objections to the latest Anglo-American plan during a meeting Thursday with British Foreign Secretary David Owen and American UN Ambassador Andrew Young. The following day, Smith told reporters he had been skeptical before the meeting and was "no more optimistic now."

The Rhodesia leader characterized various points in the plan as "crazy," "ill-conceived," and "disastrous," but he said his cabinet would give the proposals "long and careful consideration."

The settlement blueprint reportedly involves the resignation of the Smith regime and its replacement by an interim government headed by a British commissioner. Security would be handled initially by a UN peacekeeping force, probably with a large Nigerian contingent. Then defense responsibilities would be turned over to a new Zimbabwe army based on the guerrilla force of the Patriotic Front but including some elements of the

Rhodesian army as well.

During the period of UN supervision, an electoral process would be set in motion to choose a new government on the basis of one man, one vote.

Similar to earlier peace packages, the latest Anglo-American initiative features a \$1 billion Zimbabwe Development Fund as an incentive for the whites to stay after independence.

In his Friday press conference, Smith criticized the notion of dissolving the Rhodesian army. He also asked how the British could expect his government to step down before knowing the type of Constitution offered to replace it.

The Rhodesian leader was expected to reject the Anglo-American proposals, and to proceed instead with his 'internal settlement' plan. This most likely involves negotiations during the coming months with the two nationalist leaders who have disassociated themselves from the guerrilla armies, Bishop Muzorewa and Ndabaningi Sithole as well as talks with the country's traditional tribal chiefs.

Both Muzorewa and Sithole have so far declined to negotiate with Smith.

According to British journalist David Martin, Owen believes that escalating guerrilla war will make an 'internal settlement' impossible and that Smith will be forced to reconsider the Anglo-American proposals. Writing in the London Observer, Martin says Owen regards the new plan as the actual basis for a Rhodesian solution and is not willing to alter it except in respect of details. The British Foreign Secretary is forwarding the plan to the UN Security Council for review later this month.

It appears that some adjustments must be made, however, if the plan is to win African support. A spokesman for the Patriotic Front said in Lusaka last week that the proposals were designed to protect the white minority and give a British commissioner too much power to protect British interests there.

The front-line countries have neither endorsed nor rejected the proposals.

ANGOLAN GUERRILLAS CLAIM CAPTURE OF BORDER TOWNS

[AN] The Angolan opposition guerrilla group UNITA is claiming new military successes against the MPLA-led government of that country. The claims have been reported in a series of communiques released in recent weeks in Paris, and in broadcasts from Johannesburg.

The claims refer to attacks in the southern provinces of Huambo, Bie and Cuando-Cubango, most notably the capture of several towns in Cuando-Cubango on the border with Namibia. An Angolan transport plan was shot down over Cuangar on July 13, and the town was reportedly occupied for some time by UNITA forces. In August, UNITA also reported taking Calai, a border town some fifty miles to the east.

Fighting in this border area is confirmed by reports from Angolan government sources and from the Namibian liberation movement, SWAPO. These sources, however, assert that UNITA guerrillas are supplied, trained and joined in their operations by South African troops in Namibia. In particular, the downing of the transport over Cuangar is attributed to a South African anti-aircraft battery just across the Cubango river, which forms the border in that area.

Recent visitors to Huambo and Bie provinces, including Basil Davidson, long-time Angola observer, describe UNITA's military activities in those provinces as isolated banditry and harassment rather than a serious military threat. The Benguela Railway, which runs through Huamba and Bie, is operating within Angola, he reports. (Lack of an agreement with Zaire has prevented international operation of the railway, and Zambia and Angola are planning a new road to connect the Zambian copper-belt directly with the Angolan railway town of Luena—formerly Luso.)

However, UNITA's claims to wider control and plans to proclaim a "Black Socialist Republic" in the south of Angola received a major boost last month from a seven-part series of front page articles in the Washington Post. The articles relate a seven-month trip inside Angola with UNITA guerrillas by Leon Dash, a reporter who had also travelled with UNITA and written a similar four-part series in 1973.



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