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CBS TO BE OPENED BUT THERE IS A CATCH!!!

We can soon afford to give Mengo their federo

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This week our friend Bert, the monarchist, tried to rubbish our brand new acquisition – Seya (AKA. *Nasser SSebagala*) the great mobilizer – saying the man has passed his sell-by date. We kept asking him why then he was bothered about Seya’s joining the NRM camp. He kept bothering us until Frank threw the bombshell.

“And do you think Seya is the only card we have in the central region?” he asked on Wednesday evening as he sipped his red wine. “Do you know we can mobilize the least person you would have expected?”

How? asked sneered Bert: “You may or may not be aware that the government is not afraid of re-opening CBS radio,” Frank began calmly.

“Then you open it!” challenged Frank angrily. “You know for us we are good businessmen, among other things,” Frank went on unperturbed. “When you are re-launching or launching a new product, you do it with a bang. You don’t whisper your arrival, you shout about it.” *Please note that statement!*

“So you think by reopening CBS towards elections the Baganda will be happy and give you their votes?” asked Bert: “My dear, I told you we are talking business here, not just politics,” Frank continued. “When we re-open CBS it will not just be over some compromise with Mengo. It will be for maximum benefit to us the (NRM).

It will be a new station serving our interests and making lots of money. So we want it to re-open with a bang, with news and entertainment that you monarchists, **Monarchists referring to Baganda** cannot resist. ”He paused and smiled slyly, observing the confusion and doubt he had managed to sow in me, Bert’s mind.

But I recovered quickly and hit out: “*So you are going to use our taxes to buy the shares of the current owners?* We shall know that and boycott it if you open it under new ownership, if you think you are shrewd businessmen.”

“**Who is talking about buying shares?**” laughed Frank. “We do not want to own a single share in a re-opened CBS. We just want it to serve hot, sizzling news that will make the eyes pop out of your head.” *But what exactly is hit sizzling new?*

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“Maybe he wants you to leak him a little bit more, how we can do it,” said Bob Kabunga, the tough Mbogo clansman, wanting to know Frank’s game scenario without appearing not to know it already.

“What if we open CBS around November, and soon after we announce that we are ready to grant Mengo the full federo they have been clamoring for?” Frank wandered around, as if talking to himself. “I wonder if that wouldn’t be a good story to re-launch the station!”

We were all stunned! and nobody spoke for a while as Frank continued.. “Then we announce our proposal of the technicalities of the phased implementation of the said federo in a very long document, and we ask Mengo to approve or make adjustments in the document. All this is buying us time into and past the elections

I wonder if any other news can compete with that process on the new CBS. They will publicize Mengo’s responses to points in our document, and it might be Mengo that demands that our negotiations be private, and we shall keep leaking the negotiations to the media, and all will be showing our very accommodative positions, and highlight the few selfish obstacles that may be posed by individuals from Mengo, that could delay the federo. I wonder if that would not dominate the airtime on CBS all the way up to the elections!”
These are the same tactics used by NRM during the land Bill, privatization etc, the Baganda will always chew on what you throw at them

“That is manipulation!” screamed Bert. “No manipulation at all,” said Frank bluntly. “We would be true to our word for we don’t fear your federo anymore, if we ever did. We can grant it and let individuals in Mengo abuse it so much that after a few years, the angry Baganda peasants will rise up and call for an end to the federo. We would then let Parliament deal with that when the time comes.”

We were all left speechless and as we retired to our homes, I wondered if my bosses would dare carry out the scheme Frank had just outlined.

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So there you have it my fellow Ugandans