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People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it" George Bernard Shaw



Zimbabwe: a transition of power for the Chinese controlled state and a come-uppance for the Typist

Zimbabwe today is celebrating the resignation of Robert Mugabe. Did he resign because he thought he might be impeached, following the Nixon example? No. The Swan's view is that he had phoned everyone for support and failed to get it. Then he phoned his masters in Beijing who told him it was over: they had already selected his successor. So down he went.

The ludicrous Theresa May stated: "As Zimbabwe's oldest friend we will do all we can to support ...and to help the country achieve a brighter future". No Theresa, Britain is not Zimbabwe's oldest friend, Britain wrecked the possible peaceful handover of power and has never been a friend of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia or Rhodesia: that friend is China.

How on earth did we get to this mess of a failed state? Let's rewind the clock...



The first UDI since 1776

Rhodesia issued its Unilateral Declaration of Independence from Britain on 11th December 1965. The country was already engulfed in civil war at this point, which did not end until the Lancaster House Agreement in 1979.

one side and, chiefly, ZAPU¹ and ZANU on the other. ZAPU was founded by Joshua Nkomo in 1961 and was the key original Zimbabwe revolutionary party. There had been others but ZAPU was organized in a way that the others had not been. It developed a conventional military army, run primarily from Zambia, called ZIPRA², which was funded and trained by the Russians. A stable, conventional military campaign.

The main protagonists in this conflict were, obviously, the white Rhodesian government on



Ian Smith, 1976

ZANU was founded by Ndabaningi Sithole (and others) as a break away group from ZAPU in August 1963. At the first ZANU party congress, held the following year, Sithole was elected President of the party and he appointed one Robert Mugabe as secretary. It was not until 1975 that Mugabe declared himself leader, following the assassination of the then leader Herbert Chitepo. However Mugabe had been in effective control of ZANU once Sithole was jailed in Rhodesia.

¹ ZANU: Zimbabwe African National Union. ZAPU Zimbabwe African People's Union.

² Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army

So who is Robert Mugabe?

Mugabe was one of the most brilliant and articulate leaders Africa has ever seen. The fact that he chose to use these skills for dictatorship, control and personal enrichment is a tragedy: but never underestimate the skills and brilliance of this man. He could have been an earlier version of Nelson Mandela (whom he always claimed to admire) but he chose the dark side instead.

Mugabe was educated at Kutama College and the University of Fort Hare in Rhodesia. For his early life he worked as a school teacher in Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, and Ghana. This was a man who was avid for education and knowledge and ended up with university degrees from London, South Africa and Ghana. He stated that he went to Ghana (1958) to learn what it was like to be in an independent African state. It was there that he embraced Marxism as a philosophy.



At the UN in happier days

When the war in Rhodesia began Nkomo and ZAPU were the revolutionary leaders and they were backed by Russia and trained by Russia. When ZANU splintered from ZAPU Mugabe had a brilliant idea....without backing ZANU would be forgotten....so he went to the Chinese. It was a masterstroke, not just from a financial point of view but also from the point of view as to who would win the peace.

Under Mugabe ZANU left the conventional war to ZIPRA, ZAPU's military wing. Instead ZANU embraced the same philosophy as Mao of controlling the rural areas and the peasant population. At one level pursuing a simple guerrilla war but at another level working tirelessly to politicize the rural population (Mao, Che, Castro).

They also had another arrow to their bow: racism. Mugabe rightly saw from his time in Ghana that despite the veneer of elections, Africa would for many years vote along racial lines. Mugabe is Mashona, the majority (70% of population) tribe in Zimbabwe. Nkomo was Ndebele, a minority tribe in the north east of Zim. By focusing on these two strategies: the racist tribal aspect (anathema to Nkomo and ZAPU) and the politicization of the rural population, Mugabe ensured that ZANU would win the eventual elections whenever and however they occurred.

The Endgame

At a military level it is easy to argue that Rhodesia won the conventional war but politically they were never close³. However, on 3rd September 1978, an incident happened, which changed everyone's view forever. Air Rhodesia Flight 825 was shot down by ZIPRA (the military wing of Nkomo's ZAPU). Of the 52 passengers and four crew, 38 died in the crash. ZIPRA found 10 of the survivors and shot them all. Then in February 1979, ZIPRA shot down Air Rhodesia Flight 827. In this case all 59 passengers and crew were killed in the crash. These were game changers on a massive scale: at the time this was done this was 40% of all commercial airliners ever shot down outside war time....and these had only been around seriously post WWII. The British Government ever condemned neither of these attacks.⁴

³ For a fascinating history of this war I highly recommend "A Handful of Hard Men: The SAS and the Battle for Rhodesia" by Hannes Wessels. On Amazon in Kindle.

⁴ In 2013 British MP Kate Hoey introduced a motion for retrospective condemnation: it was not passed.

Whatever might have been going on before, whatever might have been happening with the “Internal Settlement⁵” which worked briefly in 1979 and made perfect sense, this was the end; this was bigger than 9/11: so the Smith regime, rightly, folded.

Who came to power in 1980?....I mean: who was it *really*?

After the Lancaster House Agreement the temporarily re-named Southern Rhodesia moved towards the elections of 1980. The Western powers all thought Joshua Nkomo would win these elections. It's obvious really, the elder statesman of the revolutionary war, founder of the first “liberation” organization, safe pair of hands and there were even rumours that he had once told the truth about chopping down a cherry tree. I made a lot of money off this election as I was at Harvard in 1980 and once the Americans discovered there was someone willing to take bets **against** Nkomo the money simply flowed in.



Nkomo and Kissinger:
Note the fawning smile from
Mr K

But no one had done the analysis you have just read. No one had spotted that ZANU was funded by the Chinese, no one had analyzed the racial divisions, the potential voting patterns and so it came as a complete surprise: sheep surprised by the sunrise simply does not describe the total shock of the “West” that ZANU won.

The result was that Canaan Banana was the first president of Zimbabwe from 1980 to 1987 and Mugabe was the first Prime Minister. It is interesting that history has been so airbrushed that even the normally rigorous Financial Times had to print a correction today of their mistake that Robert Mugabe was the first president of Zimbabwe. However it is

certainly true that from day one Mugabe was in charge....well in charge so long as he obeyed his masters.

Back to the future

So let's go through the actual recent sequence of events because it is not at all as mainstream media would have you believe.

- In the week commencing 30th October, General Chiwenga, head of the Zimbabwe armed forces, visited China. We know this because on 14th November, the Chinese Government issued a press release stating that Chiwenga had been in China “on normal state business”. Since no one except the Chinese and the General, oh and of course Emerson Mnangagwa *knew he had been there* why issue the release? This is simply China's way of telling the world: “Yes, it really *is* us: get used to it”.
- Over the weekend of 4th/5th November, Emerson Mnangagwa the Vice President of Zimbabwe, was sacked by Mugabe. Certainly unconstitutional and probably illegal but Uncle Bob has never let either of these speed bumps slow him down.
- Mainstream Media (MSM) had nothing to say about this. The first I heard about it was when I had a drink with a friend who knows these things on Wednesday 8th November. At this point

⁵ The Rhodesian government decided to do a deal with the moderates who had eschewed the “armed struggle”. By now this included Sithole who had left ZANU and decided that negotiation was the way forward. He worked with Abel Muzorewa to form the first multiracial government in Rhodesia in June 1979. Muzorewa became Prime Minister and Sithole and Ian Smith were in the cabinet but it was as if nothing had happened. The war continued and Britain rejected the solution. This led to the Lancaster house talks at the end of 1979, which in turn, after a caretaker period, led to the elections of 1980.

there were rumors that EM had been fired but at the time the government in Zim still denied this.

- In fact, by the 8th, EM had been escorted to safety by the army (there is confusion as to whether this was to Mozambique or South Africa) but once outside Zimbabwe he flew to China.
- Over the weekend of 11th /12th the coup began. By the 15th the army was in control and EM flew in to a military base near Harare. We are currently working on finding out whose plane he flew on but my bet is that it was...Chinese...and I am guessing not a commercial flight.
- Today, finally, on 21st November Mugabe has resigned. This is the Chinese way. Watch how the leadership has changed since Mao. The Oligarchy gently moves to replace those in power.
- Quite simply, this is a coup, but a coup Chinese style.

So why did this happen now? The answer is the Typist

When Mugabe fired Mnangagwa on Nov 6th he was clearing the way for his wife Grace (aka "Gucci Grace" aka "Dis-Grace") to succeed him. It is probably a measure of his descent into senility that he actually thought this might happen but he had forgotten who controls Zimbabwe.

Grace had been part of the typing pool before she became Uncle Bob's lover and bore two children for him while still married to Stanley Goreraza. She undoubtedly has many skills but as a future head of state...unlikely.

Chinegwa was already in China before this took place and the ascent to the presidency of this credit card crazed half-wit Typist was completely unacceptable.

Ringggggg ringggggg:

"Hello, Hilary? This is Grace Mugabe"

"I'm sorry...who?"

"Grace Mugabe! I am a woman head of state in Africa, Zimbabwe actually, well at least I soon will be!"

"Oh..ok..I'm sorry Grace I thought you were just the *wife* of the President...like I was....once"

"Well, that's true...at the moment...but he is going to make me Vice President and I have opinion polls which show that I can win the Presidency!"

"Well that is just great girl..just go for it! I know how that feels and you *will* win!"

"Thanks Hilary, I knew I could count on your support"

"Grace, could you make a small donation to...[click]"

What Happens Next?

This is really the most interesting part. Mnangagwa will become President. Elections? Pah don't even think about it. So who is Emerson Mnangagwa ?

EM has been at Mugabe's right hand from the beginning but unlike Mugabe he is not an educated man. At 16 he narrowly escaped execution as part of a plot to blow up a railway line in Rhodesia and that was the peak of his education, so he was a violent revolutionary for far longer than his erstwhile boss. He held many posts under Mugabe but undoubtedly his most notorious was that of Head of the Central Intelligence Organization in the 1980's.

In 1980 after the elections, Mugabe invited his defeated rival Nkomo to join the government as Minister without Portfolio: a back handed compliment if ever there was one. But by 1982 Mugabe had tired of the pretense. In 1983-4 (and sporadically afterwards) he unleashed "Operation Gukurahundi". This was the genocide of the Ndebele people. The good news for the Ndebele was that rather than using the skills and technology available from their backers in Moscow and Beijing, Mugabe and Mnangagwa did it their own way. The result was that they only managed to kill 20-30,000 (estimates vary) but by selecting primarily men who were heads of families they ensured a destruction of the tribal structure.

It's the Economy Stupid!

I have read articles on the web that suggest how could **anyone** from ZANU-PF possibly think they could be part of a solution to the current state of Zimbabwe...the wrecked economy, the lack of a currency, the destruction of agriculture etc etc but they miss the point.

ZANU-PF is part of the historic struggle against white domination and Mugabe, with a PR genius of a brain, has constantly linked himself to Nelson Mandela.

However you can expect a resurrection of Zimbabwe under Mnangagwa. Maybe even the Renmimbi introduced as a currency or, at the very least, a Renmimbi backed currency. As always in Africa however, the losers will be the people in the street....and those are the people celebrating tonight. I am so sorry for what has been foisted upon them over the last 40 years by stupid white people (men and women: Wilson, Thatcher, Carrington, Kissinger et al) in the west.

"Ishe Komborera Africa"



RP