

SALIM'S PERSONAL NOTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 02, 1992

VISIT TO BUTIAMA

At 0910 hours I left Dar es Salaam for Musoma, Mara en route to Butiama. The purpose of my trip is to go and meet with Mwalimu Nyerere. I am accompanied by my Cabinet Attaché Major Zongo and my staff officers, the ADC, John Mode and Mwinyi Muh'd Mwinyi as well as a superintendent of Police Lymo.

The flight to Musoma took 1 hour 15 minutes.

On arrival at Musoma Airport I was met by the RC for Mara, Joseph Busiku^t and other senior Regional and District officials including the RDD, the RPC and the Chairman of Musoma, Dr. Mic Tora. I was informed that Mwalimu's elder brother chief Wangagi was hospitalised at Musoma Hospital. So I decided that first I will go to visit him. But no sooner had we arrived at the hospital and before we went in to the ward to see the Chief, Mwalimu also came to the hospital. After greetings I went with him to visit the Chief.

After about 15 minutes we left the hospital for Butiama where we arrived some 45 minutes or so later.

Meeting with Mwalimu at Butiama

By about 1150 hours Mwalimu and I arrived at his residence at Butiama. And some ten minutes later our discussion - confined to the two of us began. They continued for some 80 minutes (1 hr 20minutes). In the process we covered a wide range of subjects comprising national, African and international fields.

I began the discussion by a survey of the growing world indifference to Africa's problems and the need for the continent to put its house in order and to forge serious and genuine

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cooperation in at least such fields as transport and communications, to and pursuing the goal of integration in earnest. Mwalimu totally concurred and stressed the urgent need to have a continental and regional capacity to deal with such problems as the conflicts in Somalia, Rwanda and Liberia. These conflicts undermine Africa's ability to deal with more pressing problems of economic and social development and they add to the reasons causing Africa's marginalisation.

In my brief, I adumbrated on the following :

- (1) Status of the internal conflicts e.g. Somalia and the efforts being made thus far without much success. Underscored my belief that internal conflicts are going to be a major preoccupation of our continent. On the plus side I highlighted Africa's declared preparedness to resolve their conflicts although I pointed out that in some cases these declarations are not matched by a corresponding political will.
- (2) The African Economic Community and the various steps envisaged to achieve that objective with the current emphasis on strengthening RECs and promoting coordination and harmonisation.
- (3) The current changes sweeping throughout Africa relating to democratisation and human rights and the need for African leaders to manage the process of change so that peace and stability is maintained within the context of change.
- (4) Africa in the context of international situation. How Africa can refuse its marginalisation.
- (5) The institutional problems of the OAU including the perennial issue of non payment of contributions.

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In his remarks Mwalimu again stressed the need for Africa to get its act together. On changes he said that there were incentives and concurred with my observations of the need to manage them. On conflicts he said we can ill afford them and argued for a creation of capacity to handle them within the continental and on regional level. On the issue of contribution he said we cannot be serious if we do not fulfil our commitments. He offered to help by impressing on the African leaders - leaders that he will be visiting to pay their dues. He asked me and I promised to give him a copy of the status of contribution.

Mwalimu and I also exchanged views at length on the process of change in Tanzania and what challenges lie ahead of the CCM and national leadership. He said that he would like to see these changes while he is alive and as an elder he would see what he can to help. We also discussed the issue of the Union and the calls made by some in Tanzania mainland (as exemplified in the work of the Nyakuli community) for governments. We both agreed that while errors can be rectified and shortcomings corrected the Union as such is part of the daily lives of Tanzanians and should not be tampered with.

Mwalimu also made the following remarks :

- (a) He is prepared to be as helpful as possible whenever I feel that his contribution is needed. In those circumstances I should speak to President Mwinyi. His programme for the next four months include :
 - (i) a meeting in Paris (?) under IFAD where First Ladies have been invited;
 - (ii) a visit to DPRK in April when he will be celebrating his 70th Birthday while Kim II Sung celebrates his 80th birthday;
 - (iii) a visit to Tokyo and London also in April 1992. The Tokyo visit is with UNICEF programme in connection with the Rio UNCED Conference.

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(b) When I sounded him about the possibility of having a meeting of all of the OAU to import the experience of knowledge on the OAU in the context of the world challenges, Mwalimu thought the idea was a sound one and merits being explored.

(c) In the course of my stay in Butiama, Mwalimu showed me the construction of the residence being built by the JKT personnel in the Armed Forces . The

From about 1320 to 1400 Mwalimu and Mama Maria Nyerere hosted a lunch for me. Some officials accompanying me including the RPC, the Chief of Protocol and Major Zongo were also present.

Thereafter we visited the house being built by the Armed Forces and finally had another 10 minutes discussion before I left Butiama for Musoma at 1420 hrs. At 1505 we arrived at the RC Joseph Butiku where I met with him and Mrs. Butila, the RDP and the officials and ten minutes later we proceeded to the airport.

By 1523 we were airborne aboard SMZ. I was seen off by RC, RDD, RPL and others.

The flight to Dsm took 1 hr 15 minutes.

Dinner at the Wariobas

From 2020 to 2345 Amne and I attended a dinner in our honour by Joseph and Evelyn Warioba. Those present included NSA Kaibi from RC, Marc and hon. Commissioner of Planning Committee; Col Hasi Kitine formerly DG of Intelligence now taking his studies in Canada; and Mr.. & Mrs. Lymo, a successful entrepreneur.