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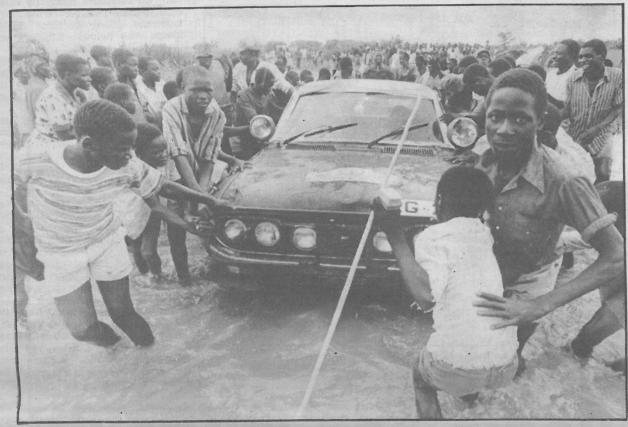
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Locals in trouble



Overseas drivers lead second leg

By ALFRED ARAUJO

WITH veteran overseas drivers occupying the top four positions as the second leg of the Safari Rally got under way early yesterday (Saturday) morning, it seemed as if local crews would have to pull a few rabbits out of the hat if one of their number is to win it.

Sweden's Bjorn Waldegaard, world rally champion last year, nursed his battered and mud-splattered G e r m a n Porsche 911SC car into the Kenya capital on Friday night having built up a commanding lead at the end of the first leg of the gruelling rally.

Waldegaard, driving with countryman Hans Thorszelius as navigator, completed the 1.830-km. (1.123-mile) first leg with a loss

of 153 penalty points.

Waldegaard, who won last year's Safari Rally with Thorszelius, was drawn in fifth starting position this year and did much of the front-running since the five-day rally began on Thursday

afternoon.
Overseas crews held the first four positions at the end of the

first leg.
Sixtv-eight cars, some of them piloted by the world's leading rallyists, started the rally. Offi-

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AFRICAN CREWS STILL IN RUNNING

THE first African crew to check in at the Nairobi control on Friday night was car No. 41 driven by Mohamed Noor and Mohamed Din, followed by car No. 51, driven by Harry Thuku and Jamie Fernandez, who checked in at exactly 9 p.m.

Placed 28th on the road, Thuku said the entire route was rough but not very bad. He said their Datsun 160J had no mechanical problems and was doing very well. He said this year's Safari appeared to be the wettest as every part of the first leg apart from the Lake Baringo area had been wet and middly.

Noor and Din said they were confident of finishing the route.

By DAVID KARIUKI and KUL BHUSHAN

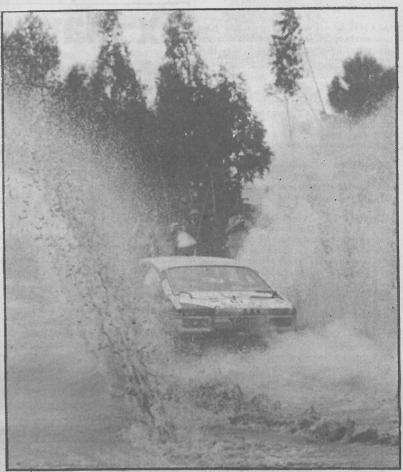
The only mechanical hitch the two drivers had was a clutch problem which developed near Butere.

Zully Rhemtulla and Nizar Jivani in car No. 15, a Datsun 160J, said they were very disappointed with the decision to re-route the cars. "The officials ought to have thought of the change earlier to avoid the hurried alteration of the earlier route plan." Zully said.

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Vic Preston Jr. drove with a broken shock absorber in his Porsche 911SC for more than 100 kilometres just before Elderet. This cost him his second position

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TOP LEFT: It has turned out to be the Harambee Safari alright. Stone-throwing incidents have been limited and spectators have proved only too willing to pitch in and help. Here car No. 49, driven by S. S. Kalsi and M. S. Gohil, gets a push across a flooded section near Kisumu. ABOYE: Car No. 19, driven by Kenyan drivers Davinder Singh and Ashok Bhalla, sends a spray of water spurting in all directions as it "swims" through the first leg.



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11	Shekhar Mehta Mike Doughty	EA	(K). Datsun 160J	201	25	32	M. S. Gharial S. Singh Soin	EA(K) Datsun 160J	517	10	58	Peter N. Karanja M. Kimama	EA(K). Ford Escort	TIME	1
12	Tony Fowkes Klaus Kaiser	D Me	rcedes-Benz 280E	287	25	33	Karl J. Ruedin Peter Pringle	EA(K). Colt Lancer	327	10	59	Taki Ali Babar Khan	EA(K). Datsun 1600	TIME	1
14	Vic. Preston Jr. John S. Lvall	EA(K). Porsche 911 SC	210	25	34	Guv B. Bromlev Trevor I. Hall	EA(K). Tovota Corolla	318	10	60	M.G. Shah S. Shah	EA(K) Datsun 120 Y	TIME	4
15	Zully Rhemtulla Nizar Jivani	EA	(K). Datsun 160J	234	25	35	A. M. Popineau J.P. Decorps	F Citroen CX 2400	RET		61	Rahool Gandhi Daleep Gandhi	EA(K) Mazda 929	N/S	
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17	John Hellier Kanti Shah	EA((K). Datsun 160J	432	25	37	Rowland Ruedin Aslam Khan	EA(K). Colt Lancer	534	25	64	Peter Shivuka, A. Yakub Hon, D. Moss	EA(K), Peugeot 504	RET	1
18	S. Zasada Bkazev Krupa	PL Mer	cedes-Benz 280E	376	25	38	Wolfgang Siller Wolfgang Fischer	EA(K). Opel Kadet	506/	TEN	65	Ramesh Khoda J.S. Matharu	EA(K). Tovota Corolla	522	1
19	Davinder Ashok Bhalla	įEA	(K). Opel Kadet	282	10	39	E. Hermann Hans Schuller	D Opel Kadet	TIME	10	66	A.R.Khan B.R. Mwaluma	EA(K). Colt Gålant	TIME	1
20	Hans P. Ruedin Ekkhardt Ender	EA	(K). Colt Lancer	396	25	40	Jill Rbinson Yvonnė D. Pratt	EA(K). Ford RS 2000	N/S		67	Jack Madungha J.N. Anchinga	EA(K) Fiat 125	RET	1
21	Mahesh M. Patel Shirish Patel	EA	(K). Colt Lancer	511	25	41	Mohamed Noor Mohamed I. Din	EA(K). Colt Lancer	551	25	68	Jeff Kimaru Maithu	EA(K). Alfetta	TIME	1
22	Satwant Singh Dave Howard		Datsun 160B	562	25	42	Wenche Knudtzen Sverre Amundsen	N Lada/Vaz 1300	TIME	10	69	M.M. Hindocha Pankaj Shah	EA(K). Datsun 160J	N/S	
23	Peter Huth Jorgen Nielsen	EA	(K). Datsun 160J	465	25	43	Kibathi Muigai Arshad Khan	EA(K) Ford RS 2000	RET	4	70	Peter Mukundi	EA(K). Peugeot 504	496	1
24	Prem S. Choda Mrs. P. Choda	EAG	K). Colt Lancer	594	25	44	Heinz Gellert I. Smith	EA(K). Ford Escort	355	10	71	H.H. Koschany Finotti	EA(K). Lancer Celeste	468	1
25	David R. Green Terry Pilfold	EA	(K). Ford Escort	N/S		45	George Githu Walter Okok	EA(K). Datsun 710	348	10	72	Billy Choda Dave Panu	Colt Lancer	TIME	
26	Javant Shah Najeet Eisha	E	A(K) Datsun 710	450	25	46	Reg Denis Peter Tilbury	EA(K). Tovota Carina	355	10	73	Shiraz Ismail S. Kamrudin	Datsun 160J	RET	10
27	George Barbour Robin Combes	EA(I	K). Ford RS 2000	RET	8	47	Sati Gata-Aura Sati Reel	FA(K). Datsun P 510	351	10	76	Manjit Singh Panesar	Daihatsu	532	11

KEY TO CHART:

Car numbers; Column 2: Drivers and cars. Column 3: denotes car retired Why retired or, if still in, points lost. Column 5: Control point last heard from. Column 1

Shankland in trouble

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in the rally and dropped him down to sixth spot as other cars overtook him on the tarmac run

Preston, driving with John Lyall, repaired his shock absorber. But the lead had been forfeited.

The hig surprise at the end of

The big surprise at the end of the first leg was the performance by Tony Fowkes of Britain in his Mercedes Benz 280E, which had moved in to the top ten at the start of the second leg.

A battle for team beneues

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There Datsuns, driven by Aaltonen, Mehta and Kallstrom, were breathing down the necks of the three Peugeots, driven by Makinen, Lampinen and Nicholas. Safari officials were looking at the possibility on Friday night of cutting out the section of the road near Malindi and the "Crocodile Camp" in Tsavo East. Referring to the second leg, one driver said: "We are going to swim all the way. All we need is speed boats, not cars."

Bert Shankland in his Peugeot 504 came into Nairobi without gears and experiencing selector trouble in the car's gearbox.

Safari officials were happy about the performance of Hans

about the performance of Hans-Peter Reudin and his co-driver, Eckhart, in a Colt Lancer. This crew, in car No. 20, were the best privateers to emerge at the end of the first leg of the first leg.
They were lying in 15th spot

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cials at Rally headquarters on Friday night said they expected at least 40 cars to start the second leg of the 5,000-km. (3,000-mile)

Waldegaard, who came in shortly after 7 p.m., was followed into Nairobi a few minutes later by Finnish driver Timo Makinen, driving with France's Jean Todt in a Peugeot 504 Coupe.

Makinen, with a loss of 198 penalty points at Nairobi, was lying in fourth spot on the points chart.

Drivers pick up one penalty point for every minute of lateness in reporting at a control point; the route is studded with more than 100 control points.

Rally officials conceded that the first leg had proved a car-killer; heavy rainfall and flashfloods converted dirt trails into swirling mudbaths. They said they had been forced to cut out some sections of the route to avoid cars getting swept away while fording flooding

Rally chairman Bharat Bhardwaj said that one stream had developed into a raging seven-foot

torrent virtually overnight.
At least three African crews
were among the "second leggers",
who left Nairobi at two minute

internal from 6 a.m. on Saturday
in the order they came in.

Mud proved to be the undoing
of the German Mercedes works
team: two of their cars — one driven by three-time Safari win-ner Joginder Singh and the other by "Flying Scotsman" Andrew - were forced to pull out Cowan — were forced to pull out after getting bogged down in kneehigh mud and developing engine

Both were driving Mercedes-Benz 280E cars. Their withdrawal left Polish ace Sobieslav Zasada, partnered by countryman Bkazey
Krupa, driving another Mercedes
still in the race.

Zasada told newsmen in Nairobi
on Friday night: "I knew I would

be driving a car in this rally ... but I never thought I would be

in a submarine."
Eye-witnesses had earlier that Zasada had crossed one swollen river "totally submerged".

The drivers had an overnight rest stop in Nairobi before leaving on the second leg, which will take them south to Mombasa via the Taita Hills and then north back to Nairobi.

Rally officials said the second leg—the event is being staged over three legs with rest-stops between each—promised to be as wet as the first.

Bhardwaj commented: "We are watching the situation electly."

we don't want cars to be swept



CHRIS Bates, driving a Datsun 160J with Mike Kirkland (car No. 29), chats to away. The route will be changed if need be."

Safari Rally chairman Bharat Bharat Bharat at the end of the first leg in Nairobi on Friday night.



ALL HANDS TO THE WHEEL: The Mercedes-Benz 280E of Polish ace Sobieslay Zasada is pushed out of a flooded river near Songhor on Friday. Another rally car wisely waits its turn.

THE top 10 positions on points at the end of the first leg in Nairobi:

- Bjorn Waldegaard and Hans Thorszelius, both Sweden, Porsche 911SC (No. 5), 153.
- Rauno Aaltonen (Finland) and Lofty Drews (Kenya), Datsun 160J (No. 6), 196. Harry Kallstrom and Claes Billstam (both Sweden), Datsun 160J (No. 7), 196.
- Time Makinen (Finland) and Jean Todt (France), Peugeot 504 Coupe (No. 1), 198.

 Shekher Mehta and Mike Doughty (both Kenya), Datsun 160J (No. 11), 201.

 Jean Pierre Nicholes and Jean Claude Lefebvre (both France), Peugeot 504 Coupe (No. 4), 204.
- 7. Vic Preston Jr. and John Lyall (both Kenye), Porsche 9115C (No. 14), 210.

 8. Simo Lampinen (Finland) and Henry Liddon (Britain), Peugeot 504 Coupe (No. 3), 217.
- 9. Zully Rhemtulle and Nizer Jivani (both Tanzania), Datsun 160J, (No. 15), 234. 10 Tony Fowkes (Britain) and Klaus Kaiser (Denmark), Mercedes-Benz 280E (No.12), 287.