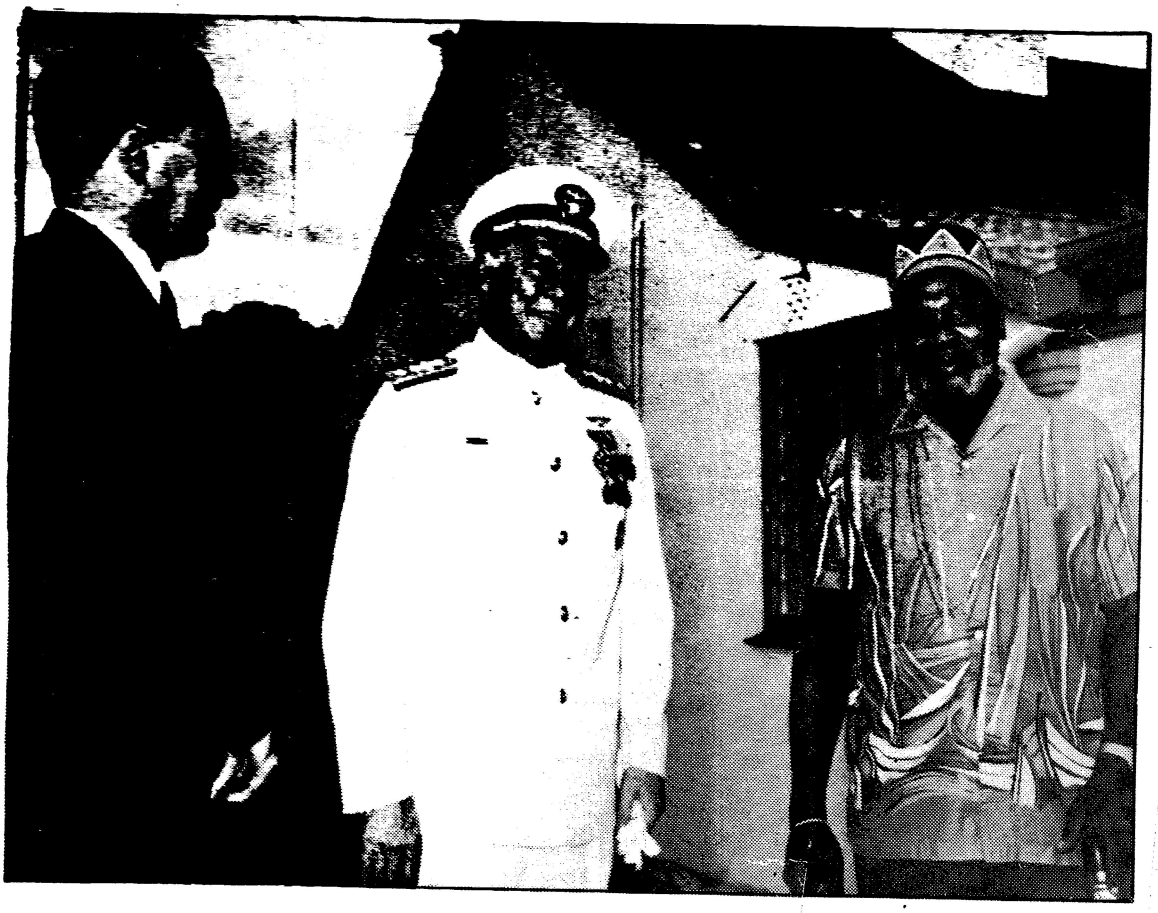

# Spies? Not us —U.S. admiral

ZANZIBAR'S protests at the presence in East African waters of five US Concord Squadron warships were brushed aside yesterday by Rear-Admiral Robert Moore, the ship's commander.

"I do not think anything of the protests," he told a NATION reporter in Mombasa.

Admiral Moore said there was nothing new in having American ships in the Indian Ocean. The ships were on a goodwill visit, planned long before the Zanzibar crisis.

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"The only fear I know the Zanzibar Government may have is that they think we are spying against them, but we do not have spies."

Admiral Moore said that he was unprepared for the statement made by the Zanzibar Government.

He described Zanzibar as "a very small island in a very large ocean."

America believed in freedom of the sea and would go where it wished as long as it did not trespass in territorial waters.

The five ships are — the flagship aircraft-carrier Bon Homme Richard, the destroyers Frank Knox, The Blue and The Shelton, and an oiler, the USS Hassayampa.

Admiral Moore later flew to Nairobi where he was photographed (above) with the Prime Minister, Mr. Jomo Kenyatta, and Mr. William Attwood, US Ambassador to Kenya. The Premier wore a shirt with a nautical print.