A DOMINION IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

An Appeal to British Humanity and Sense of Justice.

Sir,

I trust you will publish this letter of mine for it speaks with the soul of all my people behind it.

In your issue of 26th July we read that seven men arrived in Britain the other day on a mission which may mark the first step in the formation of a vast new Dominion of Central Africa. And further we read that others want to go farther. The United Central Africa Association with power and sacrificial energy aim at an entire eventual Dominion embracing the two Rhodesias, Nyasaland, Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda.

I, as African blood feel astonished and deeply hurt to see how our destiny is being shaped in this fashion. We may be weak, and still backward, but our rights must be respected. These countries are ours by heritage and by right. We hate to see an intruder using us in this way. If mistakes were made in the past, care must be taken not to repeat them. That is unfortunate they are not repeated by trying to shape our future without our consent.

We notice that this mission includes two African, two Civil Servant Africans to try to impress the world that the African's opinion was sought. What does it mean to say it has marched in? I do not think it has. Civil Servant Africans do not represent African opinion in any way at all.

This does not fit in with the assured policy of the British Government which is reported by every newspaper and by every Government that they are moving towards self-government. How can we achieve self-government without fulfilling a prophecy to the white settler?

We must say many of us are not opposed to the British protection and rule, not even to her temporal domination, in fact taking a long view, it is our greatest good until such time as we are able to rule ourselves. But, we have to be dominated by the white settlers and we do not see why we should.
22nd July, 1948

Dear Mr. Mulira,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th July asking for your mail to be forwarded to our Liverpool Office. I shall pass the letter to Mr. White of this Department, and ask him to forward your mail to you.

I wrote you a letter on the 19th inst. addressing it c/o the Area Officer, Glasgow. I hope you received it. Unfortunately I had not at that time your Keswick address.

Is everything going well? I trust so.

Yours sincerely,

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We appeal to the British sense of justice and sincerity to protect us from another dominium which is not of our own making. After we have attained our own dominium composed of self-respecting and self-governing African, we shall not forget them—never.