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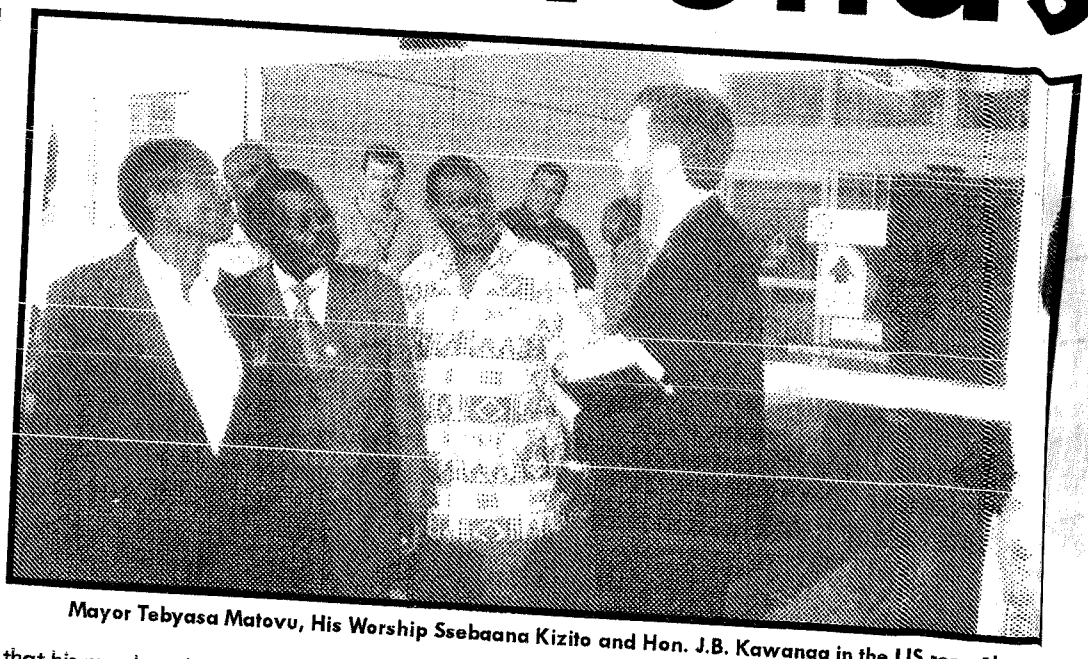
DP-US Chapter to fund DP Activities

Ssebaana establishes US Senate & Congress links

By Samuel Muyizzi Mulindwa



Mayor Tebyasa Matovu, His Worship Ssebaana Kizito and Hon. J.B. Kawanga in the US recently.

loy and brotherhood amidst ıunderous clapping and ulations covered a fully ıarged Conference Hall Hilton Hotel Woodland ls, Loss Angeles as several embers of the DP-US apter pledged to spend their last coin to help the come to power in 2006.

The chairman of the DP-Chapter MR. LAWRENCE /ANUKA while addressing r August 19-21, 2005 vention hosted by the fornia branch announced that his members had chorused their commitment towards financing both presidential and parliamentary elections.

He further told the gathering that President Museveni is Past Tense in as far as Uganda Politics is concerned and that any means necessary shall be employed to show him the exit. He noted that it is his benefit that he leaves the stage when the curtain falls but not continue dancing behind the curtain. He encouraged the Ugandans to muster their last emergies to liberate the country. The Uganda delegation to the convention was led by His Worship John Sebaana Kizito, the Mayor of Kampala and treasurer of the DP, other members of the delegation included Hon. John Baptist Kawanga, MP Masaka Municipality, His Worship Tebyasa Matovu, Mayor Masaka Municipality and the UYD delegation led

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ırway's centre-left oppo- led by the Labour Party, he country's closely con- l general election.

ır party leader Jens ıberg, who has promised ıased spending only ı of the popular vote, a historically low figure (through an increase from 24.7% in 2001). It fought the "red-green" parties, and the total coalition vote of 48% seems enough for it to govern after negotiating the division of ministerial posts in the storting (parliament).

The influence of Labour's co-alition partners - the Socialist Left Party and the Centre Party - is weakened by their poor electoral showing but strength-ened by the fact that together they give the alliance a slim parliamentary majority.

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OPINION

It is a National Crisis

The opposition and government swimming in th same waters of political crisis. The operation under crisis has been legitimised and no one seems to give a damn.

Government and parliament are in a time crisis as far as passing al lthe electoral and transition process laws are concerned. to wit;

The Presidenital and Parliamentary Elections Bills and the Local Government Elections Bill.

Ideall, the legal and parliamentary Affairs committee does not have enough time to effectively scrutinise such sensitive Bills, the hands of the stakeholders are tied but are to blame for they saw this coming. The result of this shall be enactment of 'half baked' laws. This is an injustice to the citizens of Uganda!!

The parties are on the other fold announcing dates for their delegates conferences even without justified delegates in place and the relevant laws to govern this new political dispensation in view of the fact that parties have been clogged for the biggest part of the post-colonial period.

The UYD says that though Justice delayed is justice denied, Justice hurried shall be justice miscarried.

Lets keep our hands crossed as we prepare for the post-mortem.

US Senator's Office to train UYDs

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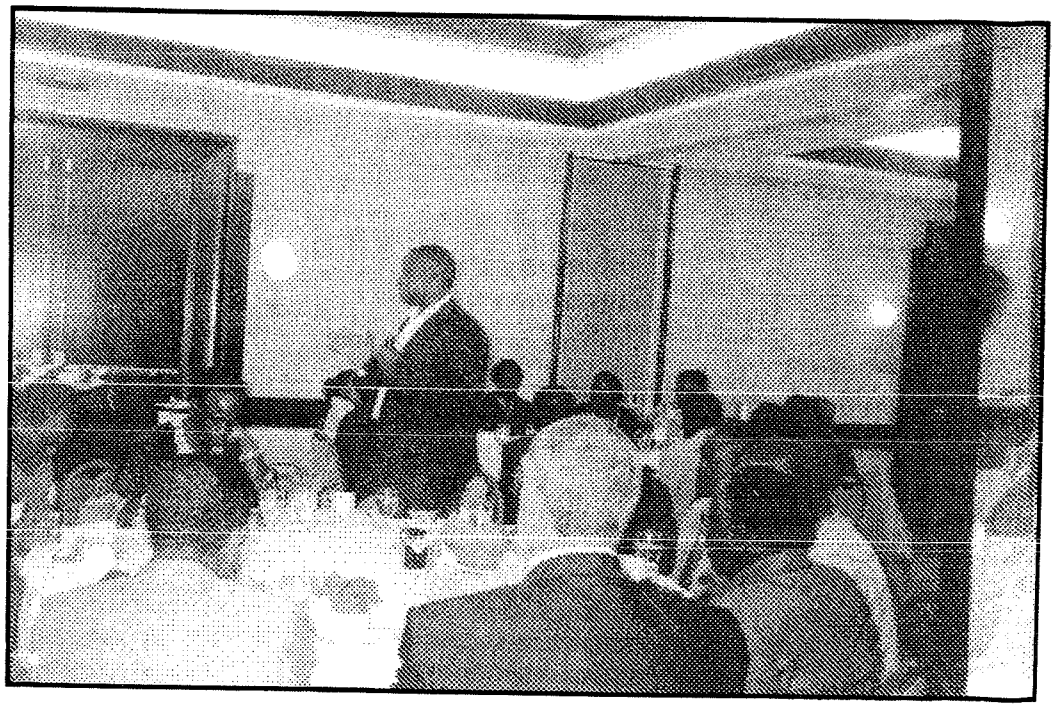

UYD Vice President Keneth Kakande addresses participants at the DP-US convention,California

The UYD delegation to the DP-US convention led by the Vice-President Keneth Paul Kakande took time off to establish links with various political offices in the United States.

On top of creating links with the University of North Texas, the delegation met Senator Richard Alarcon, State Senator of 20th Senate District, California, a Democrat and Nury Martinez, Mayor of City of Sam Farnando who pledged to work with UYD in its endeavours of directing the affairs of the Youth in building democratic principles.

The UYD delegation and the Senator's office in the collaboration with Mayor Nury Martinez agreed on the modalities through which young people shall be sponsored for training in the fields of campaigns and Democracy.

The UYD has stood out as the most committed and strongest youth organisation on the Ugandan Political arena through creating partnerships all over the globe as it prepares young people for leadership with guided skills as lack of leadership skills amongst most Ugandan leaders has been the root cause for turmoil and political unrest since independence.

It is encouraging that young people are committed to changing this state of affairs, as we prepare for a better tommorrow. **Alta Continua!!**

"UYD represents and comprises all Ugandan youth from all shades and walks of life. We cherish and share the interests and principles of social justice."

JOIN THE STRUGGLE, JOIN UYD.

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Pres. Museveni Exploits His Employees

With the government of Uganda embracing the philosophy of attracting investors, violation of workers' rights has. The failure to respect workers' rights and/ or the deliberate violation of these rights have inevitably kept the majority of the Ugandan workers in unfortunate conditions-poverty bites too much, no job security as the workers can be hired and fired by any employer at any time. These conditions have compounded the vicious cycle of poverty- low incomes, low savings if any, low investments if any, low capital accumulation and finally low standards of living.

It is vital to note that poverty, which inevitably is an outcome of the violation of workers' rights, is both a human rights violation and an impediment to the realization, respect, protection, promotion and defence of human rights.

According to the UHRC Report of 2003, workers in Uganda have continued working in appalling conditions. They lack the capacity to negotiate and bargain for their working conditions, they are given miserable remunerations and fear dismissals. In a situation where such is the order of the day, inevitably one cannot talk of Ugandan workers having rights.

In a bid to promote and protect the rights of the workers, trade unions have been found to be of paramount importance. In Uganda trade unions are the workers organizations and they include teachers' associations, plantation workers' associations, and so forth. The Ugandan experience has been such that all the workers associations must be affiliated to NOTU and if any of the workers' association is not affiliated to NOTU, then it will attract less attention. I was talking to one of the Union leaders of National Plantation Agricultural Workers in Uganda and he told me when they met President Museveni over the issue of a minimum wage, the President told them that they should forget about the minimum wage because he employs ten thousand workers and if he was to part with 53,000 for each worker every month, then he would have to pay more than five hundred million shillings which he does not have. It is therefore as plain as a pikestaff that our president is perpetuating the exploitation of workers. Perhaps this is deliberate because as a matter of fact he does not want anybody to compete with him politically and he knows if the majority Ugandans are kept in abject poverty he will ably and effectively manipulate them typical of all Machiavellian politicians.

We must show them that they need healthcare services, education, roads, prices for their coffee and matoke not the so-called peace which they describe in terms of deep slumber. For how long must Ugandans slumber?

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Bushenyi District in dire need for Membership cards

Members of the Democratic Party in Bushenyi District are thirsty for membership cards.

With the opening up of the Political space to multiparty politics even the ordinary people are slowly but surely understanding that the Movement has all along been a political party after all.

Yet for long, these people had been hood-winked that the movement is an all-embracing political system. Now that the lies have been unearthed every got is going back to its plague which the people of Bushenyi call '**buri mbuzi ahankondo yayo**'. Of course even in the 1980 elections DP was robbed of its victory in Bushenyi. We the people of Bushenyi now know that if DP revived its grassroots structures, it would be a strong force to reckon with.

Byamukama Vicent
BUSHENYI

Bravo DP for Registration!

I take this opportunity to whole-heartedly thank the Democratic Party for Registration. The Democratic Party now stands out as the sole party that can advance the People's interest. Leave alone the populism that Museveni and his cohorts have been drumming up. Populism by definition is claiming to be pro-people when in an actual sense one adopts anti-people policies. This is definitely killing our country.

How can the movement claim to be a pro-people arrangement when there are no drugs in hospitals? When the sons and daughters of peasants cannot access University Education because practically now if one never studied from Ntare, Buddo, Gayaza, Namagunga, and all other such Schools can never get a government scholarship? How can the NRM claim to be pro-people when the sons and daughters of peasants can't get jobs because of patronage? What about the minimum wage that has since the 1970s been at 6000/=?

We are fed up with the lies and we believe those who were hobnobbing with Museveni just Yesterday cannot provide the solution. The only hope is the Democratic Party, a party that cherishes the truth, justice, peace and equitable distribution of Resources. Go on DP, We are fully behind you.

Odongo James

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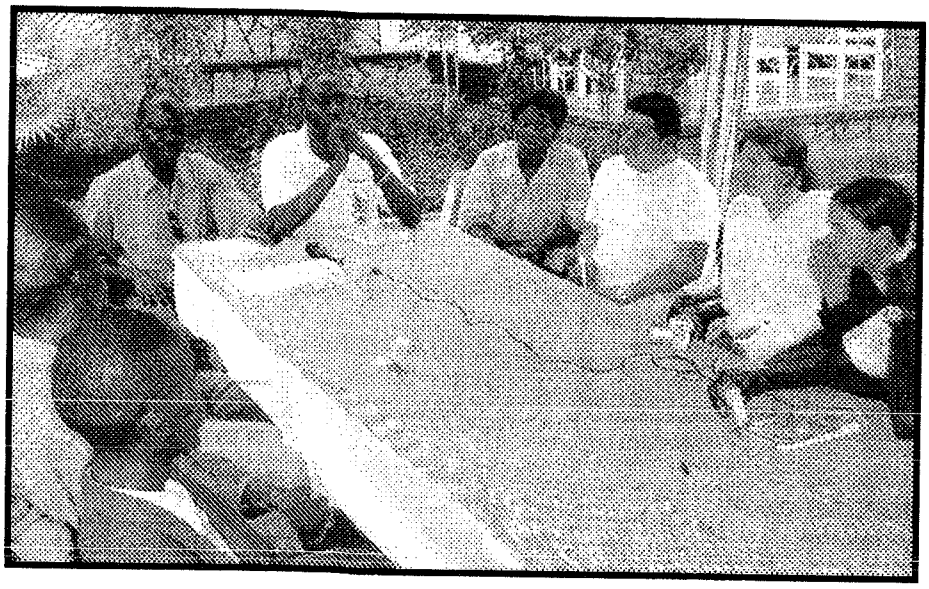

Nowegian Labour Youth Leaders: *Gro Mette (International Sec.) and Hann (African Affairs) at a Retreat with UYD Leadership earlier this year.*

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The Labour leader has promised that a new government unde rhis leadership would prioritise social spending (in a Country with already generous social provisions), with the added pledge of more favourable treatment of Norway's disadvantaged people and fewer unfunded impositions on local government.

In part, acording to analysists, the election result represents a reaction to centre-right government that was widely viewed as far too willing (internationally) to climb into bed with the Bush Administration on Iraq and (domestically) to abandon honoured Norwegian social values.

The signs of change are already visible: **when George W. Bush telephoned Labour leader Jens Stoltenberg to congratulate him on the election result, the prime-minister-elect responded by announcing his decison to withdraw the country's remaining military personnel from Iraq**, thus carrying out one of his campaign promises and pleasing his left-leaning coalition partners.

Labour-led so-called Red-Green alliance had won 88 seats in the 169-member assembly, enough to oust the centre-right government.

The leader of the winning coalition, Jens Stoltenberg, by the time the UYD Update went to bed, was in talks with the coalition members on ways to forming a new govenment in the oil-rich country.

"I am happy to become Prime Minister mostly because it is a meaningful and important job and because it is important for

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DP's Long Walk to Justice

The D.P. Leadership took immediate step to exercise every individual's democratic right to participate in every elective public office ignoring the original taboos. A new Buganda Agreement was ratified in October, 1955. It provided for an elected Lukiiko and a Katikkiro elected by the Lukiiko. It also provided for Buganda to send elected members to the legislative council (Legco). In July, 1956 Matayo Mugwanya again contested for a vacant seat in the Lukiiko for Mawokota County. He defeated Paulo Muwanga, but the then Mengo establishment refused to confirm Mugwanya as member of the Lukiiko giving all sorts of excuses. He then took up DP. Leadership and started spreading the party all over Uganda.

More to come in the next issue

Germany Parties in Coalition talks

CDU's Angela Merkel

SDP's Gerhard Schroeder

CDU-SPD "grand colation" is the likely outcome aimed at breaking the political deadlock after Markel's CDU (Christian Democrats) won Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's SPD (Social Democrats) in the German Election but the margin was too slim to guarantee the next leader of government.

Ariel Sharon

Israel's Ariel Sharon beat Benjamin Natanyahu in the Likud party Leadership race which had threatened to unsit him ahead of the 2006 Geenral Elections. The vote was seen as a referenadum on Sharon's leadership after Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza strip.