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AMIN STAYS EXECUTION OF BRITON

Nairobi, June 20.

PRESIDENT IDI AMIN today postponed the execution of condemned Briton Denis Hills but insisted that only a personal visit by British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan could save his life.

Within hours of the arrival of a British emissay carrying an appeal for clemency from the Queen, President Amin announced that Mr. Hills, a 31-year-old lecturer, would be shot on Monday —two days later than originally planned.

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EGYPTIAN GAZETTE 6/21/75

'Time is running out' for 2 Britons warns Idi Amin

Nairobi June 18.

PRESIDENT IDI AMIN said in Kampala yesterday the door is still open for the British government to discuss the fate of two Britons facing execution

But the Ugandan leader warned «time is running out.»

Uganda Radio, monitored here, said President Amin was speaking at a meeting yesterday with the Acting British High Commissioner in Kampial, James Hennessy

The sentenced Britons are 61-year-old university lecturer Denis Hills, convicted of treason and already sentenced to death, and 38-year-old trader Stanley Smolen, who is accused of food hoarding, a capital offense.

Mr. Hennessy handed to President Amin a signed letter from British Prime Minister Harold Wilson replying to a six-point ultimatum given by President Amin to Britain last week for the release of the two Britons, the radio said.

Deadline

President Amin told Mr. Hennessy that British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan or Defence Minister Roy Mason should fly out for talks with him before his 10-day deadline for compliance with his ultimatum expires Saturday.

Mr Callaghan has already indicated in the House of Commons his willingness to visit Kampala for talks — but said he would undertake such a mission only «if humanity prevails» in the cases of the two Britons.

This was taken to mean the death sentences would have to be rescinded before he visited Uganda

Delegation

President Amin said whoever came to Uganda must be accompanied by a military delegation to discuss Uganda's requirements of spare parts for British-supplied armaments.

This was one of President Amin's six conditions. The others included the cessation of all «anti-Uganda propaganda» by Britain and in the British press and the return of all Ugandan exiles living in Britain.

President Amin said his ruling Defence Council was making arrangements on when and where to implement the death sentence on Mr. Hills, who was ordered to face a firing squad by a five-man military tribunal last Wednesday.

He was accused of referring to President Amin in a manuscript as «a village tramp» — AP

ONE BRITON ACQUITTED IN UGANDA

Nairobi June 19.

BRITISH businessman Stanley Smolen, who was facing a possible death penalty in Uganda on a hoarding charge, was acquitted today, Radio Uganda reported.

The radio said that Mr. Smolen had been acquitted of all charges by a Uganda military tribunal.

Mr. Smolen had pleaded not guilty to hoarding cooking oil and soap, an offence which normally calls for a prison sentence.

But President Idi Amin had warned that Mr. Smolen could have a firing squad if found guilty.

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ONE BRITON ACQUITTED IN UGANDA

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After being acquitted, Smolen, 38, was received by President Amin, who congratulated him and told him that it was now clear that Uganda justice was fair and not a fake, the radio said.

Smolen, who was allowed to go free as soon as he was acquitted, thanked the General for his kindness, the radio said. —Reuter

Another Briton, 61-year-old lecturer Denis Hills, faced execution by firing squad this weekend following his conviction on a treason charge on June 11.

In London, a British Foreign Office spokesman welcomed the news of Smolen's acquittal. He said: «We are glad to hear this news. We hope that clemency will now be shown to Mr. Hills.»

British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan has said he would be prepared to visit Uganda for talks with President Amin if the two Britons were treated humanely.

After the news of Smolen's acquittal was announced, Uganda Radio said that the Deputy Police Superintendent who arrested Mr. Smolen has now been arrested himself for misinforming the military tribunal and if found guilty would be executed by firing squad. — Reuter

EGYPTIAN GAZETTE 6/20/75

The Lunatic Tyrant of Uganda

Va. Pilot 6/26/75

If Adolf Hitler had been created by Evelyn Waugh, the hybrid would be very like General Idi Amin, the lunatic tyrant of Uganda.

But General Amin cannot be dismissed as a figure of fun: the crisis that he has precipitated between Britain and Uganda is too serious for that.

Denis Cecil Hills, a British citizen and lecturer, is now scheduled to be executed July 4 for making disparaging remarks about General Amin in a book that remains unpublished.

Mr. Hills, 61, characterized General Amin in his manuscript as a "village tyrant." He was arrested, charged with treason, and condemned to die by a military tribunal in Uganda.

The execution was postponed when two British representatives arrived in Uganda with a personal plea from Queen Elizabeth. But General Amin now says that Mr. Hills will not be spared unless British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan flies to Uganda to negotiate a political settlement.

General Amin is demanding spare parts for British-made military equipment, the expulsion from Britain of refugees from Uganda, and the ending of "malicious propaganda" against Uganda. The British Foreign Office is maintaining a stiff upper lip; the British are not only concerned for the fate of Mr. Hills but the future of the 700 British citizens remaining in Uganda.

General Amin obviously wants to humiliate the British for his own personal reasons. "I am only fierce to the British because I want these people to kneel down at my feet," he said in a speech delivered June 13 in the main square of Kampala, the capital of Uganda, and broadcast over the radio.

It ought to be noted that the envoy from the Queen was Lieutenant General Sir Chandos Blair, who formerly served in the King's African Rifles in Uganda before the British colony was declared independent in 1962. General Amin was a sergeant under his command. General Blair was accompanied by Ian Graham, a retired army major who once was General Amin's battalion commander.

According to Radio Uganda, the two British officers approached "on their knees" to beg that Mr. Hills be spared. But General Amin has since stated in a cablegram to the Queen that the British envoy behaved rudely and acted as if he were still General Amin's commanding officer, so the report seems untrue. In any event General Amin's anxiety to humiliate his old officers is a touch that a novelist -- Graham Greene, perhaps -- would understand.

General Amin is a gaudy villain in the 19th Century tradition, an antagonist for the likes of Chinese Gordon or Lord Kitchener. In dealing with him 20th Century diplomacy is unsuitable. It's a shame that gunboats are out of style.

Va. Pilot July 2, 1975

Amin Says Briton to Be Spared

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP)—President Idi Amin of Uganda Tuesday said that he has decided to pardon Denis Hills, the British lecturer who was ordered to be shot by a firing squad on Friday for describing Amin as a village tyrant in an unpublished book.

The national news agency Zaire Presse said Amin told a news conference he will respond favorably to a clemency request from President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire because Hills' confession showed he was at the service of his mentors. He gave no indication of who the mentors were.

The 61-year-old Hills, a resident of Uganda for 11 years, was convicted of high treason by a Ugandan military court.

Amin, on a 48-hour visit to Zaire, said he planned to inform the British charge d'affaires in Kinshasa of his decision to spare Hills.

Zaire Presse also quoted the Ugandan leader as saying he wants Mobutu to act as a mediator in all matters between himself and the British government.

Uganda decides fate of British lecturer today

Nairobi, June 22.

THE fate of British lecturer Dennis Hills, under sentence of death by firing squad for treason, will be decided tomorrow by the Ugandan Defence Council, Uganda radio said today.

The radio announced earlier that the execution of Mr Hills, set for tomorrow morning, had been postponed, after General Amin received an appeal from Queen Elizabeth delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos Blair.

Later the radio said the president, after spending much of today with General Blair and Major Iain Grahame, the Queen's other envoy, would brief the Defence Council tomorrow on a final decision on the Hills case.

The radio quoted General Amin as saying it was up to the Defence Council, the supreme policy-making body in Uganda under the chairmanship of the President, to make the decision.

The radio said that after the success of General Blair's visit to Uganda President Amin planned to send an envoy to London to restart afresh the relationship between Britain and Uganda.

All indications in Nairobi were that President Amin would recommend to the Defence Council that Mr Hills' life be spared, according to diplomatic sources.

The envoys of Queen Elizabeth II, far from being humiliated, were treated as honoured guests of President Amin, British government officials said today.

The officials were commenting on a statement broadcast by the Uganda government radio that the Queen's envoys, Lt Gen. Sir Chandos Blair and Maj Iain Grahame, had gone down on their knees to plead for the life of British teacher Dennis Hills.

As a result of the plea, the radio said, President Amin postponed the execution of Hills set for tomorrow by firing squad, on treason charges.

British officials said Gen Blair and Major Grahame were received by President Amin on yesterday at his home in Arua, 300 miles northwest of Nairobi. The home, they said, is a native-style thatched cottage with a doorway so low that seven Amin has practically to go on his knees to enter. — Reuter and AP.

UGANDA:

Kangaroo Court

"He has done harm to his people . . . He has reimposed on Ugandans old habits of submission and servility that one hoped *uhuru* was eroding." The target of that broadside was none other than Uganda's President Idi Amin. And considering Amin's whimsical brutality, the criticism seemed temperate enough. The trouble was that the author of the remarks, British scholar Dennis Cecil Hills, lives inside the borders of Amin's kingdom. And when the Ugandan leader learned that, he ordered the 61-year-old Hills to stand trial for "treason" before a military court. Last week, Amin's court duly found Hills guilty. The sentence: death before a firing squad.

Hills will be executed this week—unless Britain bows to an ultimatum from Amin which, among other things, demands the expulsion of anti-Amin Ugandans from Britain and the sale of military spare parts to his army. The British Government, which can scarcely afford to submit to such blackmail, has asked responsible African leaders to intercede with Amin. But there's no predicting Big Daddy's behavior. Late last week, in fact, Radio Uganda announced that another Briton might face the firing squad—this time for "hoarding." And if the spirit so moves Amin, there are 800 more British nationals living in Uganda whom he could use as pawns on his own political chessboard.

Newsweek, June 23, 1975

'CALLAGHAN MUST GO TO UGANDA'

Amin puts off execution for another eleven days

London, June 23.

Instead the execution was postponed yet again — while General Amin renewed his request for a visit by Mr. Callaghan, a request he also made last week.

Radio Uganda today also quoted an emissary of Queen Elizabeth as telling President Idi Amin that he faces military retaliation by Britain if he sticks to his decision to execute British lecturer Denis Hills.

The Radio said the emissary, Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos Blair, threatened that Britain would use its forces stationed in Kenya against Uganda.

In London, however, an army spokesman at the Ministry of Defence said: «We have no army units in East Africa at the moment and we are not sending any out currently on exercise.»

Mr. Callaghan has told the British Parliament he was willing to visit Uganda, but not under duress.

General Amin, according to the Radio today, said the advice he received from his Defence Council was not to change his decision on Hills unless Mr Callaghan visited Uganda.

He would be prepared to meet Mr. Callaghan at any time and the British Minister would receive a great welcome in Uganda.

But he would have no choice but to implement his decision if Mr. Callaghan fails to go to Uganda, the Radio said. — Reuter

Va. Pilot July 11, 1975 Both men saved. Bore 2 were.

Briton Freed by Uganda

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Denis Hills, who almost went before a firing squad for calling Ugandan President Idi Amin a village tyrant, was freed Thursday and flew home to England with British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan.

The 61-year-old Hills, stepping aboard Callaghan's Royal Air Force plane with only a few possessions folded in a blanket, said he still loves Uganda. In freeing Hills, Amin declared his love for the British.

Hills walked unannounced into Amin's command post home as the president was talking with Callaghan, who flew to Africa on a two-day mercy mission to try to patch up British-Ugandan relations and win Hills' release after Amin gave him a reprieve from execution.

Standing beside Callaghan and Amin on the balcony of the house, Hills looked fit and untroubled despite three months in detention and his reported illness from cancer.

"I am well. I am very happy," Hills said at Entebbe Airport, 20 miles away on Lake Victoria.

"I would like to say how genuinely I have loved Uganda during my 12 years here and still do," he continued. "I am very sorry to be leaving Uganda.

"But I will never forget its beauty, the kindness of its people, and my pleasure in teaching Ugandan students."

Callaghan told newsmen after meeting with the mercurial Amin for 45 minutes that he is satisfied that more than 700 other Britons still living in Uganda are safe. He said top-level British and Ugandan officials will continue discussions to improve relations.

Amin told newsmen he is "definitely pro-British" and wants to strengthen ties between Britain and its former colony.

"I am not mad, as the British press has said," Amin declared.

Marine Flier Still Missing After Crash

6/10/75

NORFOLK — A Marine Corps flier from Beaufort, S.C. was still missing late Wednesday after his F4 Phantom jet crashed shortly after taking off from the aircraft carrier Nimitz Tuesday.

Capt. David E. Fritz, 32, a radar intercept officer assigned to Marine Fighter Squadron 333, ejected safely, a Navy spokesman said, but couldn't be located by rescue helicopters after the accident.

Fritz's pilot, Capt. Eric Denkwalter, was rescued in good condition by a helicopter.

The accident happened about 5:15 p.m. when the nuclear carrier was operating off the Virginia Capes.

The destroyer Dale out of Mayport, Fla., is continuing the search.

The Navy said it had no explanation for the crash. The aircraft had been among 600 Navy and Marine Corps Phantoms that had been grounded earlier this month after the crash of an F4.

Tuesday, the Navy said that all the planes had been inspected for a defective control mechanism and were corrected or okayed for operations. Va. Pilot