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XXX THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

(TEXT) MR. SMITH SAID HE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO DR. KISSINGER INDICATING THAT RHODESIA ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO THE STATED CONDITIONS AND SUBJECT TO THEIR BEING ACCEPTED BY THE OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED.

HE DID NOT SAY TO WHICH OTHER PARTIES HE WAS REFERRING.

MR. SMITH BEGAN HIS 18-MINUTE AND 40-SECOND BROADCAST BY SAYING THAT AT HIS MEETINGS IN PRETORIA WITH DR. KISSINGER AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER, "IT WAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ME... THAT AS LONG AS THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN RHODESIA PREVAILED, WE COULD EXPECT NO HELP OR SUPPORT OF ANY KIND FROM THE FREE WORLD."

"ON THE CONTRARY, THE PRESSURES ON US FROM THE FREE WORLD WOULD CONTINUE TO MOUNT."

GOVERNMENT SOURCES IN SALISBURY HAD EARLIER SAID THAT THE KEY FACTOR IN RHODESIA'S ABOUTFACE ON BLACK MAJORITY RULE WAS AN INTIMATION BY MR. VORSTER THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD APPLY ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON RHODESIA, WHICH IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT FOR SURVIVAL ON ITS POWERFUL WHITE-RULED SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR.

"IT WAS HOBSON'S CHOICE," ONE SAID. "THEY HAD US IN THE NUTCRACKER."

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MR. SMITH SAID: "THE PROPOSALS WHICH WERE PUT TO US IN PRETORIA DO NOT REPRESENT WHAT IN OUR VIEW COULD BE THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

"REGRETTABLY, HOWEVER, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO MAKE OUR VIEWS PREVAIL, ALTHOUGH WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE SOME MODIFICATIONS IN THE PROPOSALS. THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS, TOGETHER WITH THE MAJOR WESTERN POWERS, HAVE MADE UP THEIR MINDS AS TO THE KIND OF SOLUTION THEY WISH TO SEE IN RHODESIA AND THEY ARE DETERMINED TO BRING IT ABOUT."

MR. SMITH, WHO ONCE SAID HE DID NOT ENVIAGE BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA FOR 1,000 YEARS, SAID TONIGHT:

"MY OWN POSITION ON MAJORITY RULE IS WELL KNOWN. I HAVE STATED IN PUBLIC MANY TIMES THAT I BELIEVE I ECHO THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY OF BOTH BLACK AND WHITE RHODESIANS WHEN I SAY THAT WE SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE, PROVIDED THAT IT IS RESPONSIBLE RULE."

ONE IMPORTANT FACTOR MISSING FROM MR. SMITH'S SPEECH TONIGHT WAS ANY INDICATION TO WHICH RHODESIAN AFRICANS HE WOULD TALK WITH ABOUT SETTING UP AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

RHODESIA'S NATIONALISTS ARE BITTERLY DIVIDED AND OBSERVERS SAID THERE COULD BE MAJOR COMPLICATIONS IN DECIDING WHICH FACTION WOULD PREDOMINATE.

OF HIS OWN FUTURE, MR. SMITH SAID: "I HOPE TO SHARE THE PRIVILEGE OF CONTINUING TO PLAY A PART IN HELPING TO GUIDE THE DESTINY OF RHODESIA."

THERE WAS IMMEDIATE SPECULATION THAT HE MIGHT BE AIMING FOR THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF STATE WHEN IT IS FORMED.

HE CAUTIONED RHODESIANS AGAINST WHAT HE CALLED PREMATURE DESPONDENCY, AND SAID BOTH BLACKS AND WHITES SHOULD FACE WITH DIGNITY AND RESTRAINT IN THE TESTING TIME WHICH LIES BEFORE US."

MR. SMITH ENDED BY QUOTING SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WORDS DURING WORLD WAR III:

"NOW IS NOT EVEN THE BEGINNING OF THE END, BUT IT IS, PERHAPS, THE END OF THE BEGINNING."

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