

Recent Eminent Visitors to Canada

President Kaunda of Zambia

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia recently visited Ottawa informally from November 17 to 19 accompanied by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Arthur Wina, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. E. H. K. Mudenda, and various officials. The President came to Ottawa following a brief visit to New York, where he addressed the United Nations General Assembly. The purpose of his visit was to discuss matters of common concern with the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin. Discussions covered Commonwealth matters, especially the Rhodesian situation, and the problems of southern Africa in general. The Zambian ministers called on the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Robert Winters, to discuss Zambian-Canadian trade and invited a Canadian trade mission to visit Zambia soon to explore the prospects for increasing this trade. Members of the Zambian delegation discussed aid to Zambia with the Director-General of the External Aid Office, who called on President Kaunda.

After his stay in Ottawa, the President, accompanied by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, visited Windsor on November 19, where he received an honorary Doctorate of Law from the University of Windsor. A friendly relationship exists between the University and the Zambian Government. Dr. W. Phillips, a Professor of Economics from the University, is currently the President's Economic Adviser and, last summer, Professor White of the University's Political Science Department spent three months in Lusaka on a special assignment with the Cabinet Office of the Zambian Government.

Racial Problems Stressed

At his press conference in Ottawa and in his speech to the convocation at Windsor, the President concentrated on the racial problems in southern Africa in general and urged greater recognition on the part of Western nations of the potentially damaging nature of these problems. He referred to the important role Prime Minister Pearson played in bringing closer together differing viewpoints at the Commonwealth prime ministers' meeting in London in September. He spoke briefly of the difficulties Zambia is facing as a result of the illegal situation in Rhodesia. Zambia's economy was closely integrated with that of Southern Rhodesia during the ten-year Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, which was dissolved in 1963, and Zambia continues to depend, to some extent, on transportation facilities through Rhodesia and on fuel and power imports from that territory.

The President also expressed the gratitude of the Zambian Government for the assistance Canada has extended to Zambia, in particularly participation