



# OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES  
by Kathryn Hall Bogle

**H**ERE IN THE United States to tell of the Episcopal Church in Africa and especially in Uganda, the Right Rev. Yoramu Bamunoba, Bishop of Western Ankole in Uganda, is making a 12-day tour of the diocese of Oregon in the company of Episcopal priests, lay persons and the Right Rev. Matthew Bigliardi, Bishop of the diocese.

He will be speaker at several churches in Central and Eastern Oregon before the scheduled evening services he will conduct at St. Philip's Church in Portland on Wednesday, November 3. The Rev. M. Ramsey Schadewitz, vicar at St. Philip, and the congregation of St. Philip, will be hosts at an informal pot luck supper in the parish hall following the worship service.

A teacher before he entered the ministry in Uganda, the Rt. Rev. Bamunoba retains his interest in education. The standards of education in Uganda, the Bishop said, were formerly of the best in Africa. That was, he pointed out, before Idi Amin ravaged the country's resources and institutions.

"People walk without fear now that President Obote is there. He is working hard to re-establish the government and the agencies in a system of a working government," said Bishop Bamunoba. "Progress is steady but the country needs help from the outside. The church has always been active in establishing schools in Uganda. Education in Uganda is open to any child whose parents can contribute sufficiently to the support of the schools."

Since 1877 the Church of England, working with the 22 bishops and diocese in Uganda, has been a sponsor of education, medical services and rural development in Uganda. Bishop Bamunoba sees a continuing need for help in upgrading farming techniques, development of water wells and of improving community health programs.

The Episcopal Church of the United States, through its mission programs, has been active in Uganda since 1962, Bishop Bamunoba said. This expansion is hoped to bring about more contacts within America and the religions of the world, he said.

Bamunoba, educated within Uganda, trained for teaching and taught for four years before entering Buwualoasi Theology College. He took a B.A. degree in 1966, taught for another year before he was ordained to the ministry. In 1969 Bamunoba earned an advanced degree in African studies. He became an expert on the cult of spirits and the worship of ancestral spirits to better understand the feelings and concepts Uganda's people might have regarding Christianity and its practices. The Catholic Church is active in Uganda, the bishop observed, but so are the Moslems and Seventh Day Adventists.

Bamunoba is Chairman of Provincial Planning, Development and Rehabilitation Program of the Church of Uganda. He is also chairman of the Theological Training Scholarships.

Uganda raises coffee, tea, cotton, sugar cane, and soybeans. Tropical fruits, yams and maize are in abundance. They have cement and copper, but need farming chemicals, barbed wire and veterinary medicine. Bicycles and motorcycles are also needed.

Communication assistance, teachers, export organizations and



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advisory persons for developing handcraft industries such as drum construction, beadwork, and the tie-and-dye processing, would all be welcomed in his country, Bishop Bamunoba said.

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**D**OWN AT Cannon Beach, in familiar Oregon country, Al Goldsby, Portland metal sculpturist, is showing some of his latest work. One outstanding work in the exhibit is of metal fish, salmon, no doubt, swimming against the stream and up and over a fish ladder. Motion is excitingly real. He will be in Cannon Beach, at the Sandpiper Gallery, through November 7. If you miss seeing the Goldsby sculpture at the coast, you can see his works at the Assembly of Black Artists at The Links, Inc., show on the afternoon of Nov. 14 at the Firehouse Inter-cultural Center.

**L**OOKING FOR a gift, not too expensive, for a little girl? Try "An afternoon with Mahji," brought to you by the Talking Drum Bookstore for the early Saturday afternoon of November 6. Mahji is a real live little five-year-old girl, the daughter of Laverne Hall, a former Portlander who lives in Bellevue, Wash. Hall has perfected a paper doll (with her own wardrobe) in the likeness of daughter Mahju. She promises that she can fashion a paper doll who looks like your little daughter for a price around \$10. How's that for an "original" of your own precious child?

**T**HE BLACK Educational Center Evening School of Knowledge presents a series of interesting evenings on each Wednesday through November. Coming up next on the BEC agenda is a lecture on "Health and Black Survival," to be given by Jerry Whigham, a chiropractor new to the Portland scene. The forums are free of charge and will be held at the Talking Drum Bookstore on N.E. Alberta St. Call 282-9465 for particulars.

**I**T'S TIME for the Delta Mothers' Club to whip up a BIG batch of waffles for their 18th annual Waffle Breakfast. They are entertaining at

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The club uses a secret recipe for their waffles, a recipe that became a legacy from the files of Ola Reed, an inactive member of the club. Along with the waffles come ham, juice and coffee—plus plenty of syrup.

The Delta Mothers are boosters of the program and activities of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Last year they used 100 pounds of ham in serving around 500 breakfasts to patrons who return year after year for the feast. The 35 members of the organization are headed by Evelyn Torrence as president. Proceeds of these legendary breakfasts are used toward scholarship funds.

**S**PEAKING OF Kenya in Africa, as we were, Bill Deiz is still unwinding from a recent trip there on a camera safari, sponsored by Portland's Warren Illife of the Washington Park Zoo. The zoo party of 16 persons flew Pan Am by way of New York to Monrovia down to Lagos, Nigeria, and thence to Nairobi.

Local zoo people are thinking of establishing an "Africa display" of animals and they went to Nairobi and the Amboseli area, originators of such an African animal display, for workable ideas. Deiz promises this observer that he will release for publication at least two or three pictures out of the hundreds that he took.

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