

Zaire envoy once sentenced to death

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — It is an old African custom for governments to rehabilitate politicians who have fallen out of favor. But the case of Nguzi Karl-Bond is noteworthy even by African standards.

Nguzi has just been appointed Zaire's ambassador to Washington by the same government that once sentenced him to death. He is the personal representative in Washington of President Mobutu Sese Seko, who once called the envoy a traitor.

In no small measure, Zaire's reputation as one of the world's most corrupt countries is attributable to the international campaign Nguzi waged against Mobutu during Nguzi's years in exile. Nguzi has written a book titled "Mobutu, The Sickness of Zaire." He once claimed that Mobutu plundered \$150 million in less than two years.

Nguzi, 48, who has served three times as foreign minister, was imprisoned — he claims — tortured by the government, respects human rights, the official said, adding that

he faced as prime minister, only to flee to exile in Belgium in April 1981.

In September of that year, he said during a visit to Washington that peaceful change could not occur in Zaire so long as Mobutu remained in power.

He told a congressional subcommittee at the time: "Change must occur and must occur soon. For the deterioration is so rapid and the danger so grave that those who would benefit from the destabilization of my country are anxiously awaiting to take advantage of the final crumbling of the present regime."

Crawford Young, a professor at the University of Wisconsin, said Mobutu has rehabilitated many political opponents, a tactic that has helped him to survive for 21 years.

"You can never be sure that anyone is a permanent enemy," Young said. A U.S. official, who asked not to be identified, said Mobutu benefits from the appointment of Nguzi in several ways. He can cite Nguzi's re-emergence as proof to Zaire's critics that the government respects human rights, the official said, adding that

the envoy has numerous contacts from his previous visits here. Beyond that, Nguzi is a man of unusual ability, the official said.

Nguzi did not respond to a telephone request to his secretary for an interview.

But he told an acquaintance several months ago that he decided to return to Zaire because of frustration with life in exile.

"He's a patriot who wanted to do something to do with the conduct of government," said the acquaintance, who declined to be publicly identified.

This source added that Nguzi's transition from pariah to ambassador was made easier by the steps Mobutu has taken to curb abuses.

The United States has been one of Mobutu's staunchest supporters despite evidence of large-scale plundering.

Nguzi, while in exile, revealed details of a parliamentary investigation into Mobutu's finances, showing that from 1977 to the first quarter of 1979, a total of \$150,403,350 in foreign currency was withdrawn by Mobutu from the Bank of Zaire.

Labor Day signifies change in Pennsylvania

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PHILADELPHIA — Labor Day is the American holiday when most workers get to rest, picnic, and have fun with their families at parties and street festivals. But also, traditionally, it is the week that launches the fall election campaign.

That's exactly what's happened this year in Pennsylvania.

In Philadelphia, the state's biggest city, thousands of people came to the Delaware River waterfront for the first annual Ice Cream and Music Festival.

Ice cream lovers who came to the Penn's Landing Great Plaza had a choice of 120 toppings to personalize sundae while enjoying various kinds of music provided by the Latin jazz ensemble Masala and by the 550th Air Force Band.

Nearby, in Philadelphia's Old City, thousands more enjoyed the 15th annual Weekend Festival with all types of ethnic foods offered on the sidewalks by local restaurants.

In many other neighborhoods, and in the suburbs and all across the

state, people got together for block parties, shared food at backyard barbecues or frolicked in their pools.

In Hedges, near Pottsville in Schuylkill County, a controversial pigeon shoot was held for the 32nd consecutive Labor Day, despite protesting bird lovers.

About 200 animal rights activists, carrying signs that read "Don't teach your kids to kill," turned out to jeer the 300 shooters who assembled to compete in an event that since 1934 has raised more than \$175,000 to maintain the community park.

In Philadelphia, Mayor W. Wilson Goode joined scores of volunteers at the Civic Center to take pledges in the annual Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon hosted nationwide by comedian Jerry Lewis.

Earlier, Goode called on citizens in his Labor Day message "to celebrate the contributions and efforts of the American worker."

It is also a time to confirm the commitment of government, working in partnership with private industry, to promote a healthy economic climate," the mayor said.

While Labor Day officially ends the

Delivery service brings food to doorstep

By JAMES A. STEWART
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A new delivery service opening this weekend in State College offers students the opportunity to order food from several local fast food restaurants without leaving their residence or apartments.

The Lion Express food delivery service, 228 S. Fraser St., will deliver food from nine local restaurants from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. beginning Sept. 4, said its operations manager, Doug Trimble.

The service is paid for by a 50-cent delivery charge and a surcharge of 10 to 25 cents per food item, Trimble said. Some participating restaurants will discount their food to keep prices low, he added.

Jim Fong, president of Hungry Express, a national chain that owns the local service, said the company was started "because we saw a great need in the age of the express-oriented society."

The typical Hungry Express customer is "someone who values their time, is busy and enjoys the convenience of having someone deliver," Fong said.

Fong said he did not expect local restaurants to begin competing with their own delivery services if his company is successful here.

"Delivery for one restaurant cannot meet its overhead. The only way a delivery company can make a viable existence is to contract with a number of restaurants," he said.

Vince Raco, supervisor at Kentucky Fried Chicken, said his company is participating in the Lion Express service "to see if there's a market for us on campus."

Raco said the campus area is largely untapped by the chicken franchise's two local stores on North and South Atherton Street because of their locations. The stores cater mainly to families in State College.

The new service gave the two stores an opportunity to experiment without beginning their own delivery operation, Raco said. The Kentucky Fried Chicken parent company asked the State College restaurants to postpone starting their own delivery services until they measured the results of similar experiments in Macon, Ga., and Louisville, Ky., he added.

In this type of town, we can't afford to wait to start our own delivery service," Raco said. "The longer we wait, the farther back we'd be."

Raco said he expected some increase in overall business for his restaurants but could not estimate how much. He added that he expects 20 percent of

current business to switch from walk-in trade to home delivery.

Bob Hamilton, manager of Pedro's Fine Mexican Foods, 131 S. Garner St., said his restaurant, which previously operated its own delivery service for two years, switched to delivery by Lion Express for convenience.

"It's hard to get good drivers to stay and keep working," he said. "All we have to do is make the food and they'll deliver."

The variety of restaurants involved may increase delivery business, Hamilton said. "People who wouldn't just order Mexican might order from Mexican, we'll get the order."

Wayne Pagani, manager of Arby's Roast Beef Restaurant, 400 W. College Ave., said his restaurant had considered a delivery service last year but dropped the idea because of potential delivery problems.

"Lion Express is doing all the hiring and buying all the extra equipment you have to purchase," he said. "This way, it wouldn't be any extra work."

The new service limits delivery to the evening hours, Pagani said. If the service had been opened full time, it might affect walk-in business during lunchtime, when his restaurant is busiest.

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