Semi-Monthly Summary ...

HISTORY-MAKING BLACK HAPPENINGS:

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International...

Tanzania — President Julius K. Nyerere, one of the most respected voices in Africa, continued to be discussed in black circles while largely overlooked by the whiteoriented press for his widely circulated statement in Africa and elsewhere regarding the serious threat to African political and economic integrity posed by both the Eastern and Western world powers.

Nyerere had remarked pointedly: "The danger to Africa does not just come from nations in the Eastern bloc. The West still considers Africa within its sphere of influence and acts accordingly. France continues to occupy Mayotte. But there are no meetings in Washington, or even in Moscow, to discuss the threat to Africa's freedom by the French penetration of Africa.

Suggested by Nyerere was the possible development of a Pan-African Security Force under an African High Command. Only the Organization of African Unity (OAU) could make such a move, so President Nyerere suggested.

"Sooner or later," President Nyerere concluded, "and as long as necessary, Africa will fight against neocolonialism as it has fought against colonialism. Eventually, it will win."

The United Kingdom — In a related move, leaders of the U.S. and Great Britain warned Rhodesia, from a London meeting, that it must resolve its current war with guerrilla forces quickly, lest Cuba become involved in the Rhodesian (or Zimbabwe) conflict.

Cuban signs of influence had mounted in recent weeks, particularly with the participation of high-ranking Cuban officials in a socialist celebration in Ethopia, where reportedly there are some 30,000 Cubans aiding the present socialist govern in in its efforts to solidit and maintain its power the shout the country.

Uganda — Boyc attempts by Kenya and the United States against Ur anda have been unsuccessful thus far. The U.S. imports about one-third of Uganda's only major export, coffee; and few substantial signs of a shift in purchasing policies by the U.S. have appeared.

Kenya, meanwhile, has sought to impose sanctions against Uganda—while at the same time complaining of Uganda's failure to use its rail and port facilities more extensively.

National News...

New Orleans, Louisiana — The Muhammad Ali victory here over Leon Spinks has been assessed by some observers as being at least as much of a financial coup for Ali as it was a fine display of expert boxing prowess. Ali has been discussed repeatedly, however, in the white-oriented press as being at a low financial state, if not, in fact, on the verge of financial difficulty. Los Angeles, California — In the aftermath of a court-ordered busing operation begun at the start of the school year, this "city of angels" reportedly has remained marked by a lingering division, deep and bitter. For a decade and a half liti-

on over the busing issue dragged on in the courts. /ashington, D.C. — With

elections possibly forest in the black voting pubs minds, the Howard Uni-

crsity-based Joint Center for Political Studies has pointed out and warned about the prevailing mood of political apathy among the younger blacks who are affected most adversely in our nation's political and economic life.

While black voter registration has improved, particularly in the South, the nonvoting trend apparent among the younger and disproportionately unemployed blacks could offset these gains. The head of the Joint Center, Eddie Williams, cited "high mobility" and lack of interest as major reasons for this "luxury" which, he noted, blacks can ill afford.

New York City, New York — In what many saw as at least a symbolic gesture, the national Council of Churches withddrew a \$40,000 balance in its checking account from the Continental Bank because of the bank's refusal to make a clear-cut statement on loans to the apartheid government of South Africa.

(For an in-depth analysis of these and other issues on black and Third World life, please see "The MONITOR Microscope" in the monthly magazine supplement to this paper."





PRESIDENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS - Expressing gratification at President McMillans' announcement that Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Alpha Rho Chapter, is also a recipient of the 1979 Presidents' Award is Chapter Basileus Sarann Knight (left) and Verlia Grice Davis, General Chairman of Alpha Rho Chapters 1979 Ebony Fashion Fair.

