

Northern Rhodesia Election Campaign Spills Over Nation's Borders

Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.—The first general elections in Northern Rhodesia are scheduled for October but the election campaign already has spilled over the territory's borders.

Tanganyika is openly supporting anti-Federation forces and Katanga is said to be financing at least one African party which is not hostile to the federation.

Apart from foreign interference, African hopes of presenting a united front are dwindling fast.

Recently, a third African party announced it will contest the elections by sponsoring 30 candidates, including five Europeans and a senior tribal chief.

Three African-led and two European-dominated parties will contest for the legislative assembly's 45 elected seats.

Forgone Conclusion

Observers say it is a foregone conclusion that if the African mass United National Independence Party led by Kenneth Kaunda, wins a substantial number of seats in the new assembly, Northern Rhodesia will present the Central African Federation with the same problem Nyasaland has by threatening to secede.

The UNIP is a staunch opponent of the federation in its present form.

The African front, however, is split. Harry Nkumbula's African National Congress has not made a clear stand on the federation issue while the Central African People's Union, the third African contestant, is led by Dixon Konkola, an elected member of the federal parliament in Salisbury.

Both parties are said to be financed by the Katanga government and the British South African Company, which owns most of the mining companies exploiting the territory's mineral wealth.

President Moise Tshombe of Katanga put CAOU on its feet financially and the party was allowed to open an office in Elisabethville where it also published a newspaper.

No one knows with certainty where Nkumbula's ANC gets its money but it is generally believed that the Congress party is subsidized by the British South African Company which is known to be strongly against Kaunda's UNIP.

Nkumbula is also known to entertain cordial relations

with Tshombe and subsidies are believed to reach him via the National Bank of Ka-

tanga. Recently, the Tanganyika Broadcasting corporation

tion started propaganda broadcasts favoring Kaunda's party. It started off by in-

cluding the full UNIP election manifesto in one of its news transmissions.

Despite their joint opposition to UNIP the two other African parties have so little

in common, chiefly because of a clash of personalities, that an alliance between ANC

and CAPU is not expected. Observers say that ANC may even prefer joining hands

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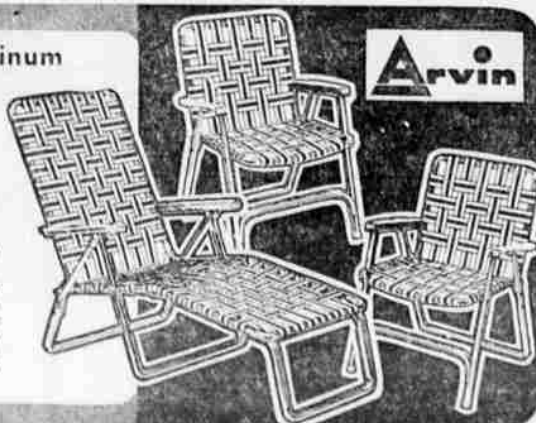
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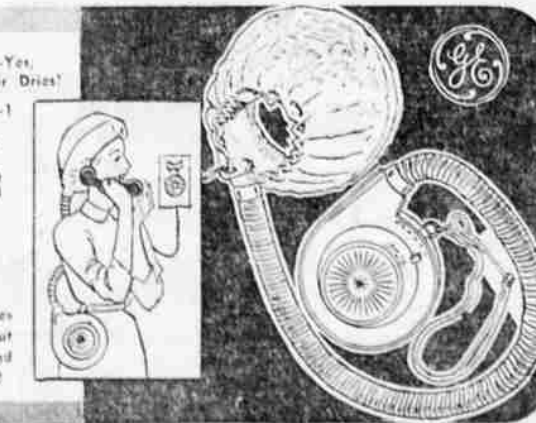
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Ten New York Counties Ruled Disaster Areas

United Press International
Ten New York counties have been designated disaster areas in a 10-week-old eastern drought that showed no signs of ending.

The drought spread throughout the Middle Atlantic states, drying crops and dropping streams to the lowest levels in years.

New York's two U.S. senators asked federal aid to help water and feed livestock. An official of the New York Agriculture Department said the drought was the worst in that area in two generations.

Worst of Century

Some New York farmers were said to be preparing to sell their cattle as a cataback measure.

The drought in at least one section of Pennsylvania was described by a climatologist as the worst since the turn of the century.

New Jersey, which is in its fourth week without rain, had five counties classified as drought disaster areas.

Twenty-two of Pennsylvania's 67 counties were designated as a drought disaster areas last Friday and Monday Gov. David Lawrence asked Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman to add 17 more counties to the list.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller has asked Freeman to classify 10 New York counties as drought disaster areas.

Rain in Maine
In New England the drought was less severe, and it eased somewhat last week when northern Maine got an inch of rain.

South of the drought areas the problem was too much rain. A 14-county area of North Carolina was designated a weather disaster area after heavy rains caused damage estimated in the tens of millions of dollars to crops. Several South Carolina counties also received disaster area classification because of rain damage.

Virginia's tobacco farmers reported crop damage from heavy rains.

The moon has been described as a fossil earth, its surface unmarred by wind or water erosion. It may tell scientists what the solar system was like a billion years ago.