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**DR BEAZLEY** is greeted at Salisbury Airport yesterday by Moral Re-Armament workers Mr Steven Sibare (left), the Rev. Arthur Kanodereka and Mr Andrew Stallybrass, the MRA publicity officer.

## POLITICIAN TO SEE FOR HIMSELF

*Herald Reporter*

**THE attitude of Australians to Rhodesia depends on whether free and fair elections take place in this country, Dr Kim Beazley, a veteran Australian politician, said on his arrival in Salisbury from South Africa yesterday.**

Asked what awareness there was of Rhodesian affairs in Australia, Dr Beazley said Rhodesia did not "loom large" in the Australian mind until violence erupted here.

Dr Beazley—who was Federal Minister for Education in the Labour Government from 1972 to 1975 and who retired last year after 32 years as an MP—was asked how sincere and effective he thought Rhodesians' efforts towards free and fair elections were.

"That's what I'm here to find out," he said.

Dr Beazley is here at the invitation of the Moral Re-Armament (MRA) organisation.

He is accompanied by his wife Bettie. They will spend a week in Salisbury. On October 20 they go to Bulawayo for three days and will then leave for South West Africa.

He briefly met Bishop Abel Muzorewa before the UANC leader's departure for the United States.

Dr Beazley has a tight schedule of meetings with members of the Government, political parties, businessmen, academics, church people and others throughout his stay in Rhodesia.

On Tuesday he will address the Institute of International Affairs at the University of Rhodesia.

When Dr Beazley retired from politics he was the longest serving member in the Australian Parliament.

During the many years when his party was in opposition he worked for the benefit of the Aborigines. It was as a result of the efforts of the select committee on Aboriginal voting rights, of which he was a member, that Aborigines were accorded the right to vote in Federal elections.