

GHANA PRESIDENT CALLS OFF ANTI-AMERICAN BLASTS

ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA in the government-controlled press and radio of Ghana has practically disappeared during the past several weeks, somewhat easing the strained relations between Accra and Washington.

It was believed, however, that President Kwame Nkrumah's new policy was dictated by expediency rather than an ideological reappraisal with the United States. The main factor, according to most American officials in Accra, was Nkrumah's realization that he needs large amounts of foreign capital to restore Ghana's sagging economy.

Government-spon-

sored demonstrations and editorial assaults on the United States reached a peak early in February with the expulsion of four American professors at the University of Ghana. They were charged with subversion.

Ambassador William P. Mahoney, Jr., was recalled to Washington for "urgent consultations" following strong protests by the U. S. State Department. Frank talks between Under Secretary of State W. Averill Harriman and Nkrumah followed in Accra early in April.

NKRUMAH'S IDEOLOGICAL WAR on capitalism apparently has been curtailed, at least on the surface,

by his need for \$280 million from foreign sources to implement his new seven-year development plan. Ghana is desperate for hard foreign currency.

When Ghana, formerly the Gold Coast, became independent in 1957, it held foreign currency reserves of more than \$560 million. They now stand at less than \$40 million, partly due to the decline in the world price of cocoa, Ghana's chief export.

Costly, non-productive government projects also have contributed to the deterioration of the Ghana economy according to many foreign economists. They cite Ghana Airways, currently operating at



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an annual deficit of \$5 million, and the new super-highway between the port city of Tema and Accra that cost more than \$14 million.

Nkrumah attempted to stem the drain on foreign currency reserves in February by revoking all import licenses. This has led to a crippling shortage of spare parts for machinery, cars and trucks. Tires are completely sold out. There is a dangerous shortage of medicines in hospitals and it is reported that seven

Ghanians die every week because of a lack of imported snake-bite serum.

NEW INDUSTRIES are suffering. Workers at the new Unilever soap factory in Tema are being laid off and a company spokesman says all production may halt by July. A company manufacturing kitchen utensils in Accra has closed due to a lack of aluminum.

Communist block countries have extended more than \$100 mil-

lion in credits to Ghana in recent years, but much of this has gone unused. Importers applying for new licenses are told they must utilize these credits, but most Ghanaian businessmen are skeptical of this plan.

Typical was the comment of a trucking company official, who said: "I don't care where I get spare parts as long as they work. But what good are Russian carburetors to me if they don't fit my fleet of Ford pickups?"

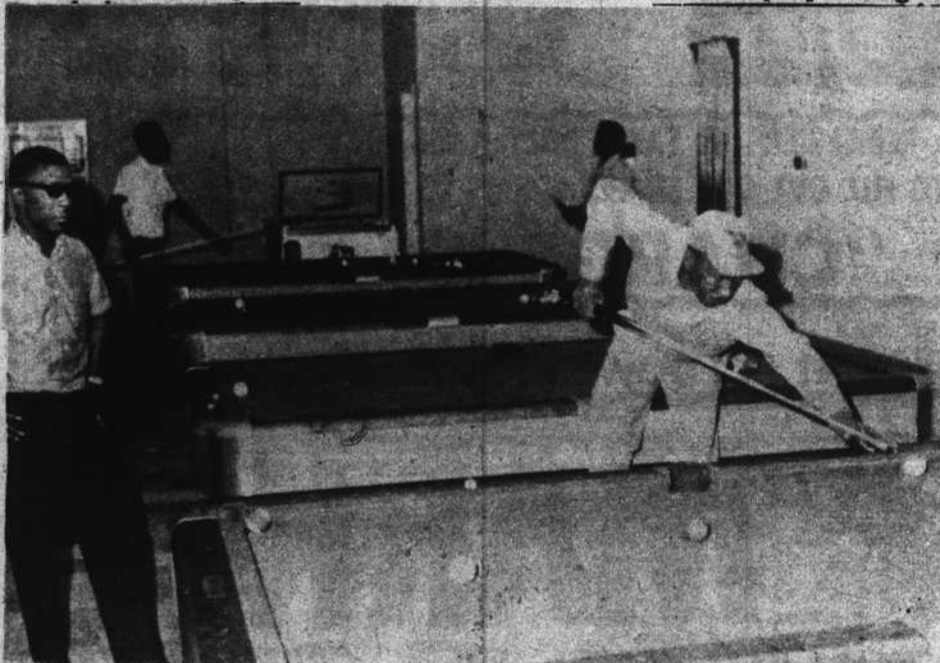
LEONTYNE PRICE was widely acclaimed for her strong Donna Anna in last week's special World's Fair presentation of "Don Giovanni" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Typical of the reviews were the following comments by Ross Parmenter of the New York Times:

"Donna Anna, with its particular demands of blazing temperament and vocal brilliance, is not, perhaps, the role to which Miss Price is best suited. In her earlier scenes one felt she was not at her finest. Nevertheless, her big aria after recognizing



Don Giovanni as the murderer of her father brought the first large hands of the evening. Thereafter, where the role is more subdued, she did some exquisite singing, especially in the trio just before the ball."



INDOOR SPORT--Cue artists are shown getting in a little relaxation at new Albert's Pool Hall, recently opened to public at 1402 "E" St. with all new tables.

NIGERIA CHARGES FILM CENSOR FEE

A fee will be charged for censoring all films and film posters brought into Nigeria from now on. Previous to this week, film imports had been censored without charge.

Nigeria has three film censorship categories. Films classed "U" are deemed suitable for viewing by anyone. "A" means a film can be seen by adults and children under 16 if accompanied by an adult. "X" films may not be shown to anyone under 16.

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