

POINTS FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S
SPEECH AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE ZAMBIAN PRESS AWARDS AT THE
PAMODZI HOTEL, LUSAKA, ON 6 AUGUST AT 2100

Speaking without notes in response to the Prime Minister's speech on the occasion of the presentation of the annual Zambian press awards, President Kaunda said that there was nothing to divide Zambia and the United Kingdom apart from the problem of Rhodesia. This problem had been discussed exhaustively during the past few days and he was convinced that, once it had been solved, it would bring Britain and Zambia closer and closer together.

President Kaunda said that, speaking as a Zambian, he believed that the Prime Minister had brought a ray of hope by virtue of her frankness and sincerity of purpose. She had the willpower to solve the problem of Rhodesia. Zambia had never entertained any hatred for the British people. Despite some quarrels and differences, Zambians remained Zambians. President Kaunda recalled a "very bad evening" which he had spent at 10 Downing Street with Mr. Edward Heath. Jim Callaghan had been his personal friend for many years but he had nevertheless been compelled to say some rough things about him and about his government. He now knew and understood Mrs. Thatcher much better. He knew that he was now meeting a British leader who could make decisions: he would pray for her. Mrs. Thatcher's decisions would go a long way towards finding a solution to the problem of Rhodesia. She would leave many Zambian friends behind her when she left Lusaka. He and Mrs. Thatcher should have further discussions on these matters when he was freed from the ties of the chairmanship of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. The people of Zambia would do everything possible to build greater friendship between Britain and Zambia.

President Kaunda concluded: "All the best and keep it up".

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