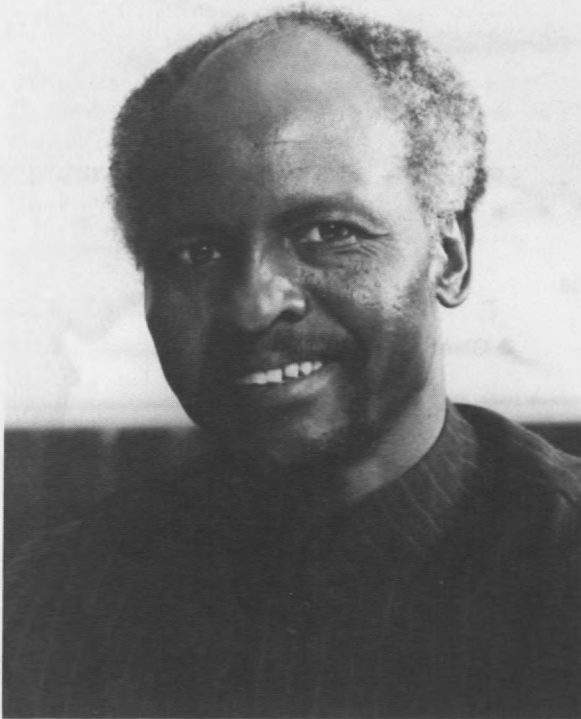


PRESIDENT BANANA
OF ZIMBABWE



President Canaan Sodindo Banana was born at Esiphezinion March 5, 1936. He received his primary education at Mzinyati Mission, and his secondary education at Tegwani High School.

In the 1960's and 1970's he studied in Rhodesia, Japan, the United States and South Africa completing, among other degrees, a Master of Theological Studies.

His career has been varied and wide-ranging. President Banana has served as a Methodist schools manager, Principal at Matjinge Boarding School, visiting chaplain at Tegwani High School and Chairman of the Bulawayo Council of Churches.

He was Chairman of the Southern Africa Content Group at the Urban/Industrial Mission of the All Africa Conference of Churches from 1970 to 1973. Since 1970 he has been a member of the Advisory Committee of the World Council of Churches.

His entry into politics began when he became a founder-member and the first Vice-President of the African National Council, a body established to mobilise African opinion against the Home-Smith Proposals in 1971. The Rhodesian authorities constantly harassed him and, in 1972, they impounded his passport and prohibited him from entering Police stations throughout the country, on the grounds that he would bring undue political influence to bear on members of the force.

President Banana became Chaplain of the American University in Washington, DC, during the years 1973 to 1975. When he returned from America he was arrested by the Rhodesian authorities and sentenced to three months' hard labour for leaving the country without travel documents. In 1976,