

Rhodesian talks called 'illegitimate'

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Calling the current negotiations in Rhodesia between Prime Minister Ian Smith and black leaders illegitimate, George Matereke, a member of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), spoke to 30 people in the EMU Wednesday night.

"Smith excludes from his talks the people who are doing the fighting," Matereke says. He called Robert Sithole and Bishop Murozwa — the black leaders negotiating with Smith — "pup-pets."

Matereke says the reason Murozwa is looked on as the black leader in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) is that he is the only black leader to receive any press coverage.

"People only support people they can see," Matereke says.

The ZANU member says his group and the other guerilla forces now control two-thirds of the country. He points out that "the struggle is very difficult, we have to use 1902 buffalo guns and this sort of thing."

Matereke says ZANU will try to avoid the mistakes of other black African countries if they achieve independence.

"We are trying to be exemplary to the people. We are trying to avoid the mistakes of Amin and Bokassa. We are earnestly taking steps to avoid a dictatorship," Matereke says.

Matereke spent most of his talk

giving a history of the white rule of Rhodesia. He says after Ian Smith's declaration of independence in 1965, guerilla groups formed as an armed struggle "was seen as inevitable."

Black leaders were forced to leave Rhodesia for fear of arrest, Matereke says. Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) went to Cuba, Moscow, Czechoslovakia and Poland to find training for his guerillas, according to Matereke.

ZANU's members received their guerilla training in "Northern Africa," Matereke says. "Of course, I'm not going to say which countries."

ZANU has used Mozambique as an operations base the past few years, according to Matereke. He says if his group ever takes power in Rhodesia, "we will, of course, do the same thing for our fellow Africans."

Matereke told the audience a few of the things his group is fighting for in Rhodesia.

"Every African (black) over the age of 15 must have a pass and you must be prepared to give some very fast answers to the police if they stop you," says Matereke.

The highest wage a black can earn in Rhodesia is 25 cents an hour, Matereke says. "While the black earns eight dollars a week, the white gets 300 dollars."

Matereke says beer sold to blacks contains birth control pills. "They try to sneak it in, just as they did in India," he says.

"The African goes to the racecourse in an effort to try and make some money. You should see the number of Africans at the racecourses — it's remarkable," Matereke says.

He cited a story of "a great grandmother" dying of shock at the sight of a helicopter which flew over her village.

Turning to the role of Americans in Rhodesia, Matereke says his people "long ago stopped listening to the advice of Americans."

He says after seeing U.S. corporations working in Rhodesia and American arms making up most of the arsenal of the Rhodesian army, blacks soon "turned our heads from the Americans."

Matereke claims 12 percent of the men fighting in the Rhodesian army are American. He says they are "soldiers of fortune who were in Vietnam and Korea."

The role of the tribal chiefs has been taken over by the government, Matereke says. He explains the chiefs are appointed, and paid, by the state.

Matereke was introduced by



George Matereke

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Rene Romanoff of the South Africa Liberation Support Committee. She says the State Board of Higher Education's decision to divest itself of stock in companies that do business in South Africa was a result of "our actions on campus."

Romanoff says her group is going to mount a broad campaign "on campus and in the community

to get the charges (against the 23 students arrested after the January 25 occupation of Johnson Hall) dropped."

"The laws that work for the benefit of the rich in Southern Africa are at work here for the same type of people," Romanoff says.

She calls Pres. Boyd and The Emerald "mouthpieces of the rich."

Newspaper publishers meeting to feature Minneapolis journalist

Robert King, vice-president of advertising at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, will deliver the Eric Allen Memorial Lecture, headlining the 59th annual conference of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) in the EMU Friday and Saturday.

The conference, drawing news professionals from around the state, is co-sponsored by ONPA and the University School of Journalism.

Highlighting the two-day program will be King's Allen memorial lecture at noon Friday in the EMU Ballroom, and a 6:30 p.m. banquet presentation Friday evening by J. Barre Toelken, president of the American Folklore Society and University professor of English.

Opening day activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday with a lecture on "The State of the School" by Journalism Dean Galen Rarick.

Rarick's talk will be followed by a session on "Newspaper Design and Typography," led by Roy Paul Nelson, University professor of journalism. "Advertising and the Law" will be the subject of a 10:45 a.m. panel featuring J. Pat Horton, Lane County district attorney; Robert Stoll, Portland attorney, and Jack Hart, University journalism professor.

King's talk headline's the luncheon program. It's entitled "What Working Both Sides of the Street Has Taught Me About Newspapers." Tickets for the meeting are \$4.25 and may be purchased through the School of Journalism, Room 201, Allen Hall.

King joined the Minneapolis Tribune staff in 1965 as a writer for the editorial opinion page. He became managing editor of the Star in 1969, editor in 1972 and vice-president for advertising in 1974.

The Friday afternoon session will include a panel discussion on "Covering the Energy Story." Panelists will include Fred Miller, director, Oregon Department of Energy; Steve Loy, public information director; Portland General Electric; Ed Mosey, reporter, Portland Oregonian, and Steve Smith, reporter, Eugene Register-Guard.

Toelken, who plays the guitar, will present "Folklore and Folksongs of the Northwest," during the annual banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Valley River Inn.

The second session Saturday will feature Arthur "Tim" Hanson, general counsel for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, speaking on "Invasion of Privacy" and Dan Riviera, a Seattle attorney and counsel for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, talking on "Libel."

Council adds faculty members

The University Assembly approved a Senate recommendation to increase the faculty membership of the Faculty Advisory Council and the Faculty Personnel Committee to eight members each at Wednesday's meeting.

Three notices of motion were heard by the Assembly following that action.

An ad hoc committee on academic procedures proposed that the rules for removal of incompletes be changed as of fall 1978. Presently, students have until the term following graduation to make up any existing incompletes.

If approved, the motion would provide that students must make up incompletes within three terms from the time they are incurred.

The Committee on Curriculum gave notice it will recommend at the next Assembly meeting that a

tri-university education doctorate be established.

Finally, Andrew Thompson of the Counseling Center moved that the ROTC Advisory Committee be updated and amended to consist of a chairer, three members of the civilian faculty, three students and the senior officers of both the Air Force and Army programs.

The motion would further provide that all civilian and student members be appointed by the University president and that they alone would have the privilege of voting.

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