

FEBRUARY 1962

THURSDAY 1

I meet Kenneth Kaunda, Leader of Unip and Simon Kapwepwe, Treasurer General of Unip and their represent in DAR.

In the evening OR, Xola, Mzwaye (WILTON MKWAYI) alias Bri-bri) and I have a discussion and they suggest I should lead the delegation. I feel however, that this may undermine OR's position and affect his weight in his general work. We eventually reach a compromise.

FRIDAY 2

At the meeting of the Heads of delegation, it is agreed that OR and I should attend.

At 4 pm Emperor Haile Selassie opens the Conference B Kwanuka passes a vote of thanks and Kenneth Kaunda seconds him. We then adjourn until the following day.

SATURDAY 3

Mr Masuange, Minister without Portfolio, addresses the Conference.

Kenneth Kaunda then reads his address. He breaks down and weeps.

I read our address and we adjourn until the following day.

SUNDAY 4

We visit a number of places outside Addis including the Debre Air Force Training Centre, Koka Sugar Estate and have a lavish lunch at the Koka palace.

We return in the evening.

MONDAY 5

Addresses continue.

In the evening we attend a cocktail at the Ghana Embassy, I meet John Tettegah, Kofu Batsa.

TUESDAY 6

Addresses continue.

We have an hours chat with K. Kaunda on the S.A. situation.

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WEDNESDAY 7

In the morning we visit a military camp outside Addis. We see an impressive marching past ceremony and the Emperor takes the salute. Most exciting. He also presents diplomas to graduates. Again we have a lavish dinner.

THURSDAY 8

Conference continues and thereafter closes.

At 12 noon: Our delegation is received by the Emperor.

FRIDAY 9

Our delegation meets Ali Ketema Yifru, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia and we have a full discussion with him on the S.A. situation.

SATURDAY 10

10 am: We meet Lt Gen KEBBEDE GUEBRE, Chief of Staff for the Imperial Armed Forces of Ethiopia.

MONDAY 12

We fly to Cairo and a representative of the Department of African Affairs meets us. We stay at the Continental Hotel.

WEDNESDAY 14

We meet Mr Mohamed Fayek, Head of the Department of African Affairs and have a 2 hr discussion with him.

He stresses the importance of unity between the ANC and PAC and pledges full support of his Government for the people of South Africa.

SATURDAY 17

OR and I travel by boat on the Nile right round Zamalck. It takes us an hour to complete the trip.

SUNDAY 18

We visit Dr Galal at his house and we have an informal chat.

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We meet the Cuban Ambassador. He is young and alert and makes extremely interesting remarks on our situation. He pledges full support.

We have a similar discussion with the Czech Ambassador.

TUESDAY 20

We meet the Chinese Ambassador. He raises very interesting questions including that of peaceful coexistence.

WEDNESDAY 21

Robbie (ROBERT RESHA) and I visit the Museum and we see the body of the famous Ramses.

9 pm: We meet the Ambassador of the G.D.R.

THURSDAY 22

We meet the Ambassador of Indonesia. Eesa of The Permanent Secretariat of the Afro Asian is present.

SATURDAY 24

I visit the offices of the Unip, BCP, ZUP, UNC (Uganda) KAMU and of the SAUE. Have lengthy discussion with R.C. Kamanga. Deputy President of UMKONTO. He says my coming out has been helpful and expresses his appreciation. He indicates that his party is in agreement with the A.C.

Lengthy discussion with Silundika.

SUNDAY 25

Left Cairo at 11/30 for Tripoli. Arrive at Benina Airport, Benghazi at 3/30.

Left at 4/30 for Tripoli and arrive at 6. Register at the Grand Hotel.

MONDAY 26

We call at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs but the Minister is not in.

At 12/30 we call at Tunisian Embassy and we obtain visas for Tunis.

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TUESDAY 27

We leave Tripoli at 12/30 on KLM and arrive at Tunis on 1.55.

WEDNESDAY 28

We meet the Assistant Director of the Neo Destour Party, Mongi Koolf, and fully explain our mission.

He is interested in the differences between ANC and PAC and pits very searching questions.

We promise to furnish him with a memo on the S.A. situation.