

Samora urges co-operation

YOUR words, President Nyerere, have summarised the fraternal friendship, the warm solidarity, the joy and hospitality with which the Tanzanian people welcomed us. As we thank you for your words we also express our heartfelt thanks for the moving reception at the airport, in the streets of Dar es Salaam, among the men, women and children who received us today in such a warm and fraternal manner.

We are much more moved because the warmth of the Tanzanian people has merged in our hearts with the fraternal feelings we bring you from our people.

The Mozambican people are following our visit to Tanzania with keen interest. From the Ruvuma to the Maputo our people are celebrating this visit as their sincere tribute to the entire people of Tanzania and President Julius Nyerere, brilliant fighter of the cause of people's liberation, unquestionable guide of the Tanzanian people, great revolutionary African leader and Chairman of the Front Line States.

In you, President Nyerere, our people like all the African people, see a shining example of courage, steadfastness, intelligence, of a keen sense of unity, of love of the people and of freedom, the example of the qualities which made possible the liberation of our continent from the clutches of colonialism.

In you, President Nyerere, our people recognise the comrade in arms, the leader who mobilised the rearguard for our national liberation struggle, taking up as his own our deepest aspirations for freedom and independence and keeping them vigorously active in the hearts of the Tanzanian people.

In you, President Nyerere, our people recognise their friend of the difficult moments and therefore the companion for the celebration of all their victories.

It is in this spirit that we associate our happiness to that of your family and friends and of the Tanzanian people as a whole, as we congratulate you for your sixtieth birthday.

We take this opportunity to sincerely wish you good health and long life, that you may continue to guide your people and your country in defence of the noble ideals which have always inspired your actions.

Comrade President, Our visit of the United Republic of Tanzania is a meeting of brothers who are linked by the most powerful bonds, bonds forged in pain, blood and sacrifice, bonds forged in the shared hopes of the common struggle.

And that is because Tanzania refused to be a mere place of exile for the oppressed. We first came here empty-handed, with our hopes crippled by colonialist oppression and hearts filled with nothing but hate. We came to fight the shackles, the whips, the forced labour, the daily indignity to which we were subjected. The Tanzanian people understood us and the justice of our struggle.

When one of our guerrillas marched back to Mozambique he was conscious of national unity, familiar with the objectives of the struggle and the perspective of the future and he was full of love for freedom in his heart.

It was so because we learned from your example, because here we received from the Tanzania people the fraternal and militant solidarity which enabled us to organize.

It was not by chance that FRELIMO was born in Dar es Salaam.

It was here that we learned your determination to build an independent future through the free work of the people, it was here that we found out the deserved importance of the principle of relying on our own efforts.

It was here that we found a living example of national unity of our people, came the hope which oppression had tried to stifle, the knowledge that the future rested in our own hands.

When we first arrived the Tanzanian people faced enormous difficulties inherited from the days of colonial domination. There was hunger and poverty. But in spite of all hardships the Tanzanian people fraternally shared with us the little they possessed. They did not give us what they could spare. They gave us what they needed themselves: Shelter, food, clothes, medicines.

Our history is so linked

Tanzanian geographical names coincide so much with Mozambican historical names that we feel we are speaking to ourselves when we speak to Tanzanians.

Our victories, our great historical moments, the building of our unity and even simple events in the lives of our freedom fighters frequently remind us of your beautiful country and generous people.

When we speak of our first steps in the battle for education, when we speak of our first base, we speak of Bagamoyo.

When we speak of the hard life of combat training, when we speak of the initial preparation of guerrillas, when we speak of preparing the armed struggle against colonialism, we speak of Kongwa.

When we speak of our love for children of respect for motherhood, of the application of our ideas on the organization of women, of the elaboration of our educational policies, we speak of Tunduru.



President Samora Machel, his wife Graca Machel (third right) and Mozambique Foreign Affairs Minister Ndugu Joaquim Chissano (right) with their hosts, Mwalimu Nyerere, Mama Maria Nyerere and Minister without Portfolio, Ndugu Rusidi Kawawa (second right) at the State House, Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

When we speak of medical care for the wounded of war, of our experience in health organization, we speak of Mtwara.

When we speak of the overall growth of national consciousness, of cultural development, of production, we speak of Nachingwea where we built the model of what we wanted Mozambique to be.

And there are many other Tanzanian names which echo in our own history from Mungolana Camp, Buguruni, Hala — here in Dar es Salaam — to the roads of which we travelled to Nachingwea, Mtwara, Mbeya, Songea.

The Tanzanian people's support to our struggle knew no bounds. It was not only material support which entailed such great sacrifice. It was Tanzanians dying in the colonialist enemy's aggression against their international solidarity. It was giving blood to our wounded fighters to save them from death. It was accepting slower development for the country in order to support the liberation struggle. It was offering your own country as a safe and firm rear for our struggle.

The Tanzanian people have the historical merit of having understood with no hesitation and with great determination and courage that they would not be totally free while around them people were oppressed by colonialism.

At the top of Mount Kilimanjaro the Tanzanian people placed the torch of freedom, as a powerful symbol of their commitment to the anti-colonial struggle. Its flame shone upon our people's struggle and continues to shine on the struggle of the oppressed.

Side by side with us and benefiting from the same fraternal solidarity we found in Tanzania comrades from Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Comoros, South Africa and Namibia. Tanzania became the base of African national liberation movements, a school of solidarity, a shining example of internationalism.

The example remains alive and powerful through the active support given permanently to the liberation movements of Vietnam, Guinea Bissau and Palestine.

Comrade President, Our people value highly Tanzania's example to the

SPEECH delivered by Marshal Samora Moises Machel, President of FRELIMO Party, President of the People's Republic of Mozambique, at the banquet given in his honour by Mwalimu Nyerere, Chairman of Chama Cha Mapinduzi, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, at State House, Dar es Salaam, last Wednesday.

whole world. We value it in the first place because from it we received benefits which can never be paid back and which can never be forgotten. We also value it for the lessons on commitment and on the people's determination to fight to build their future.

We knew Tanganyika when it had just become free from colonial domination. We knew the Tanganyika that had no schools, no university, the Tanganyika that had no roads and hospitals.

We knew the Tanganyika of starvation, illiteracy, disease and poverty.

We saw the people's determination to build a society free from exploitation and to vanquish capitalism, we saw the Tanzanian people's profound aspiration to build socialism.

of the region.

We must reject the idea that only cooperation with industrialised countries can be beneficial to us, and that cooperation between underdeveloped countries like Mozambique and Tanzania is not advantageous. Such a mentality is foreign to our principles and reflects subservience to imperialist interests.

On this road we have already taken significant steps both bilaterally and in the wider context of Southern Africa. Our visit to Tanzania has the essential aim of continuously improving the relations of friendship and cooperation between our peoples in the context of a common development effort for both countries.

Comrade President,

deal increasingly telling blows in the very heart of apartheid. Having successfully mobilised the masses towards a common ideal, SWAPO and the ANC have earned the confidence of the people and have revealed themselves as the decisive forces in the struggle to bring down the heinous apartheid regime.

It is therefore to SWAPO and the ANC, representatives of the struggle and of the genuine aspirations of the people of Namibia and South Africa that we must address our intensified support in every sense.

At a more general level imperialism seeks to undermine the anti-imperialist unity embodied in the OAU and the Movement of Non-Aligned Nations. The divisive manoeuvre consists fundamentally in getting our Organization to deny its own basic principles.

African unity has its firm basis on the intransigent struggle against colonialism, on absolute respect for the people's right to self-determination and independence. Violation of these principles would constitute a betrayal of the spirit which guided its founders and would be a negation of the OAU's role on the decolonization of Africa.

We therefore hail the just and legitimate admission of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) to occupy its rightful place as a member of the OAU. Africa will certainly defeat attempts to sow division on questions of principle which constitute the basis of its unity.

During our stay we shall once again have occasion to coordinate countries' actions on the struggle for Peace and Security. The proliferation of imperialist bases of aggression on the Indian Ocean is a threat to our sovereignty, and necessarily increases our responsibility in the struggle against its militarization and nuclearization.

Peace and security are fundamental factors of our development. Their defence will always be one of the foundations on which to develop our common actions, our solidarity, our cooperation and our relation with other countries.

Comrade President, Together our peoples are marching on a long difficult path. With courage, determination and solidarity we have succeeded in reopening

the gates of history behind which colonialism tried to imprison us forever in the past.

We have reclaimed our history. We now face a more difficult task — to build the future, to build a happy tomorrow for our peoples and for coming generations.

In the common struggle we forged the solid unity of each of our two peoples and countries. The struggle now continues with more complex aims, with more insidious and elusive enemies. More than ever before our victory depends on the strengthening of our unity, on coordination of our actions, on sharing of experiences learnt from both advances and setbacks.

In this context it is particularly important to intensify relations between FRELIMO Party and Chama Cha Mapinduzi, the leading organizations of our peoples and of cooperation between our states.

Our friendship and cooperation must find practical expression in various sectors of activity, in the economy, in agriculture, in transport, industry trade and banking. Our social and mass organizations must intensify cooperation ensuring permanent contact between workers, the youth, the women, teachers, artists, musicians, scientists, journalists and sportsmen of both countries.

In this way we shall solidify even further the unity between our peoples on our common road, our common struggle for happiness, well-being, progress and peace.

In this way we shall honour your example, President Nyerere, a well-cherished example for each Mozambican. Each Mozambican sees in you the image of the Tanzanian people, the summary of their quality as a peace-loving people, as a people of solidarity, as a courageous and determined people, as a people who know that peace can only be conquered with freedom and socialism.

Our children already feel what you represent for our people and they sing "our grandfather is Nyerere".

When children sing your name, President Nyerere, it means that your example is transmitted from generation to generation, it means that friendship between our peoples is eternal.

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