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Two presidents at 17th Assembly



THE FIRST AFRICAN in Kenya to "reach the dizzy heights of editor": President Kenyatta at the inauguration ceremony

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PRESIDENT KAUNDA of Zambia arriving at Nairobi City Hall to applause

APART from being IPI's first in Africa and the first to be addressed by two Heads of State, the 17th Assembly was memorable for many reasons.

No Assembly has had wider international representation: 150 members and observers from 31 countries, plus IPI students from 11 African nations. They were able to quiz Kenya Cabinet ministers and outstanding figures like McGeorge Bundy or Helen Vlachos. Above all, they could look at Africa's problems. Few questions were ducked in sessions marked by refreshing frankness and carried along with African vitality and humour.

A main aim of all Assemblies - increasing understanding among journalists - was certainly achieved. Africans and members from five other continents got to know each other not only in the sessions but at functions and on tours which gave fascinating glimpses of East Africa, its people and wildlife. The smoothness of the programme hid the massive efforts the Kenya National Committee had made for its success.

Finally, in the atmosphere created by a successful Assembly, IPI tackled its own problems and Executive Board action was taken launching a drive to solve financial difficulties of the Institute.