



SRI SATHYA SAI™

Divine Visit to East Africa

This Day ... That Year

June 30 to July 14, 1968

Day 1





Take-off From Mumbai And Arrival At Kampala (Via Nairobi)

June 30, 1968





On this historic day, Baba said,
"I have resolved to enfold in the fostering care of the universal dharma laid down in the Vedas, the people of the world. This will be done soon. This is My task. It is not My task to spread awe and wonder in the world by My power and draw men to Me thereby. I shall sustain Truth and uproot untruth. I shall render you happy and ecstatic, in the splendour of that Triumph."





Santa Cruz airport spilled over with thousands of devotees. Baba walked the length of the main airport building, waving His hand so that the cheering masses atop the terrace could imprint that charming picture in their hearts.





**Air India Boeing 707 aircraft left at
9 a.m. IST for Nairobi.**





Flying at 590 miles per hour at the altitude of over 35,000 feet, Baba was busy in the Boeing, granting the passengers signs of His grace, such as autographing a book or a photograph, materializing Vibhuti, or furnishing illuminating answers to solve personal problems of every kind and so on.





Bob Raymer of Los Angeles, a member of the party, saw Baba keep both His feet pressed on the slanting back of the empty seat just ahead of Him;





**And he did not miss the chance;
he clicked twice and got two pictures of
the Lotus Feet that millions adore.**





Baba had a charming sense of humour. Lovingly admonishing Bob, He wrote a postcard to him giving His own address as 'Boeing 707'.

Bob Raymer responded in the same spirit by writing,
*"The sky is blue,
The ocean too;
Our wish has come true,
And we are flying with You!"*





Arrival at Mount Kenya was announced over the PA system, "Landing at Embakasi airport at four minutes to twelve, local time" while their watches insisted it was already 2.24 p.m.!





**Welcomed with the Bhajan
'Nandalala Yadu Nandalala',
there was no security check for Swami.
Many devotees waited for His darshan.**





**Swami was then taken royally by
Dr. Chhotabhai G Patel in a floral car.**





A long drive of 660 km via scenic spots, ensued from Nairobi to Kampala. In the town of Nakuru, devotees of Baba had assembled in the house of Mr. Thakur, the ex-Mayor, awaiting for the arrival of their Master and Lord.





In spite of the fact that He had still close to 500 km to go before some rest could be given to the body, Baba responded to the pining hearts and alighted at the place.

He sat for some time receiving the adoration and blessing the people, who had gathered.

Then the journey was resumed.





From Malaba, on the border of Uganda, an impressive pilot car preceded the car of Baba, as a sign and symbol of His being welcomed by the rulers of that state. The cars drove on to Jinja, where the Nile emerges out of the womb of Lake Victoria, and, channelled through turbines, flows north, to fulfil its vow of over a 5000 km pilgrimage to the Mediterranean Sea.





The Journey Continues ...

Stay Tuned

