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PERSONAL NOTES

Address to the Members of the National
Defence College of Canada - at the
Dag-Hammashold Library at the U. N.
Friday, November 19, 1971 at 4.15 p.m.

Subject: Role & Policies of Tanzania in the
United Nations.

- (A) Introduction: Thanks Ambassador Yvon Beaulne & Military Adviser to the Canadian delegation, Lt. Colonel Newlands.
- a general outline of my address will only highlight some of the issues and our position on this.
- (B) How we view the UN:
- (i) In the light of what has been said in the last few weeks following restoration of China's rights:
- (ii) Tanzania attaches a lot of importance to the United Nations: Why?
- (iii) No other instrument for international peace as effective as this.
- despite its limitation last year was silver jubilee of organization.
- 25 years without international conflagration-no mean achievement.
- (iv) The United Nations provides a forum for small countries like Tanzania to air their views on burning world issues:
- And through the implementation of its principle our survival and growth in peace and security depends.
- (v) We recognize its limitations e.g.: failure to act decisively in solution of international conflicts like Vietnam, Middle East & other dangerous situations.
- (vi) The weakness also stems from the attitude of the powerful nations who are anxious to limit powers of the Organization.
- (vii) But those weaknesses and limitations should serve as a challenge and not make us abandon the organization.

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- (viii) Thus, we have since our membership steadfastly strived to strengthen and give the organization all the support in response.
- (ix) Struggle to rectify its imperfections-i.e. lack of universality.
- (C) What has been our policy in the organization:
International Cooperation
Human dignity
Non-alignment
- (D) Tanzania foreign policy priorities
- Total African liberation and African Unity basic objectives of our Government. Africa's freedom is for us a matter of our very survival. There are issues of direct relevance to us.
 - Elaborate on the problems of Southern Africa:
Portuguese Colonies and the attitude of Portugal
Rhodesia
Namibia
South Africa
 - Whether we should have peaceful ~~or~~ violent changes.
- (E) Our priorities are reflected in our role & policies in the UN: thus since independence we have at the UN actively supported the struggle for freedom.
- Role in the Committee of 24. Not 'bored' with discussions on apartheid & colonialism. Membership in Human Rights Commission. Active participation on all related issues. Practical assistance at the UN on refugees
 - Our membership with Canada in the Advisory Committee on UN Educational & Training Programme for Southern Africa.
- (F) Freedom like Peace & Security is indivisible:
Thus we have constantly
- (1) spoken in support for the cause of freedom & justice the world over
 - (2) Security of small & medium sized states
 - (a) oppose any outside interference in the affairs of states e.g. Vietnam, Cuba & Czechoslovakia.
- (G) Tanzania's role:
Disarmament

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Our

- ~~Role~~ in the Non-Nuclear states conference.
- Our reservation in the manner disarmament is tackled where those who have continue to pile up.

Sea-bed

- Vice chairman of the Ad hoc Committee following its *formation* in 1967
Currently Chairman of Committee I-dealing with *Regime* & international machinery
- Our presentation of the draft statute on the Sea-bed authority.

Peace-Keeping

- We have always considered this as an important item. Unfortunately there seems to be not so much *enthusiasm* ~~outlined~~ among the majority of membership.

Why we attach importance to peacekeeping:
enforcement measures by the Council say in Southern Africa.

- *Problems* of the Middle East etc.
- Our position on UNRWA and the conflict as such.

(H) Economic & Social questions:

- Where the UN has achieved considerable progress in ~~mutilated~~ *multilateral* cooperation.
Our role: in ECOSOC-ten years ago membership ended.
UNDP Governing Council
- term expiring
- Our own contribution to UNDP not insignificant.
UNCTAD
Human Rights Commission.

(I) - The work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

- Tanzania's attitude to refugees: e.g. Influx from Southern Africa ~~avoiding~~ persecution.

(J) What of our attitude on

- (a) Human Environment & Pollution outerspace.
- (b) Budgetary matters- we are equally concerned at the the finances of the organization. Oppose the ambivalent attitude of the big powers on matters of financing.

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- Our Membership in the ACABQ.

(K) Regional & Political caucuses

(1) African Group - with the Secretariat

(2) Afro-Asian Group

(3) Non-aligned Group.

(L) Conclusion (a)

(a) Sum up our role in different Committees and organs: Among others we are members:

(1) Committee of 24

(2) Sea-bed Committee

(3) Human Rights Commission

(4) ACABQ

(5) UNDP Governing Council

(6) Committee on Housing, Building & Planning

(7) Advisory Committee for the leading
Dissemination of International Law

(8) Advisory Committee on the Educational &
Training Programme for Southern Africa.

(9) CPC

(b) Our assessment in the future role 7 policies
in the light of the new circumstances at the
United Nations.