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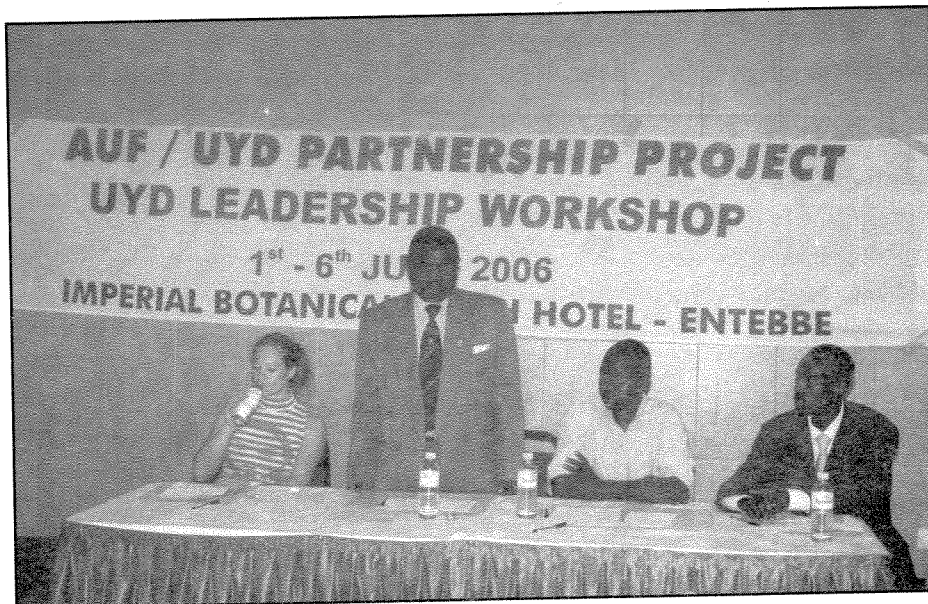
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DP Criticises M7 Cabinet

**Gov't Should
spend more on
Public services
- Ssebaana**

By: Samuel Muyizzi Mulindwa

The Uganda Young Democrats new executive together with the Women league to the same organisation with the view to training the new leaders and shoving off the campaigns stress, went into a retreat at the Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel in Entebbe (2nd – 5th June 2006). The workshop was officially opened by the President General of DP. Hon. John Ssebaana Kizito who encouraged the new leaders to sustain the



DP President H.E. Ssebaana Kizito addresses UYD leaders. L-Ms. Silje Rygland International Secretary AUF, R-UYD President Mr. Leander Komakech & extreme right is UYD Secretary General Mr. Muyizzi Samuel Mulindwa

struggle against the current government under President Museveni under whom many Ugandans, he said, had lost hope in virtually everything. He castigated the recently increased number of ministers who he said are in numbers for

political rewards together with the over forty advisors who he said earn equivalent to a ministerial salary yet all matters within and without government are epitomised by the President and a few of his cohorts and relatives. He noted that the salaries

that go to a hundred of the above could go a long way into helping the sick and disadvantaged.

He further castigated the activities of the recently initiated brigades among young people, to this he said, such can not be tolerated by

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The NRM Gov't; a byword for plunder

The liabilities for the plunder and violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo were computed in the region of 10 billion dollars, but those in the country are yet to be compiled, but by the

time Museveni and his NRM leave the stage, probably Uganda will be a shell and the loss will be in hundreds of billions of dollars.

Uganda at one time became a huge exporter of gold in spite the fact that our gold mining was at its lowest and could not produce even a third of our exports. Thanks to the plunderers.

We have all heard about dishing out land housing Shimon Demonstration School of over 3,000 pupils, the encroachment on the Golf Course for a hotel and shopping mall in which the

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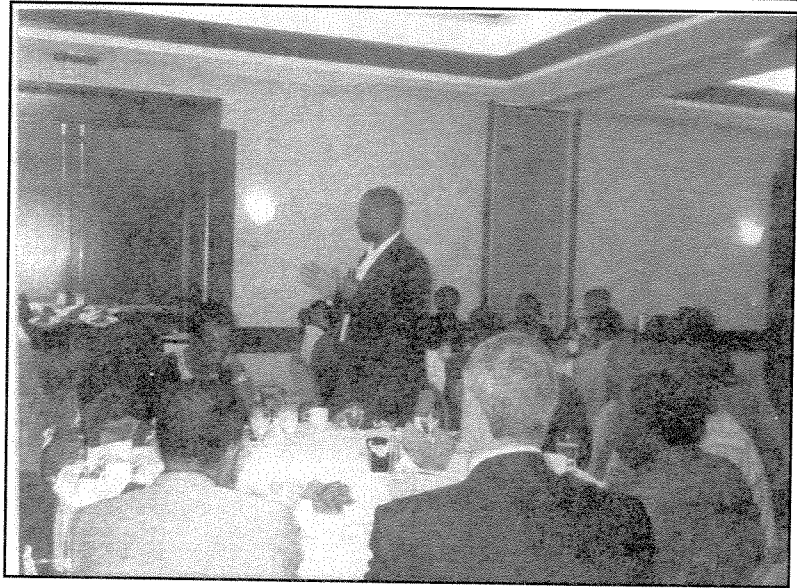
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Communique from the National Chairman

by *Keneth Paul Kakande*

Dear Comrades, the UYD has weathered storms but this wouldn't be so if it were not for the commitment and conviction of the members for the values we believe in, the values we stand for, the values if need be we are ready to die for. The question still lingers, How do we build a free and just society for our people. A society that cares for its people, because they care for that society?



UYD National Chairman, Keneth Kakande Paul addresses participants at the DP-US convention-Carlifornia

After the last delegates conference, members ushered in New Leadership with fresh mandate. The challenge we have now is making UYD, yet again the strongest and most vibrant modern youth organisation. A reflector of the less privileged. This can be achieved in **SOLIDARITY** because

together we achieve more than individuals. After the National, Local and Party Elections, we need to pick-up pieces and focus on the future. Consolidate on the gains and work on the weakness but we have to start NOW.

Despite our difference in opinion we need to foster unity but also define our organisation and reach out

especially in the country side and to the young people.

As a social democratic youth organisation, we must interpret our values into real Action. Actions speak louder.

Finally we have to strengthen our ties with progressive focus on the continent and in the world at

large. I want to pay special tribute to the Norwegian Labour Youth (AUF) who have stood by us in the times of need without whom the challenges would be insurmountable. Widening our scope as well as strengthening our ties, should be our ultimate aim.

In solidarity we shall achieve.

DP criticises M7

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the values that DP stands for and as such any endeavour for them to be linked to DP were erroneous. He further pointed out that DP shall continue fighting for the rights of the under privileged whatever the environment because this cause was championed by this party since the colonial period and that it is through the use of brains and not gun power that this shall be achieved. He thanked the AUF (Norwegian

Labour Youth Organisation) for helping UYD grow to the levels it has achieved and asked them to continue this relationship for the sake of the continued search for sustainable peace and development in Uganda. He lamented at the level at which government was giving away all the palastatals and government property without seeking for technical expertise from the line ministries which he said have been dwarfed by state house. The President General was flanked by the

President of a UYD Mr. Leander Komakech, the Secretary for International Affairs of AUF Ms. Silje Reyland and the Secretary General – UYD Mr. Samuel Muyizzi Mulindwa. The workshop lined up resourceful persons including Dr. Maria Musoke (MUK), Mr. Kalule Emmanuel Wamala (Bank of Uganda), Mrs. Christine Ekiria (Women Leader DP) Mr. Mubbale Charles (Transparency International) and experts from Norway under AUF among others.

"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.

NEW UYD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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NTALE GODFREY

UYD's New Leadership mandate



H.E Ssebaana Kizito leaves the UYD delegates Conference. On the left is Mr. Kezaala Mohammed, DP's Vice President (Eastern Region) and (R) is Mr. Godfrey Ntale Deputy Sec. for International Relations-UYD

A new political dispensation opens a new phase. Pursuant to the open space that was ushered in by the demise of the formerly blacklisted article 269 of the now amended 1995 constitution, and after fruitfully organising the Democratic Party National Delegates Conference, UYD the Youth wing of DP held its National Delegates Conference between 2nd and 4th January 2006, the first of the kind since its inception. The Delegates Conference brought together delegates from all corners of Uganda who ushered in a team which swore its commitment to strengthening further the ideals of equal opportunities for all Ugandans. The Chief Guest and President of the Democratic Party Hon. J. Sebaana Kizito flanked by his Vice-President for Eastern Region (Also outgoing UYD Chairman) Mr. Kezaala .B. Mohammed and the DP women leader, Mrs. Ikiria Sepuya graced the occasion. He applauded the commitment and strength of UYD to which he is patron

and thanked the AUF for playing a pivotal role in its transformation. The renewal of UYD replaced uncertainty with hope, the hope that challenges ranging from that of widening the organisation's scope, ideological disparities, and fighting the upcoming paramilitary groups would be professionally tackled. Notable quotations from statements by some new and old leaders during the conference were;

✧ The President, Mr. Leander Komakech noted that, "No one can over turn the will of the majority."

✧ The Chairman, Mr. Kenneth Kakande said, "we should now focus on practical aspects of the greater challenges ahead".

✧ The Secretary General, Mr. Samuel Muyizzi Mulindwa said, "I am proud to be on the front line, because I am equal to the task".

✧ The Secretary for social welfare, Ms. Brenda Nabukenya said, "I shall

serve with courage, commitment and Gender Bias".

✧ The Outgoing Vice President, Mr. Opendi Ochow who presided over the elections said, "I have played my part, I have for some time waited for this chance to leave because the mother party is craving for our valuable services and I am glad to be part of this process".

✧ The outgoing chairman, Mr. Kezaala Mohammed noted, "we shall increasingly be on a helping role, never to abandon the role".

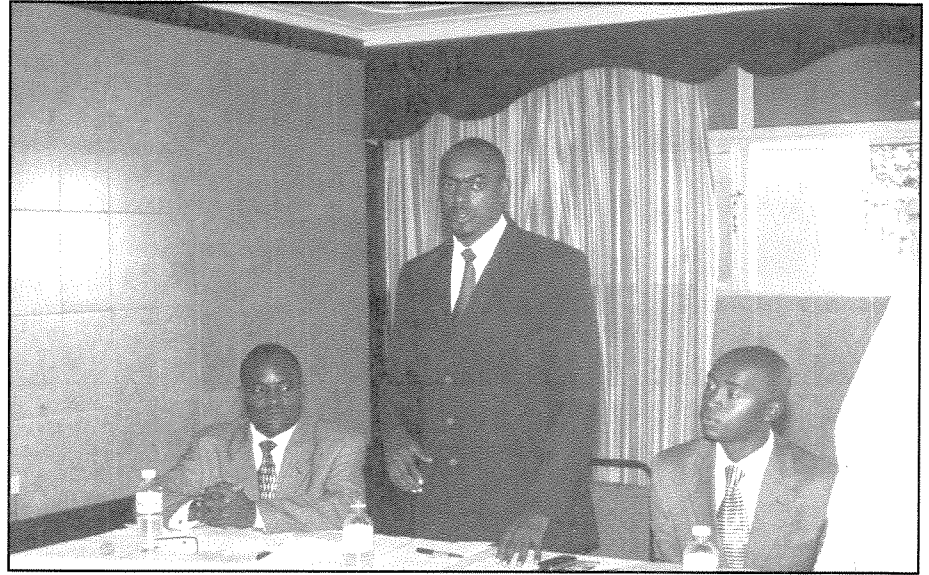
NOTABLY, the high level of efficiency and organisation that was exhibited during this conference was attributed to the commitment and assistance from AUF.

CONGRATULATIONS, especially to UYD, its partners and the new team. What is left now is for you to prove your worth, **"WALK THE TASK"**.

Message from Vice President

By Mukasa Mbidde

Comrades, it is in times like these that you recognise what you stand for in the political equation. A mathematician once said that Algebra is a science for lazy people. That one operates with X without worrying about its actual nature but to us young democrats, politics is to recognise X for what it stands for in the equation. X stands for the masses not in their numerical totals but in consideration of each other's individual needs. We are to remain sworn enemies to poverty and our hostility to tyranny should pre-occupy our planning facilities. We are at a time when victory is not our description yet we are the sole hope for the peoples' victory. The challenge therefore is to work harder to cause this long overdue Revolution in the leadership of Uganda. The situation is critical and any attempts to delay the uprising



Vice President Mr. Mukasa Mbidde addresses the New Leadership workshop, L-Mr. John Mary Ssebuwufu, Secretary for Finance and on the R-Mr. Byabasaija Kagoro, Deputy Speaker

is fatal. We must now forget all differences and foster the common fight a fresh. Let all of you the young democrats now raid the countryside and

launch "Operation return to UYD". For the purpose that those who had voted other organisations and/or acquired memberships. Therefore, do return for work.

UYD's Struggle Continues

Sulaiman Kidandala Sserwadda

The Uganda Young Democrats is an organisation that operates at local and international scenes. Such an institution must have a multitude of well established and clearly laid out channels which allow for such an organisational framework. It is this structural framework with the National Executive Committee at its helm that ensures the institution's firm anchorage into both global and local networks. Below the National Executive committee is a ramification of leadership levels from regional to village level.

Similar to a vehicle on a long journey with open entry and exit points an innumerable number of young Ugandans have made their way into UYD only to leave well tested administrators and

democratic leaders.

Such a dynamic exercise has maintained UYD as the leading producer and hence supplier of such invaluable products, a noble and insurmountable contribution towards this country Uganda.

In line with this life long struggle and with a fresh mandate from the National Delegates Conference, the newly elected National Executive Committee has yet embarked on a replenishing exercise that shall descend from top to lower levels. Working with regional representatives the organising Secretary's office has scheduled

elections at district level to start with and to be followed by constituency/sub county elections. A detailed time table to this effect shall be communicated very soon.

Along side these elections, other activities including workshops, conferences, projects and press briefings shall regularly be conducted in all parts of the country as part of the exercise to further sensitise the masses about UYD and also to extend communal services to the people more particularly the internally displaced persons and other special interest groups.

Lastly I am privileged to hint on our long time mega project of establishing a UYD Secretariat. Please keep watching this space.

"In matters of style, swim with the current, in matters of principle stand like a rock"

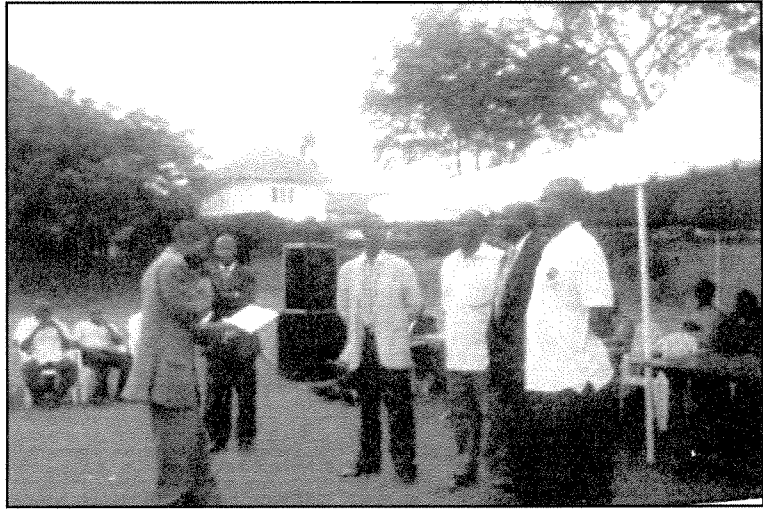
University Branches Building Resource

by the International correspondent

Makerere University holds Colourful Handover Ceremony

On top of the massive attendance, the occasion was graced by the MP Hon. Sebuliba Mutumba who doubled as Chief Guest. Others notably present were The DP Secretary General Prof. Ebil Otto, UYD's Secretary General, Mr. Samuel Muyizzi Mulindwa Organising Secretary, Mr. Sula Sserwadda, Secretary for Welfare; Ms. Brenda Nabukenya, and Area Division Chairman Hajji Nasser Takuba, and several others.

The outgoing Branch Chairman Mr. Midaki Julius in his remarks emphasised the need to entrench the culture of handing over power peacefully in Uganda. He castigated the President of Uganda who he said intends to lead the country like a cultural institution; for life! He went on to narrate the levels where he had found UYD and also narrated challenges he has faced to include; fighting unpopular administrative decisions like tuition increment, financial constraints to run branch activities, intimidation from state operatives and stiff competition from other upcoming political groups. On achievements, he said the branch was now stronger and bigger, it has registered successes in fighting for students' rights especially against tuition increment and it has registered a wider



Outgoing Chairman Mr. Mudaki Julius receives his Certificate of appreciation - Looking on (R-L) Hon. Sebuliba Mutumba (Area MP), Prof. Ebil Otto (Sec. Gen. DP), Hajji Nasser Takuba (Area Division Chairman) and Mr. Samuel Muyizzi Mulindwa (Sec. Gen. UYD)

attraction of women. The Chief guest appreciated the committed leadership that helped him get to parliament and vowed to fight unnecessary increments of tuition dues, using parliament.

The DP Secretary General who was a student leader at his time in Makerere narrated his endeavours against the Amin government at the time, he noted that Museveni's government is not any better. The UYD Secretary General, castigated the weak civil society and students movements

which are adamantly looking on as some individuals grab all government properties like schools land in the names of the upcoming common wealth meeting, he called on the new students leadership to rise up against such ruthlessness. The function was crowned with awarding certificates of achievement to the outgoing executive, presentation of instruments of office to the new executive and a bull roasting ceremony.

Activities through the semester included:-

"Under the orientation week i.e first week of the academic year. We managed to recruit 200 new students. At the registration desk at UNISE, West End and East End departments, we were able to register students while selling the DP membership cards and at the end of the exercise we managed to get 520 students.

"Freshers' ball/handover party where many students gathered, we invited different members of the DP students eventually joined the organisation because they were impressed by their speeches.

Informal recruitment and interfere with students, leaflets messages, about the organisation were distributed to them.

"Written communication regularly on notice boards by the chairperson every

fortnight strengthened the information flow.

Kyambogo University Branch

Quite Successfull

"We organised public lectures where we invited different members of the party (Politicians).

"We organised different meetings and assemblies where students were allowed to interact freely.

"Participated actively in the DP and UYD National Delegates Conferences, Branch leaders were elected to DP and UYD committees at all levels.

"The branch was involved in National Campaign programmes ranging from local, parliamentary and Presidential.

"Some branch leaders were elected to the Nakawa Division Council.

For the branch to take centre stage in the political atmosphere it should be involved in the following-

"Get a permanent office for its activities for registration of new members. This shall go a long way into the recruitment of more members every year. Monthly newsletters to update students about programmes of UYD in and outside Kyambogo.

"Workshops annually aimed at equipping students with leadership skills, human rights and democracy.

I wish to most sincerely thank you all for the support and wish you good re-organisation.

Recommendations

Cabinet Appointments, a Display of lack of Nationalism

Mukasa Fred Mbidde

We are yet entering the era of governance by the NRM Party under the leadership of President Museveni the huge cabinet carries an executive membership of close 7069 Ministers. In short such a meeting of the big men can be construed to depict a political rally and not an executive meeting.

In the 1990's when asked why he possesses the biggest cabinet in Africa, he answered that he has the biggest number of problems. By this answer the implication is that every problem carries a Minister; I once mused to residents of Karerwe who have occasionally suffered floods that the President shall create a Ministry in charge of Kalerwe floods. Of course here the President has failed in his duty of Managing the scarce resources of Uganda to the extent that everybody is poor and all those working with him are rich. It should not have taken every village a Ministerial appointment for that village to support the NRM or to achieve development for that matter. A Nationalist Cabinet of even 10 Ministers in so far as the same is deemed Nationalistic can serve a small country like Uganda with a population of only 26 million people. Kenya, with an outlet to the sea with an enviably coastal economy and a sound industrial base, with a population of close to 34 million people at least according to the Bomas Constitutional amendments, the President has only 20 Ministers and 20 deputies.

South Africa, with a population of 42 million people and with a purchasing power parity of 500 billion dollars has only 28 ministers and 21 deputies despite a solid economy barked by minerals. Ghana according to article 76 of the Constitution of Ghana (1992) provides for 19 ministers. All these countries have a history of war, populations and tribes but are meagre with ministerial appointments. Appointments mean public expenditure more taxes, less savings and thus less investments leading to poverty. The real problem is the lack of a National Spirit and this was born by the NRM's principle of individual merit. This meant that you are not part unless you are there in fact what the President has is a huge cabinet which can be christened King size if I may borrow the FIJI interpretation, the same way every village is seeking to be declared a district, now every household seeks to produce a minister if they are to develop. This is a display of mistrust in the current government by the people. In Luganda we have a saying

that "eyeetuukidde tanywa matabangufu" that he who attends in person gets first class milk. This is the way forward for Ugandans, at least according to them.

Such situations develop when a leader is seen as propelling a cause of either his own tribe or family, the people cease to believe in him as their Leader but a representative of those near him in form of region, religion, tribe or family, the others feel comfortable when they each send their own also to the front desk. Well, I don't blame him for having failed to lead us, my blame is that he still insists he can lead any more.

Obafemi Awolowo of Nigeria had the same problem where when he thought he was agitating against poverty and unemployment, he looked back at the Crowd following him amongst whom were both the rich and the poor, little did he know that they followed him not because they were poor but because they were his fellow Yoruba tribesmen. The late Oginga Odinga, once on the streets for the causes above, had only his fellow Luo following him rich and poor.

Today, the 70 ministers cannot even be identified by the people they claim to serve. The former regimes however had a subject called civics where students would study matters of governance. They would study names of ministers and would know them by finger tips. Now no sooner will the teacher have organised a full lesson than such ministers are sacked.

I am therefore not an active enthusiast of the coming cabinet and to expect them to deliver is to measure the depth of a pond but by using your two feet. That is a very dangerous level of determination, fool hardy and not my type.

I implore you all young democrats to therefore work hard for the next Uganda. Mark all the deficiencies because those will be our pre-occupation the years to come.

Thank you,

The struggle is our life.

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UYD Striving to bring out the best in Women

Women make up more than half the population, and they want half the power. Men are the other half of the population, and they bear half the responsibility.

Even if the emancipation of women in recent years has led to great movement change, many women and girls have successfully fought for their place in the workplace and public life, the world of business and employment as well as politics and society remain very strongly influenced by the traditional relationship between sexes. The dominant roles to men, the service tasks to women.

We as members of the Democratic Party believe that it is not just enough to put women at the fore within our party structures. Our party must be committed to seeing women occupy half the top

Women need real power, DP's Challenge



DP Women activities Mrs. Maxensia Nakanjako (L) and (R) Mrs. Winnie Makumbi

(Chairperson Lubaga Division address a DP rally at the constitutional square

positions in politics and in social institutions, Universities, culture and science, in public sector, and also in bus iness. Pushing for both sexes to hold fair share in all the DP affairs should be DP's agenda. Also the DP should aim to create Frame conditions for education to be fairly distributed between women and men in every day life. Using dialogue and public education, we want to set the course for politics and society to implement gender justice. We support mentoring projects and women's networks that open up and facilitate paths to promotion, for women and men are equal stakeholders in the affairs of their motherland. ■

UYD New Women Leaders Congs, a hard task awaits.

by Wanyese Gorret

For long the women in UYD have been struggling to have a semi autonomous organisation that would be responsible for the women affairs within UYD for women know problems faced by fellow women more than the men.

I am therefore happy to inform you that finally the women have achieved this basing on the fact that recently during the UYD National Delegates Conference the women had the opportunity

to elect the women's' League National leaders. Its along this line therefore that I congratulate all those women who were elected during this delegates conference and My special thanks go to those women who tussled it out with the men and we managed to get 13 positions out of 36 compared to 4in the former leadership for this is what we have always longed for and am very hopeful that we shall have a woman contest for U.Y.D presidency come the next delegates conference.

The greatest challenge however, is the great task that awaits all of us who were elected as this is the time for us to prove to the men in UYD and the country at large that we have the capacity to deliver if given the opportunity. Like a person who has to account for the global fund money in the same way we have got the challenges of showing commitment to the activities of the league so that at the end of the day we have a political accountability that can act as a yardstick for further appointments and elections. ■

DP's Long Walk to Justice

By Godfrey Ntale

This is the second part of the DP's long walk to Justice. In the last update we saw the levels of education standards of the founders of the Democratic Party now we are looking at the announcement of the formation of the Democratic Party.

The formation of the Democratic Party was announced on the 6th of October, 1954 with Joseph Kasolo as its first President. It is only in August 1956 that the Party got a truly National Executive Committee led by Matayo Mugwanya and premises for its headquarters at Katwe.



Former DP President Dr. Paul Ssemwogerere and former Chairman DP working committee Prof. Ssempeebwa unveiled the DP Registration Certificate after registration last year.

On the 25th August, 1956, a Mammoth rally was staged at Nakivubo car park and the objectives of the party were announced. These were:-

- To furnish the country with people who could work in the interests of the masses in the legislative council, to fight It is also then that the Party Motto of "Truth and Justice" was formally adopted.

So were the party flag colours of white and green unfurled with white representing perseverance and green hope. The leadership realized then that independence was a long term objective which had to be planned for. At that time, the legislative council was dominated by White and Asian nominees, there were just a few nominated Africans. There were hardly Africans in the Civil Service.

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grapevine intimate that high officials in government have a stake, Lugogo wetland, Diary Corporation that the press says has now been given out to a Kenyan firm, Uganda Commercial Bank where the first family a key player, to mention but a few.

We ought not to forget the 1987 currency reform debacle that ended like a massive robbery when the government decided, from the blue, to subject each individual to an unknown tax and grabbed 30 percent of people's hard earned income.

How about the selling of the rundown national parastatals to either cronies or fronts that took them away at give away prices and the leaders telling us that, it was a process of collecting 'mabugo' or condolence and funeral contributions.

Now the very latest, government gives away 30 million dollars so as to buy 20 percent stakes in "Sudhir Ruperalia's" Munyonyo resort that can only be worthy 25 million dollars. The money is to help Ruperalia build 62 presidential suites at the facility in preparation of the Common Wealth Summit (CHOGOM) next year. This CHOGOM animal must have been a God-sent opportunity for the grabbers!

This is the portrait and legacy of the Ugandan leadership between 1986 probably until 2011 and unless they changed or some one forced them to change, Ugandans who will come to take over from the group, will inherit a shell for a country whose independence would have largely been compromised.

DP the beacon of hope.

UYD urges you all to have patience to persevere and the vision to forge ahead. One day someone is going to wake in the morning and have something they did not have the day before and that is hope for prosperity. Optimistic that we must get there, Join the crusade for a better Uganda, JOIN DP

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