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All Smiles

At left, Mrs. Mattie Jones, wife of the only black hostage held in Iran for the full captivity said last Monday she saw her husband in television film earlier in the day and he looked "great." "He looked thinner when we saw him at Christmas," Mrs. Jones said of her husband Charles, a teletype operator with the international communications agency. At right, Charles Jones, accompanied by an unidentified medic leaves the dental clinic in Wiesbaden, West Germany, last Thursday and waves to newsmen gathered at the main entrance of the Wiesbaden Air Force hospital. UPI Photos

## SOUTH AFRICA Crackdown On The Black Press

[AN] The South African government has taken action against black newspapers and journalists, steps that many observers see as the precursor of further press curbs.

After a two-month long strike led by the black trade union, Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa), three journalists active in the organization were banned. Mwasa President Zwelakhe Sisulu and the Natal branch vice president Marimuthu Subramoney were served with the restriction orders just after the strike ended. Transvaal regional officer Mathata Tsedu was banned ten days later.

Sisulu, son of jailed African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu, and Tsedu worked for the Postnewspapers. Last week, the company that owns those papers announced it would not try to publish again, following threats by the government to ban them. In the following two reports, Dick Usher details this action and Subry Govender reports on other signs of official displeasure with some of the country's newspapers.

**BLOEMFONTEIN [AN]** The closure of South Africa's two leading black newspapers has sparked indignation throughout the country. Commentators representing a wide range of political opinion have condemned the move. And even Afrikaans newspapers, usually supportive of the government, have been extremely critical.

South Africa's two most respected black newspapers, *Four* and *Sunday Post*, were forced to close down under the threat of government action.

The two papers had been off the street since November when they were struck by members of the Media Workers Association of South Africa in a dispute with management. Following the settlement of the strike, the government refused to allow the papers to resume publication, claiming the certificates of registration required under the country's Internal Security Act had lapsed.

**JOHANNESBURG [AN]** The Steyn Commission of Inquiry, established last year to look into the performance of the mass media, has been holding hearings here, and government officials called to testify have raised some serious allegations against the English-language press.

Vlok Delpert, from the Department of Foreign Affairs, accused certain newspapers of being "undeniably involved in the psychological onslaught" against the country and contributing to the "revolutionary climate" in South Africa. A Department of Defence psychologist labeled the positive reporting by some newspapers of the "Free Mandela" campaign as "subversive," because it undermined the state, which has seen fit to jail the African National Congress leader.

Another defense spokesman slammed a series of "positive" articles on the banned African National Congress published recently in the Johannesburg newspaper, *The Star*, because the articles blamed the "radicalisation" of the ANC on the inflexibility of white South Africans.

Some of the most serious charges were made by the head of the security police, Brigadier Johan Coetzee.

According to Coetzee, reports such as those commemorating the banning of black consciousness organizations in 1977,

bordered on support for subversive organizations. He also alleged that certain reports concerning the death of black leader Steve Biko, who died in police custody, were part of a campaign to discredit detention clauses in the Internal Security Act.

Time and again, various civil servants told the Steyn Commission that newspapers were responsible for the unhealthy state of race relations in South Africa.

Repeated calls have been made for statutory controls of newspapers, the registration of journalists, regulations controlling the contents of reports, and disciplinary action against editors who venture beyond the bounds of government regulations.

A common thread running through most of the submissions has been an emphasis of the "total onslaught" facing the country and the need for newspapers to back the government in its "total strategy" to counter the apparent offensive.

## EAST AFRICA/HORN Signs of Peace, War

[AN] Four African presidents met in Kampala, Uganda, on January 17 in a highly symbolic gathering marking the return to peace — if not complete harmony — in the area formerly grouped as the East African Community. Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda joined the presidents of Tanzania and Kenya and newly-elected Milton Obote of Uganda as they celebrated the end of the Amin era, which had isolated Uganda and contributed to the break-up of the East African Community.

The issue of the proper stance toward Amin had been one of the divisive factors for the EAC Presidents Kaunda of Zambia and Nyerere of Tanzania had been among the strongest African critics of Idi Amin, and Tanzanian troops played the critical role in the dictator's overthrow in 1979. For its part, Kenya, under President Daniel Arap Moi and his predecessor Jomo Kenyatta, had maintained a more accommodating attitude toward Amin, and it strongly rebuked Tanzania for what Kenyan leaders say was an attempt to re-install Obote in the Uganda presidency.

Moi and Obote made their peace, finally, in a January 5 meeting, and economic ties between Uganda and Kenya are resuming. In spite of a new atmosphere, however, there seem to be no early prospects for resolution of the disputes between Kenya and Tanzania that have kept their common border closed for four years.

One prerequisite, the object of discussion in Kampala, is settling the dispute over disposition of the assets of the dissolved East Africa Community. But other substantial, and less tangible, issues remain. Kenya, with its strong industrial base established under the British, had profited most from regional trade, and the border closure has served as some protection for weaker Tanzanian industry.

In addition, the ideological dispute between



between Tanzania's socialist orientation and Kenya's private enterprise-based perspective continues. And incidents such as a December clash in which 22 presumed Tanzanian

"cattle raiders" were killed by Kenyan police provide repeated occasions for hostility and mutual recriminations. Meanwhile, further north in the Horn of

Africa, the longstanding conflict between Somalia and Ethiopia may gain new impetus with a U.S. decision to release \$40 million in military sales credits for Somalia. The

credits had been held up since an agreement was signed in August for U.S. use of the military facilities at Berbera. The delay: congressional insistence on assurances that

Somali regular troops were not involved in the fighting inside Ethiopia between the Ethiopian government and Somali-speaking guerrillas. In the last week of the Carter ad-

ministration, U.S. officials supplied "verified assurances" to the House Foreign Operations subcommittee that Somali regular forces were no longer involved.

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