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## Zambia halts mission by MPs

AT BARELY 24 hours' notice a British parliamentary mission to Zambia, due to have left London last night, has been indefinitely postponed.

The cancellation by the Zambian authorities was thought in Government circles to be connected with recent racial disturbances reported from the copperbelt, which led to the sudden expulsion of 25 Europeans, 12 of them British.

The Commonwealth Office com-plained that they should have been given longer warning, but the case for the expulsions was not challenged. Private information reaching London suggested the people involved may have been concerned in racial provo-cation. President Kaunda has been cation. President Kaunda has been actively campaigning against racialism in Zambia, and it was believed in London that he may have been right in thinking it would be better for these troubles to simmer down before the arrival of the British delegation.

#### Main reason

The eight MPs in the intended mission, led by former Minister of Transport Mr Tom Fraser and including the former Conservative Attorney-General, Sir John Hobson, QC, were told that because of 'the pressure of business' it would be difficult to make appropriate arrangements 'for the distinguished visitors.' There was no proposal for a later date.

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The visit had been arranged several months ago by the Zambian branch of the Parliamentary Commonwealth Association and by the Speaker's Office at Lusaka, but it is understood in London these had inadvertently failed to inform their own Foreign Office until Thursday.

This may have been a contributory factor in deciding the Zambian authorities to call off the visit, though London believes the main reason was the recent disturbances.

#### Not compromised

British officials were at pains to deny that relations with Zambia are seriously compromised. They point out that Zambia is still considering the offer of £14 million intended to help them compensate for trade losses with Rhodesia and that the High Commissioner has been given full authority to make the payment as soon as President Kaunda decides to accept.

Nothing he has said so far indicates a rupture of relations and they believe he is waiting only for a decision on the Rhodesian issue before taking up the offer. They claim that the social contacts between the two countries have remained acoustics. have remained good and point out that under the aid programme there are more professionals and technicians nt out from Britain to Zambia than to any other country.

### Enough of this sorrow'

BANGKOK. 29 October - President Johnson appealed to North Viet-nam's leaders today: Let us lay aside our arms and sit down at the table of reason.

He promised that as soon as the Vietnam war ended it would be possible to devote 'substantially greater funds' to the relief of human need. South-East Asia would have its full share. The President was speaking at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok on the second day of his visit to Thailand.

He said: 'I say to the leaders in Hangi.' "Let us repoures the works.

Hanoi: "Let us renounce the works of death and take up the tasks of the living. Enough of this sorrow." Americans in Thailand: Page 2

### Human wave attack

SAIGON, 29 October.—North Vietnam troops came on in human waves' in a new onslaught against United States infantrymen in the central highlands of South Vietnam near the Cambodian border last night. The battle is still coing on

In one of five big attacks screaming troops hurled themselves against an American company to the sound of bugles, advancing from all sides at once, a military spokesman said. Moderate US casualties are reported.



Listening to a first-hand account of the Aberian disaster.

# Queen visits the mourning valley

from ALAN ROAD: Abertan, 29 October

Edinburgh today.

There were no cheers. It was, after all, a royal occasion which everyone concerned was wishing had not been necessary.

But it was a visit of a mother, a

visit which, in the words of Councillor Jim Williams, who lost seven relatives in last week's disaster, was beneficial to the mothers who lost their children.

It was outside Aelybryn (brow of the hill), the councillor's home, that three-vear-old Karen Jones presented the Queen with a small posy inscribed 'From the remaining children of Aberfan.'

#### Tea and Welsh cakes

For 20 minutes over tea and Welsh cakes in the front room of the green-and-yellow terraced house, Mr Williams and his 62year-old wife, Beatrice, told the Queen and Prince Philip of the disaster morning when the great tip above Aberfan swept over the village school and 17 houses killing 146 and robbing Mr Williams of three young nephews, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law and an

Earlier, from the other side of the narrow Merthyr Valley, the Queen and the Duke had viewed the monochrome landscape of disaster, the grey, terraced houses in tiers, culminated by the long black finger of slurry pointing at the heart of the village. The royal couple crossed the floor of the valley to

inspect the scenr of the disaster

Oueen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh talk to an Aberfan schoolgirl.

THE MOURNING citizens of Aberfan gave the Queen a silent welcome when she visited their stricken village with the Duke of at closer quarters and speak with the Queen, whose rust coat eclloed the colour of the bracken on the survey of the colour of the bracken on the survey of the colour of the bracken on the survey of the gave with head bowed.

Then, with the mayor of Morthyr,

ago a temporary mortuary—the Queen talked to four nurses and St John workers who had toiled inside. In Moy Road, where only half an hour earlier giant lorries had been removing mountains of black mud, the Queen and the Duke stood on the site of Pantglas school, now no more than an 80-yard gap in the τoad.

Mr Williams introduced the Queen to half a dozen families who had been bereaved or had lost homes. She was very sorry, he said, there was nothing she could give them other than just sym

For the Duke the two-and-a-half hour visit was the second paid to the village in eight days, and he chatted with men of the King's Own Borderers who have been helping in the cleaning up since the

weekend In Aberfan Road, the Queen paused in Abertan Road, the Queen paused to speak to Mrs Margaret Harries, of Cottrell Road, and her two sons, Paul, aged six, and Robert, aged seven. She was told how Paul's life was saved by Mrs Mancy Williams, a dinner-money collector, at Pantglas school, who covered Paul's body with her own and penished in its ruins.

#### Wreath of pink

carnations Later, the royal couple paid an un-heduled visit to the village cemetery

scheduled visit to the visiage cemetery on the hillside overlooking Aberfan and only a quarter of a mile from the path of the sliding tip.

There; watched by a handful of villagers, the Queen and Duke together placed a wreath of pink carnations on the mass grave of the 81 victims buried on Thursday. For the moment,

A WARNING that the Government might consider directing labour if its present prices and

Hall, Doccaster. The alternatives to present policies are either direction of labour in order to get four essential industries properly manned or to let inflation take its course; leading eventually and painfully to national bankruptcy.

His speech follows remarks made by the Prime Minister during questiontime last Thursday that the Government was examining ways in which resources, freed, as a result of the Government's measures could be used to provide stimulants to investment.

Some officials believe that this was an eference to the Government's growa reference to the Government's growing awareness that skilled labour may have to be directed towards export.

It could mean an almost total breakdown in Government relations with the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry concerning industrial conduct during the freeze and next year's six-month period of severe restraint.

committee will hold a special meeting today which will give a decisive definition to TUC views about the criteria for allowing wage claims dur-ing the 'restraint' — particularly those involving productivity bargains and the lowest-paid workers.

Price restrictions, the stringence of the Selective Employment Tax and still no clear indication of the Gov ernment's longer term economic inten tions could mean that CBI council members will vote for what will in effect be a breaking off of diplomatic

relations with the Government.

The TUC is in a hurry to make its hard line, known for two reasons. It wants to be lined up smartly in present on for the general secretary. re wants to be inted up smartly in pre-paration for the general secretary, George Woodcock's return to work on Monday following his prolonged con-valescence. More vitally, it is deter-mined to warn the Government of its opinions before the Department of Econômic Affairs begins to write its White Paper on wage criteria for next year.

by PETER DEELEY

SPECIAL BRANCH and Scotland Yard detectives carrying out investigations inside Wormwood Scrubs prison into the escape of master-spy George Blake believe that he may have been communicating with outside sources by a two-way, short-wave transmitter. All work was stopped in the prison radio workshop last week

after a search by the inquiry team. Prisoners working there were directed to other jobs, the section was sealed off and equipment was

be living in Britain, police think the key to where he is may be in

350 prisoners

questioned

staff and all the 350 long-term

prisoners - those serving more

than three years have been

The prison authorities have drawn up a list of 70 potential escapees still housed within D

Block, the wing from which Blake escaped through a second-floor window. The men—they include murderers others guilty of crimes of severe violence, and some sen-

by the Soviet newspaper Isvestia tonight of framing a Soviet diplomat in Washington. It said Mr John Huminik,

Ireland.

questioned.

Yard suspects

two-way radio

Blake used

Maryland scientist had worked as a double agent and had planted classified material with Mr Valen-tin Revin, a third secretary at the Soviet Embassy. April and is known to have been friendly with Blake. Although the man is believed to

Soviet Embassy.

It was claimed that Mr. Huminik had sold the Russians information about the US space programme while keeping the FBI informed. As a result of his evidence the Soviet diplomat was declared persona non grata. The newspaper named Mr Huminik and Mr. Harry Barnet, whom it described as an American Government official, as provocateins It said Mr. Barnet titled to recruit Soviet officials as double agent for US intelligence and attempted to compromise other Soviet officials by showing them official documents by showing them official documents.

America

frame-up

Moscow, 29 October THE United States was accused

accused

of spy

oricial documents:

It said that Mr. Huminik met a Soviet specialist whom it did not identify; and left him a secret idocument containing information ion US chemical and bacteriological weapons. This led to his expulsion from the US. Shulman, 50 year old associate direc-tor of Harvard's Russian Research Centre, with censoring the mail of Soviet students and using blackmail soviet students, and using blackmail and threats to try to get one to defect. Mr Shulman is now visiting Moscow, as a course. They also accused the Contral Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of issing scholars and scientists for apparent with the course of the course of

### Spain can have the apes'

Mr Fred Lee, the Colonial Secre-tary, flew to Gibraliar yesterday while with head bowed.

Then, with the mayor of Morthyr, Alderman Stanley Davies, tshe climbed the steep hillside to wiew the 150-foot cross of flowers sent to Aberfan from all parts of the world.

But today the rest of the world respected official requests to stay away and leave Aberfan to its grief. Almost as soon as the rioyal party left for the East Glambran hospital where they saw more survivors the gant lories were back at work and Aberfan began to return to normal or as normal as a village that has lost more than, a hundred children can ever be again. MPs were still protesting that he had not been sufficiently firm in supporting Gibraltar against new threats from Spain. He said at London Airport that the Government supported the people of Gibraltar. That was never in doubt

Mr Lee was asked about newspaper reports that the Spanish radio had said after his House of commons speech that the only thing left for Gibraltarians was to take the apec and

Mr Lee replied: Spain can have the apes and we'll have the Rock.

## Jobs direction if prices and pay plan fails

by DAVID HAWORTH, our Industrial Reporter

incomes policy fails was given by Mr Douglas Houghton, Minister without Portfolio, yesterday.

Timely hints These are timely hints because the Government's prices and incomes policy will this week face its most serious challenge so far a double crisis of confidence.

manufacturing industries

Members of the TUC economic

On Tuesday more than 400 leading industrialists, will-hold, an emergence meeting, called by the CBI to decid whether or not to continue their increasingly, reluctant co-operation with the Government on the prices and incomes policy. Members of without Portfolio, yesterday.

He said in a speech at the Trades the CBI are incensed by the Government to present policies are either direction of labour in order to get our element of contrivance in this anger. Many CBI council members, have leading eventually and painfully to national bankruptcy.

His, speech follows remarks made.

white Paper on wage criteria for next, year.

The White Paper is expected to be published at the end of next month. But the Prices and Incomes Board which is preparing keynote reports on the lowest paid workers and productivity bargains is behindhand with this work, and the publication of the White. work, and the publication of the White. Paper may be delayed as a result.
Inevitably, the TUC's definition of restraint will be different from the Government's but if the Government fails to take die notice of the TUC recommendations the union leaders will seek a showdown with the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister.

impounded.

The investigators believe that Blake was using the two-way radio to complete his escape arrange ments during the 24 hours before he climbed to liberty.

A man with knowledge of the prison said yesterday: It is not prison said yesterday: It is not outside escape gang may have been outside escape gang may have been outside escape gang may have been the first time that men inside have outside escape gain may have been outside escape gain may have been outside escape gain may have been the world outside.

Scotland Yard officers were make organisation which freed train robber Charles Wilson from Win-

ing inquiries in Dublin yesterday, son Green prison, Birmingham, in They want to talk to an Irishman 1964.

who completed a seven-year sent friends of Blake are tence in Wormwood Scrubs last convinced that he is still in this convinced that he is still in this country and that his break-out was for one purpose only; to try to contact a public figure who would help in getting a review of his sen-

Blake's mother now works as a housekeeper in Radlett, Hertford shire; a sisten now married lives in Kent. The whereabouts of his wife, Gillian against whom he recently began divorce proceedings, are not being revealed by her solicitors. tors.

The two-tone Humber Hawk car. registration 117GMX, which is believed to have carried Blake on the first section of his escape route, was seen near the prison at about 6 pm. last Saturday. Blake was last checked at 5.30 pm and missed at 7 pm. His cell, D8, was subjected to minute examination by the investigating team and a number of foreign language books were taken tenced for iraud have been away.



GEORGE BLAKE —an Observer inquiry 11

IN COLOUR

Africa's wounded giant



The baffled men of business

TODAY'S PROGRAMMES

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## tenced for iraud—have been graded into maximum, medium and gossible, security risks. Following the medium of the first security fixes. Following the model from District security for the made from District security to be made from District secure falls. The Home Office prison department now seems to acknowledge that security at the 100 year old sing about 1,000 prisoners, is inadequate. n the turrets of D Block to install codlighting to cover the walls. The ssibility of fixing man traps parbed wire or spikes to the top of the walls is also under consideraion. Prisoners within D. Block have now also been stopped from wandering into the upper floors of the four-storey building. Meeting wall lem have been quartered in an office in the main block of the prison Everyman in D Block was taken before them by a prison officer. They were asked personal details about their life and sentence. Then they were questioned about their relationship with Blake. Blake. One man serving a long sentence for fraud declined to meet the investigators; unless, his solicitor It is understood that the inmates of D Block, almost to a man, ed to reveal any information if they had it about Blake. To them he was a popular figure One man describing the morning after the escape, said: It was like Christmas Day after Father Christmas had been Volsey Despite the wall of silence put up by the prisoners, the investigat-VANITY-FAIR LINGERIE laced with TAILORED NYLON SLIP with centre-back slit. Bust sizes 34° to 40°

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England, Midlands, Channel Is.

E. Cant. Midlands, Channel Is.

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E. Land N.E. England. Mist or for patches at first, then sunny spells. Wind N., light, or moderate. Temp. near normal, max. 11C, 52F.

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