

Africa Needs More Time To Develop, Chancellor Says

Americans may be expecting too much too soon of developing African nations, according to Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor of A&T

have none of these. Colonialization left them high and dry."

feed themselves, but they need new ways of doing things."

Dowdy returned Monday after spending two weeks initiating a \$1.5 million agricultural project in tiny Tanzania in East Africa.

"When you look at the history of development in European countries and the time they had to make mistakes, I think we are asking too much," said Dowdy. "And the persons who settled America in many cases brought with them artisans and bankers. The developing African nations

leader for an A&T project which will attempt to help Tanzania achieve self sufficiency in agriculture by 1980.

A&T is teamed with the University of West Virginia in the project to help one of Tanzania's universities develop a new department for teaching agricultural education and extension work.

"What is really needed in Tanzania," said Dowdy, "is knowhow. The land is not poor and they have enough rain to be self sufficient. They could

income in the African nation is something like \$75 per year. "They have got to develop more teachers and next year, they are trying to implement a plan which will require that all children complete at least the seventh grade."

The A&T project is being funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Currently completing a survey of Tanzania's educational needs is Dr. Glenn F. Rankin, vice chancellor for academic affairs at A&T. He will remain in Africa several more weeks.



Sports Bridge Barriers

U.S.A. - Pan African - W. German Track Meet, July 18-18, 1975 Durham, N.C.

International relations between U.S.A., many African countries and West Germany were probably solidified and extended during the recent USA-Pan African - West German track meet in Durham. The event was a classic example of how sport and games bridge communication barriers, extend friendship and harmonize people's respect for one another.

Yet there was a healthy spirit of competition among the participants and the many spectators, leading many to believe that everybody enjoyed the event.

There was a contrast with the previous Pan-African and USA meet that took place in Durham two years ago. To the African during that meet, the place was new and many of them did not really know what to expect. This time, it was no longer going to an unknown place: it was going to a place that many of the athletes had been before and have many friends. There was no repetition of what happened during the previous meet when an Ethiopian mile runner confused the final stages of his race and stopped short of one round and got beat to the disappointment of nearly all the spectators. This time too, the West Germans added style to the meet with their presence and sportsmanship.

Said one African, "I enjoyed the meet and I am glad to be here." Another runner from the USA echoed the sentiment by saying that, "It is a great event."

Yet all was not well to everybody. Complained an African athlete, "The arrangements were not to our liking. It has been difficult for us to get equipment for training and there was no proper co-ordination." She cited the case of Ilse Gaede of West German, who placed 1st in discuss and who was later disqualified because of illegal discuss, as a proof that there was no proper co-ordination. "Who knows," she said, "how many other athletes used illegal means to win?"

Both Beatric Emodi and Beatric Ewuzie of Nigeria, were excited about the meet and were looking forward to going to Canada for the next meet there. Both girls are students at Grambling State University, Louisiana. Will they come back to North Carolina if there was another meet, I asked them. "Yes," answered both of them. "I like the kind of people I met here," Emodi said.

Since the track meet two years ago, there had been increased recruiting of African runners to American universities. Some of these student athletes are happy and enjoying their stay in the universities where they study but there are also others who say that their stay has not been what they expected. There is a case of a Kanyan athlete who was brought to a college on athletic scholarship and who later found out, to his greatest disappointment, that his scholarship made no provisions for illness. This kind of situation has led some to say that some of the schools are not taking good care of the athletes they brought here.

Did the visiting athletes have time to see some parts of North Carolina? "Of course," answered a Ghanaian. "I went as far as Rocky Mount, Raleigh and Greensboro. And I met many African students during a party hosted by some African students for some of the athletes."

"The weather was beautiful during the meet," said a Kenyan. "The rain seemed to know exactly when to stop." The rain indeed did know when to stop for it had rained for three days that week and just dried up a day before the meet.

When the track meet may have become history, the friendships cemented by many during the occasion will probably be an ever lasting reminder that human relationship on the arena of sports is one of the best things that will endeavor the strains of our times.

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