

**ADDRESS BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT MZEE JOMO
KENYATTA, C.G.H., M.P., ON THE OCCASION OF
MADARAKA DAY, 1978**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN . . .

With peace, stability and faith in unity, fifteen years of careful planning and application have enabled us to achieve much.

My Government has expanded education aiming at universal primary education for every Kenyan by 1980.

In agriculture we have reached a position of self-sufficiency in basic foods and great improvements have been made in the export of our cash crops.

Political stability and our investment policies have continued to attract foreign investment in our country. Through joint ventures we have achieved a high degree of industrial development. Our efforts will now be directed to overseas markets.

My Government has greatly improved every form of communication throughout the country.

You are aware of measures recently taken by my Government to protect our wildlife.

In the field of health we have stepped up training of personnel at all levels while increasing hospital beds in the past few years. Health centres and dispensaries have been opened in all parts of our Republic.

Power development has kept pace with growth of our nation. We intend to exploit geothermal resources and Turkwell River in West Pokot District.

All the progress has been achieved through unity, dedication, hard work, sacrifice, courage and confidence. By taking our destiny in our hands, we have managed to promote national

development while preserving basic freedoms and the rule of law. The Government has always responded to the wishes of the people in their aspirations to achieve self-reliance. This is the foundation of our peace and stability.

We extend our domestic concern for peace and stability to other nations and respect their territorial integrity. We do so in the hope that other nations will equally respect our territorial integrity.

Our respect for the United Nations and the O.A.U. Charters, our faith in unity rooted in a bond of mutual understanding help Kenyans to withstand all challenges. Our readiness to defend national integrity cannot be measured in terms of heavy expenditure in armaments but in national unity, loyalty to the Government and dedication to defend what we have built.

Let us continue together in the noble task of promoting social and economic change, defending our rightful heritage and always ready to extend goodwill to others. Time has proved that the preservation of human dignity in freedom, creates and preserves peace, stability and unity.

"H A R A M B E E"

STATE HOUSE,

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20th May, 1978.