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AMBASSADOR RIBEIRO
... posted to Rome

Ghana Envoy Leaving

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Miguel Augustus Ribeiro, "Uncle Mike" to the hundreds of Ghanaian school children he used to teach



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and Americans who have been charmed by his playful wit, is leaving Washington at the end of May after three years as Ghana's Ambassador

here.

His next post will be in Rome, where he will be the new Ghanaian government's ambassador.

The Ambassador represented the Nkrumah regime but says he is a lot happier about representing the present one.

"You and I, my friend," he said recently to Algerian Ambassador Cherif Guellal, "we survived."

AMBASSADOR Ribeiro said he is "sorry to be leaving just when diplomatic relations are so much happier between the United States and Ghana. But I'm glad that things will be going well for my successor," he added.

The new Ghanaian government has consolidated its embassies as part of an economy drive. While it used to have 65 embassies in foreign countries, it now plans to maintain 40, with some ambassadors accredited to more than one country.

Ambassador Ribeiro served as his country's ambassador in Germany and Ethiopia before coming to Washington. He was also Students Liaison Officer in London and Director of Overseas Recruitment in the Ghana High Commissioner's Office in London after many years as a teacher.

And he does a great High Life, which he has on occasion translated very smoothly into the latest American dances.