

Brunswickan

Could you go over the developments in Uganda over the past four years.

Eilu

In 1961 we had our first general election and the Democratic Party was brought to power. On October 9th., 1962 we got our Independence from Britain (Uganda was a protectorate).

Brunswickan

How long had negotiations been carried on before this granting of Independence?

Eilu

About a year.

Brunswickan

Has there been any sup-

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Would you give us a brief outline of the events in South Africa starting from the formation of the Republic.

Hepburn

Obviously Verwoerd's idea was to protect the whites, so he proposed an apartheid policy: putting the blacks into separate areas and allowing them to govern themselves, thus we have zoning and reservations. The thing with these black provinces is that they lack the wealth and industry. Moreover, their parliaments are controlled by the South African govern-

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Would you start by outlining the major developments in your country over the past few years.

Kantukanji

Soon after independence from Britain in 1961, when the Africans were given control of the government, our country concentrated especially on three major problems which Tanzania faced: ignorance, poverty, and disease. So far, educationally, I think we're a long way up, but in the fields of disease and poverty we'll need about ten years.

Brunswickan

pression of foreigners since the African government has taken over?

Eilu

No.

Brunswickan

Has the African government managed to govern the country well?

Eilu

I should say we have one of the most stable governments in Africa.

Brunswickan

What are your feelings about the situation in Rhodesia?

Eilu

Kenya is an example of the fear of giving the Afri-

ment which is voted for entirely by whites.

Brunswickan

Will present suppression of the Africans in South Africa eventually lead up to another revolution?

Hepburn

It's hard to see it as suppression because everyone gets along well with everyone else. Whether it's building up to anything is just not apparent. I spent two months in a native reserve this year and there's no friction or racial tension.

Brunswickan

What is your opinion of

Do you think the government has been successful incorporating the ideas of both the Europeans and the Africans?

Kantukanji

Yes, and quite a number of Europeans have agreed that they are happier now than they were in the British days because they don't have so much administrative responsibility on their shoulders.

Brunswickan

Rhodesia has declared UDI, what do you think of that?

Kantukanji

I think that this is a rebellion by the Smith government

can power. Kenya was in a position similar to that of Southern Rhodesia. The whites — whom I prefer to call Europeans — feared that if they gave the African power to rule, everything would turn into a "Dark Age" with people butchered and shops looted. When Independence came to Kenya, it surprised them that no one was butchered and nobody was chased out of the country. Now the Europeans are happy that they are in Kenya.

Brunswickan

What do you think is the main issue in Rhodesia?

Eilu

Rhodesia's UDI?

Hepburn

I think they should have left it until they investigated the matter thoroughly because Britain is not going to let go, yet Smith and his government want independence so rushed into the situation too quickly. If they had sorted things out they might have come to an agreement where they could guarantee the black Rhodesian government positions within a certain fixed period of time, which was the British idea.

Brunswickan

against Britain and the wishes of all Africans. I hope that Britain is going to do something to solve the situation. Britain promised to help Rhodesia if it was invaded and the present situation is identical to Rhodesia being invaded by a foreign government — Smith. We expect Britain to take the same steps as she has taken in other similar situations. If Britain doesn't it means that this declaration has been a mutual achievement by Britain and Rhodesia.

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Would you condemn Smith for what he has done?

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Tanzania

The main issue is being ruled by a maniac.

Brunswickan

Do you think that the UDI will be successful or will the African people object — using force?

Eilu

The African people cannot object with force. That would be difficult because the police force that exists in Southern Rhodesia is being used to suppress even political organizations. If there is no freedom to organize parties, and if there is no freedom of speech, then there would be no possible organized revolution in Southern

Do you think force will be used by Britain?

Hepburn

I don't believe in force, but if it comes to any sort of issue where the UN are called in, I just hope that Britain is in first and can keep them out because I think the United Nations would take quite a while to sort it out. If the British were there I don't think they'd have to fight, because the people are straight from Britain and many have worked there — they're their own friends. If anybody has to keep law it would be better if Britain did it.

Kantukanji

Very much.

Brunswickan

Do you think force should be used?

Kantukanji

Britain has always used force and I believe Britain is a country which lives by its principles — therefore it must use force in Rhodesia. The only problem now is what size of force.

Brunswickan

Do you think the economic blockade will be successful?

Kantukanji

It won't be successful. South Africa and Portugal will assist Rhodesia econo-

Rhodesia so long as Smith's government is in power.

Brunswickan

Do you think the trade embargo will be successful?

Eilu

I've got my doubts. It is all very well to shout out in the UN about this but it will not be followed by those nations who advocate it. Take the example of South Africa. Remember the Commonwealth nations decided to set up a trade blockade. Looking at the records we find these countries now trading with South Africa. They have suffered no drawbacks. This (SEE page 8)

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Do you think the economic blockade will be successful?

Hepburn

They tried economic sanctions on South Africa when we did more or less the same stunt and it didn't last. Situated where Rhodesia is, with South Africa on one side and Portugal on the other side, both sympathetic to her, the blockade won't work. It might be stiff for a while, but it won't last long.

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mically, and I don't think that Rhodesia produces so much tobacco that South Africa and Portugal cannot buy a large part of it.

Brunswickan

Would you say that Britain should carry any of the blame for the situation?

Kantukanji

I think that Britain is more to blame than Rhodesia.

Brunswickan

Will the Africans in Rhodesia object with force?

Kantukanji

I don't feel that the black man in Rhodesia is in any position to stir effective violence. (SEE page 8)