Rhodesia Is Alone

To Britain, Rhodesia is rebellous celeny whose white - minority government refuses to promise eventual rule by its black majority. To the UN Security Council, it is a kind of outlaw subject to economic ganctions. What is happening in Rhodesia itself? Lynn Heinzerling, veteran Associated Press reporter, visited the Rhodesians to see how they are getting along.

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SALISBURY (AP)-"Do you see any people running around with revolvers?" the Rhodesian businessman asked. "We're supposed to be a threat to world >cace."

You don't see many guns. There aren't even many uniforms along Salisbury streets where modern skyscrapers alternate with low colonial-type buildings.

There is no impression of urgency or uneasiness as the old British colony takes its stand against almost the entire world. Show windows and store shelves of this Rhodesian capital are piled high, streets are jammed with parked cars, parking lots are clogged.

Negoes and whites mix easily, if not familiarly, in streets and stores. In Cecil Square, the same Negro forms are stretched out in the shade of the jacaranda trees as on Nov. 11, 1965, the date the white-minority regime seized independence from

Britain. At Jameson and Third streets the Union Jack flies beside the Risodesian flag outside Prime Minister Ian Smith's office.

He seems more relaxed than on the day he proclaimed the colony independent in defiance of Britain.

CONTACTS HAVE LAPSED After negotiations last December which came just short of official contacts between the British and Rhodesian governments have lapsed. Britain's Prime Minister Wilson has stated he will not recognize full Rhodesian independence until a Negro government is installed.

Months of voluntary sanctions do not seem to have altered the comfortable life of Rhodesia's whites. The big test of mandatory sanctions, imposed in December by the United Nations in an effort to thwart Rhodesla's principal exports, lies ahead. But even African diplomats at the UN in New York foresee no conclusive result from the sanctions unless force is used to back them-and there is no sign that the big powers, including Britain and the United States, will agree to force.

Even so, international efforts to spurn Rhodesia have eroded its trade, especially with Britaln. The best estimate is that enty one-third of Rhodesia's big 1966 tobacco crop was sold, "under the counter" for cash. No trade statistics have been published since the day of inde-

pendence. What about sanctions? "Don't worry, we'll make it," says one business leader.

There are subtle changes. British and American products are disappearing.

FOOD NOT A PROBLEM Food, however, is hardly problem. Good Rhodesian steak is selling for 50 cents a pound, pork chops for 44 cents. Butter is 56 cents a pound and eggs 50

cente a dozen. Hardware stores feature tools made in West Germany and there is a full line of bicycles from neighboring South Mrica. All the brands of Scotch whiskies and British gins are available. They presumably come from South Africa.

But the key to Rhodesla's future is tobacco, by far its most important export. In 1965 tobacco exports amounted to \$1\$1,600,000, about one-third of total merchandise exports that year.

U.S. Aircraft Losses Higher

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States has lost at least a few bundred more aircraft in Southeast Asia than announced

by the government. Sources in die a ted Sunday night that about 1,200 fixed-wing planes have been destroyed in five years of operations, nearly double the latest announced

figure of 621. In addition, belicopter losses also are more than double the amounced total of 266.

The explanation for the disparity of the figures is that the government has been announcing only the losses of attack electraft to enemy fire or missiles while operating over North

or South Vietnam. The defence department has not been announcing instances where cargo, observation, or other support type aircraft have been downed, irreparably damessed or destroyed by the Communists while the craft were on

the airstrip. The official figure of fixedwing losses; include: 471 over

South Vietnam. Spokesmen said one reason for the complete aircraft losses not being announced was to prevent the enemy from knowing to what extent the U.S. aircraft inventory was being depleted.



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