

Mwalimu for Europe tomorrow

By Staff Reporter

PRESIDENT Nyerere leaves Dar es Salaam tomorrow for an official tour of three European countries, at the head of a high-powered delegation.

According to a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mwalimu, who will be accompanied by his wife Mama Maria, will visit The Netherlands, Yugoslavia and Britain.

The President and his entourage will first visit The Netherlands starting Sunday. During his three-day visit, Mwalimu will hold talks with senior Dutch Government officials in The Hague.

From The Netherlands the President will proceed to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, for a three-day visit. While in Yugoslavia, he will hold talks with Yugoslav leaders on bilateral and international relations issues.

The President will fly to Britain on March 17, where he will hold talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Queen Elizabeth. He is expected back home on March 22.

The statement said Mwalimu's visit comes at a time when the South African racist regime is attempting as ever to thwart aspirations of the people in South Africa and trying to export hegemonism to the Frontline States.

It also comes at a time when Mwalimu is the Chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), with most African countries suffering from famine due to unprecedented drought.

Other members of the President's entourage are the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ndugu Benjamin Mkapa; the Zanzibar Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Sports, Dr Msim Abdul Rahman; and the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Ndugu Gilman Rutihinda.

Others are the Tanzania High Commissioner to Britain, Ndugu Anthony Nyakyi; the Ambassador to The Hague, Ndugu Stephen Tunginie; and the Director of Europe and the Americas Division in the Foreign Ministry, Ndugu Dora Bantu.

● Meanwhile, Mwalimu leaves for Lusaka, Zambia today to attend a one-day Frontline States Summit meeting.

Mwalimu will be accompanied by Ndugu Mkapa; Tanzania's High Commissioner to Zambia, Ndugu Salehe Tambwe; the Director of Africa and Middle East Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ndugu Raphael Korroso; and other senior government officials.

Mwalimu is expected back later today.