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MR KINNOCK'S TOUR OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

SUMMARY

1. KINNOCK CALLS FOR MORE MILITARY AID TO F.L.S. AND COMPREHENSIVE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. NO PERSONAL ATTACK ON PRIME MINISTER. IMPACT OF SPEECH MAY BE DIMINISHED BY UNEXPECTED PRESENCE OF CUBAN MINISTER AND MUTASA'S ATTACK ON U.S. AMBASSADOR FOR ALLEGEDLY WALKING OUT.

DETAIL

2. MR KINNOCK DELIVERED A 45 MINUTE SPEECH AT A DINNER HOSTED BY THE SPEAKER, MUTASA, AND ATTENDED BY PARLIAMENTARIANS, ACADEMICS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND MEDIA, INCLUDING TV. ON SOUTH AFRICA IT WAS IN FAMILIAR TERMS. HE ATTACKED THE CONCEPT OF CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT AND DESCRIBED IT AS HYPOCRISY. WHILE GIVING HMG A PAT ON THE BACK FOR THE HIGH QUALITY MILITARY TRAINING PROVIDED FOR ZIMBABWE MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHER FLS HE CALLED FOR MORE MILITARY AND DEVELOPMENT AID AS QUOTE A MATTER OF DUTY UNQUOTE NOT CHARITY. UK AID TO FLS WAS HOWEVER ALLEGED TO HAVE FALLEN 40% IN REAL TERMS SINCE 1979.

3. MR KINNOCK SAID THAT ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR THE FLS WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO DIRECT AND EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID. QUOTE THE APPROACH OF SUPPORTING THE FLS WHILST GIVING SUCCOUR TO THE APARTHEID REGIME IS SHOPPING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET UNQUOTE. HE ALSO SAID THAT BRITAIN WAS QUOTE IN A UNIQUELY STRATEGIC POSITION UNQUOTE IN UN, EC AND COMMONWEALTH TO PROMOTE SANCTIONS AND PLEDGED THAT LABOUR PARTY WOULD FIRMLY AND FULLY IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE AND STRICT SANCTIONS WHEN IN GOVERNMENT.

4. HE PREFACED THESE REMARKS WITH WARM PRAISE FOR ZIMBABWE'S EXEMPLARY POLICIES OF RECONCILIATION AND UNITY WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE TRYING TO SABOTAGE.

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5. ON ANGOLA/NAMIBIA HE WELCOMED THE NEWS FROM NEW YORK AND SUGGESTED THAT ONE OF THE REASONS WHY SOUTH AFRICA HAD COME TO NEGOTIATE WAS THE PROSPECT OF A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT WHO MAY APPLY SANCTIONS AND QUOTE PULL MRS THATCHER IN THE SAME DECENT DIRECTION UNQUOTE.

6. THE SPEECH WAS MADE IN THE UNEXPECTED PRESENCE OF CUBAN MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, VALDES, WHO HAD LED CUBAN DELEGATION AT EARLIER ANGOLA/NAMIBIA TALKS. AFTER MR KINNOCK HAD SPOKEN VALDES DELIVERED A LONG AND BORING EXPOSITION OF THE VIRTUES OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AFTER THIS MUTASA'S VOTE OF THANKS TO KINNOCK WAS MARRED BY AN INTEMPERATE ATTACK ON THE U.S. AMBASSADOR FOR ALLEGEDLY WALKING OUT WHEN THE CUBAN SPOKE. (OTHERS PRESENT SAY THAT HE LEFT AFTERWARDS: WE SHALL CLARIFY).

COMMENT

7. KINNOCK'S SPEECH (COPY BY BAG TO CAFD) WAS PREDICTABLY WELL RECEIVED. IT NEVERTHELESS CONTAINED NOTHING NEW AND WAS REMARKABLE FOR ITS LACK OF REAL BITE, PARTICULARLY AGAINST HMG'S POLICIES.

8. MUTASA'S ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WAS PROBABLY MERE MISCHIEF MAKING. BUT IT MAY CAUSE FURTHER PROBLEMS FOR US/ZIMBABWE RELATIONS. IT MAY ALSO STEAL SOME OF THE HEADLINES. IT HAPPENED IN THE VERY ROOM FROM WHICH EX-PRESIDENT CARTER WALKED OUT ON 4 JULY, 1986.

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