

Wilson And Rhodesian Premier Appear Headed For Collision

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LONDON (CP)—As the dispute between Britain and Rhodesia over independence for the white-ruled colony moves into its most critical phase yet, British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Rhodesian Premier Ian

Smith seem set on a collision course. Wilson, if he chooses, could wield some powerful weapons to dissuade the Rhodesian government from staking independence as it may think it is entitled to do when it has received

its mandate from the rural Africans and the Rhodesian voters. Among actions Britain could take although nothing has yet been officially decided, are tough economic sanctions in Rhodesia, recognizing an African

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can government-in-exile and freezing Rhodesian assets in the City of London. At present the word in Whitehall is Lord Aquilino's famous phrase—"wait and see." After a weekend of snub and counter-snub by the two governments, Smith agreed to meet Wilson to wrestle some solution from the deadlock. He chose, however, to defer the encounter until after the Nov. 3 referendum, which he confidently expects will give him the green light for independence on his terms.

The new British prime minister lost no time in publicly stating Smith's plan to tap African opinion through the government - paid tribal chiefs would not be regarded as representative of the Negro majority. The nationalists and most urban Africans—other than the

small minority qualified to vote in the Nov. 3 referendum—have been excluded from Smith's consultations on independence. Now the chiefs, predictably, have said "yes." The overwhelmingly white electorate of Rhodesia will undoubtedly return the same verdict Nov. 3. With each day that passes, the threat of a unilateral declaration of independence—"odi" as the white Rhodesians dub it—grows more menacing. The sacking of Rhodesia's 50-year-old army chief, Maj.-Gen. John Anderson, on the pretext of age was seen here as an obvious bid to weed out loyalist opposition to a possible coup.

It could be seen as a plain indication Smith feels the possibility of a negotiated independence now is remote with a socialist government in Britain, and that he is already planning for unilateral action. The suddenly urgent possibility of a unilateral declaration comes barely a month after Premier Smith had publicly backed away from it in favor of negotiations after his mid-September talks with then Premier Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Britain earned more than \$7,000,000 from the export of bicycles in 1963, with the U.S. being the largest single market.

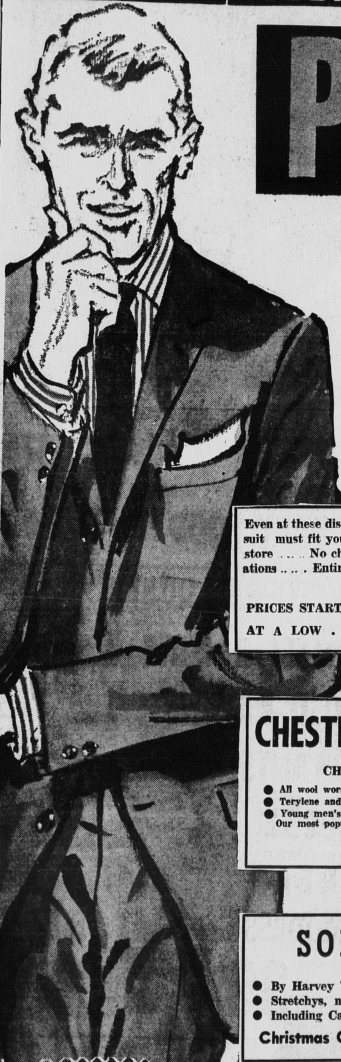
German Doctor Is Acquitted

BERLIN (Reuters) — The West German Supreme Court, presided over by a woman judge has acquitted on appeal a West German physician who admitted sterilizing 1,300 women between 1946 and 1961. The presiding judge, Dr. Else Kofka, said there were no legal grounds for punishing a physician who sterilized women at their own request. Therefore Dr. Axel Dohrn, the accused

had to be acquitted on legal grounds. Dohrn, 54-year-old father of three children, admitted sterilizing the women at his hospital in Lower Saxony. He said he did so only to save their lives, their health or their marriages. Last November Dohrn was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for causing bodily harm in 40 cases out of a total of 149 which the prosecution brought to trial. The verdict said in these cases Dohrn sterilized the women without their knowledge.

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