

an election which it opposed from the beginning?

Why should the United States wish to have any part in a maneuver which would have the effect of helping Soviet-aided political leaders to resume their effort to put Rhodesia under the influence of Moscow?

I really can't make it out. Can you?

Roscoe Drummond, syndicated columnist and election observer.

Simple justice, we believe, demands that the president signify approval of these first steps toward black majority rule by ending trade sanctions and recognizing the Muzorewa government. It is time to accord Zimbabwe Rhodesia some breathing space in these positive and constructive ways. Other black African states may indeed be miffed; pacifying them is a job for which our State Department's Africa desk is admirably suited.

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BISHOP MUZOREWA SENDS MESSAGE TO U.S. SENATE

EXPRESSES THANKS FOR MOVE TO LIFT SANCTIONS

The following is the text of a message dated May 24 sent by Bishop Abel Muzorewa to Vice President Mondale in his capacity as President of the Senate:-

As Prime Minister of Rhodesia, I was pleased that the United States Senate voted so overwhelmingly to remove sanctions from my country. These sanctions have had a harmful effect on my people and I know I speak for most constructive Zimbabweans in thanking you as President of the United States Senate for the action taken by the majority of Senators.

My first priority as leader of my country will be to bring back peace to my people and prosperity to our land. I am, therefore, doing all I can to persuade those with guns to lay down their arms and to return in peace. Removal of sanctions will help create the prosperity we aim for. Regrettably, the Patriotic Front leadership has so far rejected all-party talks and seeks power through the barrel of the gun rather than through the ballot box. I am sure you will remember that in October, 1978 while in your headquarters in Washington, we categorically stated that we wanted to attend an all-party conference. I am sure it did not work because the Patriotic Front was intransigent.

Nevertheless, I am proud to be able to tell you that our recent election heralds the dawn of democracy in my country, and as leader of my people and a Christian and a bishop of the United Methodist Church, I am confident that President Carter, himself a true Christian and champion of human rights, will have the honesty and courage to lift economic sanctions and officially recognise my new government.

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