

NNPA News

By Angie Dickerson

NEW YORK CITY (NNPA) -- Dr. Joshua Nkomo, a leader of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe, granted this interview during his recent visit to the United Nations, where the Security Council debated the "Smith Agreement" on majority rule in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

Dr. Nkomo, who is 60 is a man of imposing stature and striking appearance, belying the fact that he was imprisoned for 11 years.

In answer to the question, "What is the next step for the Patriotic Front?", the answer was, "The war continues."

Dr. Nkomo branded the so-called "internal settlement" as a sell-out in which the Smith regime would hold the 72 black representatives hostage to the white veto. Under the present plan, six white votes could veto any matter before the entire group of 100 members of Parliament.

Dr. Nkomo made it clear that the 10-year period after December 1977 would ensure that no constitutional changes could be made. Additionally, the judiciary would remain all white and the armed forces would remain under the control of white leadership. The civil service workers who are currently 99% white would remain intact.

The possibility of a coup during the Smith regime was emphasized, since the veto of six percent whites could overthrow the government.

"What possibility exists for the three segments, Muzzrerva, Chira and Sithole to meet with the Patriotic Front?", Dr. Nkomo was asked. He replied, "No such possibility exists, because of the sell-out nature of the agreement."

Dr. Nkomo stated that the Smith regime has been declared illegal by Great Britain, as well as the United Nations, and Ian Smith is a rebel. "We will negotiate with Great Britain, who is the colonizing power and from whom Zimbabwe must receive its independence."

In answer to the question of the role of Vorster in Zimbabwe, Dr. Nkomo warned of a neo-colonist set-up in which Smith and Vorster would create a bufferzone for South Africa at the expense of Namibi's independence.

Referring to the reports of the Soviet influence on the Patriotic Front, Dr. Nkomo stated, "We asked the Western powers to help us secure the vote; we asked the Western powers for arms and we were told that the West could not assist in violence." "This answer came as we attempted to repair violence which had been practiced against us since 1965. "Now it is true that when we asked the Soviet Union for arms, they agreed. It is no secret."

Dr. Nkomo said he flies by day from London to Moscow, and when coming to the United States, he flies from Havana.

About the road ahead, Dr. Nkomo emphasized that the majority of people in Zimbabwe look to the Patriotic Front for liberation.

As the interview concluded, we were joined by Mr. Robert Nugabe, who re-affirmed Dr. Nkomo's position, emphasizing the need for Black Americans to identify with the struggle, not only for African liberation, but also a guarantee for world peace.

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Survey

Mayor Bill Briare has joined with Governor Mike O'Callaghan in proclaiming the 14th of April as "Minority Business Person's Day" in the State of Nevada. Mayor Briare has shown an interest in assisting the entrepreneurs within the West Las Vegas area and feels that the city should join in with a salute to the minority business persons of Las Vegas. This one day, set aside each year, is to salute the efforts of the minority population within the Greater Las Vegas area. The Mayor, a businessman of many years, feels that all minorities, Latins, Blacks, Indians and women should have an equal opportunity in sharing the economic benefits within the City of Las Vegas.

April 14th will mark the 5th Annual Minority Business Awards Luncheon. The guest speaker will be Mr. Marx Cazenave II, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Small Business Administration.

Four awards will be presented to members of the minority community for their accomplishments in the business field and two awards will go to the federal and private sectors for achieving minority enterprise goals beyond good faith efforts.

Tickets will be available at the door of the Union Plaza Room in the Union Plaza Hotel. There will be a no host cocktail party at 11:15 a.m. and the lunch will start at 12 noon.

WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"The same Lord is the Lord of all."

—Romans 10:12

1. There is one God. The ancient "creed" of Israel was the simple and yet persuasive affirmation, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one God."

No matter how we worship, no matter how we may picture God, it is the one God of the universe to whom we offer praise.

2. We have choices concerning God. Someone once aptly or wisely remarked that there are always at least two valid approaches to any matter...and many more! One preacher once noted that we

may take Matthew's words, Luke's, Mark's or John's. But they all lead to the same Jesus who is "the same, yesterday, today and forever."

3. He is Lord of all! God is not a family or tribal property. No one has seen God at any time. God appears in many forms: the wind, as fire, as a voice, in the form of Jesus...and in every act of love, of joy, of peace and reconciliation.

God, (thank God!) is "the same Lord (who) is Lord of all."

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The 5th Annual Minority Business Persons Awards Luncheon will be held at the Union Plaza Room, Union Plaza Hotel, Friday, April 14th at 11:15 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Marx Cazenave II, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Small Business Administration, Region IX

As Regional Director, Cazenave, first Black ever appointed as a Regional Director in Region IX is responsible for coordinating SBA's 25 programs in financial assistance, management assistance and procurement assistance throughout California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and the U.S. Trust Territories.

He is a 1962 graduate of California State College in Los Angeles, with a major in political science. He also attended Loyola Law School and has completed graduate work toward a Master's Degree in business administration at California State College.

For the past 14 years, Cazenave has been engaged in a variety of marketing and financial management positions, which include 12 years in the private sector and two years in the public sector.

Cazenave left his position as director of the Office of Business Development for the State of California to accept the SBA appointment. In his former position he was State Representative for California's Secretary of Business and Transportation in making policy recommendations to the Governor and State agencies on issues affecting commerce, job creation and negotiations between the business community.

Prayer Poem

That God manifests himself in many ways is, indeed, a happy...and sometimes a sanity-saving...thought.

We hear how God reveals Himself mysteriously and wondrously in William Cowper's hymn, "God Moves In A Mysterious Way," written more than 200 years ago, in 1774.

God moves in a mysterious way

His wonders to perform:
 He plants his footsteps in the sea,
 And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines,
 With never-failing skill,
 He treasures up His bright

designs,
 And works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
 The cloud ye so much dread
 A big with mercy, and shall break
 In blessings on your head.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 And scan His works in vain;
 God is His own interpreter,
 And He will make it plain.

—Amen

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