

TEXT OF SPEECH BY DR. ARTHUR T. PORTER, PRINCIPAL
OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NAIROBI, ON THE OCCASION OF
THE VISIT TO THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE OF
HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. HUBERT HUMPHREY, VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON MONDAY, 8.1.68.

On behalf of University College, Nairobi, I take this opportunity to welcome His Excellency the Vice-President of the United States of America, Mr. Hubert Humphrey, to the Faculty of Veterinary Science of the University.

We would like to take this opportunity to express through him to the President and people of the United States our appreciation for the deep interest they have shown in the past in the problems of higher education in the developing countries of Africa.

This Faculty is a successful example of international co-operation, for we have here working in the fullest co-operation teams of scholars and researchers from Great Britain, the United States, the Federal Republic of Germany and Norway, together with our East African colleagues. Finance, which has made this possible, has come from all these sources, including the Governments of East Africa. I take the opportunity this afternoon to acknowledge our gratitude for the contribution, in terms of men and materials and buildings, which we have received from

from the Government of the United States through their Agency for International Development, as well as from the Rockefeller Foundation of the United States.

The East African Governments in 1963 came to the conclusion that their endeavours in the field of higher education could best be served through the establishment of the University, with ^{one} ~~three~~ Colleges in each of its three capitals, for a period of at least three years from 1964 to 1967. This original co-operation has been proved successful and it has been decided to maintain the University for at least a period of three years until the end of 1970.

In this second triennium we have also been greatly encouraged and assisted by our friends from overseas. This Faculty continues to receive support from the United States Government through the Agency for International Development and through the contract with Colorado State University, whose President we were privileged to welcome to the campus last week.

We were, however, disappointed that, at the recent University of East Africa Conference held here in Nairobi in October, the representatives of the United States Government were not able to make the assurances for continued and expanded assistance to the University which we had hoped confidence in us would have elicited.

We are deeply grateful for the assurances we nevertheless received from other donor agencies and we very much hope His Excellency the Vice-President will take back with him our concern and our hopes that a review will be possible of United States support for our endeavours in this triennium, and that a possibility will be found to give aid proportionately both to our needs and their ability.

We take the opportunity once again to express our sincere appreciation that His Excellency the Vice-President was able to include this visitation with us in his very crowded programme and we hope he will take back with him pleasant memories of an institution endeavouring to cope with the formidable problems of education in this country - a country which is ready to join with all men of goodwill in the eradication of ignorance and in the preservation of peace in our world.