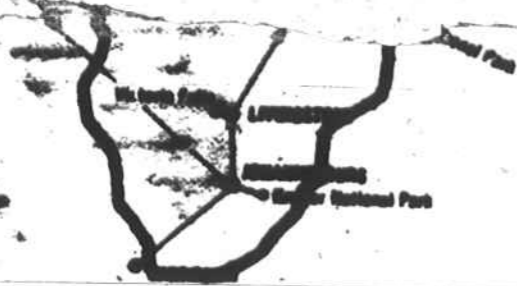
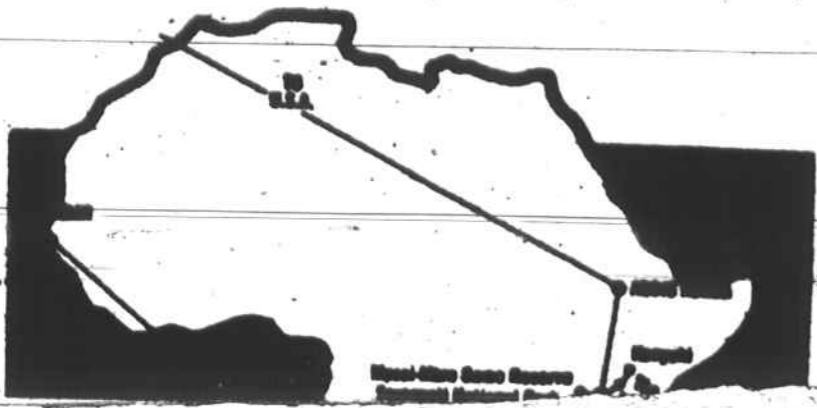


# African Spotlight



## African Conference At A & T Pushes For Foreign Travel-Study

The efforts of a national philanthropic foundation to create international understanding through foreign travel-study, were pictured as being successful.

Stokes Fund has already planned a new travel-study tour to the African countries of Mali, Liberia, Gambia and Senegal.

appreciate the plurality in our society."

"We are going to have to learn to get along or we'll have international suicide," said Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy.

Delegates to the conference testified about such activities as "going into African villages in an effort to change stereotypes."

Participating in the two-day conference sponsored by the Phelps Stokes Fund of New York City, are 50 college educators from across the nation.

"Hopefully we are going to extend this program," said Marty Burns, the Phelps Stokes program officer. "The Africans themselves are very excited about the program, and during their travels, our people have had access to all levels of government."

Many of the delegates to the conference spent the past two summers studying and traveling in West Africa.

"With the information they brought back," said Burns, "we are going to compile lesson plans, bibliographies, slides and other things which could be used in classroom teaching."

Burns said the Phelps

more concerned said Dr. William Reed, a former AID official in Africa. "The recent oil crisis has brought to mind our dependence on other nations. It's about time we start to.

The conference was to continue this African afternoon with a special African art exhibit and end Saturday morning after a workshop by African resource specialists.

## The Fragile Aspect of Rhodesian Peace

The prospect for a peaceful settlement of the Rhodesia problem has recently suffered a 360 degrees setback when the racist white regime of Mr. Smith arrested and sent back to jail the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, president of the Zimbabwe African Nationalists Union. It was only in December that the Rev. was released from a ten-year detention.

The reason given by the racist regime for the arrest of the Rev. Sithole this time is said to be that he was planning "to kill his black associates."

To many African observers, it is indeed strange that a racist regime such as that of Mr. Ian Smith in Rhodesia will be concerned about saving black lives. Many, however, believe that rebel leader Ian Smith is not really interested in meaningful peace talk and the he is only finding excuses.

Rhodesian black leaders and nationalists freedom fighters have quickly pointed out that their lives have never been in danger and that if they are threatened in any way, it is coming from the white racist regime of Mr. Smith and not from the Rev. Sithole.

It is interesting to examine the tactise employed by the Smith regime. The plan in Rhodesia has been; imprison all the black leaders, send the rest into exile and make the whole activities of the nationalists as ineffective as possible by presenting them as cannibals who are bent on destroying whiteman's democracy.

The same principle has been used in other African countries during the colonial era. Notice the imprisonment of Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana and that of Jomo Kenyatta in Kenya. In each instance, a people's leader was imprisoned in order to destroy the nationalistic movement which he was leading. History has shown that such tactics are self destructive and counter-productive in their desired aim. For in every instance, the imprisoned leader emerged victorious.

The Rev. Sithole and other black nationalists are seeking immediate black majority rule in Rhodesia. White minority racist regime in Rhodesia who have subjected black majority in Rhodesia for over 80 years of repression, see the idea of sharing power with blacks like asking Mr. Ian Smith to marry a black woman.

There are reasonable men and women on both sides who believe that peaceful settlement of Rhodesian issues is better than going to war. Nationalists are quick to point out that 80 years of begging and hoping have not produced any change in the attitudes of white Rhodesian regime. Another 80 years, they say will be just as fruitless as the last 80.

Black Rhodesians have enormous potential power. The present guerilla activities inside Rhodesia show how much of this power can be used to enable the Africans to make their point more realistic and effective. The oppressor, the blacks say, can never help the oppressed to liberate himself. And many African nationalists believe that the present problem cannot be solved by meaningless conferences. The talking way, they point out, failed to produce the desired result in the 1960's.

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