

SALIM'S PERSONAL NOTES

Saturday, July 18, 1990:

Vacation in Tanzania:

At about 1145 hours, we left Addis Ababa for Kilimanjaro International Airport enroute to Dar es Salaam. We actually departed at 1200 hours. And the flight to KIA took 2 hours. We had a short transit stop and then flew to Dar es Salaam which took about 50 minutes.

We - my family and I are going home on a short vacation. During this trip, I am accompanied by Amne, Ahmed and Maryam who arrived last Saturday from Washington is also travelling with us. She will spend the remaining of her holidays in Tanzania. Also travelling with us were Sada Nassor, Scholastica Mhina and little Martha.

Incredible as it may sound, this is the first vacation I am taking in my more than 26 years of public life and service. According to OAU Rules, I am entitled to a home paid leave every two years. But I am also entitled to an annual vacation which I may spend at home or anywhere but at my own expenses. I decided to go home because I bandly need some rest. Since taking over my new responsibilities as OAU Secretary General in September last year, I have been extremely busy - both in Addis Ababa and travelling abroad. This plus the pressures of the recently concluded summit really makes the vacation not just desirable but imperative. Thus the trip to Tanzania. According to present plans I will stay in Tanzania until August 19 when I will return to Addis Ababa two days before I embark on a series of trips and commitments which will see me fully occupied until mid-December. Indeed, on August 21 I am scheduled to leave Addis Ababa for Nairobi en route to Gaborone to attend the 10th Anniversay of SADCC. Maryam is scheduled to leave for Washington via Zurich on August 17. Amne, Ahmed and the rest of the Salim's extended family is expected back in Addis Ababa during the first