

MEETING AT WUZIKILI COMPOUND

Kitwe,

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GODWIN LEWANIKA - Founder and First President of the Northern Rhodesian African Congress; President of the Mines African Staff Association

We are very, very grateful to receive you (MRA task force) this afternoon. We are very grateful to have among you Mr. Sarsfield Hall, a former Governor of Khartoum, a great friend of the Africans, and although he is a retired man he dedicated himself to work for Africa. Among the visitors we have also Bremer Hofmeyr, the cousin of Jan Hofmeyr, the man who has provided the social centre for the Africans in Johannesburg. The presence of Mr. Patel and Mr. Hofmeyr is a strong link.

We also have Mr. Loudon Hamilton, who was with the beginning of MRA in Oxford. He has done all he could. We are very very glad to have him here. We also have Paul Kurowski, a miner. I am a miner, Mr. Katelunga is a miner. We have people from Norway, Denmark, France Canada, Scotland, Kenya, England, Switzerland and Rhodesia. This gathering is really international...I am also happy to have among the Africans friends, Mr. Katelunga, General President of the African Mineworkers' Union, and a young politician, Mr. Matthew Nkoloma, General Chairman of the African Mineworkers' Union of Northern Rhodesia, and a member of the Executive Council of the Northern Rhodesia African Congress. We have also Mr. ...., Vice President of the Staff Association, and Mr. ...., a member of the Executive of the Mines Staff Association. We have in this house many leading Africans. It is really encouraging, and I am very proud of this gathering.

Gentlemen, Moral Re-Armament has an answer to racial unity. I assure my friends that Africans are prepared to receive any friendship that is offered to them. We are very grateful for your coming. Our friends who are afraid ..... I cannot blame them, but if they go on and study what Moral Re-Armament stands for, they will see there is no stronger weapon in politics or economics that is offered to us than this, and once you know what is right, you fight with clean hands. A man who is bitter always fails, but a man who fights with clean hands will win.

I will say that there is a play at Ndola for Africans tomorrow, and there will be a bus, and will urge you to see it. I shall call on Mr. Katelunga to thank you for coming at the end.

MR. KATELUNGU - General President, African Mineworkers' Union

It is of much pleasure that you have come to Africa, particularly to Northern Rhodesia; we have ~~among~~ <sup>many of</sup> the industries, as you know, where very much our country's leadership is dependent. I have also looked forward to seeing this day. There are many things which can be spoken theoretically, but which cannot continue to be spoken in theory.

It is very difficult at a time like this one and for a country like this one for an African as an individual to bring everything to a good understanding. .... You will



accept Godwin Lewanika's sincerity as well as my own that if it was not a matter of shortage of accommodation, we would have invited some of your friends to come and put up with us. It is part of our customs in Africa that when a friend has treated you as such, I am quite sure the only way to repay is to greet him whenever you see him and put him in your home. But because of the racial conflict, we have not the privilege to do this. But you will know we feel we have been very highly respected in this visit.

I also wish very much to bring to the notice of my friends here that I did witness many good things in Switzerland, some of which I spoke of at a public meeting. I have never forgotten a very important part, character training - from your home to the nation. I did witness this myself, being on the plate-washing team, to teach that you must put it into your home, and with my wife. I was very much struck by the stories of divorces, and so on.

Brothers and sisters, I am very glad you are coming down here to the industrial centres. I hope that your coming here has stimulated something into the minds of the people who have not been to Caux. You will appreciate how difficult we find it not to accept a European very easily. If such a meeting can be created in all other nationalities, ..... I am sure many things have been spoken about leadership. Other things have been learned in history, but as time goes on people learn different things in life. If such is the case, such responsibility (must come) for other races and nations as well. I feel very much happier since I came in, to hear many different speeches made by my old friends who I met in Switzerland. I was given the privilege of going to Germany, and I will not forget that I was in the home of Paul Kurowski and I know his daughter. I experienced this brotherhood.

I have therefore only regret that the show was not given here. We were asked to invite as many friends as possible to the play, but unfortunately we did not have the right room. I do not blame anybody for that, but we shall look forward to a day when that play will be shown to our people here. I think it would be a practical demonstration if that play was given here.....

We are confronted with many problems which are racial problems, which you have seen yourselves, but nevertheless they are problems which can be settled on the basis of MRA - it is the answer to all these questions. I feel very strongly that we should widen the practical idea of MRA and that more Africans should go to Caux. It is very difficult for me and Mr. Lewanika to tell our friends about the MRA Assembly. They said, 'Yes, you are the tools of the Government and of the industrialists.

I wish to thank you very much, specially my friends there for your demonstrations. We do not know what the white man does or what he will say. This suspicion means clash. I hope through your effort you will train not only your brothers, the white people, because I have seen people from India, Pakistan and other countries. Mr. Lewanika is one of the blood people. It is not an exaggeration that Moral Re-Armament does improve all denominations of this world. There is no best language in MRA, but there is only cooperation for one goal... I know you will also take this spirit of love to South Africa and probably some of that may come back here. I will ask my friends to compare what I have said to them to what they have heard today. I wish you all the best of luck and good wishes for Christmas until we meet again.