

as being *salonfähig*, in the governments, and similar proceedings, in the United States as well as in Europe and Britain. Which the press, of Europe and the United States, is praising as the great figures.

Kabila, nothing but the lowest of all common criminals, is being called a “rebel” and a “national leader,” and he is nothing but a thief and a butcher. Museveni, who is nothing but the Mussolini of Uganda (who was supported by the British in his time, too, eh?), is treated as a respectable figure. A mass murderer! Kagame, the same thing; another gangster, who at one point was supported by George Bush, the President of the United States. The same thing.

And this is going on.

What about the faces, what about the individuality, what about the personality, the possible future, of that child or that woman or that family? What are we going to say? We have the test of death, which we have to face in our own life. That is, did we simply use this mortal existence to get pleasure and satisfaction, or did we use the talent given to us, to return it when we died, somewhat enriched? Did we make something of our lives, as they say in simple language.

Also, we are accountable for what we do to others! Not just to ourselves.

There’s a human being; who knows what potential is lost when that person dies, as a child, by the side of the road. And they’re stacked up like cord wood on the side of the road! And these governments, which know that, can sit back and still say, “Museveni is human. Kabila is human. These are respectable people who must be dealt with respectfully.”

That is the passion. If you allow that, what about *your* child, *your* sister, when the time comes. Who will weep for them? If you can allow this, you lack the moral fitness to survive, and the record of history is clear. In the fall of empires and entire civilizations, when mankind makes a mistake, in ruling ideas, mankind is punished by calamities. And when civilizations do not respond to the calamities thus brought upon them, then the universe is so designed, by the Creator, that it does something to *purge* itself of that disease, which that civilization has become.

And this is such a time. And thus, in Africa, I think, as I said at the beginning, to understand Africa, *we here*, in this room, must not allow ourselves to be so involved with the details on the ground, that we lose sight of that knowledge and overview which is needed to win.

We must rise to the mountaintop, from which we can see the past and the breadth of humanity, at least for some distance. See what has happened to humanity, and use our knowledge of the problems which are confronted in the centers of power, to use the very horror of what has been done, the crimes that are being committed in Africa, to use that as a lever, to force people to discover, within themselves—including the President of the United States—to discover the *passion* to do what is necessary to save all humanity.

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## Dr. Godfrey Binaisa

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# People of Africa, it’s time to wake up!

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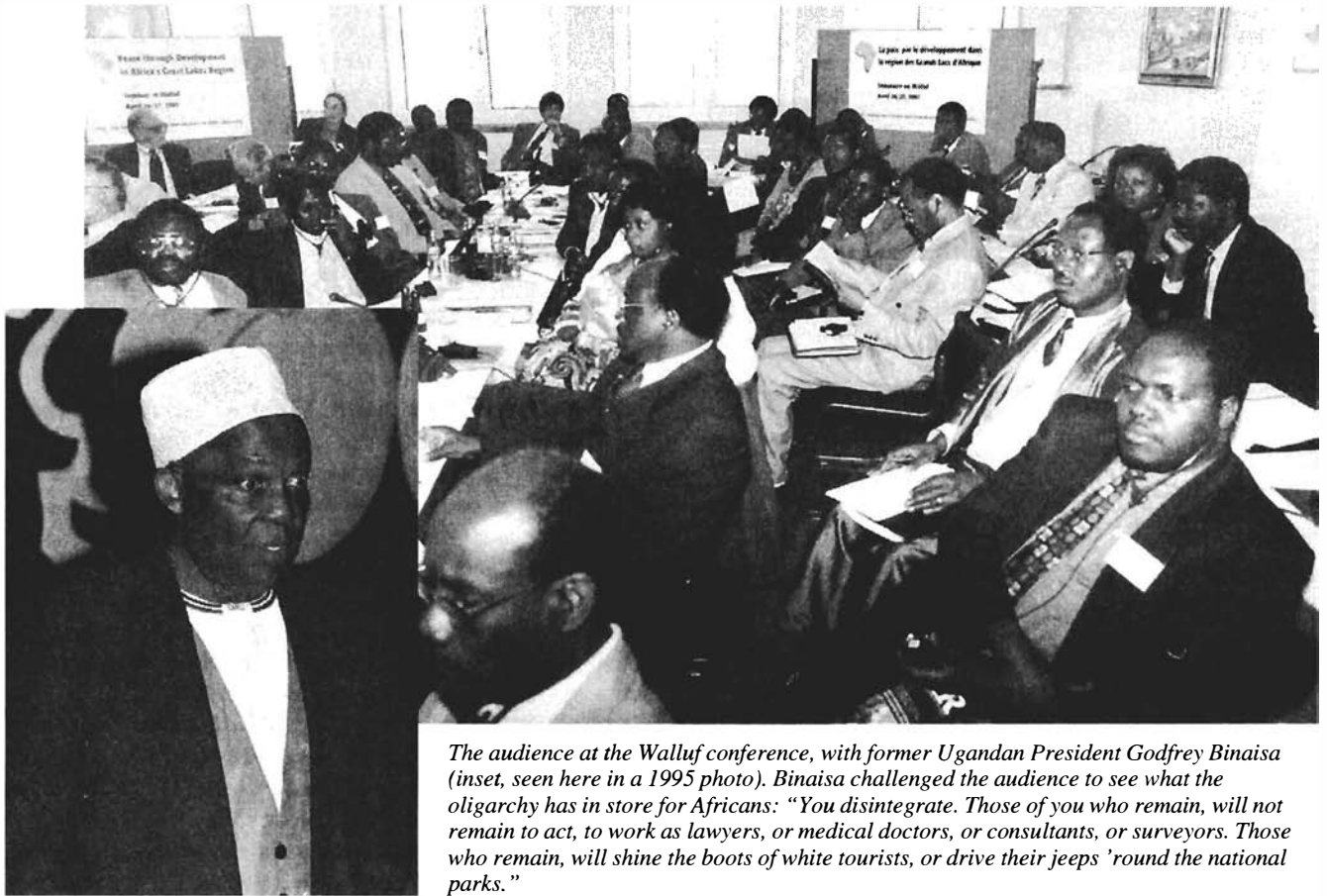
First of all, I’m so happy that I’ve lived long enough to see this kind of day. I’m one of the few persons in Africa today, who are a vanishing species, because there are very few of us left, still alive, who took part in that great movement for Independence in Africa in the 1950s. Few of us who went to prison, in various prisons, in French territories, Belgian territories, and British territories—I for one, went to prison for one year in Kampala maximum security prison in 1959 to 1960—and many of my compatriots have vanished from the stage. They are no longer with us, not only in East Africa, but in West Africa as well. I met Kwame Nkrumah [Ghana’s first prime minister, then President; leader in the African independence movement]. Many of you never even had a chance, an opportunity, to meet people like him.

I received a letter when I was in detention in Uganda, ’round about the beginning of 1960, from a compatriot from the Belgian Congo, as it then was [now Zaire]. He wrote me a letter in detention—a solidarity letter—saying that the struggle continues; we’ve all got to work together. And in that same month, June 13, 1960, Belgian Congo became a free country, but with only 12 university graduates. Congolese.

I won’t waste your time telling you everything I know about the history of the entire region, particularly what they now call the “Great Lakes Region” of East Africa.

I remember taking into my house, when I was Attorney General in Uganda in 1962, two Tutsi Rwandese, from Rwanda, who had fled to Uganda. Then, I called upon a high official of the Uganda government, by the name of Frank Kalimuzo, who was permanent secretary to the prime minister, who was himself of Rwandese origin (his wife was also a Rwandese, both of them were Tutsi). I said to Kalimuzo, why don’t you help some Tutsis who are stranded here? I’ve taken two, and I’m not a Rwandese, I’m neither Hutu or Tutsi. He said to me, that his wife had no space in their big bungalow for anyone, except Frank Kalimuzo, his wife, and their children.

I’m telling you this, to explain to you, the enormous task we have. Here are two Tutsis, who cannot help other Tutsis. And this is what is happening all over Africa.



*The audience at the Walluf conference, with former Ugandan President Godfrey Binaisa (inset, seen here in a 1995 photo). Binaisa challenged the audience to see what the oligarchy has in store for Africans: "You disintegrate. Those of you who remain, will not remain to act, to work as lawyers, or medical doctors, or consultants, or surveyors. Those who remain, will shine the boots of white tourists, or drive their jeeps 'round the national parks."*

## Our leaders are betraying us

We are now being *betrayed*, all of us are being betrayed by our own leaders today in Africa. The trust that was put in them, has been betrayed, to foreign interests. Not only in Uganda. I must say; I must be frank enough, because I don't know whether I will live to see the day, when all of these countries will be absolutely free.

I must mention the name of veterans, freedom fighters, like Nelson Mandela of South Africa. I was *shocked* when I got to know, recently, that South Africa has sent mercenaries, South Africa has sent highly sophisticated arms, manufactured in South Africa, APCs, to President Museveni [of Uganda], to murder not only his own people, but to murder to people in Zaire, to go and invade Sudan.

For South Africa, to *support* people who don't believe in civil rights, people who don't believe in human rights, but people who believe only in gaining power, who are greedy for power, who can work for foreign interests, as long as those foreign interests help them to remain in power, to loot their own countries, to sell their countries down the river, without any scruples. This is what is happening in South Africa.

I have written a letter, in the name of the African Civil Rights Movement, to the First Lady of the United States, Hillary Clinton, before she left for Africa recently. I warned

her. I said, "I would advise you, your ladyship, to postpone your visit to Uganda."

She went to Uganda, all the same, but she issued a statement, by the way, before she left, that she was going to Uganda only for humanitarian reasons. But all the same, her visit gave *respectability* to Museveni.

I warned in that letter, that the rest of Africa is not going to tolerate, neither is it going to accept, being treated as bantustans, by South Africa. Because this is terrible. This is amazing, that people who fought apartheid, which was white against black, are now *sponsoring* a new type of apartheid, of black-on-black. Black-on-black, in Burundi, in Rwanda—Tutsis against the Hutus.

And those of you who don't know, should remember, that unless you are a Tutsi or a Hima, you are a Hutu; whether you are Muganda, whether you are Acholi, whether you are Malawi, whether you are Botswana, you are Hutu, in the eyes of all Tutsis. You are a kind of species who should be looked at with contempt. The Tutsis and Himas are ordained by God, to rule over us. It's a new "divine right of kings."

Somebody told me the other day, that Museveni will very soon be crowned as the "King of Kings" of the *entire area*, right down to South Africa. If Mandela doesn't know this, he should know. Because, very soon, Museveni will march down

through Zambia, Zimbabwe. Because the big corporations have no scruples at all. They will support anyone, who will support their interests. They will support the Devil, for that matter.

And this is what is happening today.

Let me quote to you Museveni's own words. He told the *Atlantic Monthly*, which is a conservative periodical, published in the United States, he told them in September 1994:

"I have never blamed the whites, for colonizing Africa. I have never blamed the whites for taking slaves. If you are stupid, you should be taken a slave."

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*Let me ask you, fellow Africans: Are you going to allow this state of affairs to continue? If so, for how long? Because, if you do, you will very soon become a vanishing species. Your countries will not only be looted to the bone, but you yourselves will disintegrate, as human beings. You'll cease to exist on this Mother Earth. Because they don't want you there.*

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This is an *African* President talking to a white reporter. And this is the President Nelson Mandela is supporting. This is the President Robert Mugabe [of Zimbabwe] is supporting. This is the President Arap Moi [of Kenya] is supporting.

If what I'm saying is a tissue of lies, then let them *come out* and disassociate themselves from his remarks. Let them tell us that they don't support him. But they do! This is why they have sold down their own countries, to foreign interests.

This is why the struggle for independence begins all over again. The paper independence of 45 years ago is over. The party is over. But we're not going home. The first party of independence, 34 years ago, is over. That was paper independence. I was there in the arena in Kololo, in Kampala on Oct. 9, 1962, when we were pulling down the Union Jack, the British national flag. That kind of ceremony was repeated, over and over again, in French and British territories, and, I think, in Portuguese.

### **Why Sudan is under such attack**

There is only one African colony which never went through those motions, and for that, is paying a price, and that is Sudan. Sudan said "No!" to the British. First in January 1956: Sudan packs the whole package, the wearing apparel, the official ceremonial apparel of the British Governor Gen-

eral in Khartoum: the plumed hat, with ostrich feathers, and the buckled shoes. They sent them to London. They said, "Never come back! We are independent, sir!"

And for that, Sudan is paying a price. Sudan has been invaded, by Ethiopia, by Eritrea, and now by Uganda. This is the second time that Uganda is invading Sudan. On the pretext that they are going to rescue the black Africans of Sudan. The black Africans of Sudan are Christian or Animists. They are not Arab, and they are not Muslims. They've got to be rescued by Baroness Caroline Cox, deputy speaker of the House of Lords, in London, who leads a fundamentalist Christian sect of Christianity.

She's *shocked* that somebody else can be a fundamentalist Muslim!

She's not shocked when another fundamentalist, by the name of Pat Robertson, a fundamentalist Christian, can exist in the United States. Nobody will raise a finger, because, "fundamentalism" doesn't apply to Christianity. If you're a Christian, you can do *anything*. You can be a "born again Christian," over, and over again! As you wish. You can even change your sex, and still remain in the Church! You can even be a priest, if you wish.

If you happen to be a Muslim, and wish to study your holy book, the Koran, for spiritual strength, you're not allowed. If you do, you'll pay the price. And the price is: You'll be invaded, as Sudan was invaded recently.

Who invades you? Museveni! Museveni says, "you want me to invade Sudan? I don't have any *money*. I want some *money*. The World Bank and the IMF are around my neck, like the albatross. What do I do?"

They say, "Don't mind. I'll excuse you. Three hundred million dollars you owe? You can write that off, as a reward for good behavior. For your having followed the rules of the game. For having paid attention. For having danced to the tune that the IMF plays, and the World Bank plays. And for your having danced, even when we don't play any music!"

So, that's what it is. That's your Africa.

And why is it? Museveni is a man who said those words. He was confronted—about three weeks ago, in Washington, D.C., by two white women—members of the Schiller Institute. They confronted him. They said, "Sir, Mr. President, did you say those words?" He said, "Yes, I did." No denial. He boasts. He's so *arrogant*. Because he's a *bully*. He's a tyrant; he's a bully; he's an unbridled despot.

What do you do?

We know how to deal with bullies. When you were at school, and you were a little boy, and there's one big boy who's a bully, who's in the habit of beating up the little ones. One day the little ones get together, and they put this bully in a corner, and they give this bully a good hiding. And the bully never repeats it.

And that's what Museveni is.

Somebody told me that the new secretary of state of the United States, Miss Albright, made a remark somewhere—I

can't quote because I don't have the verification—they said that because she was born in Czechoslovakia, she said that Hitler was a bully. She said, pity that he was not stopped early enough.

The same thing, I say. We Africans are telling her, that her ladyship is now in a position, to do something about another bully. And that is Museveni. Before it is *too late*.

Because, in all this, it is only the United States of America, that can do something. Make no mistake. I've been disappointed with Germany these last few years, when they've just kept quiet. After having gone through Hell, because not all the Germans were responsible for Hitler. But after learning that lesson, why don't they know, by now, that the only way of stopping bullies, is to stop them before it is too late?

Because now we are discussing Museveni. We're discussing all the other bullies. We're discussing this disease which is contaminating Africa: the disease of our leaders becoming willing agents and willing tools, to be used for the financial interests of other countries.

### All-out looting of Africa

Some of you have heard about the Barrick Company—this gold-mining company—which has something like 83,000 square kilometers of soil, carrying gold and diamonds, in Zaire—now has its head office, or has transferred part of its offices, into my capital city of Kampala, in Uganda. That's where they are now operating, to be near their concessions in Zaire.

But all this is made up by the British. Why?

Because the British East India Company is still well and *alive*. What they planted more than 300 years ago, still continues, unabated. Different forms and shapes, ramifications. Today, they may call themselves Anglo-something. Tomorrow, they will call themselves Anglo-what, until they go on, changing names. The substance is the *same*. These are mere labels. They can call themselves anything they like, but it won't take away the fact, that it is the British who are carrying this game on.

Because they have decided, when they saw that the pressure was intense, for independence, among African countries, they said, "O.K. Give the natives what they want. That is independence on paper. Let the natives fly their little national flags. Let them write their national anthems. Let them join the United Nations, as if they were independent nation-states. But, remain operating. Remain looting. Loot even *more*."

That's the message.

Let me ask you, fellow Africans: Are you going to allow this state of affairs to continue? If so, for how long? Because, if you do, you will very soon become a vanishing species. Your countries will not only be looted to the bone, but you yourselves will disintegrate, as human beings. You'll cease to exist on this Mother Earth. Because they don't want you there. You are there by accident. You are not there by design of God. They don't believe in God. They don't believe that

you have the same inalienable human rights, that you are born in the image of God. Because, if they did, they would have given you development. But they won't give you development.

The reason why they are grabbing everything—they grab everything, as my English teacher a long, long time ago, when I was at Buddo school in Uganda used to tell us about the Americans: They eat all they can, and can all they can't.

See, that's why this is happening. That's what is happening.

You Africans, you've got to understand that. You disintegrate. You stop to exist. Those of you who remain, will not remain to act, to work as lawyers, or medical doctors, or consultants, or surveyors. Those who remain, will shine the boots of white tourists, or drive their jeeps 'round the national parks.

Because, some white American woman, when the killing was going on in Rwanda, when bodies of women and children were flowing down the Kagera River, made a remark on TV in America, that she hopes that the mountain gorillas of Rwanda remain alive, that they are saved, that they don't die.

### 'Christianity, commerce, and civilization'

That shows what type of people we're dealing with. We're not dealing with Christianity. We're not dealing with civilization. Neither are we dealing with commerce. I tell you this. David Livingston, the British explorer, in 1855, in what we know today as Zambia, wrote back to home and said: "What Africa needs is the three C's: Christianity, commerce, and civilization." Three C's. When you examine them today now, those three C's, they don't exist. Perhaps they existed in the heart of David Livingston.

But today, who is a Christian in the Western world? Who can be a role model? Nobody! Except His Holiness, the Pope. This is why I always say, that poor man visits our Africa more frequently than any other place, because *there*, there still remain people who are Christians, like him.

What about commerce? Commerce has no morality. Commerce has ripped all our countries. These people have no scruples. They will do anything for commerce. Today it is not even national, it is *global*, we are told. Global. These are the new theories, enunciated by these professors at Harvard, and various other institutions of higher learning in Europe. They say they believe in "global."

So what is "global"? What do you do?

Britain knows this, very, very well. Wherever there is money, Britain has been the first to jump on the opportunity. Three hundred years ago, remember? Those of you who still remember your history—I'm not a history teacher, but let me remind you: During the days of Queen Elizabeth I, the British had neither Christianity, nor scruples for commerce morality. Her Majesty *knighted* pirates on the high seas, like Sir Francis Drake. He was knighted because he was a pirate. Now, a Christian doesn't do that! A Christian would rather *condemn*,

not knight you, for that kind of act.

Today, Britain has jumped on this opportunity of global commerce. They want to grab Africa once again. To colonize Africa once again.

What do you do?

## **Borders were not drawn by Africans**

You ignore geography. You ignore even the lines you drew in 1884, in Berlin. These borders were not drawn by us Africans. There was no African representative at Berlin in 1884. Bismarck was in the chair, the chancellor of Germany. And the emperor, Kaiser Wilhelm, who was grandson of Queen Victoria, said to Her Majesty, that he too, wanted a “place in the sun.”

And Her Majesty said, “O.K. That’s not a problem. What about having southwest Africa? And having Tanganyika? And having Togo, and Cameroon?”

And His Majesty said, “Thank you very much, but what about *snow* at the equator? Because Her Majesty had Mt. Kenya, which was snow-capped throughout the year, and she had Mt. Kilimanjaro, also snow-capped ’round the year.

She said, “What about your having Mt. Kilimanjaro?” So, the Kaiser had Mt. Kilimanjaro. Today, Mt. Kilimanjaro is part of Tanzania, because of that.

This is how Africa has been treated: a *toy*, as a piece of toy. You buy a train for your son for Christmas, as a present. By New Year’s Day, the train has disintegrated, because the son has been trying to figure out how does this work, how does that work? And it ends up being disintegrated. This is Africa! You get it, but at the same time, you have the power to disintegrate it.

So, now today, what they’ve done, or what they’re doing: Destroy all the borders you made in 1884. They’re no good now. They don’t apply. The rules of the game have changed: no borders. Africa is Africa.

In America today, and even here, I think, some people still regard Africa as one country. They ask you, “Are you from Africa?” Or, they say, “Oh, you’re African. Do you know my cousin in Johannesburg?” Because Africa is thought to be one huge village, or one huge country. They don’t even know that there are more than 50 countries in Africa. Nation-states. They would rather agree, that in Europe, you can have more than ten states. In Europe, you can even go and partition Yugoslavia, into Bosnia and Serbia and Montenegro and Macedonia, and whatever you like. Because it’s *Europe*.

In Europe, there are no *tribes*. You are not supposed to talk about the “tribe of Northern Ireland.” No, they are Europeans, they are “northern Irish people.” Basque in Spain. They are “Basque.” But, if they had been in Africa, they would have said, “Oh, he’s a *tribesman* of Uganda,” eh?

You see! This is what it is! This is why I’m saying, Africa, wake up! Africa wake up and realize and perceive what colonialism means. Colonialism means that you are a possession, you are possessed by somebody, like a chattel, like a piece

of goods.

You see!

This is why a man like Museveni can say, that if you are stupid, you can be taken as a slave. And right now, he has started it in Africa. He’s taking all the non-Tutsis and non-Himas to him as slaves. And yet, some Ugandan people I know praised him, saying, “Oh, we can now sleep at night, because Museveni has provided security for us to sleep.” I asked one man, “Were you created in the image of God, to inhabit part of this Earth, in order just to sleep?”

To sleep? I mean, these are *serious* matters. These are serious challenges, to you young ones. I’ve got a few days left, but I’ve got to use them. I’m not going just to *sleep*.

I remember this Communist lady in Spain, della Rosa, who said, “’Tis better to die, on your feet, than to live on your knees.”

Didn’t she? She said so.

Today, we in Africa, particularly in Uganda, we are living on our knees before Museveni, and his Tutsi-and-Hima combination. Same in Burundi. Same in Rwanda. Same everywhere. Soon-to-be in Kenya. Because this empire-building still goes on, unabated.

We are still waiting for a Moses, like the children of Israel, when they were waiting for a leader, to lead them out of Egypt. We are still looking for a leader, for a Moses. And there is no Moses on the dim horizon, except we, the Africans. You are the Moses. I am the Moses.

I am not prepared to lead anybody to sleep, to lull him to sleep.

One of the major reasons I was given time, about one-and-one-half to two years, to prepare the country for general elections—when I went ’round Uganda, and I found out that everybody was ready except me, I went back and told the Cabinet, I said: “What I have found, is that everybody is ready, except us, we here in government, in the Cabinet. Why don’t we go?”

## **The qualifications for leadership**

I wasn’t born President. There’s no such study in England, or France or in Germany, at any university. There’s no course called, “You are studying to become President,” or “You are studying to become Attorney General.” “So,” I said, “if this is the case, why don’t we bring forward the elections by six months?” So, I made the announcement: “Elections to Be Brought Forward in Six Months.”

That shook everybody, because people were not prepared. My detractors were waiting for that day when they would *rig* the election. So, I deprived them of that opportunity. Because, I said, it was kind of a surprise election date. They didn’t like to keep it, because they knew they might not *win*.

You see?

But I said, I wasn’t born President. This is not a hereditary chieftainship, like my friend here, who is from Lado—please stand up—he is a gentleman. Say your name loudly, please.

"My name is John Agami."

He lives in Scandinavia, in Denmark. He's claiming he's one of the victims of this partition of Africa. Isn't it?

"Yes, that's true."

Yes, thank you. So, you've seen a living example, of the partition.

But *today* it is not partition. Today there is no partition at all. Today you take Africa as a whole, you colonize it, and you play all the tunes you like. And the whole of Africa will dance—even if you're not playing any tune. And you'll loot, you'll exploit, you'll prevent Africa from developing.

Pope Paul VI said, "Peace is development." If you want development, you must have peace, and vice versa.

No development!

## Two kinds of infrastructure

If you follow what my friend Lyn LaRouche has been saying, so many times, about the building of infrastructure, the building of roads, infrastructure as we know it, ask yourself—I think there are two infrastructures here: the infrastructure of railways and railroads, and roads, and highways—and also the infrastructure, which we are lacking today, of democracy. Because you've got also to have an infrastructure of democracy.

You've got to have people *believing in something*; whatever one may like to criticize the Europeans about, at least they have a belief in something, which is today lacking in Africa, because everybody wants to *grab*, grab, and grab quickly; get rich quickly.

And where do you put the *money*? Where do the African leaders put all their money? In European banks! In American banks! They show such a lack of confidence in their own countries, that their money's not safe in their own countries. Not only in their own countries, but even their own continent. You can't convince a Ugandan, or a Burundian, or a Rwandese, even to keep money in, say, Nigeria! No! They send it to Switzerland. And Switzerland has no use for African money!

I've been to Switzerland a number of times. Last time I was there, a long time ago, when I used to smoke. I was walking down the road in Geneva. I had just bought a new packet, and I took out that silvery thing, and dropped it on the street. Suddenly I heard quick steps behind me, trying to catch up with me. I stood, and there was an elderly lady tailing me. "Sir! This is Geneva. Pick it up, or else I shall call the police!" I was so ashamed of myself, I quietly picked it up, and ran like mad to get away from the scene.

You see, this showed me one thing: That may be propaganda or whatever, but still, that woman had something *in her*, that she believed in the cleanliness of Geneva. And there I was, caught red-handed, and I had to do something quick about it.

This is the tragedy in Africa today! We have been caught red-handed by people like Museveni, by people like Kagame, by people like even my good friend in South Africa. I mean,

if I were in South Africa today, if you were to ask me, I'll call in that man de Klerk, and say, "de Klerk, what makes you tick? Disband that little part of your nationalist party, and join the ANC."

Because it's only the Boers in South Africa, the Afrikaners, who have really got an interest in remaining in South Africa. Not the English-speakers. The English-speakers are in South Africa, as they have been in Kenya, as they were in Uganda, as they were Nigeria or in Egypt: They're there to exploit and run. Cut and run. And they have so many places. You kick them out of South Africa, they go to Canada, they go to Australia, they go to New Zealand. But poor Afrikaners have nowhere to go.

But now, what do we see in South Africa itself?

These are some of the major issues the Africans have got to address. They've got to address them, if they want solutions. Because, if you look at the history of South Africa itself, you'll find that the Boers were also discriminated against, by the British. And it was because of this discrimination, when the Boers came into power in 1948, under Dr. Malan, they said, "O.K. You started it all," telling the English-speakers. "You started it all. We go the whole way. We're going to apartheid." The British say, "Oh no! But we didn't mean it that way. You are going to far." They said, "No, no. There's no question of going too far."

This is how it was built up.

And now, we Africans today have allowed the same thing, black-on-black, in Rwanda and Burundi. And we are not making any noise. We are not even crying out in despair.

We're not telling people in the U.N. Today, we have a black African as head of that body. We tell him we wish him just to continue as before, as if nothing has happened? As if Nkrumah never existed?

Today—do some of you know that today is exactly 40 years since the first black country in modern history, Ghana, Gold Coast, as it was, gained independence in 1957?

And today, in 1997, forty years later, exactly, we have also the first black African leader of the United Nations? What a coincidence!

What does it mean?

It's a *challenge*. It's a challenge to renew our thoughts about it all. Particularly those of you who are listening, should remember: We've got to identify the enemy. We've got to identify the enemy. Who is the enemy in Africa today? To me, there is no clearer thing than that.

Today, the biggest enemy, before France—France is what we call in Swahili, a *toto*, a small boy, compared to the big bully, Bwana Makouts—Britain; Britain is the Master. And Britain wants to be the full controller. To have another empire in Africa, "upon which the sun never *sets*," and wages never *rise*.

Before I end, I should ask you this: Stop all this nonsense of "His Excellency," because I think most of "Their Excellencies" really should be "His Foolishness."