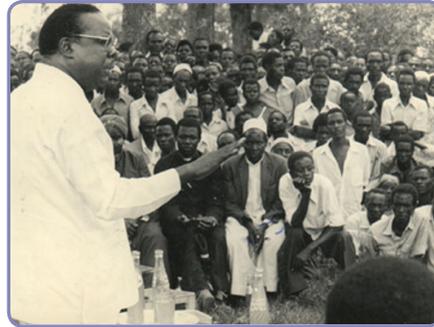
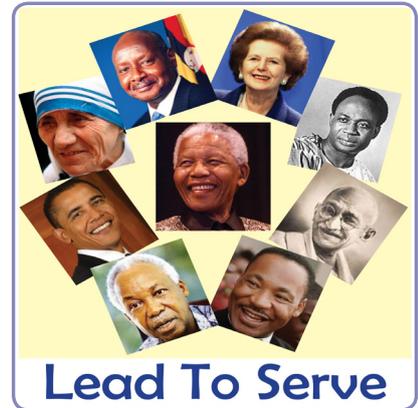


**Paulo Muwanga**

**Born** c. 1921



Addressing a crowd in Mpigi during one of his official tours



L-R: Wacha Olwol, Justice Saulo Musoke, Justice Polycarp Nyamuconco and Military Commission Chairperson Paulo Muwanga

### About Muwanga

He was the chairman of the governing Military Commission, and the de facto President of Uganda for a few days in May 1980 until the establishment of the Presidential Commission of Uganda. The Presidential Commission, with Muwanga as chairman, held the office of President of Uganda between 22 May and 15 December 1980. This was after Muwanga, together with Yoweri Museveni, Oyite Ojok and Tito Okello had deposed Godfrey Binaisa in a coup on 12 May 1980.

From 1 August to 25 August 1980, he served as Prime Minister.

Following the elections held on 10 December 1980, Muwanga installed himself as the head of the Electoral Commission and declared Milton Obote's Uganda People's Congress the winner. The elections were contested. Yoweri Museveni waged a guerilla war in protest, eventually becoming president.

Muwanga was freed from jail in October after the Government dropped charges on which he had been imprisoned for four years. He had been accused of kidnapping two truck drivers in 1981 while serving as Vice President and Defense Minister in the Government of President Milton Obote, who was ousted in a military coup in 1985.

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