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An impressive sight at any time, Kariba Dam looked just about perfect to United Nations troops on leave; and so did the Victoria Falls.

These men were Swedish soldiers, having a short rest from the Congo by visiting Rhodesia. It seemed good to be in civilised surroundings after seven months at the most thankless job in the world.

In Johannesburg the Rand Fair had been visited by half a million people when these pictures were taken. One of the most striking exhibits is the miniature gold mine, a life-like representation of South Africa's biggest industry.

The production of gold is shown in all its stages.

South Africa produces £250m worth of gold a year.

That little block's worth about £5,000. Real hot money.

The traffic school, where they believe you can't teach 'em too young.

At that age they take misfortunes seriously.

Police instructors take seven patient horses at one leap.

That must have hurt a bit.

The final jump; police honour restored.

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Being a United Nations soldier can often be a thankless task and after a few months of train escorting through Katanga and Baluba areas the sight of Elisabethville airport on a wet day seems worthwhile when it means the start of five days leave in the Federation.

After an aerial view of mighty Kariba by special tourist charters arranged between Central African Airways and the Swedish Military authorities the troops go on for a two day visit to Victoria Falls.

Every one of the boys had a camera in this group under the command of leave-leader Lt. Hans Carsburg. Even though the weather didn't help them much. All avid souvenir hunters they took the usual keen tourist interest in the vast selection of curios which are popular to this part of the country.

The Swedes serve a seven month stretch in the Congo and a many of them have seen previous service with the United Nations in the Gaza strip but despite their tough job, more than 25% of them want to sign on for a further seven months in the Congo. Its hats off to these soldiers of peace as they take leave and a fresh look at civilisation. Let's hope their country's habits are catching - Sweden hasn't been war for a hundred and forty eight years.