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President of Portugal Pays State Visit.

A state visit starts with the arrival in Salisbury of Portugal's President General de Craveiro Lopes. He was met on his arrival by the Acting Governor General Sir Robert Tedgold, who introduced him to other dignitaries. Gubernatorial greetings were extended from all three counties in the Federation, Admiral Sir Peveril William Powllett representing Southern Rhodesia. With the cordial welcome completed, General de Craveiro Lopes was accorded a state drive through the streets of the Capital.

At the house of the Consul General for Portugal a reception was held to honour the President's visit. Accompanied by Senhora de Craveiro Lopes, the President was in excellent spirits. His goodwill visit to the Federation, a good neighbour to the Portuguese Province of Mocambique, was an unqualified success. Long may that friendship last.

In the Nisght of Fashion.

The Lusaka Playhouse takes on the look of the Lido and the Riviera as beach wear is featured in a Fashion Show. This outstanding display - oh dear, perhaps outstanding is a rather unfortunate word to use. I'm afraid I'm a little more out of my depth than the girls in the swim-suits.

All right, well let's try again. The display was staged to swell the coffers of the Mayoress' Charity Fund, and the collection of dresses included offerings from the world's leading couturiers. Certainly nothing more colourful and ambitious has been staged in Lusaka before. As the ladies in the audience are probably discussing these creations anyway, perhaps I had better stop interrupting their conversation.

Modes from leading couturiers, fit to grace the salons of the *haute monde*. And now with your permission we'll close the French windows.

For African Market Only.

An Ideal Homes Exhibition for Africans in Harari Township is opened by the Mayor of Salisbury. The first of its kind, it focussed attention on the efforts of Industry and Commerce to satisfy the African Market. We don't know how well a knitting machine fits into African life but we found out that an African mother with a baby on her back doesn't fit into an easy chair.

Popular with the men - and after all it's probably they who spend the money - was a Mannequin Parade. The price range of the dresses was from 15/- to £4: so an African woman with dress sense and a couple of pounds could do herself reasonably well.

And how to save up for such things was demonstrated too. If you can't afford a piano or radiogram, settle for a guitar - it can be just as noisy.

Fish to Provide Sport and Food.

From the Nyasaland Plateau 8000 ft. up in Nyasaland's well watered Northern Province tumble the many streams and waterfall. Ideal for trout, many such streams were virtually fishless until the Trout Hatcheries and Inland Fisheries Research Station was established. The Fish Station at Nohenachena owes its success to Mr. A.V. Gifkins who still presides and teaches Africans the merits of fish farming as a source of food. Bred under control, Mr. Gifkins has considerable faith in the raising, or if you like the farming, of tilapia.

tilepia/

The tilepia is easy to breed and grows to edible size quickly, but it is not yet fully known what diseases it is subject to, or the ideal conditions necessary to make it thrive.

The Nchenachena station was first started as a Trout hatchery, the original ova were flown in from Kenya and South Africa several years ago. But nowadays the fingerlings are raised in their thousands from trout grown to maturity here. And under Mr. Gifkins' care, well have they flourished.

Periodically the fishponds are dragged and the fingerlings are netted at a safe period for transporting. The Hatcheries stock suitable streams over quite a large area which entails carrying the young fish for some distance. Once the stream has been checked, in go the fingerlings to start a completely natural existence.

Conditions in Nyasaland are ideal and it can safely boast some of the best trout fishing in Africa. Providing a sport, always popular with tourists, and a further source of food are jobs Mr. Gifkins has found most satisfying.

Strange Home for Orphans.

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Major Gerry Taylor of Northern Rhodesia's Game and Tsetse Department gathers a number of interesting trophies during the course of his job. For instance he had a lamp made from the skull of a record sized lion. But more fascinating still are the young creatures like this warthog which his Rangers find deserted or sometimes trapped. Mrs. Taylor nursed this night ape back to health. Not all creatures become household pets though - the Gaboon Viper will have you ready for the mortuary slab in three minutes given half a chance, and even from the time they emerge from the egg young corcodiles can bite hard and are always on the war path. The Game and Tsetse Department does not trap animals, it looks after stranded young and returns them to the bush later. Of course they lead the life of Riley in the Taylor household and most are pleasant guests.

The Lichwa is peculiar to Northern Rhodesia and is in danger of being exterminated. One of the favourites is a young Zebra found deserted when the herd was driven off by bush fire, but the star turn is Sammy the leopard, 9 months old and as playful as they come. He's not really safe pet though, no leopard ever is. Sammy has a most uncatlike love of water and can even turn on the tap if one is not around to do it for him. Sammy knows a leopard can't change his spots, he just tries to wash 'em off.

More News from Mighty Kariba.

Up to the North of Kariba, a considerable drainage problem is being overcome before the building of a railhead at Kafue. Everything even remotely connected with the Kariba scheme seems to call for major operations - the levelling and packing down for the Kafue railhead being yet another example. It is in fact by observing such side operations that one gets the truest impression of the whole scheme's magnitude. And it becomes even clearer how utterly impossible the project was before the introduction of modern equipment. Only comparatively recently have such machines been available to bring reality to vision.

Cutting across the Northern Access Road to Kariba is the Lusito River, and good progress is being made in permanently bridging it. Work will be speeded up when the Northern Access Road becomes an all-weather highway.

Meanwhile, at the site of the dam, concrete by the ton is being poured into the abutments at either end of the bridge. It looks like this bridging problem, which the Zambezi so tenaciously resisted, is finally licked, and the steelwork is reaching out to span the pylons.

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The suspension bridge allows crossing only on foot - it is believed to be longest of its kind in the world. Other examples of magnitude are the portals to the tunnels which will bypass the waters of the Zambezi while the dam itself is being built. This is the upstream part of the work, where huge loading machines remove tons of rock with each scoop. Before long all the water which flows over the Victoria falls will pass through here.

At the same time the endless hammer of rock drills echoes along the down stream workings, slowly being pushed forward to meet its opposite number. Hole after hole is drilled ready for the charges which will claw out the solid rock face. And to give you an idea of size, compare the jeep standing in the tunnel.

Strange things seem to turn up at Kariba like this launch for the Native Affairs Department. It will be used to facilitate the removal of the Native population along the Zambezi, when it shows a marked improvement over the present means of transport, the native dug-out canoe.

Another side project is the clearing of Tsetse Fly from an extensive area. This is being tackled by air dusting, a method which has proved its value in Natal. It will open up huge tracts for human habitation and cattle, making it possible to settle a large population where none could live before.
