

# African Spotlight

## Ali

### vs.

## Foreman

**The Fight has been postponed because George Foreman has a cut on his face.**

On September 24, Muhammad Ali and George Foreman will stage their heavyweight championship of the world fight in Kinshasa, Zaire, the former Belgian Congo. Zaire is an East African nation that gained independence from the Belgians in 1960. The first prime minister of Zaire was Patrice Lumumba who was brutally murdered in 1961. Zaire is copper-rich and also has a lot of other mineral wealth.

Zaire has always been before the world. The country has strong Christian base. It is considered by many the music center of Africa. Many former American slaves are believed to have come from that part of Africa. Zaire fought a bitter war and the former United Nations secretary-general Mr. Dag Hammarskjold died in a plane crash on his way to Zaire during the Congo war. This year, Zaire football team (soccer) represented Africa in the world football contest in Germany. Although the Zaire team did not win a single game they focused attention on Zaire and on Africa. In Germany for example, this Summer, Zaire

posters were displayed in shop windows in many German cities.

Ali vs Foreman fight will be an occasion for big holiday in Zaire just as America's landing on the moon was a big holiday in Zaire. The proportion of unemployment in many African nations, including Zaire is often measured by the frequency of public holidays granted for events both internationally and locally.

Many people in Africa see the Ali vs Foreman African fight, not in terms of a boxing match but in terms of the return home of the descendants of the children of lost slaves who have made it big in the country in which their forefathers lived and are now coming back to their ancestral homes. Unfortunately, this homecoming will be very expensive for the ordinary Zairan citizen to take part in. The homecoming will be a period of merry-making for many foreign visitors that will descend on the capital of Zaire, Kinshasa and for that small nucleus of African elite who can afford to see the fight.

Boxing is not as popular in Zaire as it is in Nigeria. Nigeria produced two boxing champions in the persons of Dick Tiger and Hogan Bassey. Zaire has not

produced a boxer of world fame.

Why then the boxing title fight in Zaire? The answer probably lies in the fact that for quite some time now, the Zairan President, Mr. Sese Seko Kuku Mobutu has been engaged in changing the image of his nation from that of strife torn to that of a stable government. The Congo disaster, it is believed by many Zairans must be shown as a thing of the past and today's Zaire must be pictured as a land of stable government. The Ali vs Foreman title fight is probably designed to show the American public, just as the soccer game showed people in Europe this Summer that Zaire has outgrown her past.

As Mobutu tries internationally to erase the bad memories of the past about his country, at home, he is steadily building up his own image and black power. In 1971, he decreed that all Christian names must be replaced by African ones. Zairan men and women must dress in African clothes and he personally discarded his own Christian name, Joseph Desire and took up the African names of Sese Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga.

What will American visitors to the capital of Zaire, Kinshasa see. He will see a country of over 28 million people. In Kinshasa he will see a city where modernization and the traditional past mingle together. He will see big modern buildings and he will also see the slums of the surrounding neighborhood. He will see nearly all the cars manufactured in all parts of the world and he will also see some native Africans untouched by the riches of Zaire that are said to be many.

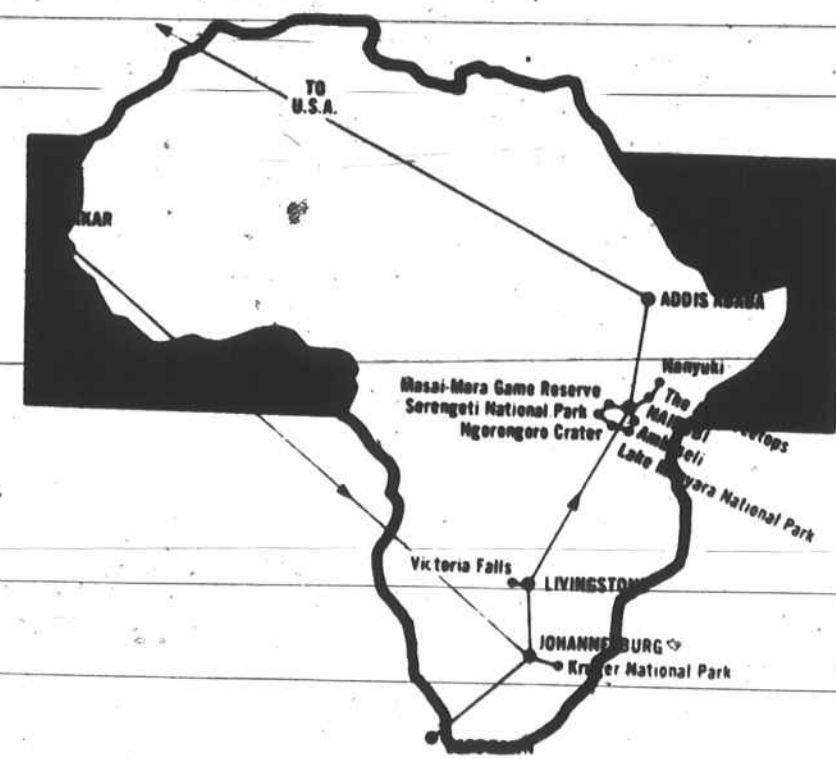
## Mohammad Ali Waits In Zaire

Many African leaders have been criticised for spending too much money trying to build their international image at the expense of their domestic problems. Army revolts in many parts of Africa have occurred at a great international event in which the host country is bent on showing the world that everything is in order with his country while in fact the country is besieged with internal problems.

In North Carolina today, there are about 200 Zairan students studying subjects ranging from

medicine to teacher education. Many of them are glad that their country is going to be the scene of a great world fight. Ali is so well known to many of them and some of them said they have heard of Mr. Foreman. Whatever the outcome of the championship fight, Zaire will never be the same after the fight. Zairan natives who no longer wear western type clothes, will probably not worry about the cost of new suits but they will worry about the great inflation now taking place in Zaire.

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The next segment of the program will consist of a one-hour panel discussion with ample time allowed for audience participation in the areas of legal, accounting, personnel, and employee benefit decisions encountered by small business management. The final afternoon speaker will be Dr. Charles Bearden, Dean of the School of Business at East Carolina University, who will speak on small business place and potential in our free enterprise system.

Wednesday morning will lead off at 9 a.m. with Mr. Robert F. Clodfelter, Esq., Vice President, Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, N.A., who will speak on estate planning for the small businessman. Mr. Clodfelter, an attorney by education, with over 20 year's experience in the area of Estate and Trust planning, will put specific emphasis on the problems encountered when consolidating personal and closely-held business assets.

The "tuition" for the seminar-workshop, consisting of the afternoon session on Tuesday, October 1, 1974, as well as the morning session and luncheon on Wednesday, October 2, 1974, is \$15.00. Designed specifically for the small businessman, this program will offer a very timely, entertaining, and educational opportunity - a time extremely well spent.

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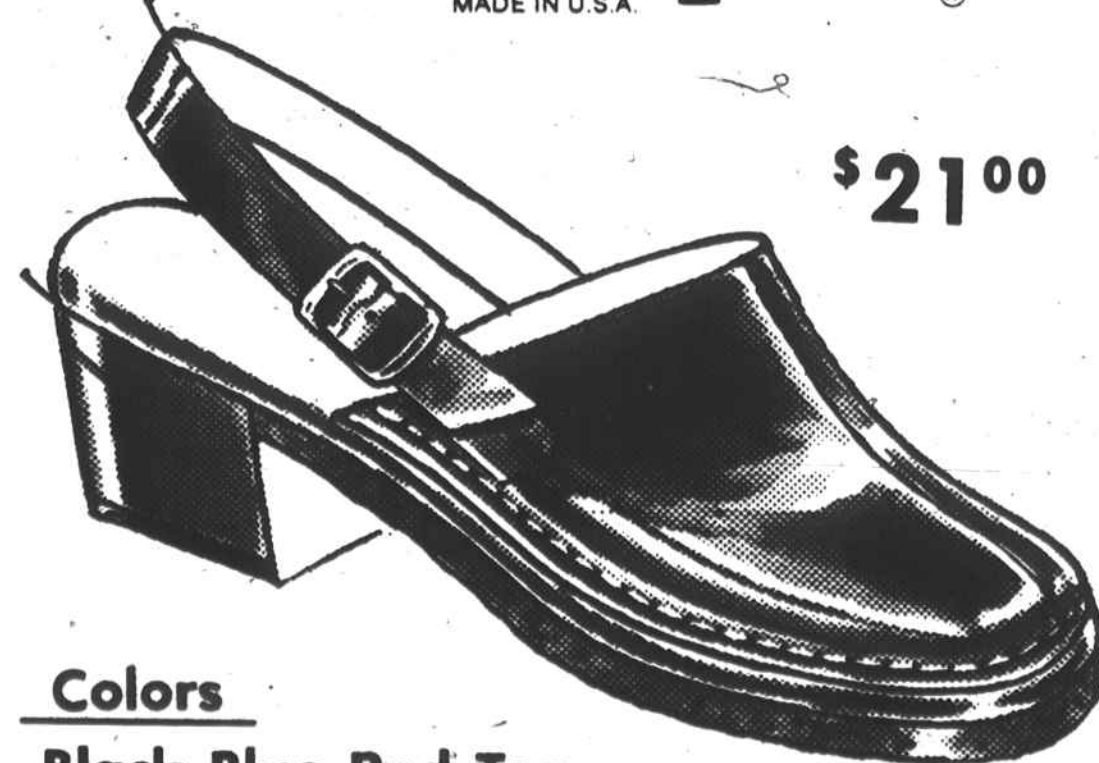
forward commitment contracts--with a central computer and to ask that computer for listings of offers that meet their particular needs. Desk-top computer terminals-- cathode-ray, typewriter or both-- are used for communication between subscribers and the central computer. Actual trades are conducted by telephone and outside the system proper.

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