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ITEMS TO BE ANNOUNCED OR VOLUNTEERED

President Ford will meet with President Kenneth D. Kaunda of Zambia on Saturday, April 19. That same evening the President will give a black-tie dinner at the White House in honor of President and Mrs. Kaunda. President and Mrs. Kaunda will be in Washington April 18-21. The President is looking forward to an exchange of views with President Kaunda on matters of common interest.

Q. Who requested the meeting?

A. The meeting was arranged by mutual agreement. President Kaunda will be travelling to the American Continent to attend the Commonwealth Conference in Jamaica April 29-May 6 and to the Bahamas, Guyana and Cuba as well. The two Presidents, who have not met, are taking advantage of President Kaunda's travels to become acquainted.

Q. What issues will be discussed?

A. There is no formal agenda. But I am sure the discussion will be wide-ranging.

Q. What other events are on President Kaunda's Washington schedule?

A. The entire schedule has not been firmed up as yet. The State Department should be able to fill you in as plans evolve.

~~Read Paris accords(?)~~  
Veto of tax bills

March 25, 1975

Q: What was the President's reaction to the hard-hitting toast his guest, Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda, made at the White House Dinner Saturday night (April 19)?

A: Well, as you look at the geography of the area, Zambia is a key state in southern Africa and it borders on Rhodesia, Mozambique and Angola. It is thus perfectly understandable that President Kaunda has strong views on the issues in southern Africa. The President made clear in his own toast Saturday night that we support self determination for the peoples of the area and President Kaunda's own efforts for change through peaceful negotiations, and understanding between the parties concerned. The President promised the continued support of the US as the parties seek to resolve problems at the conference table.

*In his meeting  
Pres reaffirmed that we ... (readout)  
are intent on developing a closer  
relationships with the nations of  
Africa, noting that a primary  
goal is to increase mutual  
understanding and cooperation.*

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ZAMBIA -- PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA'S VISIT

Q: What is your reaction to the hard-hitting toast that President Kaunda of Zambia made at the White House Dinner you gave in his honor Saturday night (April 19)?

A: President Kaunda is of course a key leader in southern Africa. He has spent a lifetime dealing with the questions of racial equality and self determination in that area and it is perfectly understandable that he has strong views.

My predecessors, Democrat and Republican alike, traditionally have supported self determination in southern Africa through peaceful means. I indicated to President Kaunda that we will continue this support.