

A DOMINION IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

An Appeal to British Sincerity and Sense of Justice.

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

In your issue of 25th 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 further. The United Central Africa Association with powerful backing aims at an entire eventual Dominion embracing the two Rhodesias, Nyasaland, Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda.

We of African blood feel astonished and deeply hurt to see how our destiny is being toyed with 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. Their importance they are not repeated by trying to shape our future without our consent.

We notice that the mission includes two Africans, two Civil Servant Africans to try to impress the world that the African's opinion was sought. What does a Civil Servant do except to obey his master's will? Let it be known those Civil Servants do not represent African opinion in any way at all.

How does such a plan fit in with the avowed policy of the British Government which is repeated by every minister and by every Governor that they are training us towards self-government. How can we achieve self-government after falling a prey to the white settlers?

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 for our greatest good until such time as we are able to rule ourselves. But we hate to be dominated by the white settlers, and we do not see why we should.

who are trying to snatch power from the Great-Britain and the corner of Dominion for whom? We know in Canada Dominion is for the Canadian people, in Australia, for the Australians, in India for the Indians, and in any other part of the world for the people of that country.

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We read in the issue of the Sunday Express of 25th July, that -

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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no Dominion should be formed in Africa.

but in South Africa for the White man. The new Dominion envisaged is for no one else but the white settler.

We appeal to the British sense of justice and sincerity to protect us from another dominion which is not of our own making. After we have attained our ~~settled~~ self-government it will be up to us to choose to form our own Dominion composed of self-respecting and self-governing African states, and not tell them another

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for it is the only safe guard from greedy annexation whether it is from Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin or the white settler.*