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GHANAIAN TIMES HITS PLAN TO SABOTAGE OAU SUMMIT

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(Text) The GHANAIAN TIMES discusses how Africans can defeat the imperialist conspiracy to sabotage the OAU summit conference in Accra next September. The paper suggests that a truth offensive be launched to lay the wicked and ungodly lies spread about Ghana--the host for the summit meeting--by the Entente Council. It says: Prompted by foreign interests, the Entente Council is going beyond the bounds of reason to undermine the Accra summit.

It reiterates that the anti-Ghana offensive, first launched in Nouakchott and whipped up during the last two weeks by the Entente Council, cannot be aimed at Ghana. It says: The heads of state and governments of these countries have ample time and opportunity to discuss what difficulties may exist between them and Ghana, and it (the Entente Council--ed.) has no justification at all in making its cooperation with the OAU conditional upon its relations with Ghana. In the first place, says the paper, the OAU itself provides the forum for resolving differences between member states.

It asks: Would it not be better, therefore, if such differences as the Nouakchott community complains of were discussed within the framework of the OAU? It asks further: If all nations were to make their continued participation in the United Nations dependent upon their relations with the United States, would it ever be possible to have a world forum?

It says: Who does not know of the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency? Have they not on their own admission been responsible for the overthrow of at least two governments--Iran and Turkey? But, beyond complaints about the safety and security of delegations, who is saying he is not going to participate in the United Nations General Assembly because it is held in New York?

The paper says it cites this not to vindicate the operations of the CIA. It remarks that President Hamani Diori of Niger said in Lagos that their threat to boycott the summit is not aimed at the OAU because they would be ready to attend the summit if it were held in any country other than Ghana. It says: Hamani Diori knows for certain that if the conference cannot take place in Accra it cannot take place anywhere else, at least for the rest of the year.

The paper asks: What, then, can be behind the suggestion that the conference should take place somewhere else? It points out that Hamani Diori and his people have been asked to play for time. It remarks that the imperialists need time to tend the neocolonialist tree they are planting in the Congo. They want no bother from an OAU summit, which would necessarily come out strongly against their continued intervention in the Congo. They want to be left alone to carry (away--ed.) the loot with their subservient (line?) states serving as their underpaid carriers.

The TIMES asserts that the imperialists are convinced, and Diori and Yameogo know too, that in the empty expanse of space that would be left the patience of the masses of Africa who are concerned with genuine independence for the Congo would be overstretched and the worthiness of the OAU as an instrument of safeguarding African independence and unity would be lost. By then, writes the paper, the only course that might be open would be the breakup of the organization, and it says it would surprise Ghanaians if Diori, Yameogo, and their friends were only unconscious agents.