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EDITORIAL NOTES

As we had announced earlier, and in keeping with our tradition of honouring illustrious and activist sons of Africa, this issue of *Ufahamu* is dedicated to our deceased brother, Henry B.M. Chipembere. Although we have departed somewhat from our original intention of reprinting his article on Southern Africa and building the whole issue exclusively around the present realities and contradictions in Southern Africa, we are inclined to think that what we have done is a more fitting tribute to his wide-ranging intellect than what we had planned to do. Nothing confirms us more in this belief than the tone of our deceased brother's paper, published here for the first time, and which with the other articles in this issue touch on problems in the west, east and South Africa. Furthermore, the underlying theme of the articles is the loss of, or fight for *independence* in one of its various forms - economical, cultural, political, ideological, mental or physical. No part of Africa can claim to have achieved *complete* independence, a fact to which the exile of our late brother can testify. We hope this issue will begin the task of ending the exile of his spirit, if not his body.

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In our Volume III, Number 2, we initiated an "ISSUES" segment aimed at encouraging our readers to express their opinion and insights in a format that allows more scope than a letter to the editor, but at the same time is unencumbered by the paraphernalia of the scholarly paper. We are starting it up again (we did so before in Volume I number 1) with a bang in this issue. The main aim of the segment remains the same - a chance for more readers to state their opinions and a chance for *Ufahamu* to stay on top of the most pressing issues facing Africa today. We hope you will seize the opportunity to communicate with us. *Ufahamu* is your journal and we welcome notes, letters, statements and articles.

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Everyone knows these are hard times indeed. The area studies centers and the universities themselves are facing a tightening budget and rising prices. Consequently, it is necessary to review certain operations from time to time if not to increase efficiency, at least to halt deterioration. One of the areas that has come under scrutiny is our overseas airmail rate. The Postal authorities have more than doubled the cost of mailing printed materials overseas while we have remained

the same for the past four years. To stop the drain from our meager revenues we are raising our overseas airmail rate from \$2.00 to \$7.50 per volume of three issues. Surprising as this may sound this is still lower than what the postal authorities charge us for a volume. So starting from Vol VII Number 2, overseas airmail rate is \$2.50 per issue. We are sorry to have to raise the rate so drastically, but are no longer able to subsidize overseas airmail postal rates as before and still continue publishing. It is an either/or situation and we are sure our overseas readers will understand. Of course this new rate will not affect those whose current subscriptions have not run out; we will also continue our FREE surface mail deliveries to any part of the world.

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