



Equality, diversity,
social justice on a
global scale

Equality between:

- ▶ People
- ▶ Provinces
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Religions
- ▶ Sexes
- ▶ ???

Diversity of:

- Religion
- Race
- Age
- Sexual orientation
- ???

Social Justice:

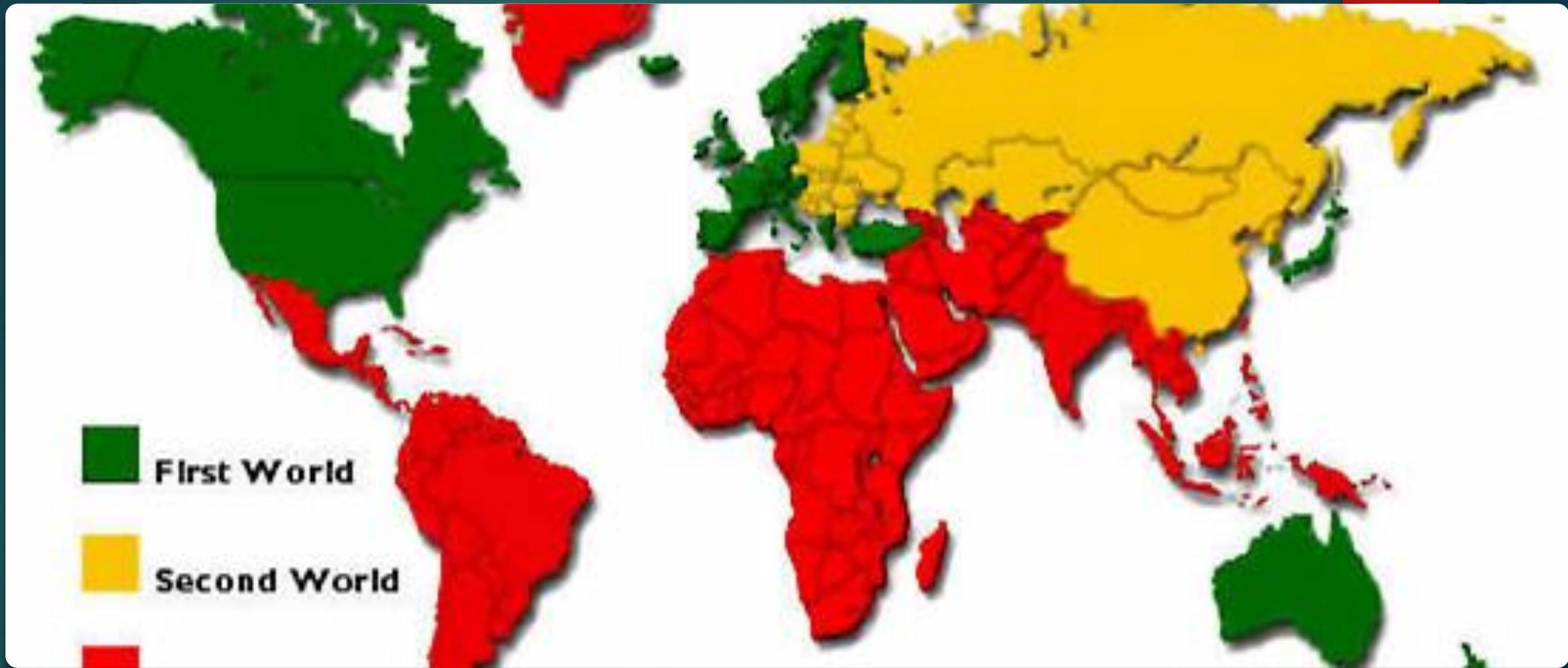
- ❖ Essentials of life
- ❖ Right to work
- ❖ Freedoms
- ❖ Safety
- ❖ ????

Equality between nations:

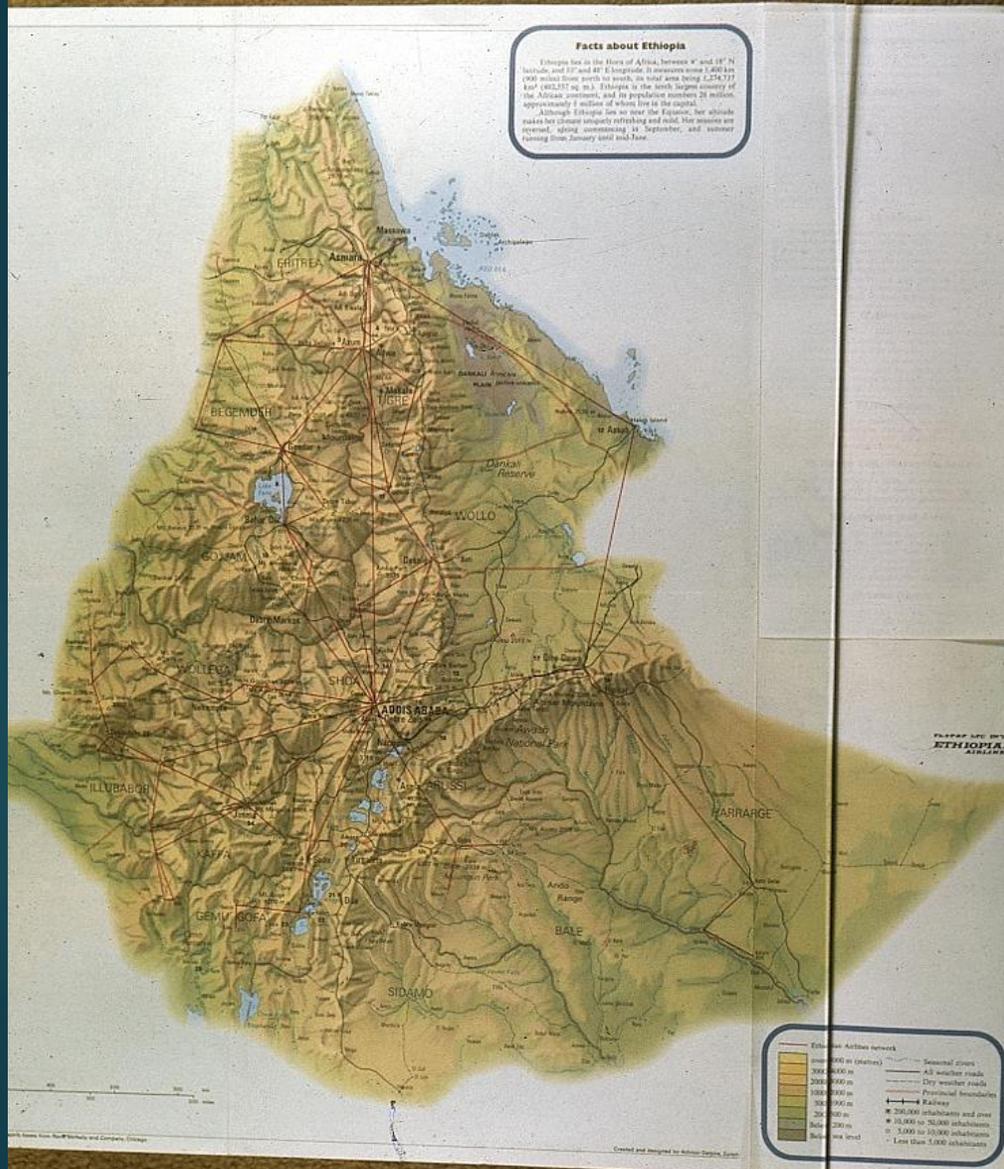
- ▶ “Have” vs. “Have-not” nations
- ▶ Northern vs. Southern hemisphere
- ▶ First World vs. Third World
- ▶ Developed vs. developing
- ▶ Colonized vs. colonizers

Canada:

- ▶ Northern Hemisphere
- ▶ First World
- ▶ Developed
- ▶ “Have”
- ▶ Colonizer???



Map showing First, Second and Third World countries



Ethiopia

- southern hemisphere
- third world
- underdeveloped
- “have-not”
- colonized



A panoramic view of Addis Ababa, a city of more than a million people.



Mountains in Ethiopia



Modern Cathedral
Addis Ababa

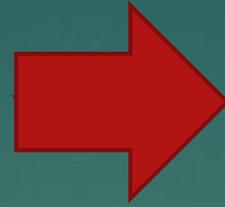


Farming on the mountain tops

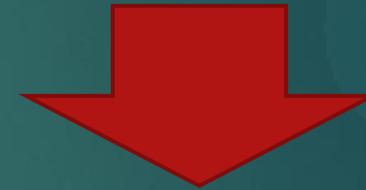
What happens when there is inequality between nations:

- ▶ **Exploitation of resources:**
- ▶ market and hinterland- The market has money and needs something, the hinterland has raw materials and needs money
- ▶ Europe in the 1600's has money and people want furs and leather hats, Canada has no money and lots of furs)
- ▶ Today Europe, Canada and the USA (the market) have wealth and lots of cars. They need oil and gas.

Big international companies form to bring raw materials from the hinterland to the market.



USA has lots of cars. They need oil

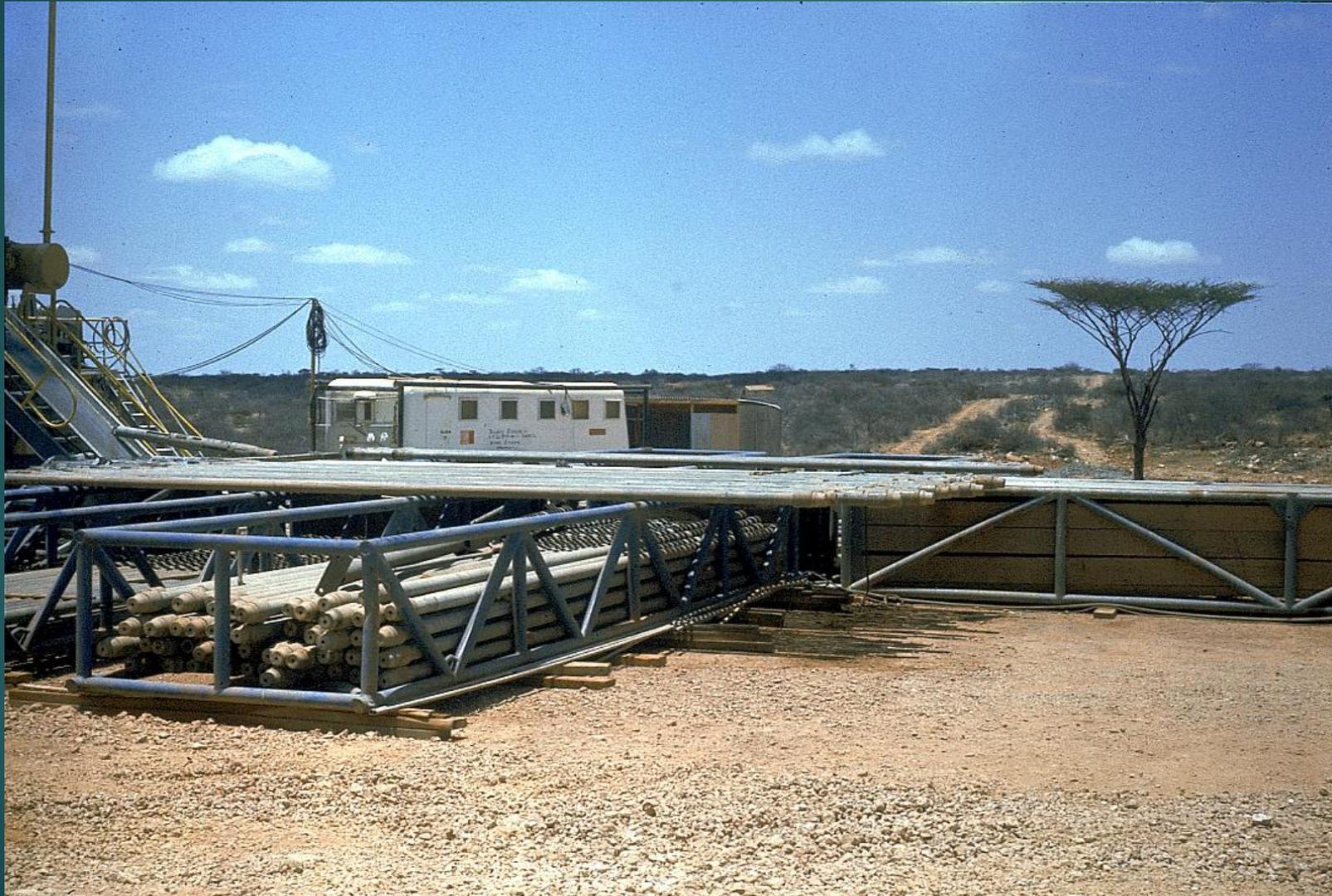


E.g. consortium of Tenneco, Amoco and Mobil Oil forms to go to Ethiopia to look for oil and bring it to markets.



So big oil companies form to go to countries where there is oil and bring it to the USA.

Big Oil



Ethiopia's government wants to encourage foreign capital so they build nice highways from the airport to downtown.



But this foreign capital doesn't make everyone rich. The country is split between those who continue to use the old ways.....



...and those who use the new ways.



Those who grow rich....



....and those who don't



What's wrong with this?

- ▶ If Tenneco, Amoco and Mobil pay for the oil and that money stays in Ethiopia to pay the people there why is that a problem?

Why do some people not benefit from the foreign capital?



Who gets rich?

- The ruler
- The government
- The military
- Family of the ruler
- Friends of the ruler
- International oil companies



“Trickle down” economics:

- ▶ : says that if the rich people in a state get richer the money will trickle down to the poorer ones.
- ▶ One way the employees of the big multinational corporation might reason this out is that “we are bringing foreign capital into this country so they can build schools and hospitals.”

Who doesn't get rich?

- Ordinary people
- Ethiopian workers
- Even people who would be well off in North America aren't in Ethiopia
- Wealth is all relative









Dr. Ayalew

- PhD in education
- Columbia University
- USA for 10 years
- Works in government
- In his 40's
- Beautiful wife
- Five children
- Built this house
- Can't live in it





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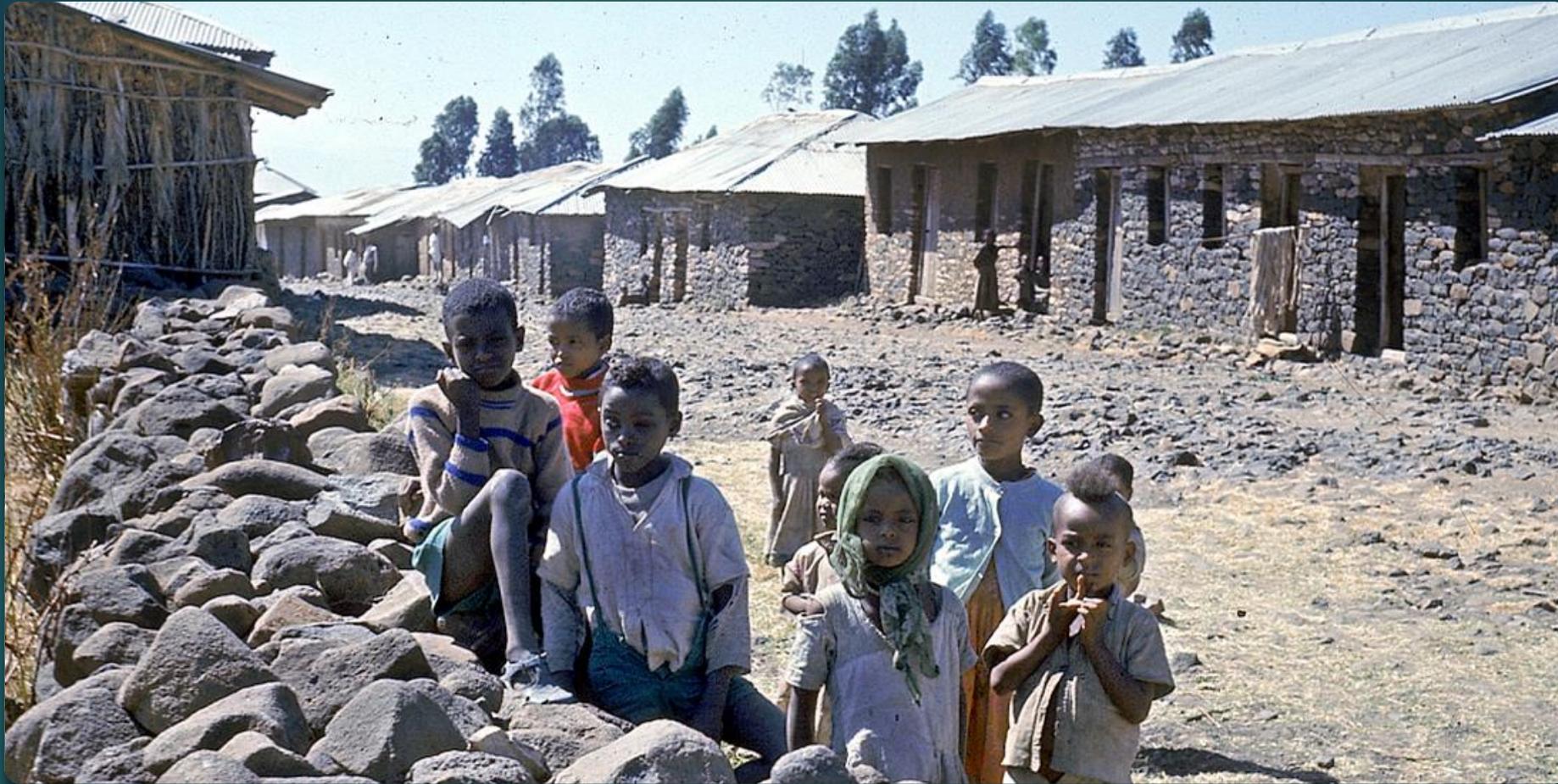
- Twenty-six
- Speaks 4 languages
- Has an encyclopedic memory
- Excellent management skills
- Doesn't have a grade 4 education
- Works as a domestic





- Day guard
- 6 days a week
- \$40/month
- Wife
- Six children
- Walks 2 hours to work





A village in the country



Government buildings



Are these two children equal?

- ✓ Wealthy Ethiopian
- ✓ Middle class Canadian
- ✓ Similar lifestyles in Ethiopia
- ✓ Freedom to travel?
- ✓ Future security?
- ✓ Health care?
- ✓ Education?

Consequences of inequality in Ethiopia:

- ❖ Power concentrated at the top
- ❖ Government caters to the needs of the oil companies
- ❖ Military caters to the needs of the oil companies
- ❖ Censorship in the media
- ❖ Drastic poverty
- ❖ Famine in the countryside
- ❖ Revolution
- ❖ Eritrean Liberation Front fights to get land back for its people
- ❖ No opposition to government IN government



Eritrean Liberation Front Soldiers

The unofficial and illegal opposition:

- ❑ Several layers: controllers outside the country, soldiers inside country
- ❑ Need money (like any government)
- ❑ Need publicity to make their aims known
- ❑ Can't use the methods government OR an legal opposition would use (newspapers, TV, radio, House of Commons)
- ❑ Need the public on their side
- ❑ Need a way to get their problems out to international media

Kidnapping

- Targets businessmen from other countries (Italian)
- Normally just wants money
- Gains nothing if their targets are harmed
- Many small groups operate within Eritrea
- Similar groups operated in the 70's in:
 - California (Patti Hearst, the Symbionese Liberation Army)
 - Quebec, the Federation du Liberation de Quebec
 - Europe
 - Louisiana

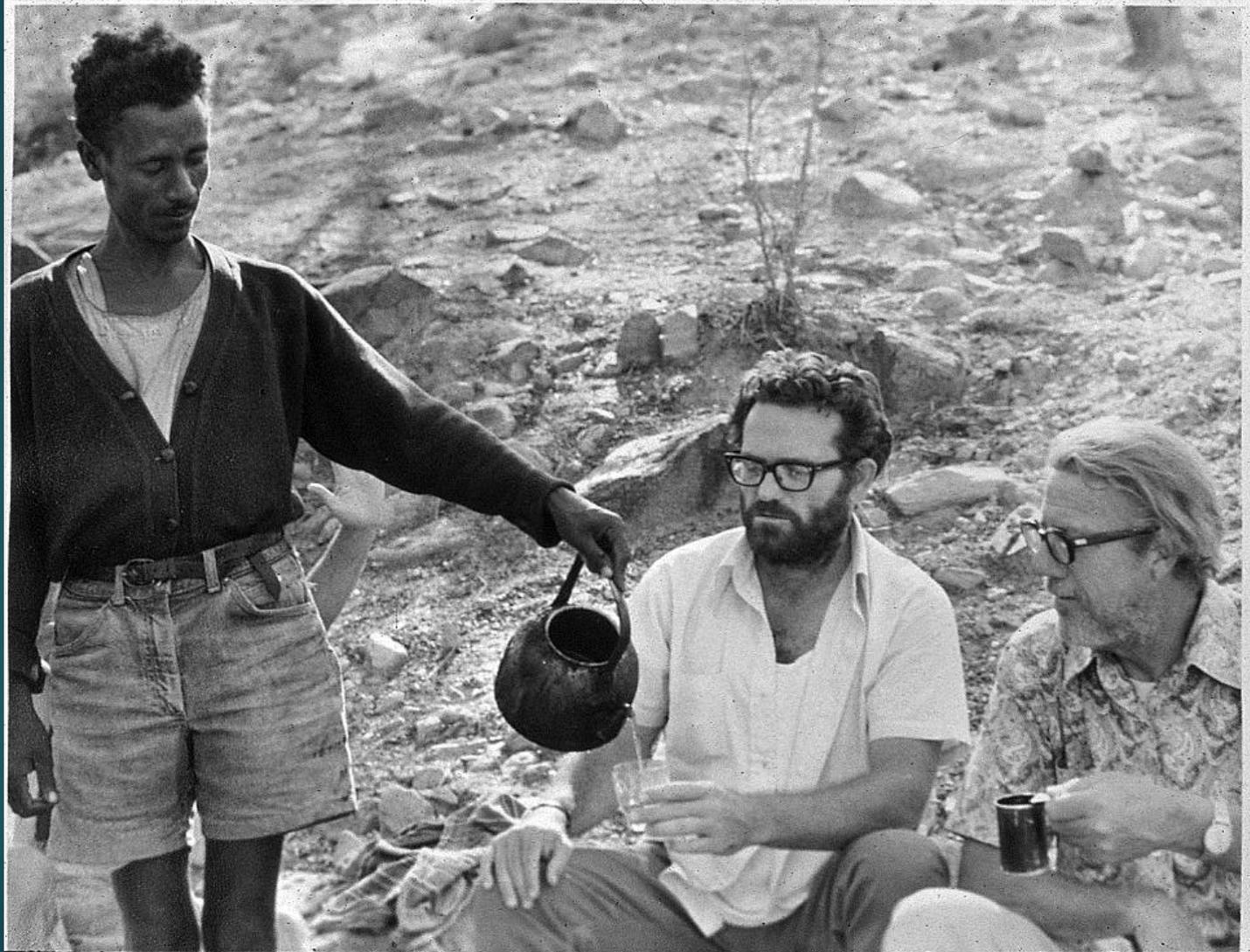
American Oil employees kidnapped



ELF people could be very old or very young.



Soldiers and hostages ate the same food.





Hostages in the desert try to keep cool



Hostages and soldiers might get meat about once a week.



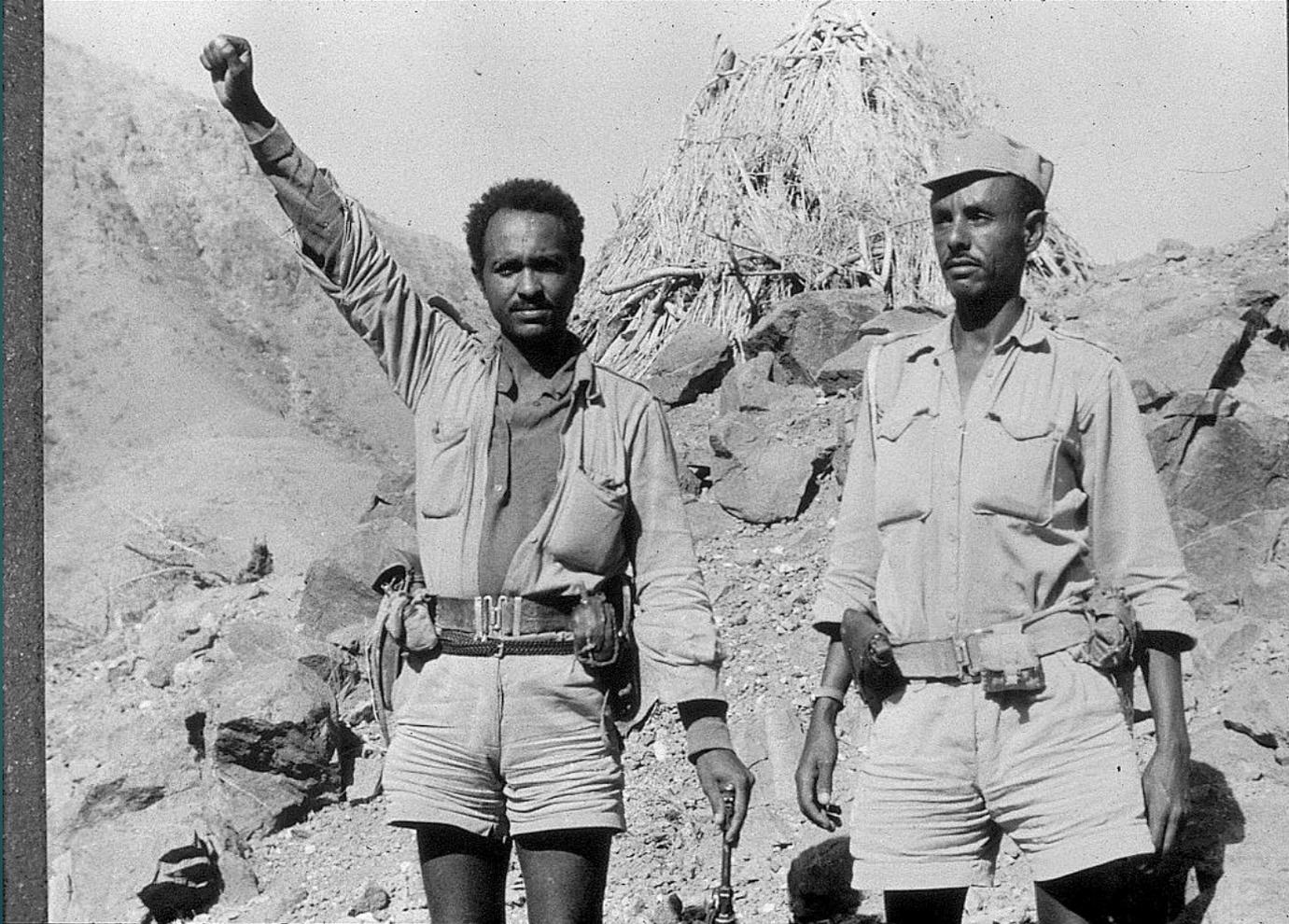
They might get an orange once a month



They walked and camped in the mountains and the desert for 6 months. They played Poker to keep from being bored.



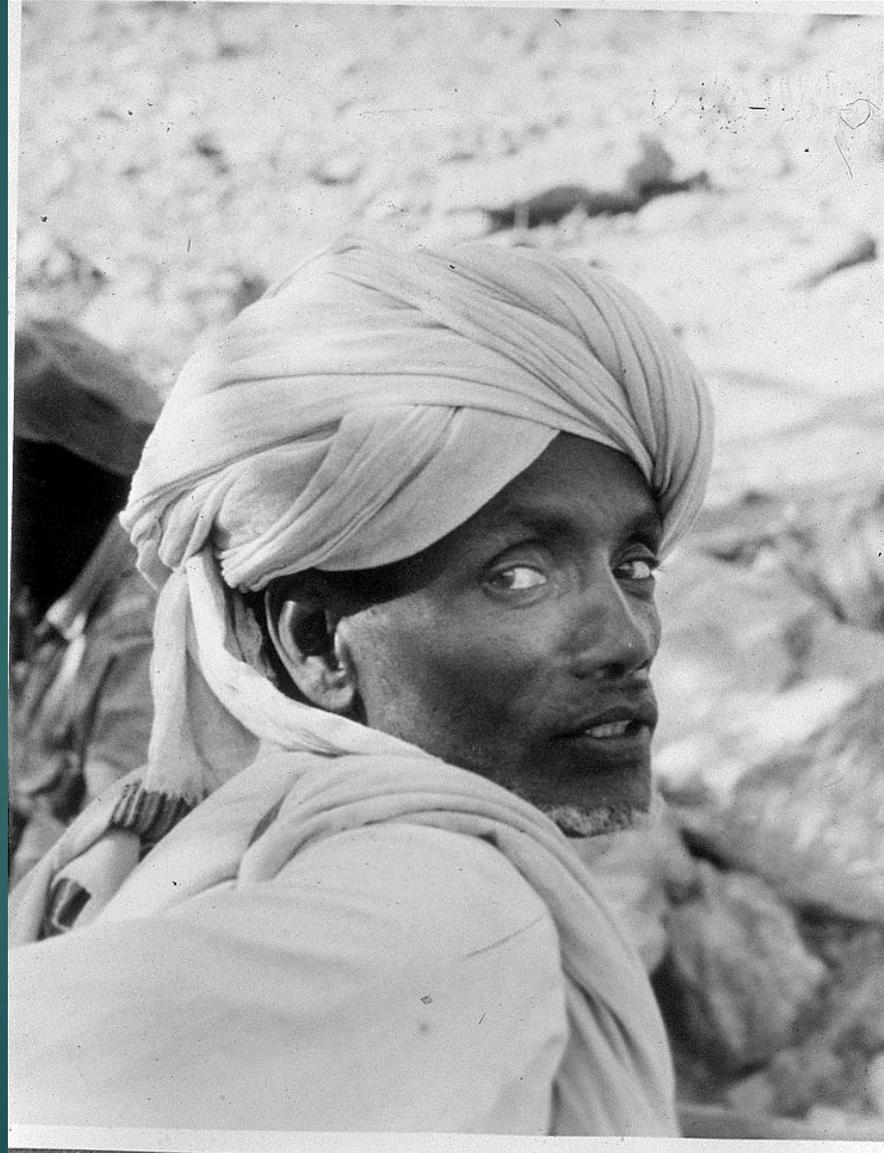
After a certain amount of time the ELF tried to indoctrinate the hostages into their group.



Sometimes the hostages rode.

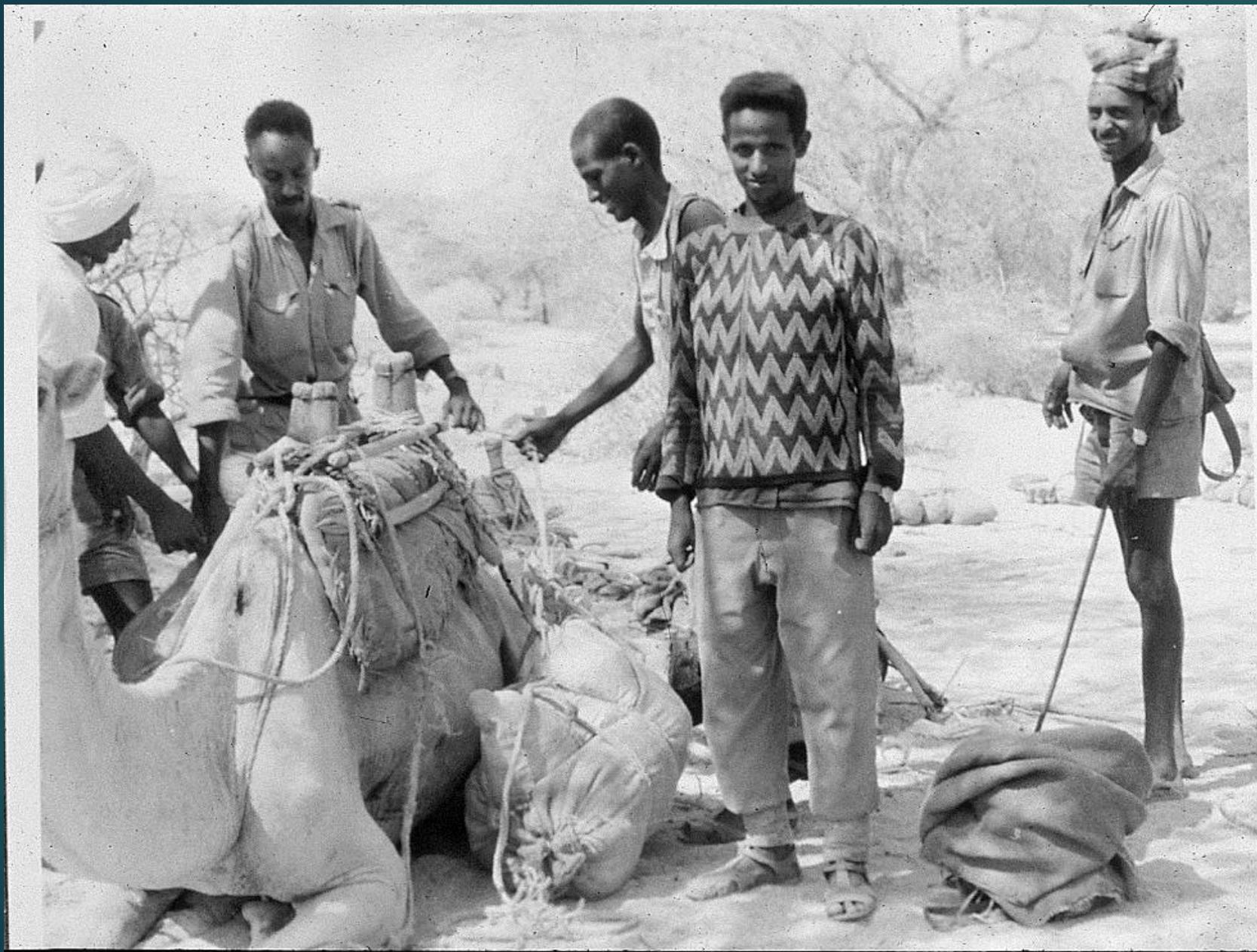


Trying to get his land back for his family



Making porridge for breakfast

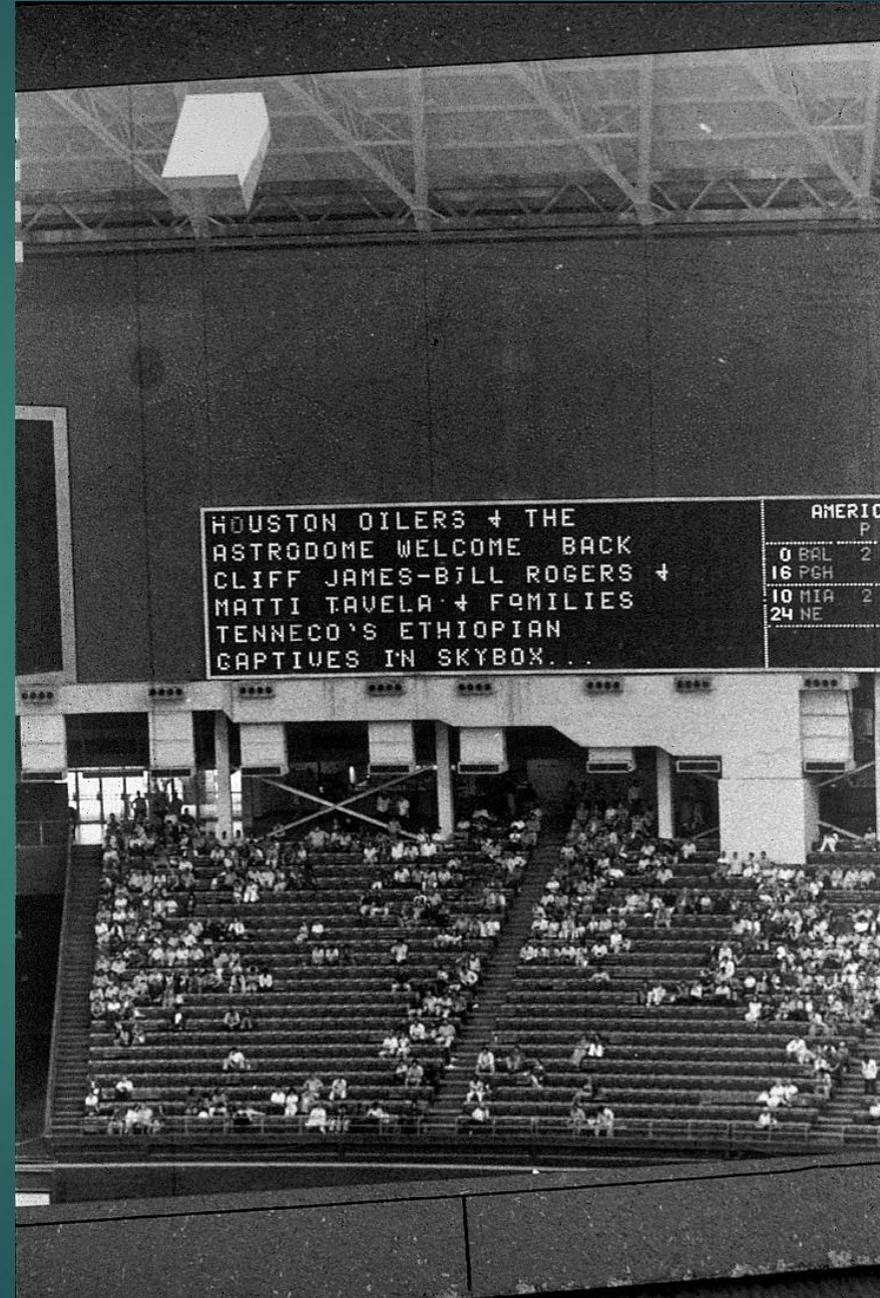




Working for oil companies to take profits home to USA



Oil companies spent a large sum to free the hostages with money going to the ELF and to pay for bribes, payoffs and expenses for the executives who travelled to Greece to negotiate, other luxury costs for the oil company employees.



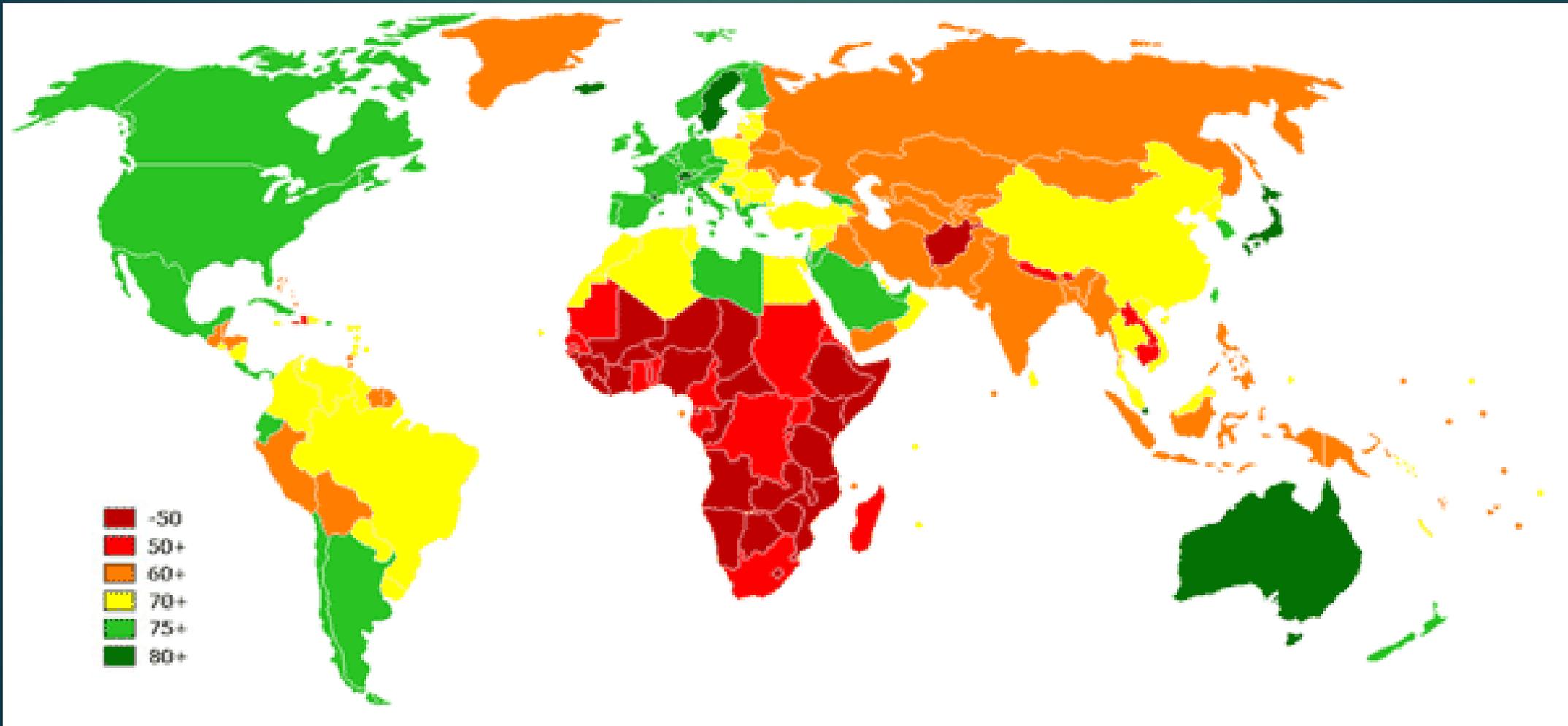
Ethiopia today:

- ▶ Average life expectancy is 58 (compare with 81 in Canada)
- ▶ Average income is \$470/year (compare with \$48,250/year in Canada)
- ▶ Population about 90 million (compare with 35 million in Canada)
- ▶ Area is 1 127 127 sq. km. (compare with 9 976 140 sq. km. for Canada or 1 076 395 for Ontario)
- ▶ Population Density is 186/sq. km. 132nd highest in the world (compare with Canada at 8.8/sq. km, 230th highest in the world)
- ▶ Infant Mortality 58.28 per 1,000 live births (compare with Canada at 4.78 per 1,000 live births)
- ▶ Literacy Rate 39% over 15 can read and write (compare with Canada at 99%)
- ▶ Doctors per 100 000 people: 3 (compare with Canada 214)

What does this mean for us?

- ▶ Migration of peoples as they move from poverty to wealth
- ▶ Illegal migration of people into rich countries, e.g. Europe, USA, Canada
- ▶ Political instability in the southern hemisphere

A picture of life expectancy



A picture of global income

