



FLAGSTAFF HOUSE,
ACCRA,
GHANA.

24th April, 1965.

My dear Kamuzu,

I write to thank you for your kind message of 12th April, which has just reached me. I am happy to learn that the little gift from me evoked great appreciation from its recipients and from yourself. I have taken note of the changes you propose to make in your mission here in Accra. I am confident that Kojo will give this a fair wind and every possible assistance.

You will also be pleased to learn that I have been able to arrange some financial assistance from our limited resources for you.

I had the pleasure of meeting your Security Officer Mijoso who was here for the meeting in connection with the O.A.U. Conference and gave him a letter to be returned to you in reply to the one he brought from you. We are doing all we can to make the Summit in Accra a success, in spite of the unremitting efforts of the enemies of Africa to undermine and sabotage it.

In conclusion, let me state that as I understand it from here, what has led to the present situation in Malawi is the whole question of your Government's relations with Portugal. You know what my stand has always been on this issue, namely that we in Africa cannot afford to compromise our stand with the colonialists or neo-colonialists in any shape or form. If we do this, we shall be tying a tight rope around our necks.

Our only hope for survival against this deadly encroachment on our political and economic freedom and independence is our ability to stand together in a united front in Africa against the imperialists and the colonialists. As soon as we stand together in this way, the colonialists will be at bay, and we will not go to them with cap in hand or be subjected to undue subservience to them. In my view we can protect ourselves best in Africa by uniting under a continental Union Government which alone can help us to solve our mounting problems in Africa. You should therefore proclaim this at the top of your voice on every suitable occasion. Without that continental security, I am afraid that all of us will lose our independence one by one through economic subjection to foreign powers.

I hope that you are in the best of health.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,


(KWAME NKUMAH)

His Excellency
Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda,
Prime Minister of Malawi.