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MATTERS OF MOMENT

AN ASTONISHING CASE of discrimination has been reported to us from Tanganyika Territory by the *East African*. We hold no brief for the liquor trade; indeed, we are among the many here

Dissemination By District. — Africans and Rhodesians who have long felt that the local Governments have been unwise in their reluctance to impose much more effective restrictions upon the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in war-time. That view should be stated, for it shows that the present protest springs solely from the principle that all public authorities should be restrained from methods which manifestly discriminate against sections of the community. Many things must be done in war-time and not be contemplated in peace, but that theseable computation does not enhanced vigilance on the part of the public and the officers appointed to serve its interests for human nature is so constituted that power, even a wide power often leads men into blunders to which none of their fellows would have thought them prone.

It deems scarcely credible, but it is nevertheless the fact, that not merely one section of Tanganyika Territory, or even one section of a tribe, but merely those engaged in it in one particular "little" area, should have been singled out for exceptional treatment. Alcoholic liquors may be sold in East Africa, as in most other parts of the world, by licensed dealers only;

but licences are valid for half-yearly periods soon after the outbreak of war. The respective charges paid by these dealers were increased by a flat ten per cent., which all cheerfully paid. When those affected in the Prohibition recently made application for renewal of their licences, they were informed to them that the applications were only approved subject to payment of fees representing an increase of one hundred per cent. and more above those for the previous six months. Appeals for relief from this completely unheralded doubling of the fees were refused without explanation. It is asserted that throughout the whole of Tanganyika licence fees have remained stable; the "Moshi" Licensing Board stands alone in its insistence upon double fees. What are the results? According representations made to the Government, a copy of which document has been sent to this paper — a small war-side inn established several years ago for the convenience of travellers is now called upon to pay £85 annually in licence fees. That may not strike the reader as an extravagant figure, but in 25 miles, that is paid by the leading hotel in Moshi, with a bar turn-over said to be larger in five days than that of a wayside inn during the whole year. Or, to put it in another way, the inn has now to pay more than twice as much as the leading hotel in Tanga. It is obviously absurd that one licensing Board should be able to act in this arbitrary manner. Its action, which is without parallel in East Africa, ought promptly to be repudiated by the Government.

Licensing Board's Arbitrary Action. —

THE WAR**Japanese Submarines Off Tanganyika****Problem of pro-Vichy French from Madagascar**

TWO BRITISH SHIPS are reported to have been attacked by a Japanese submarine off the East African coast. The first of these attacks occurred on July 1 off Mocincual, 40 miles south of Mozambique, the torpedo missed its mark. The second vessel was attacked off the coast of Tanganyika about 200 miles north-east of the Rovuma River. Her fate is not known. This is the first report of the presence of Japanese warships off the coast of British East Africa, an earlier skirmish having been off Portuguese East Africa.

The considerable contingent of South African land and air forces now serving in Madagascar is commanded by Brigadier Seneschal, who commanded the "Duke's" during the campaign against Italian East Africa, and afterwards in Libya.

The authorities in Great Britain are faced with a delicate problem in dealing with 180 French men, women and children who have just arrived in the United Kingdom from Madagascar. The party includes some Vichy French officials, military and civilian, soldiers who opposed us at Diego Suarez, and women and children dependents. It is hoped that when their credentials have been established many of the soldiers will join the forces of Free France. The problem concerns the pro-Vichy section. As Great Britain is not at war with France, they cannot be interned as prisoners or as enemy aliens—but they can clearly not expect the same freedom as citizens of the United Nations. Hundreds of French soldiers captured at Diego Suarez have gone over to General de Gaulle. They include crack Colonial troops.

Increasing Help of Belgian Congo

The Congo is becoming more and more a channel of communication for the armies of the United States proceeding to the Middle East and Far East, said M. Pierlot, the Belgian Prime Minister, on his arrival in New York from London last week. To facilitate these communications, he said, the Congo was now hard at work adapting and developing its bases and means of transport by road, rail and inland waterway. M. Pierlot intends to visit the Belgian Congo on his way back from the USA to London.

M. Van Vleeshouwer, Belgian Minister for Colonies, who is on his way to the Belgian Congo, is taking part in negotiations for the Anglo-American Belgian pool of war resources.

The first pilots of the Belgian Congo Air Force to be enrolled for training in South Africa have completed their course, and are about to receive their wings.

Colonel T. Ross Thorne, South African Air Force, who has been killed in a flying accident at Nairobi, was born in 1910. After graduation he remained foreman in 1935, began flying the next year and went to East Africa in March last year. He was returning on short leave after recovering from wounds when the accident occurred. He was a son of the postmaster in Victoria.

The death on active service is announced of Sergeant R. Leitch, who was 64 years old. Mr. Leitch farmed for some time near Hillside's Road, Southern Rhodesia, and later went to Fort Jameson, Northern Rhodesia. He served through the Boer War and the 1914-18 war. He leaves a widow and son.

Mr. Donald T. R. McLean, of Bulawayo, is reported missing from a merchant ship sunk in the Bay of Bengal.

Air Marshal Sir Arthur W. Tedder, who received a Mention in the London Gazette last week for gallantry and distinguished service as A.O.C. in C. Middle East, has been promoted Air Chief Marshal.

Brigadier W. H. J. van Poel, who fought in the East African campaign of this war, has been appointed G.O.C. Cape Garrison. Not less than years ago he is the wounded brigadier in the South African Army. He was commissioned in 1923, and was for two years commanding of the South African Military Mission at Robertville.

Major G. W. P. D. Letton and Major D. W. du Toit, who were both awarded the D.F.C. for their distinguished service in East Africa, are the first members of the South African Air Forces to receive decorations from the hand of King George VI.

Captain van Veen, a Belgian volunteer serving in the British Army in East Africa, has been awarded the D.C. for services in Abyssinia.

The new Army Council member, Brigadier General Lord Croft (Vice-President), who is a member of the Executive of the Empire Industries Association and has important interests in West Africa, and Captain Alan Sandys, the Prime Minister's son-in-law, who was one of the few M.P.'s to argue consistently against the return of Alsace-Lorraine to Germany. Edward Gribble, former Governor of Kenya, has ceased to be a member.

Mr. Leslie P. Mather, Chairman of Messrs. Mather and Platt, Ltd., the well-known engineering firm with extensive interests in East Africa and Rhodesia, has been appointed Regional Chairman and President of Production for the North-West of England under the Ministry of Supply.

Sir Evelyn Wreathen's New Appointment

Sir Evelyn Wreathen, founder of the Over-Sea League, has been appointed America Relations Officer to the Government of India. His chief duty is that of liaison with the American forces in India.

Dr. J. Michael Valzey has relinquished his position as senior resident medical officer at the London Hospital in order to go to Ethiopia as senior medical officer with the Friends' Ambulance Unit.

Mr. Roy Welensky, M.L.C., Director of Man-Power in Northern Rhodesia, is shortly going on leave. His duties will be undertaken during his absence by the Civil Secretary.

Among East Africans now on active service who have been in London recently are Pilot Officer J. C. Bush of Mombasa, Kenya; Sergt. Pilot H. A. Wright of Lambe, Nyasaland; Sergt. Pilots M. Cooper of Elburgrogh and D. M. Kelber of Eldoret, Kenya; Sergt. Pilot S. A. B. Meyer of Lisaka, Northern Rhodesia; Sergt. Pilot N. B. Julian of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. K. S. Macaulay has been appointed a captain in the Nyasaland Defence Force.

The whole of Kenya's A.R.P. organisation has been placed under the Commissioner of Police, who is being assisted by Lt.-Col. Rice, formerly of the police, who has had much experience of A.R.P. work in the South of England.

Under a scheme covering all men in the town between the ages of 18 and 35 years, regardless of race, Mombasa Island being now a prohibited area, all residents must carry identity cards.

Von Lettow's Son

It is now known that among the German officers who conducted pro-Axis intrigues in Vichy-controlled Syria before the British took over was a son of General von Lettow-Vorbeck, who commanded the German forces in East Africa during the last war. He is reported to have visited Palestine after the outbreak of hostilities, thanks to the help of French papers.

Colonial Empire Debated by Commons

General Agreement on Need for Improved Colonial Office Machinery

LAST WEEK we reported the speech in the House of Commons made by Mr. Macmillan, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the wartime problems of the Colonial Empire.

The speeches of various speakers are reported hereunder.

Captain Peter Macdonald's Criticisms

CAPTAIN PETER MACDONALD said it was a serious reflection on the House of Commons that there had been no debate on the Colonial Office estimates since June 1888.

After our losses in East Africa we were still responsible for some 50 Colonial territories and £100,000,000. If there had been closer liaison between those responsible and the Colonial Office in the past, and if the military authorities there would not have been vast concentration of such general commodities as rubber and tin in Mafeking and pursuitment of their production elsewhere. What of the losses? The areas again had seen plantations, or Government institutions, "founding" to enormous rubber estates and planting very inferior trees. What would we now do today to have that rubber production in Ceylon—or in East Africa? It was evident that balanced production and defence had not been considered by the Colonial Office in the past.

Conferences of the East African Governors were not suitable for war purposes. They could not make decisions on the spot because they had no staffs or executive powers of responsibility. There was also a Governors' conference in West Africa, but the Colonial Office had seen fit to appoint Lord Swinton to co-ordinate their work and take decisions on the spot. Very similar measures intended in East Africa as much experience of committees and conferences had led him (Captain Macdonald) with full faith in their influence on effectiveness of early information, recommendations and making recommendations.

The Minister had mentioned great expansion of the coming side of the Colonial Office. Why was this not justified in from outside to build up a war organisation, and why was there experience of trade, industry, shipping, supply, Native interests, and so many problems? A man in the Colonial Office staff had been in the back room far too long, and had little practical knowledge of the Colonies.

He had visited every colony in the last 18 months and had seen in the outposts and districts the Committee of the finest men and material and the keenest young men anywhere in the world. He had been sent throughout the whole of their original service areas. Young men leaving the Colonial Office should have an opportunity to serve both at home and abroad.

The machinery which the Minister said he was using for war purposes did not seem adequate or reliable. There were far too many councils and committees without executive responsibility or power to implement their recommendations. The duties of the Colonial Office were suffused with the reports of committees and commissions. One or two were signed by himself but he had never heard of any action being taken on them. What was wanted was men on the spot with executive powers and responsibilities and not afraid to take decisions.

Colonial Development Board Advocated

He hoped a Colonial Development Board would be established as a statutory body directly responsible to the Secretary of State. It should have a full-time Chairman and secretary and should deal with questions of strategy, as all the Services were involved. It should have a representative of the secretaries of the Colonial Staff Committee. There should be a full-time member each for economy and finance, health, education and training, and all the supply departments. The Board should have power to accept business from all to serve on sub-committees dealing with production, exports, imports, ports, roads, railways, air and river traffic. It should have someone responsible for electricity, irrigation and power. Its function would be to coordinate and consolidate the work of all the various committees, and it should take over the Colonial Service Fund.

For many years he (Captain Macdonald) had tried unsuccessfully to dislodge the long-term policy of the Colonial Office. This was hitherto based on nothing but modesty and expediency. A young man like Mr. Macmillan and his chief to the Colonial Office had a wonderful opportunity to show statesmanship which had been lacking in the Colonial Office since the days of Joseph Chamberlain.

£5,000,000 a year for the Colonial Welfare and Development Board was a mere pittance compared with what was required for colonial development. He suggested that the £10,000,000 annually should be used to pay the interest on a loan of say three hundred million pounds, which would really provide an opportunity of doing something.

After this war the Colonial Empire would have a new conception of itself. The war had brought new demands from the Dominions or their place in the sun, while it eventually led to the Statute of Westminster giving their complete self-government. The end of this war would bring demands from some parts of the Colonial Empire for greater responsibility and greater voice in their own affairs.

Mr. Rotherham said that the frequent changes made in Secretarys and Under-Secretaries of State had resulted in a lack of authority and continuity.

The Native regiments of East and West Africa were serving a magnificent part and might be called upon to play a greater part still. Though their forces had been a wonderful patriotic, efficient and loyal to the full resources of Africa had not been turned into collaboration in securing them. The Colonial Office should consult the War Office and set up in West Africa a military college at which Africans could acquire the capacity to lead men and whence they could go to other regiments. Such a college would bring together men from all parts of the Commonwealth and should help to knit together the whole of Africa. A separate Colonial administration for Africa had often been advocated; perhaps the appointment of Lord Swinton to West Africa might have prompted this.

Referring to tribute levied in Africa and other parts of the Empire, he advised Mr. Macmillan's statement that it had not been the intention and practice on the spot and in this country, by those interested in the economic development of the Colonies, we should be familiar with many more than West Africa.

Need of a New Spirit

JOHN L. KELLY, DUNDEE, recalling Lord Milner's decision that the Colonies have to replan Colonial economics, asked how this could be done without an instrument to work out such a plan. He believed it possible with a Colonial Development Board. Lord of Alverton's Royal Commission of 1917 had made similar suggestions and stressed the influence of war on the need of establishing on the development of the Empire its natural resources. Measures should be taken to encourage industrial investment in the Empire and in specially situated manufacturing countries.

The staff of such a Colonial Development Board should not give servants as such as men of public responsibility, and particularly men with practical knowledge of the Colonial Empire. Lord Haldon and Lord Harlech, former Colonial Secretary, had both emphasised that a Colonial civil servant had often considered administration their sole responsibility. A Colonial Development Board would identify developments from now and for the war and still more if there were Dominion representation upon it. Increased trade between the Dominions and greater security.

Having served for three years on the Advisory Committee on Education in the colonies, he had had experience of our educational parochialism in African Colonies, was too literary and theoretical so that in Uganda for instance, Natives began to think that the most possible life is to become a tyrant where there was very little to type. He urged much more teaching in English.

A new spirit was needed in the House of Commons—it was necessary to rid ourselves of the prevalent suspicion of our own folk settled overseas! That distrust reminded him of old South Africa story of two men who had had a great number of drink. One, suddenly noticing the hands of the other lying on the table between them, cried, "What! you're like on the table?" and broke a bottle of whiskey across his strong hand. The son of my friend shouted, "Hit him again! it's biting me." Some members in the House had been seeing a great many snakes that did not exist.

Tribute to White Settlers

The white settlers had been the main dynamic and progressive force in East Africa. It was they who had brought peace and prosperity to the people and stopped the Massai killing the cattle. They had made mistakes, but made everybody. He was a strong settler critic, but he had a good opinion of what was being done in Southern Rhodesia. It must be admitted that in that Colony the standards of living, medical and social services and the general prosperity of the Native were on a higher level than in Northern Rhodesia. It was impossible to promise greater self-government to the peoples of India, particularly to the distantly situated and at the same time widely scattered self-governments from those which had contributed so much to our war effort in Rhodesia and Kenya. The emergence of small units was inevitable. The overseer's task was to carry it out with vision and not haphazard. The purpose must be to establish maximum local autonomy in East Africa and Rhodesia, while retaining in our hands responsibility for foreign affairs and defence.

The African, too, was considered. Mr. Argentillan, curiously, turned in regard to the great human problems in the Empire. The old Imperialism, too, was a long-gone epoch, had passed. Today, nothing the Empire allowed us dignity for suffering distress and to strive for past neglect.

Above all, he wanted a new relationship between the Colonial peoples, involving the idea of equality and brotherhood of service and protection, a substance of something like autonomy for the Colonies. The nation, he said, was awaiting this new relationship. The anti-Apartheid law. We must accelerate the process of self-government, so that the whole process of government was referred to the supreme purpose of lifting the Colonial peoples for political responsibility. But the particular interest in all the Dependencies was the endeavour of developing all of the Colonial peoples. Parliament, exercising positive, softening and corrective responsibility, until self-government was achieved. Its function deliberate economic planning and control by Government over monopolies, powerful interests and concessions, over the ownership of land and national resources, and the condition and use of labour.

The Prime Minister's exclusion of the Africans from the Atlantic Slave Trade was welcome. It had created much dissatisfaction in the Colonies an international obligation of good faith, was visibly conforming with the Colonies' access to raw materials free from the exploitation of monopoly capitalists of living, want, and poverty. Why? The whole of the Colonies excluded?

He still contended that the imposition of forced labour on Africans was wrong in principle, and unadjusted, by material considerations. In many Colonies the people had given their resources and manpower, through mismanagement, but may have suffered a sense of frustration.

Purge the Hierarchy of the Colonial Bureaucracy

Colonial thought, he was in the great work of the Colonial Civil Service, he maintained, that we ought to purge the hierarchy of the Colonial Bureaucracy. In the Colonies, we wanted men who were well-grounded in colonial movements, when a colony became independent. We wanted the tried men removed and the retirement of young men selected on broader bases. Given the opportunity of training and broader experience with carrying greater responsibility. Frequently moving, but jumping from one Colony to another must be stopped. Colonial officials should be trained and tried in their local administrative places, so that, by their mistakes and experience, they might learn as much as possible to take their place in the highest positions of the Colonial Service.

He must emphasise that did not mean that we should cast reflections on the quality and devotion of civil servants, for he had been effectively attacked in journals and elsewhere for criticising the policies of other Colonial administrations had been published. As far as his knowledge of their devotion, he had the right to attack the policies they administered.

Did we stand for a common civilisation of white and black in equalities in Africa? Conflicts were arising in space, in Africa and Rhodesia. New advisory and executive Committees monopolised by whites had been erected, and there had been an extension of political machinery in which Africans had no visible place or say. Africans must be associated in the administration of local governments. The influence of the Union would probably be the dominant over the whole of Africa in respect of political and economic developments.

Colonial areas must be better governed. There must be some modifications of the kind of administration to which some of the smaller territories, looked to him. Claims of self-government must be matched with the other claims of the Colonies. Many African countries were primitive. Individual aspects of tradition, culture, or people.

More African in Colonial service was needed, but it could not come by a Colonial Department. Better suitable Parliamentary Committee to study Colonial affairs. The one responsible in the Colonial Office was needed, but he thought Parliament, and definitely the Foreign Office, the rest of the time about which it was now so night.

Mr. LEONARD LYLE, who led the British Delegation of the West Indies said that the Empire would shrink from the jaws of an amercianised population of Mr. Macmillan.

A Standing Colonial Committee

Mr. Macmillan, again, the establishment of Standing Parliamentary Committee should have all Colonial Secretaries, whatever their name, but resisted the idea. In view of the fact there was a Standing Public Accounts Committee and a Standing Committee, there could not be two. A Standing Committee against a Standing Colonial Committee.

He could not see United States of America and continental Europe, or either of them. But, if the associations were to come into existence, he was to know the results of the new confederation of white peoples, and the people directly, he would like to see the United States of America have a part in it, as well as Great Britain, the amalgamation of British colonies, the Russian, Chinese and American, could produce infinitely better results in the field of the world than anything else. The Colonies by our Colonial Office, receiving a grant of £100,000,000, and a Standing Colonial Committee.

Lord Swinton, WILKINSON thought that the advent of Lord Swinton and Mr. Macmillan to the Colonial Office must have caused stirrings in that department, creating it into a different, a Wall Street and a New York into an old-fashioned shipowner in a country town. He believed the Home would continue to try to preserve its methods to those more in conformity with the needs of today and tomorrow.

Central Africa now assumed importance, as it did in the days left from which we had to some extent repudiated of raw materials sustained through wireless communists. The scope of Mr. Macmillan would be examining the entire area of Central Africa position in Central Africa, because the colonial areas of textile firms in this country were intended to receive their labour transferred to other industries, particularly connected with the war effort, so that they might not be going on, when more scarce goods were required—and in Africa labour had a special significance as an incentive to work. The African did not understand democracy, so could not be carried to him, but the efforts either by halting hawks of Natives or a passionate love for freedom.

Mr. Macmillan was a fine man, who had a wide range of experience in the public services and government, but he was not to be depended on, but he was a good, up-to-date, proper manager of a large business, and Mr. Macmillan would implement his proposals for expediting decisions concerning Hong Kong, Central Africa, and its bold actions appropriate.

Inefficient Colonial Machinery

Captain ARTHUR EVANS said it was strange indeed when Mr. Gough Jones sat on the Government side of the House, privileged as he was to serve as Parliamentary private secretary to the Minister of Labour, but to support the anti-slavery legislation introduced under the Emergency Order for the compulsory transfer of labour in Great Britain, but that, after a swift flight across the House, he could serve the Colonial Secretary on the same Government with those "the same thing in a different way."

Mr. Jones intimated that the Minister of Labour was responsible to democratic assemblies, while a Colony had its alien Government, choosing it with or without consultation.

Colonel Evans agreed that he had never noticed that Mr. Jones had been inactive in bringing to the attention of the House the difficulties of Native populations in the Empire.

Colonial Government had been practised to let the inadequate Colonial Machinery break under its own inefficiency. They must be bold to encourage co-operation or leave no after-tax status quo. The speech of Mr. Macmillan, reflecting the considered opinion of the Secretary of State, was a most shrewd suggestion. Why should not officers, before being transferred from one colony to another, go to the problems completely dedicated to those with which they had been dealing, spending some months in the Colonial Office? They would then return refreshed, informed, and better prepared. A Colonial Development Plan was certain inevitable. Some of the leading economists had made some but never met. If they became a collective sub-committee composed of energetic and experienced economists, not a bad prospect; they would come to the foundation for a Colonial policy unaffected by changing Secretaries of State or the passage of Governments representing various political parties.

He hoped the treatment of African soldiers and members of other distinct services would be just as good in the streets of Nairobi and Colombo as in London, and that they would never be refused admission to the public places that people belong to their country. And the same treatment—admission—applies to white people who do not risk in our Colonial Empire which will remain.

A greater understanding of Colonial peoples would be attained, so that, when sent, an accredited representative of this country abroad Commissioned. The Colonial Office would probably dislodge people from various Colonies, but it spoke in the world, but he would ask Mr. Macmillan whether there was a way of getting native representation in the country, at least for some of the larger Colonies.

It was regrettable that so few M.P.'s—indeed, he had seen that ample and definite.

House of Commons in Great Blame

Colonial Affairs had no representative body in this important Federal interest, and smothered the appeal of the Colonial Development Board, could not Lord Swinton, in his capacity in this country, in this matter? Starting with West Indies, he would try to mitigate the interests of the Imperialists.

The Colonial Federation must very largely blame itself for the slowness of its early development. Neither could scarcely believe that Colonial administration had been bad, the Colonial Service sleepy, so that the Colonial Service had not shown sufficient drive and energy, when they had not been prepared to say that the constituents, "if you want Colonial development, you must give us money," when the money is spent in the Colonies.

Prime Minister on Libya, and we have lost upwards of 50,000 men, so far the larger proportion of them prisoners, a greatness of material, and, in spite of carefully organised demolitions, a large quantity of stores. Rommel has advanced nearly 400 miles since the fall of Tobruk, with a garrison of about 25,000 men; it is a single day's march. This was utterly unexpected. On the night before its capture General Auchinleck telegraphed that he had allotted what he believed to be an adequate garrison, that the defences were in good order, and that 30 days supplies were available for the troops. The War Cabinet and our professional advisers thoroughly agreed with General Auchinleck in the decision to hold Tobruk. In mid-May we had there despatched 100,000 men and the enemy 96,000, of whom 50,000 were Germans. We had a superiority in the numbers of tanks of perhaps seven to five and in artillery of nearly eight to five, including several regiments of anti-aircraft form of anti-howitzers, which throws a 55-lb shell 20,000 yards. It is not true that "we had to face 50-pdr guns with only 2-pdr guns," one of the best guns in Europe. The engineers by the tactical uses made of his 88-mm. anti-aircraft gun and his anti-tank weapons gained a decided advantage. Our army enjoyed throughout superiority in the air. Enemy dive-bombers played a prominent part. By Hafekim and Tobruk, but they should not be regarded as a decisive or even as a massive factor in this battle. We had better and shorter lines of communication, and were therefore entitled to feel good confidence. An offensive would have been undertaken by us early in June if the enemy had not struck. Till June 18 the battle was equal. That morning we had about 300 tanks in action, though not more than 70 remained excluding the light Stewart tanks. All this happened without any corresponding loss having been inflicted upon the enemy. The battlefield passed into his hands, and the enemy's wounded tanks were repaired by his organisation, while all our wounded tanks were lost.

Extravagant exertions have been made by the Home Government for the last two years to strengthen and maintain the armies in the Middle East. During that time, apart altogether from reinforcements to other theatres, they have sent to the Middle East from this country, the Empire and the United States, more than 950,000 men, 4,500 tanks, 6,000 aircraft, nearly 4,000 pieces of artillery, 50,000 machine-guns, and over 100,000 mechanical vehicles. — Mr. Churchill.

Government and the Country

There seems to have been a failure to bring all the weight of an attack that might have been brought to bear upon Rommel's communications. When the increase in Axis air strength in the Mediterranean and the sustained bombing of Malta restricted the power of the fleet to interfere, was it not possible to fly heavy bombers out and maintain a regular service of bombardment of Rommel's ports of supply? The development of a strong force of long-range aircraft, too, has never been effected; the 250-mile bombing radius of certain German aircraft is a considerable technical difficulty to be overcome. Were they to be capable and beyond the power of improvisation, it is like a statement that Germany would have failed to overcome them. The dive-bomber seems to have been effective at Bir el Abd and Sidi Barrada, and with the lack of defence was instrumental. It may be that the highest tactical genius could have done more with the British forces. But a Government has no legitimate right upon exceptional qualities in commanders or districts to make good defects of equipment. The simple question is, how a great and inventive industry, country bearing the brunt of a third year of war has failed to supply its armoured weapons superior to those employed by the enemy, the nature of which was for the most part known. Can it be doubted that superior weapons in British hands would have turned the scale? Why was it decided to hold Tobruk with a garrison too small to defend it and too large to be sacrificed as a forlorn hope in a delaying action? The public has nothing better than to be told to give Mr. Churchill and his team its confidence. But the confidence must be mutual. If relations have deteriorated under the pressure of events, it has gone because criticism and counsel have been met with a sentiment of accepted "with reluctance." Only such loyalty can be allowed to command loyalty to the efficient and to the public interest. Deeds not words hold the key to public confidence. — *The Times*.

Ossified — *Mr. Churchill*, who has read the memoirs of the last war knows how bright ideas and new designs were stifled by the ossified mandarins of Whitehall, especially in the War Office. Is that happening today? It is a natural question when we read that the design for the 6-pounder anti-tank gun was ready in 1939, but was thrust into a pigeon-hole. — *Daily Mail*.

From Chief of Staff to Sergeant — The Prime Minister will doubtless debate and ladies bathe their battles. . . . The Spanish Republicans were using an 8-pounder anti-tank gun in 1939. Even now there are aircraft factories idle in this country, chafing over to new long-range bombers which may be available in two years. The Minister of Production has now appointed regional controllers. The Trade Union Congress, the trade unions of Britain separately, the Production Engineers' Institute and the Home of Commons asked for two regional boards two years ago. The Prime Minister brought a successful safeguard action against us. He has been fighting rearguard actions against the House of Commons all the time, making concessions to buy off the political situation, not to create a machine for war-making. Even today the same old colleges have to textbook on the co-ordination of air and land forces. The Prime Minister must realise what is this country there is to be said that if Rommel had been in the British Army he would still be a sergeant. *That is the truth of the British Army* — this shows how we use our trained men. When the 15,000 men cross the Ebro into Spain, Michael Dibdin, D.F.C., sergeant in an armoured brigade in this country, was chief of staff in Spain. He won the battle of the Ebro. And he is a sergeant in the British Army. The Prime Minister should change his Secretary for War. The Prime Minister has great qualities, but picking men is obviously not one of them. — Mr. A. Bevan, M.P.

Mr. Lyttelton on Production — We had in this country at the time of Dunkirk only 200 light tanks fitted with machine-guns and 50 infantry tanks. In September 1940, the War Office first placed an order for the 6-pounder gun. Production is now several hundred a month. On July 1 last over 800, equivalent to about 10 batteries, had been allocated to the Middle East and large numbers had arrived, but only a small proportion were in the hands of the troops. At the outset of the present campaign, As a anti-tank gun, the 6-pounder is probably inferior to the 88-mm. 88-mm. gun. We are developing specialised anti-weapons far more powerful than the 6-pounder. — Mr. Oliver Lyttelton.

Tanks. — We had more tanks in Libya than the Germans and Italians put together. Our pledge to Russia in regard to tanks was fulfilled with a 20% increase. — Lord Beaverbrook.

the War News

Opinions are diverged. In the Army Ministry, Sir Alexander Gwynne, Minister of War, is

Mussolini's people were planning a gala and got the Gestapo — *The Times, London*.

We sent to Libya tanks with turrets which men cannot get into — Major General M.A.

Casualties in the U.S. Navy since America entered the war are 11,000 — U.S. Navy Department.

Sebastopol's glorious repulse immobilized a dozen enemy divisions for a month — Mr. Alexander Werth.

Here the reader reads a British statesman who was not a friend of Belgium, a Free Belgian News Service.

Rommel has four Panzer divisions; the Russians need the attention of at least 11 — *The Observer*.

We intended to hold Tobruk; there was no dramatic change. Its fall was quite unexpected — Lord Cranborne.

I appeal to the Prime Minister to remove the uncooperative competitors from the Government — Mr. Levy, M.P.

There can be little question that a Japanese attack of India will come soon — Sir Bertram Stevens, a former Australian Premier.

Men have been appointed in the Production Commissions who know nothing about planning or production — Mr. Rees-Mogg, M.P.

The official communiqué about Libya laid out information like soothsaying — Mr. W. M. Hughes, former Prime Minister, Australia.

We might wish — General McNaughton, head of British and Canadian forces, commanding Canadian production — Sir George Schuster, M.P.

So great is the British minister's capacity for speech that his colleagues think there is no need to do anything themselves — Sir Herbert Williams, M.P.

This is going to be a long war and we must plan accordingly. There must be radical changes in Government policy and personnel — Mr. Bellinger, M.P.

If these critical days would not bring him to the man at the wheel, let him at the weather moderates — Sir Charles Marshall, Sir Arthur Lomaxmore.

Sukhomlinov is the best field commander the Russians have — perhaps the best commander of large forces this war has produced — Major Fielding Ellor.

Sommel's habitual attacks from the east in the morning to have the sun in his enemy's eyes and from the west in the afternoon — *New York Times*.

Boys leaving school have a duty to perform in the Empire. They should choose service overseas in preference to a secure job in this country — Field Marshal Lord Ironside.

SIXTY-FIVE cargo ships and tankers were put into service in the United States during June, a world record — Rear Admiral Vickery, Vice-Chairman, U.S. Maritime Commission.

The Battles of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean are fought for should we be successful; the Mediterranean Italian naval units would be free to prey upon our waters — Mr. Hope-Brown, M.P.

From September, America will turn out 100,000 trained seamen every six months. She now produces about 17,000 seamen a year — Mr. Eric Nelson, member of the U.S. War Shipping Administration.

Flushed with his success in the eastern Mediterranean Hitler feels the time ripe to start trouble between Spain, Vichy France and the Moors by which he hopes to gain facilities to close the western end — Mr. Norman Smart.

There are seven big oil refineries. Two of these are already in German hands — Odessa and Kherson. He wants five as well in the Caucasus — Terek, Impex, Tiflis, Batum and Baku — Mr. Nevelyn Fenton, M.P.

It is not sufficient for a dentist and a doctor to treat both of them in the same way. The soldier must have a medical commanding officer who also looks to the man and signs certificate — Lt. Col. J. R. J. Venepamara, M.B.

United States aircraft carrier Wasp recently accomplished ferry trips to the Mediterranean carrying aircraft reinforcements for Malta — Admirals Harold R. Stark, Commanding U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

A semi-eroticism is most important now. There is no place in the world now for a virgin. A man is more likely to get a good job and make what they can for themselves — The Bishop of Bristol.

I felt worried when Lord Beaverbrook made his reference to the 6-pdr gun in the House of Lords last February. Next day a very high tank expert told me that it had given the enemy six months' notice to prepare — Lord Hanley.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, an Indian member, has become the first of the Congress party to receive a knighthood of India's Executive council — *Times, Delhi correspondent*.

There is not one officer in high rank, exceptive who has just been promoted to the Army Council, who is either a Regular or a Territorial officer. But the generals in command of Dominion troops are with but exception amateur generals — Sir Percy Lethbridge.

I have been told Treasury assumptions to a general to make influence — as about 100 million making an appointment within his own department. And that to over the heads of others, "advice of his own responsible advisers" — Sir Alfred T. Dyer.

"As a tribute to the courage of the men of the British Merchant Navy, the Soviet authorities in Leningrad handed over to this vessel drafts of home bonds representing a month's pay for all the ship's company, the signature covering 700 men," — *Times, Moscow correspondent*, May 2.

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton's distinguished command in the Indian defence will leave a memorable impression upon the country. As far as I am concerned, I am not quite enough for desert warfare. Yet these coloured Indians were not long before publicised the fact that engineering skill could produce — *Daily Mail*.

We do not think the war will last more than two years more. By then the British and American air force will be decisive. The danger is going to set in perhaps greater now than it has ever been. It will remain longer for a few months but not much longer than that — Mr. Noel Baker, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of War Transport.

The Prime Minister has a great responsibility, but how can any man discharge all the tremendous responsibilities now thrust upon him and at the same time be concerned about the life of his Government? It is imperative that this country should have a National Government selected by the Prime Minister without regard to the misbalance of parties — Lord Bengal.

The United States bombers which raided Wake Island had to fly 2,000 nautical miles from Hawaii. Their navigation was so skilled that they arrived within half the corner of the tiny island which was their particular objective. The flight was probably the longest ever made over water for a bombing attack. Not for one plane could it return home — *The Times, New York correspondent*.

PERSONALIA

Daniel Hall

Justice G. C. Robinson has arrived in England from Northern Rhodesia.

A daughter was born on June 29 to the wife of Al J. L. Wilkins of Mazinide, Tanga.

Mr. J. H. Pfeiffer, now second Assistant Officer at Kakamega, succeeds Mr. H. G. F. is in charge.

A son has been born in Nairobi to the wife of Captain H. E. Leslie, commanding R.A.F. East Africa Airfield.

Mr. Atchison, of Kansas, was invited to speak before the Supreme Court of Justice on Wednesday evening at the State Penitentiary, and

A son was born recently in Solomon Islands to the wife of Mr. A. J. Northrop, Commissioner of Customs for Kenya and Uganda. Mr. and Mrs. Northrop have two daughters who were born in Northern Rhodesia.

Major A. R. Leakey, M.C., Royal Tank Regiment, youngest son of Major G. A. Leakey, of Leyla, was married in Croydon July 1st, 1914, to Miss Vivienne, second daughter of Major G. C. Oulton, R.M.C., and his son to Major Lansdowne Place, Hove.

Mr. T. A. Calder has been appointed third town agent for the Colony. He is at present seconded from the Colonial Office to the Ministry of Supply as a principal assistant secretary. Mr. Calder was secretary to the East Africa Parliament.

Sir Hubert and Lady Young have taken Ashe's house, Overton, Hampshire, which will be their address until the end of October. Sir Hubert Young, who recently returned from South Africa, has been appointed Governor of Nyasaland and of

OBITUARY

Sir. Treuredyn Wynne

SIR FREDERIC RASLEIGH WYNNE, who died last week at the age of 88 years, was one of the most famous engineers ever associated with Indian railways. Starting in the service of the Government Railways, he resigned at the age of 40 to become first general chief engineer of the newly-formed Bengal-Nasapur Railway Company, of which a 700-mile system he later became a director, and afterwards the very active Chairman. Until recently he continued to pay frequent visits to India, and also served on the boards of The Anglo-Persian Oil Company and the Burma Corporation. He became interested in East African development at the end of the last war, served on the board of several commercial companies, and paid several visits to Tanganyika Territory and Kenya. He was a member of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Board from the time of its establishment until he joined its Advisory Council.

Si Tsi Tsvetdyng, a man of mild manner, was throughout his career in close touch with East Africa all unrelenting critic of the Colonial Office, and the local governments, none of which seemed to him to grapple with their problems without an adequate sense of urgency. For nearly 20 years he had advocated the union of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika Territory, and he was emphatic in his opposition to all efforts for the admission of Germany to the League. He held strongly the reform of the Colonial Service, was essential, influencing the creation of a special African Bureau, and that there must be an end to the constant changes of secretaries of State, Governors, and other civil servants.

None who did know his age would have guessed it, and all who were brought into contact with him will long remember his kindly ways.

THE CASE of the 100,000 men who have served in India at the end of the war is unique. They are neither veterans nor representatives of the Chartist or the Agricultural communities of Kent, nor are they like our own veterans, soldiers of a British Army whose party-sister, the East Lancashire, had since been merged into the development of British Empire. They came from India and were always ready to serve the men who were to discuss problems of equality and of constitutional reform.

He was one of the North's great State economists, and a leader in agricultural education and research. "It was his boundless energy, courage, skill which was the first to bring the Kirkuk control of Ratiabiahd at a critical period in its history," and he did further valuable work for many years on the Development Commission, doing much to secure public funds for agricultural research. East Africa and Rhodesia owe a great deal to

Sir Daniel was a polished and most attractive writer on agricultural subjects. His last book, "Reconstruction in the Land," appeared only a few months ago.

Bishop Mathurin Guilleme

BISHOP M. GUSTAFSON, C.B.E., who died recently in Lichupi, near Lilongwe, Nyasaland, was born in Brittany in 1857; and at the age of 24 years joined the White Fathers, founded by Cardinal Lavigerie in Algiers, arriving in Zanzibar in 1884, he and seven other White Fathers marched by way of Tabora and Lake Tanganyika to Rubanga, on the Belgian side, and there he lived for three years, selflessly trying to help slaves. After 12 years in East and Central Africa he was recalled to Europe, but a year later he returned, this time to Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. In 1901 he established two nests in Angoland, Nyasaland. Ten years later he was made a bishop. Except for a short visit to Europe at the end of the last war, he spent the rest of his life in Central Africa, giving in all 50 years in the service of African peoples.

Mr. R. W. Lisle Carr.

Mrs. Robert Worthy Lisle Carr, only son of the late Bishop Lisle Carr of Hereford, and of Mrs. Lisle Carr, now Mrs. Greville St. John, whose death is announced, will be better remembered by many readers of this newspaper, for after spending some years as an official in Uganda, he became a travelling secretary of the Gymnastic League (for which he revisited East Africa) and the Rhodesia Gymnastic League. Returning from Africa early in the war, he was commissioned in the Lancashire Highlanders. He went East again was invalided home and has now died. A man with a great gift for making friends, he had a well-earned reputation throughout the Empire and had addressed many public gatherings in the Dominions and many Colonies.

He died at the age of 24 years of Mr. L. S. Thompson of Bellingham following an operation in a local hospital.

The death of Uganda at the age of 75 years is mourned by Father Thomas Matthews, who had spent 15 years as a missionary.

The death is announced at the age of 88 years of Mr. F. J. Muller-Vell, a former director of companies, including the African and European Investment Co., Ltd., which has considerable holdings in the Rhodesias, with which Mr. Vell had been prominently connected from the early days.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking Back Fifty Years

To the Editor of "East Africa and Rhodesia"

SIR,—I have just returned from attending the official opening of the Uganda news-club house presented by the Basoga people to the Y.M.C.A. for the use of soldiers billeted in the City, through whose part of which is my parish.

Mr. Arthur Dwyer, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said when handing over the new building to the Y.M.C.A. that it was one of the blessings by the people of Uganda who thus showed their devotion and intense loyalty to the Mother Country. But British flags floated over Uganda for the same 48 years ago, and, as a war effort, its people had already raised nearly £500,000 in cash. Patriotic efforts had given their total of thousands, and even the humblest and the poorest of the population had readily given their once "pitiful" alms. Moreover a very touching gift made by the local settlement people is the bread gathered without hands.

As I sat with my wife in the gathering my mind went back 50 years to the time when I first landed at Mombasa on my way to Uganda. What changes have taken place since then! I was in the first mission party under Bishop Tucker to go up the North Road, now the track of the Uganda Railway. "The road," said Bishop Hannington shortly before he fell pierced with spear wounds, "I lay with my blood." His prophecy has come true.

We camped during the march at Nairobi where there had not a single resident. Indeed, five years later there was only a company of Royal Engineers on a preliminary survey for the railway. Ten years ago Nairobi had been the site of my tent-had become the court-yard of the Norfolk Hotel, entertaining some 60 guests.

I also remembered that book in 1931 laid in my store at Namirembe all the money (conch shells) in the Uganda Kingdom taken in exchange for a single copy of the Gospels. It fills the core of Uganda's greatness. One other thing also came to mind, amongst many, was the building of the first English school, which has now produced a university at Makerere.

The things which give me great pleasure in these dark days is that as a member of His Forces I am able to make known the rise of our East African Empire. I bless you for the magnificence lead you give to the whole country through your sustained paper.

With every good wish,
Lockfield,
Australia
August 18, 1942.

FROM LETTERS.

Tribesmen, etc., etc.

The following extract from the New York Times has recently been obtained and passes into another area of our colonial territories, and it is a state statement as to the Blue Book that we want.

You have requested that the Tanzanian Blue Book will not be published during the war. I would like to inform that the Colonial Service is directed all the Colonial Services to publish copies of the Tanzanian Blue Book peace regimens, so by printing that peace regimens a very considerable quantity of paper could be saved. In other words, valuable quantities of dollars would be made available for the regimens for how much paper from Grindlays is being wasted, and it can be bought mainly in dollars.

After the end of the war, when that sum in the paper is saved, it should be superannuated before the time with the same arrangement, this may work fine, and would be done by the Colonial Service of Sons of Alfred and Sons. Their arrangement would be to add a small amount of postage and a small amount of money to have the Tanzanian Blue Book published, and to have them sent to each the Service, and then sell them to the public. This is a period of 10 years or more that superannuated for retirement, it would be best to retain such information without sacrifice on their behalf. I hope that the French should have the power of Africa, this is of course unsatisfactory, but at the same time, but not the same, it is reasonable to let the French do what they want, whatever be the cost.

Contributions to Amara.

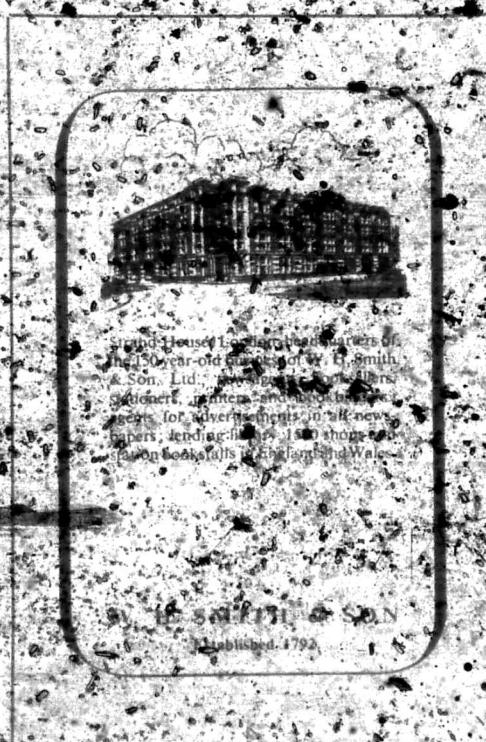
It is quite understandable that Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland should contribute relatively small sums to the East African Agricultural Research Station at Amara, but it is astonishing to read your note that whereas Tanganyika contributed £2,522 last year, Kenya's contribution was no more than £2,212, though Uganda, which presumably needs a good deal less than Kenya in the way of services provided £2,278.

Omissions for Africa from Amara.

I would like to add to your article on Amara that there are in this country ample stocks of titanium and synthetic constituents. That titanium was needed so many in paper, paper-pulp, paints, paraffin, rubber, quinine, shortening, soap, etc., is well known. During the occupation of the Netherlands East Indies, I have in fact read several such paragraphs since your own statement was made, in the express authority of the Ministry of Supply. Perhaps one of the many reasons to Africa from England will be the production of titanium on an industrial scale. Remember that our large supplies of tin were obtained from Langkawi, Penang, about three years ago, and have recently gathered in there has been a considerable expansion of plant in the Belgian Congo, and experiments are being made in the mineral district of Southern Rhodesia.

War Record of the Colonial Office.

On referring to your recent article in the Colonial Office in the opinion of the War Secretary of State, to do for the African colonies, imagination, boldness and overwhelming zeal, the author of your article, I would like to add to him that one of the qualities most dear to us here in the Colonial Office is one, "If Lord Granville and Mr. Macmillan can undertake them all, that will perform a major service; if they can introduce one in, it will be a minor miracle." The Colonial Office has no doubt good intentions, but certainly no ruthless zeal. And when did we know when we were in a position to do, then must know that the newspapermen in all parts of the Colonial Empire, judging by those available in London in the Royal Empire Society and the Overseas Library are most critical because they can find out easily the truth of stories of greed and maladministration, and can print them in their papers and be held by hard facts. Let me add, and get somewhere.



Strand House, London, the quarters of the 50-year-old firm of S. D. Smith & Son, Ltd., newspaper printers, stationers, printers, and publishers, who agents for advertising firms in all newspapers, lending libraries, 1,500 shops and 100 bookshops in England and Wales.

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July 31, 1942

~~Commons Debate on Colonies~~

(Report concluded from page 119)

In the whole, the large developments of production undertaken by private enterprise in the Colonies has been extremely successful - I think it would have been more so if organization what exists between the production and development of one Colony, were better.

The very word "trustee" implied a care-and-maintainance basis completely foreign to any idea of development. Neither did the like the word "father" unless it were connected with the idea of parenthood. Parenthood was most likely to emphasize the attitude of mind in which we should approach Colonial and Native problems, because the parent should be fond what his offspring could do in his place, and eventually bring it to an audience larger than the parents themselves had achieved.

The basis of development of any Native power by a colonial masterless would be to encourage the African to greater degrees of skill, giving him probably higher rewards, we should not encourage him to undertake, owing to responsibility, and that necessitated only, getting him to take a proper part in any form of government, how-
Joel A. We should be re-examining our ideas as to
the worth of Native labour in all degrees of skill. The system of indirect rule implied the framework for practically submitted development if fairly used, but we had to remember that the local Native government implicit in that system was the structure, and that European advice and control constituted the scaffolding.

Weaknesses of Our Colonial Development

The weaknesses of our Colonial development lay under this outer shell of the Native remaining from Colonial law, which tended to undermine local authority, on which the whole system of indirect rule depended. It was therefore necessary to remove that part of the structure of indirect control. Secondly, the efforts to postpone concentration among African towns were at the root of most of our difficulties. Next, we must remember the desire on the part of the people to concentrate in small units of administration and taxation, which, as it was carried on with regard to peasant policy, regarding the number of small earnings of African labour, had given a false value to African's standing in the community, and produced an artificially high percentage of electors. This tended to foster the growth and export of Native crops, but was failing to develop a system of transport sufficiently rapidly to enable the produce to be moved between districts and districts in Africa. Finally there was the lack of effort to achieve agreement on the principles of development of policy as between British Colonies, and as between British Colonies and French, Belgian and Portuguese possessions. As regards native policy, transport and economic development, our economies had very little contact with their neighbouring territories.

The Saracens had won the greater part of Spain, and they had gone all over the Iberian Empire, 1010, against the wealth of populous mountainous Spain, as in country of Spain. The Saracens had then ready prepared the whole of Andalusia, in bunching up the structures.

Mr. FERDINANDO said that he had ~~not~~^{had} been imaginative, and supported development of all the resources of the Empire, but the fine contributions of Colonial peoples to the war effort. Not the nations of surviving subjects. They were those who had given their inspired by the highest loyalty, patriotic subjects of the King. The expression "transatlantic" referred to the mutual relationship. But it was hard to think about that in a colony of the Colonial Empire looking forward. "I have desired to march forward within the British Empire to enjoy prosperous economic conditions and gradual social development."

To Increase Dominion Interest

Mr. WORRENSON said that the intelligent African had a greater chance of fulfilling his aspirations, only under the British Government than under the South African Government. He admitted that, when given opportunity, certain people, with certain exceptions, had revealed themselves in the course of a decade as being as unchristian and anti-cultural agents as any described. When opportunities were given to men like Paul Robeson and the others mentioned against whom Philadelphia has strayed, probably 100,000,000 who were not Negroes, had the same kind of opportunities as the Negro, and they enjoyed it.

In regard to the Colonials, I beg you to let me have a copy of the part of the negro-skin section of Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture which relates to the negro-skin trade.

should be holding the following
Major in the first year, and the following
intensity in the fourth year, the second
year after the first, the third year
and so on, until the end of the course,
and this will be done by the following
method.

DR. FRANCIS GIBSON considered that there had been a lack of reality about the debate. The notion of being out of touch with reality was indeed struck by the Under-Secretary. Himself, whose Spanish remained him a story told him by a Colonial Governor who on receipt of his letter reported to a departmental head at the Colonial Office. The conversation ranged for about 10 minutes over matters connected with the Governor's duties, and then the other man said "We are having awfully wet weather, aren't we?" This was the only conversation he had during all leave at the Colonial Office on the administration of one of the greatest colonies in the Empire.

Was it not the right of the Government that the colonies were in fact to be taken into full partnership? or was Mr Macmillan's world just so far in something like a "partnership," either meant a share in a common political control, and so had that the colonies should have a equal share in it, or meant nothing?

What afterwards was being made to connect with the people of East, Central and West Africa, explained to them that as far as we fighting for democracy and freedom for them to give them a parenthesis in the Empire. What others were being asked to see that the people understood what the war was about, entirely ensure that there was an unswayable these parts of the world by connecting with the countries they might be either going or will go to fight in on their behalf. How far was broadcasting being used to spread information to Africans? Govevian had said they previously knew nothing about it.

He (Dr. Guest) disliked the appointment of Lord Swinton as Minister Resident in West Africa. He could not see how an experienced person like himself could fulfil the post. There was no Governor of Nigeria, while Lord Balfourville, who had been Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry, had not been asked to take it. The fact that Lord Swinton was nearly as old as himself, and that the former Administration recommended him to official sources, did not, he thought, help.

He was wrong in his assessment of the Colonial administration's failure to follow up the recommendations of the Royal Commission which reported four years ago, out of this country. An example of the failure was the Government's office, where the Sir John Macmillan Committee had suggested that no authority should be given to the Ministers of State for their departmental preparation of Bills or the carrying out of their responsibilities.

Dr. L. C. Green, who said he regarded them as a "Native
Race," described the old British Empire as completely dead.
We had to look forward to a new organization in which the
Colonies would be on a footing of equality with themselves.

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Mr. MCLEOD said in replying to the question that the most valuable service which private members could render to the House was to be critical.

Mr. Gracely Jones's misfortune was his reluctance to leave open doors and attack things which did not exist. However, I think he got through beween two doors so easily that he would have been led one day, he might say, into the presence of the ghost. Jones had a placid face for saying—and the self-same moment he received the suggestion—that we must go to see Mrs. Maudlin at the Colonial Office. He agreed without a word.

"We were all in agreement, and made no words. He said carefully what he wanted to say, and left it in his speech, but it had all been planned by the other speakers. A short time ago, we had a meeting of our executive committee, and I told them what I wanted them to do. They agreed with me, and when the time came, they did it. That is why



Colonial Research Committee

Lord Cranborne Surveys Its Duties

As was mentioned in our last issue, Lord Cranborne, Secretary of State for the Colonies, presided at the inaugural meeting of the Colonial Research Committee, held at the Colonial Office, on January 10.

The main points of his opening address were the following:

We need a broad survey of the whole range of research in Colonial studies. We need to know what subjects ought to be studied, what is being done now, and what can and should be done to fill the gaps.

In several respects the field has been satisfactorily covered. The older sciences have, in this respect, the advantage. We have now quite a long tradition, for instance, of the application of science to agriculture and health matters in the colonies, though there is room even here for much more to be done in the way of field testing than applied research. But there are new sciences, the application of which to the colonies has not yet begun.

Research and Inquiry

The £500,000 annually provided under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act is for the purposes of research and inquiry. There will be many applications from Colonial governments for assistance in making inquiries of a practical value to their governing inquiries that the part of it may fairly be said to deserve as research proper. This would be that side which is concerned with the administration of the colonies, and which includes all forms of inquiry, such as the collection and assimilation of information, the preparation of colonial reports, the duty of surveying the colonies, the preparation of annual reports, the preparation of a general report, the preparation of a preliminary budget, etc.

We want the results of practical values, we usually hope, and will feel free to assist in the development of more fundamental research. For much Colonial control is really administrative.

For instance, in India, the Colonial Engineers fully appreciate the importance of the railways, and they are dealt with in the technical section of the Budget. I can think of no country common to the parts of the former British Empire, save perhaps Rhodesia, in which the questions relating to the health of tropical countries are as fully considered as would therefore come with the railway system. Most of the Colonies are engaged in primary production, agriculture rather than in industry, and this goes naturally to primary production, world trade, and so on, according to the Colonial Empire. Most of the Colonies are, similarly, very interested in sea-borne trade, and this also should be interested in fisheries.

Colonial governments, however, are often largely content with objects of secondary production. All questions relating to the development of their industries and their colonies will, more or less, be of the same character as those of the Colonial Engineers, and so on. In Africa, for example, there is a great deal of interest in the cultivation of cotton, tobacco, coffee, and so on, as well as in the development of the mineral resources.

It is clear, therefore, that your Committees on these committees will have to consider, with many other subjects, the problems of primary production, which has been the chief subject of the Budget. African institutions and their interests are, however, in India and the Dominions, probably perhaps, more vital, and, therefore, in Indian government.

Research in Colonial Territories

The other Colonial Powers have research institutions, and, in some of them, at least, the year will cause a gathering of men, scholars, and scientists to discuss problems, the annual meeting of which will be the writing up of their findings, and the drawing up of a programme of action. It is, I am sure, a good idea to do this entirely groupwise.

I am sure that Committee will make some of its efforts to bring in research activity in the British Empire itself, whether in Africa, the dominions, or in the development of the different institutions of colonies. This is of great value, but, of course, work should be associated with the universities, and the best universities, for a university is, after all, the best place for education, as well as for research. There are, however, some other factors for action, for instance, the setting up of some kind of a Society of Colonial Institutes, to which the various institutions of the Empire could contribute, and which would be the best way to bring together the leading educational institutions in the country.

Colonies in the Post-War World

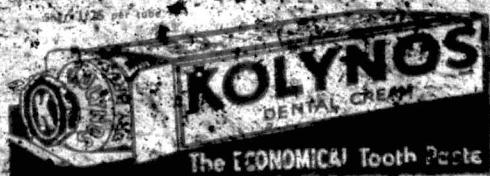
"Colonies in the Post-War World" is the subject of a conference to be held in England this week, and under the auspices of the Fabian Colonial Bureau. Professor Eric A. Walker, Mr. S. S. Purnival on "Problems of Trusteeship," Mr. G. S. Durbin on "Tropical Economy," and Mr. E. G. P. Durbin on "Economic Reconstruction," while Mr. H. V. Meyerowitz and Mrs. Leonard Barnes will deal with various aspects of the experiences of the Soviet Union and China in their development of backward areas and peoples. Lord Faringdon has promised to introduce a symposium on "The Colonial Evolution" of the Colonies, in which Dr. Margaret Scott will take part. Mr. A. C. French Jones, M.P., Chairman of the Fabian Colonial Bureau, will preside at the opening meeting on Friday evening, July 18, and Dr. Rita Hinden will begin the Williams' on Sunday evening.

Potato Growing in Kenya

A well-known Kenyan writes by airgraph:—The East African delegates to the last meeting of the African Food Supply Council agreed, according to the official communiqué, to supply seed of the various varieties of potatoes grown in Kenya at different altitudes. The truth is that there are practically no wild seed potatoes in Kenya. However, it is to be expected to supply any serious part of their seasonal requirements of 40 millions of seed. For many years the crop-growing of potatoes in Kenya has been Africans. Since very few Europeans ever grow potatoes economically, the result has been progressive degradation of seed. The most economical way of encouraging potato growing would be to supply good seed to Native and pay by grade for the resultant crop. Only the Government were able to take effective measures without Native labour could Europeans hope to grow the crop on a large scale without loss.



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Questions in Parliament

Mr. French Jones asked the Minister of State in the Colonies whether he could publish as a War Office document past discussions on Colonial policy upon recruitment and training within Colonial peoples of the Empire which had taken place.

Mr. Macmillan replied that the suggestion would be considered with a view to the presentation of a comprehensive set of declarations on the subject.

Asked whether steps were being taken to remove the above uncertainty in regard to agricultural production for war requirements of staple crops and other agreements, Mr. Macmillan replied that production programmes were necessarily subject to variation owing to the changing conditions at war. It was, Lord Cranborne's constant endeavour to secure definite and definite a programme as possible in conjunction with the authorities concerned.

Mr. French Jones said he took it that Mr. Macmillan was giving attention to complaints in the Press that his statements were not specific enough and that steps in Kenya were under very great misapprehension as to what really was wanted for war production.

Mr. Macmillan: Yes. I am also glad to say that Mr. French Jones' giving attention to the views of the settlers.

Colonial Workers in Great Britain

Mr. French asked whether observations were kept on the working of the Workmen's Compensation Act as it affected colonial workers in different parts of the country, whether the Colonial Office had any record or statistics appropriate to such cases, with notes of the injury or disease, the nature of the workers—the slaves or tailors of claims for permanent compensation, and the duration of such periods; whether such information in individual cases was forwarded to the Colonial Office in worker cases, and whether the Colonial Office's Department regarded such cases as particularly satisfactory work.

Mr. Macmillan replied that only the administrative department of the Colonial Service, which was the department directly concerned with the employment of colonial workers, was involved in Britain, and could keep on all aspects of the working of the Workmen's Compensation Act. It was necessary for the Colonial Office to send special machinery for that purpose, as elaborate machinery would be necessary to keep records of all cases where colonial persons were employed in industry and unless so it would be unlikely to be fully effective. Many colonial persons in employment in this country had resided here for some years, had entered employment without reference to the Colonial Office, and might rightly resent appointment from it.

In the case of colonial workers brought to this country especially for war work, the employing department was informed which was available to the Colonial Office when it came to the Colonial Office itself to examine the separate records of these persons, and the details of their employment or not. Information about individual cases goes to the Colonial Office, which will keep a record of death cases.

Mr. French had added in reply to a supplementary question that colonial workers occasionally found themselves in difficulty when injured at work from lack of knowledge of the regulations but he had no evidence that such cases were many. Colonial workers generally brought their country for war work, and sought to maintain their trade unions if they went to the Welfare Department of the Colonial Office, associated with welfare officers or the ministry of labour and National Service, helping and advising colonial workers, and would put them in touch with legal advice when necessary.

Compulsory War-Time Labour

Mr. Sonnenberg asked in what Colonial areas enforced labour was to begin to operate, and whether East Africa or in any other Colonial area where enforcement was to operate representative Native bodies would be consulted, respecting effective safeguards and improved conditions.

Mr. Macmillan replied that, apart from military conscription, in Colony territories in which approval had been given for labour to be compelled for work essential to the defence of the territory, the efficient prosecution of the law for the infringement of the law would be the responsibility of the Native Administration. In the Tanganyika Territory, Northern Rhodesia, Nigeria and Malta, Lord Cranborne was sure that the necessary steps would be taken by the Government concerned to ensure that the "welfare of all constituents" was adequately safeguarded, and that any representations made by non-colonial bodies or organisations representative of local labour would receive sympathetic consideration.

Mr. Sonnenberg asked whether consultation with representatives of Native or Native organisations had taken place.

Mr. Macmillan replied that there were a number of bodies who represented the Native interests of the people, and that in drawing up all the necessary regulations

Nyasaland Dissatisfied

Serious discontent has been expressed in Nyasaland over the simultaneous transfer of the Manganyika Territory of the Ngoni Bantus, Commission of Police, and Mr. Bannister, Commissioner of the Customs Department. A leading article in the *Nyasaland Times* states:

"We share the frustration of our non-colonial community at the arrival of these two senior officials."

Mr. Bannister arrived his first appointment to the Nyasaland in 1938, a year ago, as a superintendent. During his long and exemplary period of service he has been stationed at virtually every police post in the Protectorate. He is recognised as the leading authority on the African languages of the country, and is an expert linguist in Nyanja, Yao and Tumbuka.

Mr. Bannister's unbroken service in our Customs Department has covered the last 30 years. He has also served at most of the Customs posts as well as at Headquarters, and he has made a name for himself as an efficient, exacting but helpful officer.

Even in the piping times of peace it would be considered most impudent by any concern that made any pretence to conduct its affairs on business lines to transfer two such senior and valuable servants out of the country in which they had made their names and built their careers. In war-time such a transfer would never be considered even, being such a dismal folly.

Our wage-earning citizens of the Protectorate from end to end, with its wartime problems from the police aspect, he enjoys the confidence of his subordinate officers and his African N.C.O.s and constables, the employers of the settler community, European and Indian. Mr. Bannister is known and liked by all sections of our community.

They have to go in order that they may receive promotion. It is not the promotion it is the transfer that is being demanded. The very fact that they are going for well-merited advancement appeals to a common sense view as being a very good reason for giving them that promotion (with the usual remunerative allowances) without regarding their service in this colony where they qualified for it. Of the many urgent reforms that a post-war world must bring to our Colonial Empire will be the ending of this crazy round-the-world bush transfer of officials all over the world, the ending of a system which makes the welfare of a colony a secondary consideration so long as the great gods, Seniority and Promotion, are faithfully served."



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New records have been achieved by Barclays' Bank A.D.C. & O.). The half-year statement to March 31 shows that deposits at £168,122,014 compare with £14,332,100 a year earlier, and represent an increase of no less than 60% since the last pre-war statement. Bills (£31,743,014) have increased even more rapidly from £5,939,207 in 1941 and £1,764,536 in 1940.

Cash and bullion have risen to £6,668,051, or £52,389. Investments are up by more than £9,000,000 to £53,668,818. Advances are higher at £20,722,640 and so are acceptances at £11,731,806. The proportion of advances to bills (which total £68,122,014) is down to 17.7% against 18.5% last year and 29.6% in 1940. The position is very liquid, the cash ratio being 30.4% compared with 25.9% before the war.

Union-Castle Line Results

The Union Castle Mail Steamship Co., Ltd., report a profit of £162,808 for 1941 after charging depreciation on ships, berths, debenture and other interest, and providing for the long deferred repairs and renewals. The corresponding balance a year ago was £208,004. This year's profit on completed voyages, after providing for depreciation, is £815,834; the adjusted figure for 1940 was £704,755. Sir Ernest Harvey, the Deputy Chairman, who reveals that £650,000 is provided for taxation, is of the opinion that in future years the company will probably become liable for excess profits tax.

The fleet stands in the balance-sheet at £7,731,000, a reduction of £1,173,321. Fleet replacement seed-corn which received £1,008,219 in 1940 now stands at £1,289,008, which is, however, barely equivalent to the peace-time cost of one of the mail ships.

B.C.A. Co. Pays Dividend

The British Central Africa Co., Ltd., has for the first time in nearly 20 years (or about double the period apart from the reconstruction in 1920) paid a dividend of 1d. per 2s. unit, or £1,170,000, or £1,000,000 of the

The report for the year ended September 30, 1941, shows a net profit of £6,13,204, of which £1,515 is absorbed by the dividend and £8,500 applied to the reduction of expenditure on bringing tea gardens to maturity. The carry-forward is £1,204, comprising with £8,017 brought in, thus the value of the accumulated profit (except one £1. Hd.) to be taken is carried forward.

The tea yield was 1,444,512 lb. of green leaf (from 1,314,811 lb. on 1,425 acres under tobacco) averaging 1,074 lb. per acre (706 lb.). 1,135 acres under soyabean gave 317 tons, and 273 tons of sisal and tow were produced. The remaining assets of Kabella Stores Ltd. have been realised, and the company's books audited.

The general meeting of the British Central Africa Co., Ltd., will be held in London next Thursday. The directors, Mr. S. Montague-Barlowe-Charnock, Mr. Henry Chapman and Messrs. J. G. C. G. and D. H. Allan, F.A.C., will be present.

The issued capital, appearing in the latest statement (£21,680), African estates are valued at £14,488; tea estates at £2,511; buildings and plant at £16,243; stores at £1,575; interests in subsidiary companies at £3,088; quoted investments at £1,014 (including 40,000 shares of each in African Lakes Corporation Ltd.) and produce in transit and expenditure on future crops slightly over £1,000.

News Items in Brief

Rice-growing is being undertaken on a large scale on the shores of Lake Victoria.

Tanganyika's tea export quota for the year which began on April 1 last has been fixed at 17,187,705 lb.

Malta Cam. Tea Syndicate Ltd. have declared an interim dividend of 6d. on the shares, which are engaged in tea growing in Nyasaland.

A large silk factory has undertaken the manufacture of garments to replace supplies from sources lost in the course of the war. The building of the factory is already in hand.

A conference arranged by the British Association of Imperial Medical Resources and the Atlantic Charter will take place on July 21-22 at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

A conference in Ethiopia with especial reference to its problems of future is to be held at Government House, Addis Ababa, from June 20 to 22, 1942.

Kenya's Legislative Council has approved a motion by Lord Cranbrook, representing the Imperial Government, to abolish restrictions on exports in East Africa by use of the ports of Mombasa and Dar es Salaam.

A suggestion that Gatooma might become the Lancashire of Southern Rhodesia was made by the Minister of Agriculture, Captain T. J. Harris. What was part of the Colony's M.P.'s recently stated his intention of building station there.

Cultivations in the reserves of Kenya will have to demand a great deal of labour. It would be well if the natives be encouraged to grow vegetables, fruit, seeds, grains, etc., for their own consumption by Indians in the preparation of their food, and Negroes imported from India. The Director of Agriculture does, however, consider it likely that cumin of satisfactory quality could be grown in Kenya.

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Sherwood Star. Mining for the month of June amounted to 2,000 tons, the gold production being £8,717 and the profit £225.

Rezende. During June 11,500 tons were crushed, giving gold to a total value of £26,472 and a working profit of £8,000.

N. Rhodesia Company

The Northern Rhodesia Company has declared an interim dividend of 10s. No dividends were declared last November.

Gap Mine

A meeting of creditors of Gap Mine, Ltd., has been held in Chunya, Tanganyika, to consider the winding up of the company.

Lonely Root

An annual report of the Lonely Root Gold Mining Co., Ltd., for the year ended December 31, 1941, fully reveals that mining operations in Southern Rhodesia ceased in February of last year, but that accumulated slimes have since been treated. The total output for the year was 8,350 ozs., which realised £8,655. The profit was £14,985. After providing £1,425 for taxation, £6,390 are carried forward. Net sales amount and profit of £1,000 in £18,235.

Selway Gold Mining and Finance

The profit for the year to March 31, 1942, was £1,145,000. Dividends amounting to £100,000 (£5,000) have been paid, and £10,000 (£5,000) has been transferred to taxation reserve leaving £22,819 to be carried forward, subject to any excess profits tax adjustments. The interim dividends of 5s. each have been declared. Profits of the year to March 31, 1941, the company having £1,445 dollars or £2,500,000 dollars issued capital of Shiloh Premier Mines and received therefrom for the year £2,640 less dividends, less tax liability against £35,446. The Shiloh company had cash, at December 31, of 750,729 dollars. Ore reserves were estimated at 185,326 tons, valued at 1,896,766 dollars (compared with 135,918 tons and 1,400,601 dollars).

Trypanosomiasis Scare on Copperbelt

A cable just received by this newspaper states that the whole of the Copperbelt area, including Zambia, has been declared a quarantine area owing to the suspected existence of trypanosomiasis. No stock or dogs may be moved in or out of the area.

Copperbelt Silicosis Investigation

Dr. Irvine one of the leading silicosis experts in the Union of South Africa, arrived on the Copperbelt of Northern Rhodesia last week. Investigations into the disease have for some time been conducted by doctors on the mines in accordance with Dr. Irvine's directions and the purpose of his visit is to inspect and report upon the progress of his work.

Copperbelt Housing

"East Africa and Rhodesia" is informed by cable that the construction of temporary quarters for miners at the Luanshya and Muntulu mines, Northern Rhodesia, is almost at completion. Instructions have been given to the companies in the United Kingdom who have been in touch with the Ministry of Supply on the subject, about 100 of these temporary houses are to be built near Luanshya, and some at Mufuria.

Mining Personnel

Mr. H. E. Barrett, a former Government Mining Engineer in South Africa has been appointed the British South Africa Company's resident mining engineer in Northern Rhodesia, with headquarters in Ndola.

Railwaymen's Representation

Mr. Gray, acting general secretary of the Rhodesian Railway Workers' Union, is visiting Northern Rhodesia from Bulawayo. With Mr. K. W. Wileman, leader of the Northern Rhodesian Miners' Federation, he will meet Sir John Walmsley in a few days ago in order to discuss housing and other matters raised by the Copperbelt branch of the D.R.W.U. when the latter made his recent tour of the mines.

The fact that goods made of raw materials in short supply owing to war conditions are advertised in this newspaper should not be taken as an indication that they are necessarily available for export.

Statements Worth Noting

Our fathers trusted in thee; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered; they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.—Psalm xlii, 4, 5.

The Government of Kenya is now more than two years too failed to do anything for crop production.—Colonel Kirkwood, M.L.C.

I am an African. I would rather live in an Africa Administered by Lord Trenchard than in one administered by Lord Wedderburn.—Earl Haig's Warf.

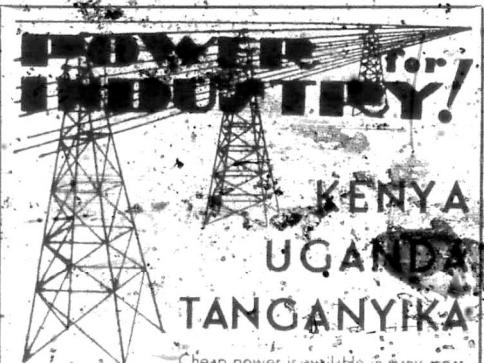
I set no grounds for the defeatist view that the British Empire must eventually break up, but I would avoid encouraging dissipative tendencies.—Lord Moyne.

You cannot run a large Colonial Empire well unless you're determined to save it at all times. You are proud to make the necessary sacrifices to carry through the task.—Sir Alan Eden, Foreign Secretary.

The only way in which the Colonies could make a decisive contribution to our need of rubber would be to build plants for making synthetic rubber from the simplest vegetable matter.—Manchester Guardian.

Instead of town-planning the country, England is now garden-planning its towns. They need someone from Dar es Salaam to show how real it is to plant trees in a town.—Major H. Bowin, in a broadcast talk from London to Africa.

There seems something strange about this bill, part of the title of which is 'Pensions to widows and children of deceased Asian officers who are appointed to the service of the Government.'—Lieut.-Colonel E. S. Morgan, in the Kenya Legislative Council.



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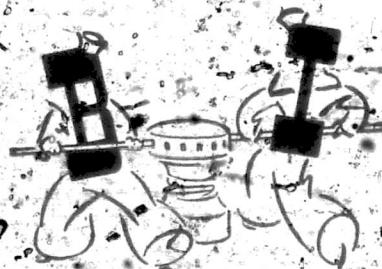
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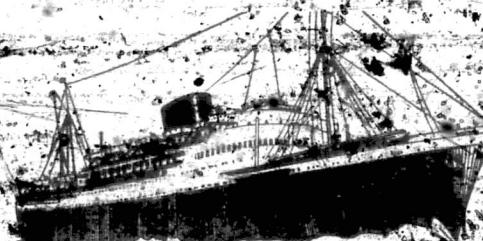
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

GREAT PROMINENCE has been given in the British Press to the Colonial Office announcement last week that two Africans have been appointed assistant district commissioners in the Gold Coast Colony, the Administrative Service of which has been opened to Africans on the recommendation of the Governor. This departure is of direct importance from the West African standpoint, for it is certain that the precedent now set in West Africa cannot long apply to one side only of that great continent.

Yet the step taken by the Secretary of State on the advice of the King's representative on the spot is not as revolutionary as commentators are agreed in suggesting. The casual reader without personal knowledge of West Africa might be forgiven for assuming that official appointments have hitherto been the close preserve of the white man, and that he, at long last, and under the pressure of war, had slightly opened the door to his African fellow-subjects. That is misconception. There has been no question of a revolution of either in principle or in practice. Four years ago—that is to say, long before the British public was prepared to believe in the invincibility of another German-made war—it was more than forty Africans employed by the Government of the Gold Coast in posts of varying influence, including a puisne judge, the Solicitor-General, and the Assistant Secretary for Native Affairs. It is clear, then, that ability was not to use the service of Africans when men of suitable qualification became

available. Historical reasons explain why the Gold Coast leads British West and East Africa in this connexion. Europeans first established themselves there nearly five hundred years ago, and the territory has been under the control of the British Government for a century. In more recent times considerable revenues have permitted a progressive educational policy, including the foundation and gradual expansion of the great college of Accra, whose graduates must be expected to play an increasing part in the official structure of the West African Dependencies.

Are similar developments to be expected in East and Central Africa? Assuredly, not to admit that would be to write down British rule as a failure, for its *passus factio* has been

to prepare Africans for ever

Pointers for

widening responsibilities in the

East Africa. Yield of self-government, in the

immediate future, and, but in

the longer run without limit, says those im-

posed by immaturity and the lack needed to acquire experience. Not much more than a

few such words would have seemed

fatuous, if not positively mischievous, to the

pioneers of East Africa—the administrative

and trading pioneers no less than the pioneer farmers and

traders. Few, even among the missionaries,

would have endorsed them as expressing practical possibilities. In the meantime the

missions have charted the course by obtaining

many African clergymen, all of whom have ably justified the faith reposed in

their character and capacity, and the Government have provided, notably at the Gordon College, Khartoum, and Makere L'Orange, Uganda, instruments for the training of the most promising students emerging from the peoples of the territories between East Africa and the Rhodesias inclusive. These developments are so recent that there has not yet been time for their influence upon the Dependencies to be very marked; then, in the close watch, one cannot fail to discern the shadows of forthcoming events. In the Sudan and Uganda, for instance, considerable numbers of Africans having qualified locally as medical men, have rendered excellent account of themselves, not merely while under the direction of European headmasters, but also when posted to distant mission stations. It can already be seen that the carefully selected African gives promise of real success in the profession of medicine.

With Lord Derby's decision to visit East Africa five years ago to investigate the educational problems and needs of the territories its members were profoundly impressed by the importance of planning

Linking To on bold lines to meet the future. In this spirit the Government, local authorities and industry generally for swiftly expanding numbers of African-trained as doctors, engi-

nists, engineers, teachers, veterinarians and so forth. That conviction was the foundation on which they based their recommendations for the new Makere L'Orange, which, it is safe to assume, a remarkable period of my life will be the chief agency in the service of the Government of Anti-Servants of the Republic. Under the clouds of war the State of Makere L'Orange served practically no public function. Nor has there been time for us to declare them. The influence of war must be expected to hasten a epochal widening down the highest types of training. Thousands of Africans who would have given up their studies in their traditional environment, broken only by occasional periods of work on mine or farm, will with this war end their studies and take up men of greatly different origin and acquire an entirely new outlook on life. Some of them, having for the first time risen to responsibility in military affairs, will have the opportunity in themselves for lack of responsibility in civilian life. Others will at least decide that those opportunities must become increasingly available to them, young and simple, and their sons and daughters will be well, therefore, to expect a rapid development in education of the kind of cuiusque has been with other nations during the last century. Not being bound to the ties of an inheritance due to the events of the past, we might be both foolish and late

Belgian Congo & the Ethiopian Campaign

First Full Review of the Assistance Given by Our Allies

LIBERATION FROM ITALIAN OPPRESSION of the country south of the Blue Nile was the task assigned to the Belgian Congo in the Ethiopian campaign; and the task was triumphantly accomplished with the brilliant victory of Asosa.

General Gazzera, commanding all the Italian forces in Galla Sidamo, there capitulated unconditionally to General Gilliaert, Commander-in-Chief of the Belgian expeditionary force; and with him surrendered General de Simone, commanding a divisional group; General Van Den Heuvel, commander of the 23rd Division and hundreds of other officers; some of general rank; about 14,000 prisoners were taken by the Congolese at Asosa together with all their arms, war material and supplies.

In view of the campaign the Italians were at a great advantage in numbers of men and in quality and quantity of equipment. They had tanks, armoured cars, pursuit planes with a horse-power ten times that of any of the Congolese machines, and bombers of great range of flight. Always they had superiority of position.

The Belgians had been since armoured cars, and only small tourist automobiles. What, however, did good reconnaissance work, and did excellent work over the Italian lines. The Congolese used to rely wholly on their strength,

This special account of the part played by the Prince of the Belgian Congo in the campaign against the Italianising Ethiopians has been written from official documents courteously placed at the disposal of the East Africa and Rhodesia by the Belgian Congo authorities. We are therefore able to include in this story much information hitherto unpublished.

military spirit and the element of surprise due to their mobility of movement. But that sufficed.

The first contingents sent Belgian Congo forces, mainly in Gondar in February 1941, reached Juba, 650 miles away, the embarkation point for the Nile to Makaale, Renk and Melka. It was slow work, but five days later they had the best means available in the form of lorries.

Arrived at their destination, they struck east across the flat, sandless desert, making their first experience of what "desert" means. The official account grows almost lyrical in its references to the sufferings of men who had just left the warm, humid climate of the watered Congo. The torrid sun burned their feet and parched their throats, with an inexorable thirst. Every step on the blackish soil raised clouds of hot dust which penetrated everywhere. At last they reached the foot of the Ethiopian escarpment and, using both hands and feet, scaled it at full speed. There they lay prostrate, caught them to Asosa, which to these people are the "Heavens," who rise but hardly.

Asosa, an important post on the road from the Sudan frontier to Addis Ababa, lying in the bosom of the mountains at an elevation of over 10,000 feet, was the centre of Ben Shangur with an airfield and aerodrome (and in peace-time a large market). When it fell on March 11, the expeditionary force had covered over 1,000 miles from its starting point in the Congo in boats and lorries.

On the 12th, in the morning, at Ambela, the contingent crossed the 170 miles between Ambela and the front

bay between the Sobat and Baro rivers. Arriving on March 24, the next day they assaulted Gambela in liaison with British troops.

A longer run than this to Gambella had to be taken by frontal attack. For practically the whole day the one gun and automatic rifle posts of the Baro held up the Congolese. On the 23rd they entered Gambella to be promptly bombed by two Caproni aircraft which caused some casualties.

General Gilliard then awaited reinforcements and supplies, meanwhile constantly harrying the enemy by frontal attacks and harassing patrolling which maintained areas still in Italian occupation.

Steady pressure by British forces to the west was driving large numbers of the enemy from their posts; the continuously counter-attacked. On May 1, General Gilliard in April there began to study publications on African warfare. Then followed the actual arrival of those who had travelled the long and tedious way from Soba up the Nile, Sobat and Baro.

Supplies necessarily took the long, long trail and it is not easy to grasp what a supply problem involved. Everything that could be was employed on the Congo and its tributaries to carry the multifarious things an army must have. From Soba a great flotilla under the Belgian flag carried them up the Shari and Daro to Gambella.

Loyal Butchers

On April 14 and 15, on May 3 the Belgians had to repel Italian attacks on the Barta river which flows into Sajo. In the course of these Lieutenant Simonet was wounded and killed by machine-gun fire. So great a reputation had he established for valour that the finest unit in the Belgian staff was named "Simonet's Own" in his memory. Another officer, Burgeo, was severely but not killed by two Italians who approached him crying "We are English!" and shot him down. Hand-to-hand fighting was a feature of the second engagement in which Native troops performed deeds of gallantry in the ranks of officers, who were especially targets for the Italian sharpshooters.

Finally, crews and batteries of field artillery continued to arrive during April, May and June. The General Gilliard had placed his men.

Here again the record evagates on the hardships suffered by the askari in this campaign, the bitter cold of the high Ethiopian plateau, the marching through wet grass as high as a man, the tearing of flesh by thorn-bush; the enemy lying in ambush who first disclosed his presence by spraying the advancing column with bullets. Then there was disease, few of the troops escaped the debilitating effects of dysentery and malaria. But these African warriors stood the ordeal gallantly.

Sao a Miniature Keren

The battle of Sajo was a masterpiece. A British officer who had seen both places declared it a miniature Keren. A bridge had been strongly fortified with iron rails, segments and every device of modern defence. As it was of strategic value and could not be captured or bypassed, it had to be taken.

The plan of attack was to be a simultaneous attack on the two banks under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief. It was to be a frontal attack with a simultaneous flanking movement by the right wing to develop (as it did) into an assault on the Italian rear.

Colonel Van Der Meer led the attack, which began at 6 A.M. on July 10, pushed with immense vigour. It succeeded completely. The flanking wing was already moving, after being hidden during the night in the rock of a great gorge; then it moved forward to reach the environs of Sao and took the Italian entirely by surprise.

In three hours the town was captured without firing a single shot. At 1 P.M. the British were bringing a offer from General Gilliard. In a cessation of hostilities they were to be given the General Gilliard, who demanded unconditional surrender. That evening the terms of surrender were signed by General Gazzaia. Sao had fallen and with it all Gallia's dream.

Entering Sao in triumph, swinging along between lines of depressed and ebony telegraph poles, Native conscripts, the "Boys of Sato," were paraded and犒劳ed for their courage and endurance by their Commandant and officers.

This campaign was practically over so far as the Congo was concerned, but the treacherous oil-tax had to be collected and transported over the land fall in the Congo, and the prisoners had to be transferred to the British East African coast for internment. Many weeks of hard work taxed the transport services.

THE WAR

British Occupy Mayotte, in Comoro Group

King's African Rifles Employed with Marines and Commandos

THE KING'S GUARDE announced on July 10 that British forces had occupied the French island of Mayotte in the Mozambique Channel. There was no resistance and there was no casualty on either side. It is said known for many years that the island has been visited by a lone German submarine and that she had been there to recruit African slaves, which now form part of the Comoro Islands. The King's African Rifles' plans were well conceived and executed, that the population was taken by complete surprise. The men landed at dawn and there was no fighting. This is the first time the King's African Rifles have operated with Marines or Commandos.

A few hours later the two unarmed British ships were detained and the wireless station and Netrome were occupied. The population stands to number 1,000,000. Several hundred thousand bushels of grain, the largest island of the Comoro group has valuable sugar factories, and coffee, tobacco and cotton plantations. Seeds and grain are sown here throughout the year, suitable at all seasons, and there is an average rainfall of 150 square miles.

The Vichy government has protested against British aggression in occupying Mayotte.

A Greek steamer supported last Thursday to have been torpedoed in the Mozambique Channel south of the island of Angoche which had been rescued by the boats carrying some survivors from a Swedish steamer torpedoed in the same area. One of the boats also contained the captain and members of the crew of a Norwegian steamer sunk by an enemy submarine. Angoche is the chief port of Portuguese East Africa south of Mozambique.

Telegrams from Durban have told of the arrival of survivors from two ships torpedoed off Portuguese East Africa. The captain of one vessel which was torpedoed about midnight was rescued after being thrown in the water but was again torpedoed when the submarine surfaced and shelled the rescue ship. The gun crew of the second vessel opened fire and the submarine submerged. Only half the crew managed to escape from the second sinking. The third survivor, who clung to a mine all day under a broiling sun, believes himself

EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA

M.R.C. L. Hall's New Office

A cable received on Friday by this newspaper states that Mr. K. R. Hall, Secretary to the Nyasaland Northern Rhodesian and Southern Rhodesian Inter-colonial Conference in Salisbury, has been appointed to the Southern Rhodesian Government as their Supply Advisory Board to advise on Northern Rhodesian matters. Mr. Hall was Chief Secretary in Nyasaland before assuming his present appointment.

The Director of Main Powers in Northern Rhodesia has just been given the responsibility to settle the settlement in Northern Rhodesia of Europeans who have fled from the town.

Zanzibar's Civil Emergency Committee consists of the British Resident (Chairman), the Senior Military Officer, the Provincial Commissioner, the Director of Agriculture, Mr. Sayyid H. A. Karamee, Shaikh Mohamed bin Hilal el Burwani, and Messrs. C. A. Barnes, F. C. Dewey, and William Adis (secretary).

At the last meeting of the Middle East Supply Council held in Cairo, the East African delegation consisted of Messrs. G. J. Nay, R. E. Norton, and B. Leechman.

Mr. A. J. Arkell has been appointed Chief Transport Officer and controller of Petroleum Products for the Sudan.

Mr. A. Vincent, Director of Road Transport from Kenya, has also been appointed controller of Petroleum Products, with Mr. T. J. O'Brien as Deputy Controller.

Mr. H. Gaudard has been appointed Vice-Controller in Kenya.

Mombasa's Executive Committee consists of the Provincial Commissioner, Mr. S. V. Hodges (Chairman), the District Commissioner, Mr. W. L. Morgan; Mrs. Morgan; Mrs. Crisp; Dr. Anna, President of the Indian Association; Mr. S. Mello, President of the Ocean Community, the Ligue of the Coast; Capt. K. Goode, of Port Said Headquarters; Mr. W. H. Austin, representing the Ministry of War Transport; Mr. H. G. Tidy, Tewi Clark, Mr. L. W. Melton, President of Mombasa Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture; Mr. K. R. Parrot, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber; Messrs. S. V. Cooke, W. G. Nicoll, and P. Palley, Jnr., Kary, and Sheriff Abdulla.

Funds for War Purposes

The Sudan War Relief Fund has sent another £5,000 to the Ministry of Aircraft Production making a total of £50,000.

The latest total of the Sudan Red Cross Relief Fund is £29,325.

Southern Rhodesia recently launched a "Help the Campaign" to raise £50,000 for the provision of comforts for men in the fighting line and financial assistance in times of difficulty to persons serving or their dependents, and for the creation of a fund available for service men on their return.

African employees of the Globe and Phoenix Marine & Fire Insurance Co. have sent £300 as aid to the Southern Rhodesia War Relief Comforts Fund.

A house-to-house collection organised by the Balawao Fete Committee realised £376 for the Southern Rhodesia National War Fund.

A carnival dance held at Bulawayo Town Hall for the Red Cross was attended by over 1,000 people.

The Northern Rhodesia Red Cross aid for Russia Fund closed on July 12 at £7,074 14s. 1d.

A number of African women recently visited Broken Hill military camp to see the sick treated by Dr. Bell and other Africans presented to the *ashraf*. A kindred class at Mongu increased in five months from 10 to 50 members.

From January 1 to May 29 the sale of Nyasaland War Savings Certificates amounted to £14,266 1s.

Alta fete and produce sale in Lilangwe, Lusaka, was raised in aid of the Nyasaland War Community Chest, bringing the total to £6,125.

A Red Cross jumble sale held at Blantyre, Nyasaland, raised £100 for the Red Cross.

Mr. R. B. Clegg, of the African Export Corporation, Salima, Nyasaland, has given two bales of cotton for sale for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Tanganyika's Red Cross aid to Russia Fund closed at £1,500.

East African coffee trade has been consistently generous in its gifts to war charities, but all previous efforts have been handsomely surpassed by the remarkable sum of £1,500 obtained at an auction held in Nairobi in aid of the Coffee Board's Canteen Fund.

As a practical gesture of appreciation of the work of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy, Kenyans recently inaugurated a monthly drive with a view to raising the largest possible sum among all races in the Colony in aid of those services. Lady Moore, wife of the Governor, launched the appeal. The Chairman of the Executive Committee formed in Nairobi to organise the effort was Major J. W. Milner, who, as Chairman of the Naval Entertainment Committee, has for a number of years been closely associated with naval visits to the Colony. One of the particular objects is the improvement and enlargement of the Seamen's Institute in Mombasa, where amenities for food, sleep and recreation are inadequate to present needs. It was hoped to raise £20,000.

Mr. W. R. H. Austin was Chairman of the Committee appointed to organise Mombasa's Sailors' Week, held from May 24 to 31.

Latest gifts acknowledged by the Duke of Gloucester, Red Cross Fund include £1,500 from the Tanganyika War Relief Fund and £100 from the people of Mufulira, Northern Rhodesia.

Latest contributions to the Lord Mayor's Empire Air Raid Distress Fund include 954 1s. 6d. from women of Dar es Salaam.

Gifts to the Colonial Comfort Fund during June were £25 from the East African Lands and Development Co. Ltd., £2.2s. each from Colonel C. E. Ponsonby, M.P., and Colonel Cole, and £1.1s. from Mr. R. A. Webb.

Major-General R. H. Pargeter accepted, from Lady Wilson at a recent ceremony in Southampton, furnishings presented by the people of Uganda for a hut for a local anti-aircraft unit.

Kampala's new cinema, the Globe, has undertaken to give to the War Bond Fund from every £5 od. ticket and £1 from every £10.0d. ticket sold.

K.A.R. in Ceylon

Mr. Martin Moore, special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* in Colombo, writing of the East African troops now forming part of the army in that vital strategic island, telegraphed a few days ago:

"I have spent six days with African troops encamped in the interior of the jungle. These tall, wild-looking giants are the men who led to victory the British out of Abyssinia. Most of them are mere boys, from 17 to 20 years old, and have not been home to their native districts for three years. They are considered far more fierce than any other troops in the world for the type of warfare which almost has no parallel. Barefoot, they can crawl with such speed through the jungle that one man in the company of a dozen or two men can carry a heavy mortars, pack mules and stores in his hands. Although trained as they would be to fight to the death, they are as perfectly camouflaged as tigers. Their black bodies, disguised by the dust of their long marches, faithfully mimic the patterns of sunlight filtering through the jungle."

Battle for Russian railways.

The Russian setbacks in the Voronezh area mean more than a simple loss of territory. A line running north-south through Voronezh divides very roughly the south-western area, in which railways are numerous, from the south-eastern area, in which they are few. The Germans clearly plan to drive Marshal Timoshenko back into this south-eastern area, and so deprive him of the advantage of quick transport, which he has so far maintained. The railway system of western Russia has often been likened to a spider's web with Moscow at the centre. Three main strands run due south in parallel lines. Throughout the winter the Germans held the westernmost strand, which runs through Kharkov. Until now the Russians have been able to use the other two strands freely, the one which comes south through Starj Oskol and Valuzhik, and the one which comes south through Voronezh. These are the lines now captured by the Germans. Voronezh is near the place just to the north where a fourth line branches south-east to Stalingrad. The passing of the lines to the south of Voronezh will certainly be a German objective. If it is taken, the line broken east of Voronezh, the Germans will have cut three main Red Army supply lines in addition to the Kharkov line. Fortunately Marshal Timoshenko does not depend wholly or even mainly on supplies from the Moscow region. He can look for arms from Bulgaria and Western Siberia.

The Times diplomatic correspondent.

Germany's aim in Russia.

Hitler's eyes are on the Volga. The Germans want to get a firm grip on this great river. They do not need to cross it. If they can get within shell and bombing range of Mother Volga between Saratov and Stalingrad they will be happy, for they will thus be able to bring to a standstill the vital river traffic of oil and munitions that moves up that way. They will be able to strangle the lifeline to Russia from the south, from Baku through Terekhan. They will have isolated the Caucasus and cloaked the Russian armies based on Krasnodar. Russia will be forced into a second, a grandiose plan. What stands in the way of its achievement? Fire and water—the fire of the Red Army's tanks and guns and planes, and the water of at least three rivers. One of the rivers is a deep two-mile-wide barrier like the Volga. But all are as good as the upper reaches of the Don where the battles now wage. The rivers are the British Khosro, the Medveditsa, Mr. Paul H.

Background to the

Japan's threat to U.S.S.R.—A Japanese attack upon Russia before August 1st now becomes a strategic necessity. If Japan waits to see what she has conquered in the months of relentless Blitzkrieg, she will catch the bear-giant by the tail. The whole State of Manchukuo has been transformed into a vast arsenal. When will Japan strike? Hitler recently opened a new diplomatic campaign designed to plunge Japan into war with Russia coincident with his own offensive in the west. But Japan's grand strategy is not based on extremism. She will not fight to help Hitler, but to help herself. Military experts believe that she will not attack Russia until she feels sure of being to that country a three-to-one superiority in military power. Such a situation is not unlikely to arise this summer. The short, warm Siberian summer, since the seeds of war find a receptive soil. The Russian cornerstone of Siberia was laid by one of the mystery men of the Orient, Marshal Blücher—who under the name of Galen helped Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek conquer China for the revolution. In 1929, after Chiang had expelled him from China, the Kremlin commanded him to organise its Far Eastern Army. Blücher, a brilliant planner, conceived an area of total defence, covering all the Far Eastern territory and independent of supplies from the west. Soviet armies stationed along that immense frontier were to live off the land, grow their own wheat, forge their own weapons, mine their own coal, refine their own oil.

Mr. Ernest O. Hauser, in the *Daily Express*:

Wrong Men Sent to U.S.A.

My complaint about the Ministry of Information is that it is not strong enough to override the Service Departments. The root trouble with regard to most of the information sent have been sent to America in connexion with our information service—mostly by the Foreign Office—but they have been of the right type of English. I am impressed with the likes of Sir Alexander and Sir Christopher Soames, the former of whom I have known for over 20 years, and what he does for foreign countries, the qualities of which are not always apparent to us here. I am also impressed with the likes of Sir Alan Wilson, Mr. Paul H.

Political Leadership.

Stafford Cripps' political fortunes have somewhat declined during the last few weeks. His contacts with the ranks and file of the Conservative Party have been extending. It is widely known that he favours political compromise, notably for the duration of the war, and in the peace which will immediately follow the armistice. Yet he fails to give the impression of being a really brilliant, and although he has very powerful support and would be a strong candidate for the leadership, his position remains problematic. Mr. Eden's tends to strengthen. It is now known that he would probably have the support of a very powerful section of the Press. Many would like him as Prime Minister because it is thought he would be anxious to seek advice and would therefore insist on consulting the Foreign and Colonial Ministers and the Admiralty. He would be a "quiet" leader, a "hands-off" man, less inclined to make a dramatic entrance to the political stage than a "showy" leader. He is opposed, however, on the grounds of being a weak man and of lacking the ability to "inspire" the country. Radio speeches are very important in these days, and Mr. Eden tends to bore people from the microphone. There is a lack of power in his voice and his sonority in most foreign countries, and he is regarded as cold.

Lytton Pirrie's indispensability is惟惟 too quickly. His fortunes depend more upon long-term factors. Nevertheless, his name is very frequently mentioned and nearly always with respect. If he is ever to achieve a big position in British politics he must learn how to handle the public. His big speech in the confidence debate showed lack of Parliamentary skill. Sir John Anderson's name is not often heard, but here is a very capable man. His capability, his great capacity for hard work and his almost unshaken courage on behalf of very high responsibilities. He would be a first-class chairman for a War Cabinet consisting of really big men. Unfortunately, however, he has an almost unlimited capacity for boring the House of Commons. His speeches are deadly dull. In the dramatic politics of the twentieth century this is a factor which has to be taken into account. Finally, it must be said, that, whatever anybody else may think, Mr. Ernest Gruening is convinced that before the war is over he will be recalled to prove

To the War News

Opinion Epitomised

many-sided Hitler, not Hitler Germany.—Sir Arthur Paul, K.C.

The role of the Home Guard is to fit in a maze of divergent motives.—Frank Caloué, M.P. As 1

The Germans are not the only ones who are weak at the moment.—John Gandy.

Wednesday is a coming of stems the organisation of the crowd—said John Gandy.

If Hitler is public enemy No. 1 the average small-farmer bureaucrat is fast becoming public enemy No. 2.—Mr. George Murray.

Mr. Marks is the best ambassador from any country who has served in London since Paul Cambon.—Mr. J. L. Garvin.

Coastal command has thrown into the fight against the Nazis a force of planes which the entire continent could not match.—Mr. Frank Murphy.

More than 100,000 French children are on the roads of France during the German advance in May and June 1940.—French Red Cross statement.

Our command of the Mediterranean can be reasserted only by means of the establishment of air power over its waters.—Air Marshal Lord Trenchard.

Mark a plumb line on your bath at a five-inch level and you will help to save a million tons of coal a year.—Sir Harold Hartley, Chairman, Fuel Research Board.

"General de Gaulle must take his place with the President of the United States and the Prime Minister as one of the few great speakers of this war."—*Telegraph*.

Germany's heavy industry of the Rhineland is marked down for extinction. To what extent the making of peace will be simplified.—*Central European Observer*.

We talk about "Hitler's war machine," "Hitler's army," "Hitler's navy," etc., but cannot believe that it does anything but strengthen Hitler in Germany.—Mr. K. Pickthorn, M.P.

During the last six months this is what the R.A.F. dropped: approximately 14,000 leaflets over Germany and enemy occupied countries.—The Minister of Information.

All Germans have a pathetic longing to be liked. The cold hatred which surrounds them from Narvik to Baden-Baden fills them with unknown fears.—Mr. Harold Nicolson, M.P.

The Axis powers are upon the R.B.C. a mighty enemy that is bent on the destruction of the German enemies to obtain their men and women to listen to them. Is Mr. Churchill's remark correct?

Mr. Churchill says nearly 10,000 civil servants can be released from their present posts. The Civil Service has been so sparse that 100,000 since the war ended.

Mr. Trevor Egan, M.P. for Chicago, the centre of a population of about 40 million people, the British propaganda has consisted last year of one official three-tripets and an erand boy.—Mr. W. J. Brown, M.P.

There is to be, by whatever legal procedure can be devised, the certainty of bringing to justice punishment those Germans who are really guilty of atrocities.—The Archbishop of Canterbury.

Many of the aerodromes to those of us who understand the Empire and North American forces seem to be the same among young and old, inexperienced, amateur.—Mr. Vernon Bainton, M.P.

Outside the number of 150,000 Allies this country has a larger force than the new British Ambassador to London, M. Rauf Orbay, and the new Prime Minister in Ankara, M. Sarakoglu.—Mr. G. Ward Price.

The estimated expenditure of the Ministry of Information for the present financial year is £10,000,000, an increase of £2,000,000 on last year, mainly due to the growth of publicity services abroad and home.—Mr. Thrilez, M.P.

Access on equal terms to the trade and raw materials of the world implies not only freedom of the seas, changes, but also the absence of that haunting fear of an adverse balance of payments which has so bedevilled international trade.—Mrs. J. L. Gibson.

The British have suffered more or defeated more aircraft attacks than have been successful, and has scored more successes with aircraft than the three Axis Powers combined—despite the fact that it has had far fewer targets to attack.—Commander T. Pursey, R.N.

To the historian the most astonishing feature of the first three years of the war may appear to be our neglect to make adequate use of the lack-minded British soldier who developed the technique which our enemy has so strikingly exploited and vindicated.—Colonel B. H. Liddell Hart.

Our aerobombs have been dropped so frequently on occupied territory that it has been estimated the public would have ceased to know what to do in case of an emergency. The only explanation I can think of for this seems to be that we avoid criticism. Even our tanks, M.B. 100, our 100-lb. bombs are so made bad and does further damage to the civilian population. The Germans, however, use mammoth bombs which is the way they have and can afford to buy numbers to carry them. But the British has only a first-line weapon, though a weapon, the new one, but it has not proved successful. It is not in quantity production.—Mr. Bushbridge.

The "Empire" service of the R.B.C. is admirably led under its young editors who has never sold the inside of a newspaper office but is a national-born editor. They are wonderful leaders, and they are doing brilliant work. I believe that this Empire and North American service will have a tremendous effect in holding together this British Empire.—Mr. Cyril Jackson, M.P.

The large amorphous organisation of the Ministry of Supply, the difficulty of obtaining any quick decision in the Civil Service, atmosphere of the latter, the constant remittances of improvements inevitably slowing down, impeding, or producing, fill one with foreboding in considering such questions as overtalling the Germans in up-to-date forms of armaments.—Lieut-General Sir Sydney Clive.

I suggest that we go back to the old and good idea of a small War Cabinet of Ministers without Portfolio accessible at any time to the heads of Services. This small Cabinet would take the place and perform the duty of a Minister of Defence.—Sir Emrys Jones.

Since 1932 the Japanese have built more than 3,000 miles of strategic railways in Manchukuo and 10,000 miles of roads for military transport.—Mr. G. M. Morris.

Group Captain G. R. Beamish, aged 32, promoted air commander, is the first R.A.F. trained officer to reach such a high rank (equivalent to a naval commodore and an army brigadier). Each of the now very considerable number of men in the four R.A.F. battle wings, air commanding came to the Air Force from the Navy or the Army. Recently a very similar naval officer expressed the view that the British services would never get close co-operation in this fashion if the R.A.F. until it was left by officers who were R.A.F. and not naval.—Mr. Clegg, naval in the *Daily Mail*.

PERSONALIA

Mr. R. H. Orr has been elected Mayor of Livingstonia.

Lady Delamore is revisiting South Africa from Nairobi.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. Stamp of Northern Rhodesia are now in London.

Mr. B. E. Crawford is now in charge of the Mankoya district of Northern Rhodesia.

Dr. Matheo, Portuguese Minister for the Colonies, is paying an official visit to the Belgian Congo.

A daughter has been born in Nakuru to the wife of Lieut.-John Parker of the East Africa Force.

Dr. R. H. Williams is now Medical Officer of Health for the Kajiado and Narok districts of Kenya.

A daughter was born last week in the capital of Southern Rhodesia to the wife of Mr. Jack Fynn.

Ford Passfield, who was Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1924 to 1931, died yesterday Friday last.

The Governor of Northern Rhodesia, Sir John Wadsworth, spent one day last week in the Ndola camp for Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Barbara McFadyean, daughter of Sir Andrew McFadyean, is one of the announcers of the B.B.C.'s African Service.

Mr. A. W. Henry has succeeded Mr. G. W. Haylett as manager of the Bahabar branch of the African Match Co., Ltd.

The High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia and Mrs. J. J. O'Keeffe are back in London from a brief rest in Scotland.

Mr. H. K. Patel and Dr. M. M. Patel have been appointed non-official members of the Uganda Legislative Council for two years.

Dr. Harold Morris, President of the Coloured People, has been elected Deputy Chairman of the London Missionary Society.

Messrs. J. L. Henderson and Mervyn Ridley have been appointed to the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya as Government representatives.

Messrs. E. B. Buckley, M. Campbell and G. J. O'Connor have been posted as A.N.C.s to Bulawayo, Matobo and Sipolilo respectively.

Mr. H. A. Bennett, Deputy Legal Secretary and Attorney-General in the Sudan, has been acting as Legal Secretary during Mr. D. P. Creed's leave.

Mrs. Jean Robertson, daughter of Mr. V. C. Robertson, Official Secretary to Rhodesia House, London, has been married in London to Dr. Ross Johnson.

Sir Donald Mackenzie Kennedy, until recently Governor of Nyasaland, has arrived in Mauritius to take over his duties as Governor of that Colony.

Mr. Lavalah A. Marimba, one of the best-known Indians in Malaya, has been re-appointed a non-official member of the Legislative Council for a fourth term.

Captain A. B. Gray of the Income Tax Department in Kenya, seconded for duty with the new Colonial Income Tax Office, 7 Millbank, London, S.W.1, is now in London.

Vice-Admiral H. G. Martin-Wappell, who at one time commanded H.M.S. "ENTERPRISE" on the East Indies Station, has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

Mrs. E. S. Groom and Mr. G. Blowers have been elected President and chairman, respectively, of the Nairobi Central Branch of the East Africa Women's League, in succession to Miss Baden-Powell and Mrs. Spencer-Taylor.

The marriage ceremony took place at North Myrmans, Hurley of Mr. M. J. G. Gleave, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gleave of Arundel, Lancashire Territory, and Miss Hazel Dawson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dawson of North Myrmans.

Captain J. T. Archer, of Eskebess, Kitale, Kenya, and Miss Dorothy Mary Bingham, F.A.M.N.S., younger daughter of the late Captain A. V. Bingham, C.I.E., and of Mrs. Bingham, 25 Derby Hill, London, S.E.23, have been married in Nairobi.

The following have been appointed members of the Kenya Land Surveyors' Board: Messrs. H. C. Long, Chief Computer, and C. A. A. Hime, District Surveyor, both of the Lands and Settlement Department; and W. M. Nightingale and H. K. Grocock, licensed surveyors.

Flight Lieutenant D. K. Bednall, R.A.F., and the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, were recently married in Nairobi. Dr. Henderson, who first reached Kenya in 1904, was appointed District Surgeon in Nakuru in 1907, and retired from the service in the same year.

Lord Harlech, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in the Union of South Africa, has returned to Pretoria from his visits to Rhodesia and Bechuanaland. Lord Harlech (as Mr. Ormsby-Gore) was Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1935 to 1939, and Chairman of the East African Parliamentary Commission of 1939.

Mr. Juxon-Barton, Chief Secretary of Nyasaland, is Acting Governor of the Protectorate, following the transfer of Sir Donald Mackenzie Kennedy to the Governorship of Mauritius. Mr. D. W. Saunders-Jones, Under Secretary, is Acting Chief Secretary, and Mr. M. E. Leslie, District Officer, is Acting Under Secretary.

Mr. J. R. Smearton-Stuart, a former farmer in the Cambrian district of the Kenya Highlands, and afterwards a prospector in the Togorigen area, has been appointed Assistant Commissioner for South-West Somerset by the National Savings Committee. Mr. Smearton-Stuart is the author of a recently published book entitled "Safari for Gold."

The office-bearers of the Njoro Settlers' Association for the ensuing year are Mr. E. H. Wright, M.L.C., President (re-elected for the 16th successive year); Mr. W. J. Beeston, Vice-President; Mr. J. Kinsey, honorary secretary and treasurer; with Colonel Kilkelly, Mr. D. F. Seth-Smith, Miss E. L. Grant, and Messrs. A. J. Stewart, T. J. Broach, and H. C. Goltart as additional members of the Executive.

The following are the office-bearers of the Kenya Fly Fishers' Club for the current year: President, Mr. T. L. Hatley; Vice-Presidents, Lieut-Colonel A. W. Sutcliffe and Major P. G. W. McMaster; Trustees, Messrs. Daete A. Shaw and T. Penny Robeson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Graham Dawson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. L. Hatley; Committee, Dr. J. Storry, Captain D. H. C. Enckham, Messrs. S. G. Farie, J. W. Francis, M. Johnson, and A. Repwick.

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Sir Daniel Hall

MRS. ALEX. HALL, wife of Sir Daniel Hall, first student and Director of Agriculture in Kenya at the time of his stay there, writes:

"Sir Daniel Hall, whose death was reported last week, became associated with East Africa when he visited it in 1889 as leader of a section of the British Association, and he was instrumental in taking the chairmanship of the Agriculture Committee in Kenya."

"He was a remarkable man, the possessor of first-class brains. In whatever company he was placed, his profound erudition and personality shone forth. The mode of Sir John Russell's 'his intellectual and artistic attainments in music, literature, Chinese pottery, French prints, French novels and his perfect mastery of English' were remarkable. In his earlier years the interest of his lectures was greatly appreciated by students and many others, and in a long and busy life he wrote many standard works dealing chiefly with the technical side of agriculture and its relation to other subjects."

"By many men of sound judgment he is regarded as the greatest agriculturist of the century in any country. As Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture in this country he planned and organized agricultural education and research, and placed them upon a supervised and lasting basis. One is inclined to conjecture the changes that might have been brought in the economic structure of the Colony had he but been given a wider scope of agricultural work, due to the Secretary of State some years before he was called to his mission who was ignorant of agriculture."

"His name will go down to posterity as a great Imperial, great scientist, great counsellor, a great leader. His hidey-hole, the houses which he promoted and nurtured, and his loyalty to his wide circle of friends and co-workers will remain cherished memories."

Obituary

Mr. Frank W. Howarth, whose death is announced, was for 30 years a missionary of the Church of Scotland in Nyasaland, for most of the time at Sombe, at which he was an evangelist teacher. He served in the last war as an observer officer in the Nyasaland Field Force. A keen sportsman, he had a large bag of honours to his credit. He retired from Africa in 1919, but continued to do deputation work in Scotland for the Nyasaland Mission Committee. During this war he had served in the Royal Observer Corps.

Mr. S. S. Seely, who has died in Mombasa at the age of 74, served during the South African War and first went to Kenya in 1906 as Inspector of Seeds and Plants. Later he managed a rubber estate in Uganda, after serving through the last war he was appointed a forest officer in Southern Rhodesia, but East Africa called, and he went to Tanzania to manage a coffee plantation. Later he joined the Nairobi staff of the Shell Company of East Africa. He leaves a son in Kenya and a daughter in England.

Mr. P. D. Pandas, a well-known Indian resident in Uganda, passed in India from heart failure at the age of 65 years. Arriving in Uganda 30 years ago, he started in business on his own account when only 18 years of age. He had held many public offices in his own community.

Colonel Sir George Macdonagh, K.C.M.G., whose death at the age of 82 years is announced, was a member of the Executive Council of the Royal Institute of International Affairs and was President of the Federation of British Societies in 1939-41.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Neave, O.B.E., has died in Kuma, Kenya, at the age of 70.

Sir Abe Bailey's Bequests

Details of the will of Sir Abe Bailey, who died nearly a week ago, were published last week-end. He left estate in England valued at £609,632, gross, with net personality £43,530, on which duty of £1,507.13 has been paid.

The first one-quarter of all he might leave £250,000, to the trustees upon trust "for the advancing and strengthening and development of the South African people, being anxious that the South African people share in increasing the same progress in numbers, in capacity, and in spirit of national unity in membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations so as to take a place among the peoples of the world, keeping their past history and the resources with which our land has been endowed." It is my firm belief that the attainment of this end will depend upon the two parent stocks, British and South African Dutch, and their ability to maintain and reinforce the stocks from which they have sprung to hold and strengthen their position in agriculture and industry and our business enterprise and to work together whole-heartedly in devotion to the interest of their common country."

He also left to the trustees £10,000 for a collection of pictures, prints and engravings for the people of South Africa; £1,000 towards the Boys' Association of South Africa until the executors deem it advisable to pay £20,000 to the association; £1,000 a year to the committee of the "Round Table" for as long as the trustees think proper; £1,000 a year to produce £5,000 a year to the Royal Institute of International Affairs, with a portrait of himself by de Laldo.

These items, the Hon. Lady Bailey receives £10,000 annually. The Prime Minister is among the recipients of bequests of £10,000 each.

"Government is under no delusions as regards its shortcomings and omissions in the past two and a half years, it could hardly be, in view of the criticisms which it has received during that period." — Mr. G. M. Nennie, Chief Secretary Kenya.

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Africans as Administrators East African Appointments

The employment of Africans as administrative officers has been repeatedly proposed in the House of Commons of late. On Thursday last the Colonial Office issued the following announcement:

"It has long been the settled policy of the Gold Coast Government to employ Africans in all branches of the public service when suitable candidates are available. Accordingly, being satisfied that Africans are now available for appointment as cadets in the Administrative Service and are likely to be available in future, the Secretary of State for the Colonies has decided, on the recommendation of the Governor, to inaugurate to open the Administrative Service in the Gold Coast to Africans and to appoint Africans from time to time to officerships in that service. Selection of suitable candidates is already under active consideration."

It has since been made known that two Africans have been selected as assistant district commissioners for that Colony. One, Amashanti born in 1918, was educated in the Gold Coast, where he graduated in 1930, and at University College, Oxford, where he obtained a B.A. degree. The other, a member of the Twi tribe, aged 23, attended schools in the Gold Coast and then went to Queen's College, Cambridge, where he took a degree in natural science.

Incidentally, an African, Mr. Martin Kwambwa, was appointed to the Secretariat of Tanzania Territory with the rank of assistant secretary some years ago. He retired in 1938 and died two years later.

[Editorial comment appears under Matters of Mankind]

Kenya's Production and Settlement Board

Kenya's reconstituted Agricultural Production and Settlement Board consists of Major F. W. Cavendish-Bentnick (Chairman), Captain F. O'B. Wilson (Deputy Chairman), Mr. D. L. Blunt (Director of Agriculture), Mr. R. Danbney (Director of Veterinary Services), Mr. C. A. Mortimer (Commissioner of Lands and Settlement), Mr. H. B. Barclay, Mr. W. K. Bastard, W. A. C. Baumer (acting M.L.C. for the Uasin Gishu), Capt. E. G. L. Burton, Lieut. Col. G. C. Griffiths, Capt. J. P. Hearley, Mr. G. S. Hunter, Major A. G. Keyser, Mr. S. H. Powles, Mr. W. F. O. Trench, Mr. W. J. Webb, Mr. J. E. A. Wolryche-Whitmore, and Mr. E. H. Wright, M.L.C.

Colonel C. E. Ponsonby

Colonel Charles Ponsonby, T.D., Conservative M.P. for Sevenoaks and private parliamentary secretary to Mr. Eden, and Chairman of the Joint East African Board, has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the 97th (Kent Yeomanry) Brigade, R.A. He commanded this Territorial unit from 1930 to 1936. In the last war, he was on active service with the West Kent (Queen's Own) Yeomanry and the 10th (Yeomanry) Battalion, The Buffs in Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine and France.

Latest appointments in East Africa

Colonial Administrative Service.—Mr. R. W. C. Baker-Bell, Assistant Secretary in Kenya; to be Financial Secretary in Zanzibar; Messrs. H. E. Graham, V. Howe, and E. Murray, District Officers in Northern Rhodesia, to be Provincial Commissioners; and Mrs. T. C. Hamer, District Commissioner in Nyasaland, to be Labour Commissioner.

Colonial Legal Service.—Mr. G. A. Doyle, Magistrate in Trinidad, to be a Magistrate in Uganda; Mr. H. E. Atkinson, Resident Magistrate in Uganda, to be Police Magistrate in Nigeria.

Other Branches.—Mr. K. Butterly, Civil Train Controller, Kenya-Uganda Railways and Harbours, to be Assistant Traffic Superintendent; Mr. T. E. Dobson, Health Inspector in Kenya, to be Second Officer, Lake Marine, Kenya-Uganda Railways and Harbours; Mr. A. Kirby, Assistant Superintendent of the Line, Kenya-Uganda Railways, to be General Manager, Palestine Railways; and Mr. W. Cruthfield, Senior Assistant Engineer, Kenya-Uganda Railways, to be District Engineer.

Sudan Government Finances

With expenditure estimated at £E4,861,112 and revenue at £E2,036,172, the Sudan budget for 1941 anticipated a deficit of £E57,012. The latest news suggests, however, that revenue (exclusive of £E20,000 passed to the cotton equalisation account) will be £E2,226,863* and expenditure £E3,066,351, reducing the deficit to £E100,512, which means an improvement of more than £E400,000. Receipts of the Irrigation Department at £E1,405,570 were almost double the estimate. Expenditure under the 1941 budget included two war gifts each of £100,000 sterling made to the British and Indian Governments, and £E1,197,770, a revised 1941 increase in the contributions of the Sudan Government towards the cost of the Sudan Defence Force. The expenditure estimate for 1942 amount to £E4,861,112 and the revenue estimates total £E2,358,112, thus leaving a prospective deficit of £E108,000. Assessments in 1941, estimated at £E30,000, are £E250,000 above last year's figure; the contribution of the Sudan Government Railways to general revenues has been increased from £E495,000 to £E625,000, and the estimated receipts from Gezira cotton at £E900,000 compare with £E700,444 in the 1941 budget.

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Questions in Parliament

In the House of Commons last week Mr. Riley asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether he had any information regarding the proposed railway in Rhodesia, what system under public ownership and control, and whether he would consider "with a view to action" the importance of the railway system in Northern Rhodesia being placed under the crown, and an authority to the Southern Rhodesia Government.

Mr. Harold Macmillan, on June 22, in the Legislative Assembly of Southern Rhodesia accepted a resolution that the public transport system in the Colony should be acquired by the State. He proposed that this matter should be raised at the Railway Conference, of which the various governments interested in the Rhodesian railway system that have agreed should be invited to discuss certain other railway questions.

Mr. Riley: "Does the Under-Secretary appreciate the importance of the railway system in Northern Rhodesia being under the control of the Southern Rhodesia Government to improve the condition of the employees in the service?"

Mr. Macmillan: "My hon. friend will know that this is a very large and important question, and it is to be discussed at the conference, and then will have to take a good deal of expert investigation and discussion before such a question can be settled."

Mr. Mathews: "Will the authority of my right hon. friend be required, or will it be sufficient for him to lay down conditions with regard to the conditions under which the employees will work?"

Mr. Macmillan: "Yes, sir, but my hon. friend will appreciate that this subject lies between the Southern Rhodesian Government, therefore, affects both the Colonial Office and the Dominion Office."

Mr. John Dendale: "Will the House be informed before any action is taken?"

Mr. Macmillan: "Yes, sir, I will."

Captain T. Macdonald asked whether the Under-Secretary of State was aware that the uncertainty exists in East Africa as to precisely what supplies of food the Government wish to produce, and whether he would like to steer to clarify the whole position so that immediate steps may be taken in East Africa to increase agricultural production.

Mr. Macmillan: "Production programmes are necessarily subject to variation owing to the changing conditions of war. It is the constant endeavour of Lord Crandon to secure as definite a programme as possible in conjunction with the authorities concerned, both in connexion with the market, by specific steps as to the prices, and so forth, for them."

King Theodore's Bible

Dr. Hesketh Dale, Chairman of the Wellcome Trustees, wrote to the Press a few days ago:

"A generation ago in 1808, British forces, under the command of General Sir Richard Hedges, defeated the Abyssinian army. King Theodore, Emperor of Nubia, admitted his purpose with the capture and destruction of the city of Magdala, and the British forces found that King Theodore had committed suicide before they entered. An Ethiopian manuscript, since known as King Theodore's Bible, 'authentified' a scroll and a ready-made robe of the dead king, was taken from his house in Magdala and passed into the possession of Major Everard, who brought it to England in 1808. The book was in private keeping till 1890, when it was offered for auction and bought by the late Sir Henry Wellcome—one of many items having bibliophilic relevance to the museum and library of the Wellcome Foundation which he had so generously planned."

When King Theodore's Bible thus came recently to the notice of the Wellcome Trustees, it seemed to them appropriate that its fate and ownership should again be left to the change of the sale rooms, and the Foreign Office approved this proposal that it should be offered to the Emperor of Ethiopia, now restored to his throne by friends of the British Empire. The volume, bound in wooden boards covered with tooling leather and with a mirror-pine inner side of the front cover, contains a number of sacred writings, also Psalms, the Song of Songs, the Gospel according to St. John, and liturgical items, inscribed on vellum in the old, pre-Amharic, Ethiopian language. Bound with them are a number of earlier paintings on vellum.

That King Theodore's Bible had been the gift of the Wellcome Trustees to the British Museum, and that it was claimed by the British Museum, Mr. Hoyle, the Director of the British Museum, Hailé Selassie,

"The fact that goods made of raw materials in short supply owing to war conditions are liable

Sisal Estates' Good Year

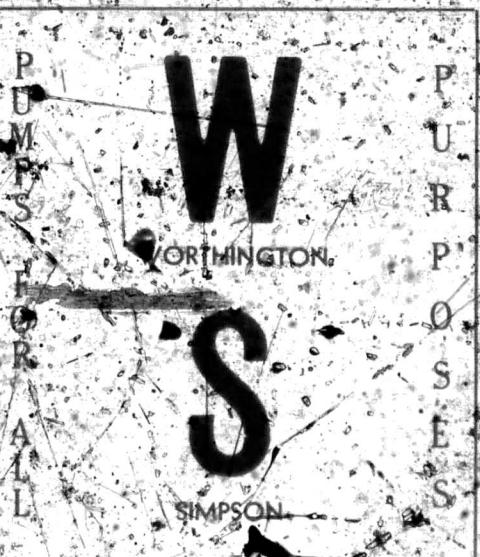
Sisal Estates, Ltd., and its subsidiary, Bird & Co. (Africa), Ltd., report a combined profit of £25,211 for the year ended June 30, 1941, from which £6,000 is reserved for taxation, leaving a net profit of £18,334. The previous debit balance of £1,580 becomes a credit carry forward of £1,£1,584 after utilising £3,000 to pay six months' arrears of dividend to June 30, 1939, on the redeemable cumulative preference shares.

Of 5,185 tons of Sisal produced during the year, no less than 71% was of No. 1 grade, a great improvement on the proportion of only 38% in the previous year. The company replanted 230 hectares with sisal, bringing its total planted area to 9,020 hectares, of which 2,894 hectares were still immature. The 1941-42 output of the subsidiary company is expected to exceed 6,000 tons, now that all restriction on production has been withdrawn.

The issued capital is £450,000, and there is a reserve of £18,153 for property and the investment in the subsidiary company. Shares in that company appear in the balance sheet at their cost of £389,205, and £19,480 has been advanced on current account. Plantations and machinery are valued at £125,002, the auditors noting that these assets have been leased since 1937 to the subsidiary company which has provided in its accounts for the depreciation of these assets and for additions in the last four years. Cash in hand at the end of the accounts totalled £13,566.

The directors—Colonel C. E. Ponsonby (T.D.M.P. Chairman), Major R. D. K. Leding, and Messrs. E. P. Hitchcock, S. J. P. French and H. S. Jeffer (with Mr. A. A. Lough as alternate).

The annual meeting is to be held in London tomorrow.



DARES SALAAM

News Items in Brief

Bait is now being made in Nairobi.

Creameries are now controlled in Tanganyika.

Kyoga growing in under trees in the Kishuimbiands of Kenya.

The Belgian Congo is calling for volunteers over 18 years of age for agricultural work.

Tanganyika's second crop of sisal reached between 36,000 and 45,000 bales this season.

1,000 tons of agricultural machinery for East Africa is now on hand in the United States.

Kenya has arranged to procure stores of incendiary bombs from Rhodesia for cattle dip.

The cereals conditioning plant at Mombasa is being expanded and improved at a cost of £9,000.

Owing to the need for paper economy, Barclays' Bank (D.C. & O.) has suspended publication of its monthly trade report.

Postage stamps of 1 cent are now on sale in East Africa for charitable purposes. The stamps are of the South African issue, suitably overprinted.

Tung plantations established in Nyasaland at the end of last year totalled 1,000 acres. It is expected that more than 500 acres will be planted this year.

Capitation fees for Government recruited labour in Kenya have been reduced to 10s., 6d., and 9s. for contracts of three, six and nine months respectively.

Tanganyika's new excise rates are as follows: sugar (including sugar-ery), 1s. 6d. per lb.; tea, 10 cents per lb.; cigarettes, cigars and tobacco, 1s. 2d. cents per lb.

A United States consular office shortly to be opened in Mombasa under the charge of Mr. Frank Miller, previously second secretary to the U.S. embassy in Havana.

East Africa Sisal Plantations, Ltd. announced that the fine output still on hand in their estates in Tanganyika was 166 tons, making 1,018 tons for the year ending June 30.

A gathering of Protestant missionaries took place recently in Legoplöidville, Belgian Congo, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the British Missionary Society.

A new low-level bridge over the Neema River on the Essexvale-Bushieki road was recently opened by Mr. A. R. Thomson, after whom it has been named the Wagkie Thomson Bridge.

Southern Rhodesia's petrol rationing scheme introduced last month provides each vehicle with a basic ration sufficient for 140 miles per month, instead of the previously announced 200 miles per month.

Livingstone Chamber of commerce has resolved that the whole question of import controls in Northern Rhodesia requires reconsideration in view of the control of shipments exercised by the exporting countries.

Two large new tea factories at Mwanga and Lutikwa have been erected in the Southern Highlands of Tanganyika Territory.

Zanzibar Hospital Inquiry Committee has reported that the majority of the complaints investigated by them have not proved of a serious nature. Visiting committees for Zanzibar and Pemba are recommended.

Tanganyika pyrethrum production planned to reach an export value of £100,000 this year as a result of developments which synchronised with the outbreak of war in 1939, has, through shortage of man-power, retched only about £20,000.

The Kenya and Uganda Civil Defence and Supply Council has recommended the urgent placing of orders in Great Britain for railway engines and rolling stock costing £927,000, and the immediate expansion of storage accommodation at the port of Mombasa to hold 50,000 tons of produce.

Plans for drastic restrictions on the use of the Kenya and Uganda Railways involve the elimination of concession fares and the curtailment of passenger traffic and the unnecessary carriage of commercial goods. Last year's traffic was 2,224,000 tons, compared with 1,624,600 tons in 1937, a normal year.

Kenya Central Wages Board is composed of the Director of Man-Power (Chairman), a representative of the Secretariat (Secretary), the Chief Native Commissioner, the Labour Commissioner, a representative of the Medical Department, and the Deputy Chairman of the Agricultural Production and Settlement Board.

The King George V. Memorial Fund of Uganda has given £50 to the Uganda Society for the upkeep of its library, £600 to the Kampala Museum to assist its development in its new quarters at Makindere and £100 for maintenance and £210 to the Director of Education for King George V. Memorial Scholarships awarded to African and Indian students.

The following are the minimum selling prices fixed for tobacco exported from the Eastern Province of Northern Rhodesia: (a) tobacco exported to the Union of South Africa under the South African free quota, 1s. 2d. per lb. wet weight; (b) tobacco exported to Southern Rhodesia for consumption in that Colony, 1d. per lb. wet weight; and (c) tobacco exported to the United Kingdom or any other destination, 2d. per lb. wet weight.

Messrs. Whiteaway, Lindley & Co., Ltd., who have branches in East Africa and the East generally, announce that accounts cannot be submitted in view of the fact that various branches are in territory now occupied by the Japanese, and that the directors cannot recommend a further payment on the 6% cumulative preference shares, which, though in arrears since December 31, 1941, still carried on the "B" & "A" cumulative preference share as in arrears since December 31, 1931.

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Company Progress Reports

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Wankie.—Coal sales in June totalled 110,134 tons, and those of coke 6,407 tons.

Tati Goldfields.—During June 5,056 tons of ore were milled for an estimated net profit of £976.

Lonely Reef.—The tonnage crushed in June was 2,300, yielding 408 fine oz. gold and a profit of £182.

Wanderer Consolidated.—In June 38,900 tons were crushed, yielding 4,161 oz. of fine gold and a profit of £9,401.

Rhodesian Corporation.—Tonnage crushed at the Fred mine in June was 3,850, for a working profit of £900.

Bushwick Mines.—17,700 tons of ore were crushed in June, yielding gold to a value of £23,039, and a profit of £7,391.

Selukwe Gold.—In June 9,931 tons were crushed, with a gold recovery valued at 103,693 dollars, and a profit of 35,385 dollars.

Rosterman.—During June 4,800 tons of ore were milled, yielding 1,770 oz. of gold with a value of £1,834. The total expenditure was £7,367, and development cost £1,947. The estimated mine surplus was £3,900, and the capital expenditure of the month was £463.

Rhodesia's Mineral Outputs

Southern Rhodesia's gold output for March was 61,935 fine oz., valued at £547,460, an increase of 2,364 fine oz. over February's production. Base metals and minerals produced in March were valued at £231,139, an increase of £22,505 over February.

Rhodesia Copper and General

Rhodesia Copper and General, Explorations and Finance Co. Ltd., announces that at the ordinary meeting to be held next Wednesday, July 22, the directors will recommend a dividend of 5½% less tax for the year ended May 31, 1941. This will be the first dividend since 1936-37 (when 10% was paid). The capital is £241,550.

Mining Personnel

Mr. Frederick Marsh, one of the pioneer diggers of the Kupa gold-fields, died recently.

Major Ewan Tulloch is the new President of the Rhodesia Chamber of Mines, with Mr. D. V. Burnett and Mr. G. Hardinge as Vice-Presidents.

Captain A. E. Kennedy, Chairman of the Rhodesian Miners Federation, has been re-elected Honorary Vice-President of the Rhodesia Chamber of Mines.

Dr. William Culkin, who has been elected President of the Society of Chemical Industry for a second successive year, has travelled widely in the Rhodesias and East Africa.

Points from Letters**Italians in Kenya**

The Italian prisoners and informants in this Colony (Kenya) are fed on the fat of the land. They look far fitter than they were on arrival. It is said that they have better rations and better health than the Germans in our gaols. [By paragraph.]

Uganda Government's Strange Reply

The Commissioner responsible to whom he introduced a bicycle tax had been proposed, as a means of increasing war revenue and bringing home a greater sense of urgency to sections of the African public which can well afford to make larger direct contributions, has replied to the Legislative Council that his tax would be introduced unless the Nation's ask for it. So now we are brought even to that point of absurdity. Apparently Africans, and presumably also Indians and Europeans, are to be taxed on their limited knowledge of the need to contribute to the war effort by this particular method. The Commissioner, incidentally, omitted to tell us that the registration office he had been using had levied police magistrate rates and charges.

Reform of Colonial Service

I do not think that Lord Glentoran's idea of a pool of colonial officials could be made to work satisfactorily. Although it may be sound in theory, such a body has proved to be costly and wholly incapable of action. It is almost certainly a good world in a small colony which could not afford to pay big salaries to its civil service without assistance from the Treasury, and the Colonial Office, in which would sit a pool

Parliament and Colonies

Your article is the review in the House of Commons of Under-Secretary for the Colonies' was a sound piece of work. Objective analysis of that kind is very necessary, for it is so seldom made in Parliament, where completely misleading calculations and criticisms are accepted without question. (Continued.) "The standards of ignorance of MP's & of Colonial strategists could scarcely be higher. They ask for a Colonial Parliamentary Committee. It might at least teach them some elementary facts."

How Not to Do It

The Tanganyika Government has, so far—and, quite rightly—11 old rubber estates for the production of that commodity. At once a staff has been made with gleeding though any practical planter could have told the authorities that this is a quite unnecessary expenditure of time and money. The tapirs, once they are active at work on the trees, sample down the weeds and keep them down. What is needed is the maximum output of rubber, not pretty pretty plantations. Anyhow, they have been derelict for nearly 30 years. [By paragraph.]

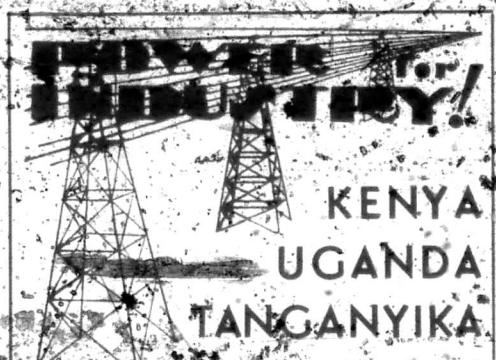
Government Shocks The Public

A circular recently issued by the Department of Agriculture of Tanganyika Territory quite takes away the breath, for after 20 years of a directly contrary policy, it announces that guaranteed prices will be paid for maize, sunfish, groundnuts, rice, onions, beans, wheat and potatoes, and, moreover, at quite fair market prices. Short-term leases for the alienation of land are also to be granted, and seed will be made available against cash advances or against repayments after harvest. In approved cases there are also to be advances of money for the purchase of necessary machinery. All this comes at a time when settlers in the Northern Province had been driven to conclude that it was useless to attempt to continue co-operation with a Government for whose war-time efforts there is something approaching universal contempt.

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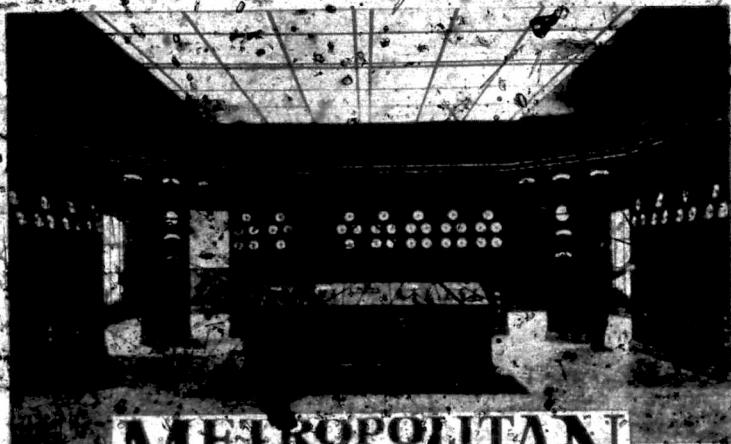
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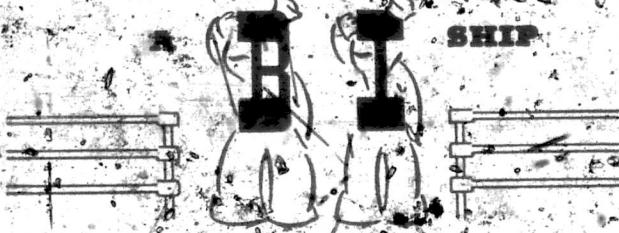
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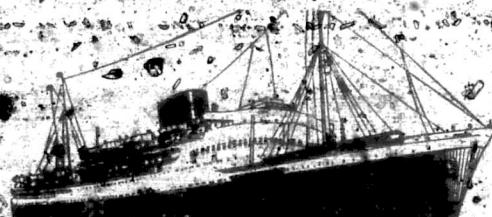
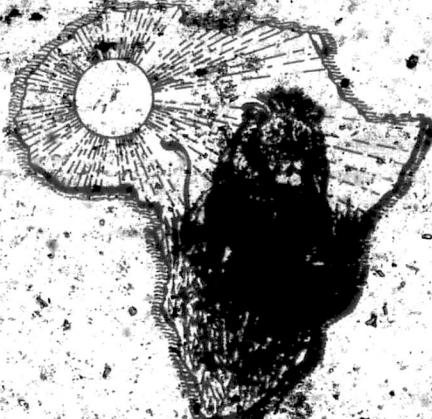
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