

Nicknames

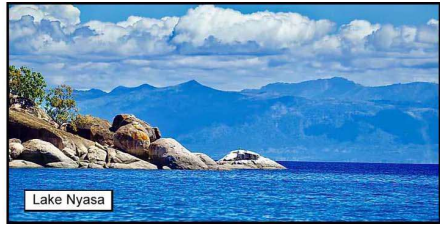
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I do know of the two nicknames I had, that I know of, were Bwana Nyemba (bean obviously since my surname is Bean) and Bwana Click-click. The latter arose from the fact that for many many years I always had my shoes heels tipped with steel (I think they were made by Blakeys?) and so when I walked on tiles or concrete, my heels always clicked.

My boat on the lake was the first there to have a tinted windscreen such as we used to have in cars. The boys at the lake always called it the “bwato ndi maglasse” because they could spot it a long way off with the darkened screen which reminded them of sunglasses!



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