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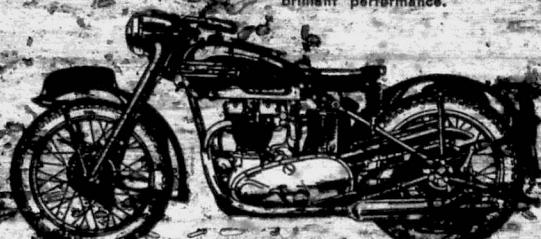
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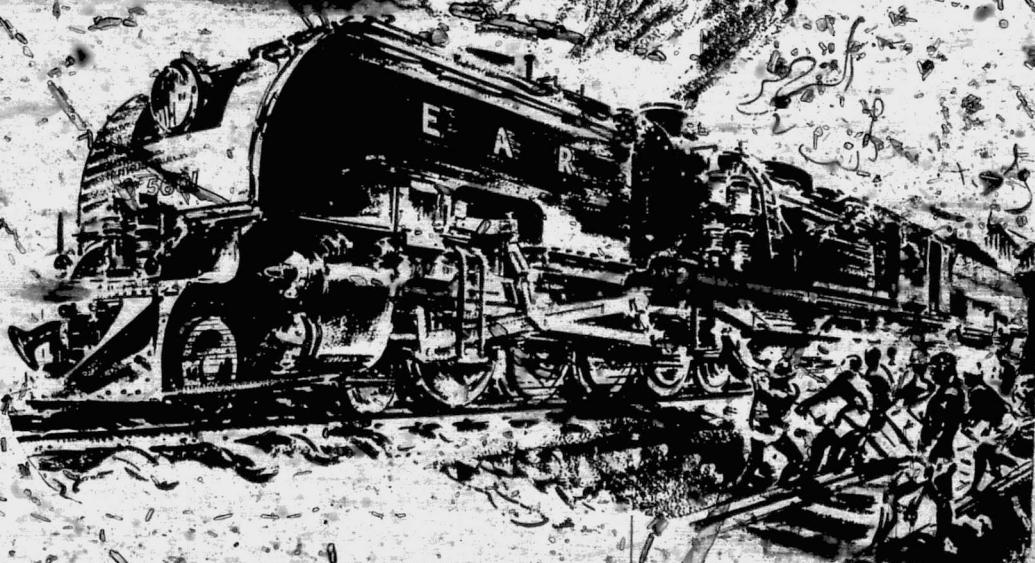
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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

**WHAT POSSIBLE EXCUSE** can be made for a great State Corporation which has to admit that at the end of its fifth year of operation it was still engaged in "the enforcement of financial discipline and strict responsibility at head office and throughout the world." Lord Reith, chairman of the Colonial Development Corporation makes that confession in the annual report now published, and there is no indication in it that he or his colleagues on the board—Mr. R. E. Brook, Sir Hugh Beaver, Mr. H. M. Gibson, Sir John Mathore Hall, Mr. H. N. Hume, Professor W. A. Lewis, Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor and Mr. G. Mylne—recognize that that statement (and others in the document reflect gravely upon them collectively and individually. It was their duty to avoid appointing to key positions at home and overseas men with an inadequate sense of responsibility and financial discipline, and a bland reference to the deficiencies of their subordinates cannot absolve them from their accountability. What would the shareholders of any commercial concern think of directors driven to make such an affirmation of inattention and incompetence? We do not, of course, blame Lord Reith for the gross mismanagement of the corporation under the reckless régime of Lord Trefgarne as executive chairman—a period of such devastating amateurishness that now, years later, there is still a reference to "cleaning past disasters and salvaging ventures which, though basically sound, were prejudiced by extravagance and inefficiency"; but some of his colleagues were on the board then, and must therefore accept their direct share of liability.

on management of the right kind and quality." Any intelligent office junior could have supplied that information to the directors—but might, however, report that not many weeks ago two members of the Legislature in Uganda sought to justify writing off £1 million pounds from the cost of establishing a cement industry under official auspices by the assertion that "the money had not really been lost since it had taught valuable lessons" (though there is reason to believe that the present position of the cement project gives cause for serious anxiety). To turn to the C.D.C. is a good deal more expensive than to teach some people in Uganda the elementary facts of economic life—the deficiency of the corporation at the end of last year was well over eight million pounds. Yet even that has not persuaded the directors to rid themselves (and the taxpayer) of the irresponsible persons who were put on the pay roll by themselves and/or their predecessors.

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They are, moreover, so complacent that, despite the ghastly record of misuse of large sums of public money, they have asked the Secretary of State for the allocation, "for approved purposes subject to either

**Wise Caution of Business Associates.** interest nor repayment if the objective does not materialize," of further sums beyond the £110m. provided by statute. Mr. Lyttelton, recognizing the manifest unreliability of the C.D.C., has wisely refused. Some time ago he said bluntly in public that he would not normally sanction its participation in new projects "except in association with private enterprise and local knowledge." Not surprisingly in view of the corporation's record, such associates, "though they have given

The next page of the report provides a blinding glimpse of the obvious in the solemn affirmation that "success obviously depends

much help, have not in general been willing to take more than a small financial participation. The reason, of course, is that they know far, far more about Colonial development and its difficulties than this poorly directed and badly managed State organization, and that they expect the funds for which they are trustees to be truthfully employed, not recklessly frittered away.

More than ten pages of the report are devoted to reviewing the enterprises in East and Central Africa in which the corporation is engaged. Of £1,000,000 invested in East African Industries Ltd., more than half has been lost

on the disposal and revaluation of surplus fixed assets; last year's loss was over £85,000, and the future depends mainly on the outcome of partnership discussions now in progress. Almost £900,000 is at stake in Macalder-Nyanza Mines Ltd., but two more years are to be spent on exploration and experimental work, while study is continued of the economic application of the best methods of treating the ore. Investigation of coal fields in Uganda in Tanganyika has cost more than £414,000 and indicated the presence of about 100m. tons so far from any railway that many millions of money and years of construction would be needed to give the deposits any commercial value. The Ligana iron ore deposits in Tanganyika were computed by Government geologists to contain 1,200m. tons of ore, but the geologists of the C.P.C. and two mining corporations give a maximum estimate of 20m., and it "now looks as if the deposits may not be large enough to warrant further investigation so far in the interior." Presumably the locality has not changed as a result of the further and discouraging prospection. After spending more than £270,000 on Tanganyika Roadways Ltd., "it is still uncertain whether the business can be made to pay." The one bright spot in East Africa is that on the Tanganyika waste estates, on which £424,785 had been spent by the end of 1952, operations are ahead of programme and in line with the original estimates.

Three-quarters of a million pounds have been sunk in a cattle ranch in Bechuanaland to learn that "cattle can become economic only with a much larger herd," and that

#### **Discreditable Record in Brief.**

With persisting with crop growing. An abattoir at Mabatsi on which £450,000 has been spent should have

opened ten months ago—its completion will cost more than was estimated. Sufficient water has not yet been found on the Molopo holding ranch, which has cost £400,000 already and will require more working capital and more money for fencing, boreholes and buildings. The corporation has invested £975,000 in Ulanga Cement Ltd., Northern Rhodesia, which has a market dividend of 5 per cent., but some reorganization is now under consideration. After dispensing with £171,000 on tobacco estates, Nyasaland, the board is to decide whether or not to persist with this speculative venture. The Vida sugar estates on which £600,000 has been lavished, are to be partially developed only; as full development would cost £21m., or more than twice the original estimate planting is to be limited to 6,000 acres. The Limpasa rice farm has been abandoned. That, in brief, is the discreditable story.

It shows that rank bad judgment has been a continuing characteristic of the organization. Devotion would doubtless be the better word) which lacks even an elementary financial sense, which

Lord Reith admits having allowed incompetent employees, and which for years neglected the co-operation which men of experience in the Colonies would gladly have given. If their aid had been accepted, the millions of British money which have been poured out so generously might have been guided into the right developmental channels instead of being directed so badly. Lord Reith has so heavy and worrying a duty to perform as chairman that all his time and talents have, on the evidence of this report, been inadequate to achieve that improvement which he himself forecast a year ago. Yet this is the moment at which he has asked the Secretary of State that his chairmanship "should no longer exclude any other interest or activity in view of the organizational changes, including a large measure of devolution, that are shortly to become fully effective." Might he not have waited for proof of the efficacy of those changes? He must not be surprised if there is widespread scepticism about such promises. He told the country a year ago that "next year's story should be different." It is not; it is a dreary repetition, not even written in decent English—or a disastrous tale for 1951. There is still much to be done in clearing up past disasters and salvaging ventures, writes Lord Reith. He should concentrate on his duty.

## Notes By The Way

### Rasebola and Seretsi

SERETSE KHAMA and his supporters in this country and Bechuanaland must now know that there can be no question whatever of his succession to the Bamangwato chieftainship. He was excluded from that office by a Socialist Government in this country, that decision was ratified by their Conservative successors, and, another tribal *kotla* having recently failed to agree upon a new chief, the Government has now drawn a distinction between the appointments of chief and Native authority, and nominated Rasebola Kgamene to the second post. For three years European district officers have had to exercise powers which will now revert to a Native authority with an impressive record in war and peace.

### African Leadership

TRUE AFRICAN LEADERSHIP is essential to the health, happiness, and progress of all African territories whatever the composition of the populations. In all of them there are some ambitious and unbalanced Africans with inordinate ideas of their own capabilities and ready to advance their own interests by exploiting existing difficulties, manufacturing new grievances, and manipulating ignorance, misunderstanding, and discontent for their own purposes. The best man to deal with the bad ones is the really good African, but such a task involves heavy risks, for misleaders on the make equip themselves with an organized clique of sycophants who do not hesitate to apply desperate tactics on the grand scale, and even intimacy

### Character and Competence

TSHEKEDI HAVING WITHDRAWN from public affairs to which he made so remarkable a contribution, the next best African available among the Bamangwato was Rasebola Kgamene. Though many of the tribe have resented his loyalty to Lshakedi, there is general respect for him as a man, and on that foundation may be built such trust that he who is now the Native authority only will in time be acceptable as chief also. The decision made by Her Majesty's Government will be represented as a sensible by the pro-Seretsi faction, but that does not exclude the possibility that acts and facts will later persuade the people that their best leader would be the man to whom a difficult but honourable opportunity is now given. The principle at issue is that of good government under an African chosen for his character and competence, and for many years this journal has insisted that these two qualities should be the criterion in selecting Africans for public responsibility.

### No Quislings

WEEK AFTER WEEK the *Observer* publishes remarks about British East and Central Africa which would convey a very different meaning to the readers if placed in their fair setting. Last Sunday's issue, for instance, carried the statement: "It is remarkable that not a single African chief in Nyasaland has come out in support of the Government [over federation]. 'We will have no quislings in our ranks' was the comment of a prominent leader of the Nyasaland African Congress. The writer of that paragraph presumably failed to notice that his second sentence explained the first: I mean in plain English, that the Congress was ready to apply whatever pressure seemed necessary to restrain even the most independent-minded chief from holding aloof from that united front which the extreme nationalists have laboured to present. When he was in Nyasa-

land the Minister of State found abundant proof that intimidation was being practised; the Governor has since reported it on more than one occasion, and many non-official European residents, missionaries included, have testified in the same sense. Though African politicians have vehemently denied the charge, it is now unwillingly admitted by their organization in these words: "We will have no quislings."

### Leadership

IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH the *Observer* wrote: "Nyasaland needs a tribe like all the most prominent in central Africa in the past, and the quality of their leadership is probably unsurpassed in Africa. In any other part of Africa... True quality of leadership may be judged by the Congress's demand that the Imperial Government should replace the Governor, the chief Secretary, the Secretary for African Affairs, and all the provincial commissioners, and appoint five Africans to the Executive Council and 15 to the Legislative Council (which now has two such members). It is utter nonsense to suggest that those responsible for such fantastic proposals are the best Native leaders in Africa. I am happy to think that I know Africans of far greater quality, more of judgment who would have nothing to do with such crazy claims. Moreover, I believe that the Africans of Nyasaland can hold their own with any others between the Nile and the Limpopo, but unhappy as they are, they are not the sinners for this unbalanced congress."

### SENTRY Casual

GENERAL SIR CECIL NICHOLSON, Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East Land Forces, said before he left Nairobi last week after a five-day tour of Kenya's troubled areas: "There is an inadequate sense of urgency at some levels." Since a senior military officer accustomed to speak in public with a high sense of responsibility will have been much more likely to check his words than exaggerate his thoughts, his statement must be considered grave. Perhaps it was need to warn the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who was then in Kenya, to treat with healthy scepticism any official assurances that the position had greatly improved, and to probe for the shortcomings which persist even seven months after the proclamation of the state of emergency. It is shocking to be told by the G.O.C.-in-C. that there is still "an inadequate sense of urgency." Has he provided the Governor with a list of the seditious misfits of whom he has knowledge? If not, he should be asked for it, and, if the charges are proven, every man mentioned should be sent to the bosom of the gallows.

### Sir Rex Surridge

IT IS NOW DEFINITE that Sir Rex Surridge will not after all go to Kenya for a few months during the leave of a senior official. That strange arrangement by the Government of the Colony was severely, and deservedly, attacked in and out of the Legislature, in which the Government's spokesman made a poor defence of its gaaf.

### Warning

Mrs JENNIE LEE, M.P., wife of Mr. Aneurin Bevan, M.P., has written in *Tribune*, the Left Wing weekly: "No Socialist can believe in Royalty as such or in Colonialism."

"Hygiene, not colour, is the real race barrier in Kenya." A cofounder of the *New Statesman*

# Colonial Development Corporation Losses Now Exceed £8m.

Colonial Development Corporation's Annual Report Shows

Ability Still Lacking, Says Annual Report

**THE COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** reports an operating loss for 1952 of £1,000,091, which is slightly above a loss for the previous year, and a total deficiency of £3,05,208 when losses on the realization of assets and provision for capital losses are taken into account.

The cumulative consolidated balance has risen to £3,399,208.

Lord Reith is the chairman of the corporation, and the other members are Mr. K. E. Brock (Deputy Chairman), Sir Alan G. Beaver, Mr. H. M. Carson, Sir John Hathorn Hall, Mr. H. N. Heine, Professor W. A. Lewis, Lord Macdonald of Ciwaenysgor, and Mr. G. Tyseley.

Until February 1952 the late Sir Charles Darwin was also a member.

### Lord Reith's Authorship

The report, written in staccato form, bears clear marks of Lord Reith's authorship. It states, *Inter alia*:

"Last year's report said 1951 should constitute the peak of loss. Events have taught us better."

"Long-term development failures must be expected to show up first—and the earlier they can be recognized for what they are the better; successes often mature slowly. There may be 10 to 15 anxious years before accumulated troubles are overcome, full production secured and a profit credited; and some projects are likely to pass from the development stage (in which development costs are capitalized) to the trading stage at a point when initial trading losses must be expected. Corporation has no accumulated fund to absorb such losses."

"There were further heavy losses. Several projects recognized as doubtful towards the end of 1951 have had to be closed down, though given the benefit of the doubt, it seemed right at the time. For others regarded as healthy, over-capitalization due to excessive and abortive expenditure has had to be reassessed and larger provision made."

"So this year was also heavily overshadowed; and time was needed for the changes in organization and procedure outlined in the last report to take effect, in particular the enforcement of financial discipline and sense of responsibility at head office and throughout the world."

### Clearing Past Disasters

"Reorganisation of projects which proved to be misbegotten or which were mishandled involved an altogether disproportionate amount of work and strain; and there is still much to be done in clearing past disasters and salvaging ventures which, though basically sound, were prejudiced by extravagance and inefficiency."

But there are projects with which Corporation is satisfied, which are well chosen, efficiently managed, already or potentially profitable subject to risks of drought, flood, pest and civil disturbance. And Corporation feels more confident that the devotion and determination of its present staff, now soundly organized and conditioned by critical commercial judgment, will enable it to achieve the purpose for which it was set up.

The Secretary of State endorsed Corporation policy in his public reference to association with the enterprise and local knowledge combined with a desire with financial participation, governmental or otherwise,

to make such association a normal requirement for capital sanction.

Corporation acknowledges much help from associates though success has been uneven; associates have not in general been willing to take more than a token financial participation; reluctance to invest scarce funds in the kind of risks which Corporation normally undertakes is understood, but financially Corporation cannot be expected to sell a share in a successful venture more cheaply than commercial practice justifies.

### Colonial Government as Partners

"Colonial Governments are substantial financial partners in some projects; in general they have been helpful."

"Many local residents serve as representative directors on boards of subsidiary and associated companies; Corporation is grateful to them."

"A commercial basis of operation, including any proviso that losses must be covered by profits, is likely—anyhow for some years—to rule out various types of development, hitherto regarded as admissible within Corporation's field, unless special arrangements can be made."

"Portfolio balance comparative table does not yet show much change in functional distribution; but Corporation is now investing materially in loans for public utility works. Government guarantee, it is hoped, that this will give a steady, if restricted, net income to cover some part of overheads and above all pilot schemes and investigations."

"But this income cannot meet all such charges; Corporation's requests for allocation of funds for approved purposes, subject to either interest nor repayment if the objective does not materialize, have not been agreed."

"Success obviously depends on management of the right kind and quality; so the tempo of development must be adapted to the commercial skill and experience which Corporation or its partners can command; it does not pay to try for quick results."

### Policy for New Projects

"New projects must be taken up only on a strictly commercial basis, and this will mean as Corporation's constitution and financial arrangements now stand, virtual exclusion of some types of desirable development."

"Housing projects, for instance, depend largely on the rate of interest, but the chief casualty is likely to be agricultural settlement schemes. Such projects have been costly in the past, they are not apt for investment as a class; there is the normal risk of failure and expenditure failure while the benefit of success would in the nature of things accrue locally. The Corporation is best only making ends meet."

"Application of a commercial criterion to the Corporation's general funds is salutary; efficient management may lose heart if they see their hard-won efforts swamped by losses on 'welfare' projects."

"Corporation however suggests that, to an extent, approved, it should be able to finance projects that are of great value but unlikely to be profitable; that such investments should be separately recorded, in a separate and account and judged on other than a commercial basis."

"Board, executive, financial committee, and executive management committees functioned throughout the year

Regional controllers were in position from 1.3.52 in the Far East all the year elsewhere; increasing responsibility is being devolved on them; they visit head office about twice yearly. Overseas visits are made by directors and senior executives as seems desirable.

Under present arrangements U.K. advances have been reduced most significantly in senior posts; reductions between 31.12.51 and 1.3.53—senior grades 119 to 80 (53%); junior grades 206 to 168 (19%); total 325 to 248 (24%).

Overseas staff were reduced with skilled and semi-skilled artisans 1,900 (1,700); the remaining Regional Units Caribbean 2,759 (3,200); Far East 3,600 (4,300); East Africa 3,209 (4,100); Central Africa 8,000 (7,000); West Africa 4,650 (4,800).

Agricultural projects 8,450 (7,500); smelting projects 1,000 (1,250); factories 1,100 (1,120); fisheries 1,000; forestry 4,200 (4,150); minerals 2,000 (1,900); construction 1,500 (900) other projects and regional administration the rest.

### Colonial Office Advances Another £8m

Colonial Office advances increased by nearly £8m. to meet requirements of projects compared with over £10m. in 1951. Medium-term advances recently introduced bear a lower rate of interest and are repayable in ten years from date of advance.

"Provisions" against specific projects for investments and projects total £3,965,240, of which £1,255,000 is for abandoned projects; £1,255,000 specific provision against Committee projects; £1,375,000 a general provision.

"Net book value of fixed assets, expenditure on development and investments has increased by £5,508,750 from £15,726,610 to £22,285,360. The largest increase is again in freehold and leasehold land, plantations, concessions and buildings (£1,545,645). Debentures and secured loans increased by £1,415,375."

"Losses on operational projects before charging head office and regional expenditure and interest on capital" was £24,746, it was £568,289 in 1951. "For charging all expenses" after interest on capital it was £638,747; last year £3,414,655, includes £395,240 from projects abandoned; £148,117 on projects partially abandoned; £235,021 from work in progress and overseas office expenditure was £1,642, compared with £44,517 in 1951, after crediting discounts, etc., and allocations to capital expenditure and abandoned projects, net debit to profit and loss account, including trading accounts to projects was £2,351,875 (£2,272,000 in 1951)."

"An investment in operational projects not followed up cost £16, last year £88,327."

After sharing these items of expenditure and providing for Colonial and U.K. income tax and interest on medium and short-term advances, the consolidated trading loss of Corporation and subsidiaries was £1,097,091, which was £1,070,3 in 1951.

Realization losses on abandoned projects were £1,775,549, comprising £440,417 incurred during 1951 and £1,334,232 provision for previous capital losses. Total capital losses written off in accounts of projects were £59,229.

Provision for depreciation on investments and projects has been increased by £1,580,000 to meet expected capital losses. The net consolidated net loss of Corporation and subsidiaries (£2,345,527) in 1951 was £2,913,493 in 1951. Of this £1,097,091 attributable to minority shareholders is £10,519, leaving £3,805,208 for Corporation; in 1951 it was £2,905,290.

Corporation's share of net losses of subsidiary companies amounting to £328,942 has been carried forward in their books; provision for this amount has been made in Corporation's balance sheet, it was £244,642 last year.

Total consolidated deficiency incurred by Corporation since inception is £8,399,807, of which £6,420,007 relates to abandoned and written down projects.

[Editorial Comment appears under Matters of Moment.]

## Native Authority for Bamangwato of Bechuanaland

### Appointment of Rasebolai Kgaman, Cousin of Sir also Khama

VISCOUNT SWINTON, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, said in the House of Lords on Wednesday of last week:

"At their resumed meeting last week the Bamangwato again failed to reach agreement about the designation of a new chief. The appointment of a new chief acceptable both to the tribe and to the Government remains Her Majesty's Government's aim, but the Government do not intend to impose anyone on the tribe as chief."

"For three years now, in accordance with the policy initiated by the previous Government, the tribe has been administered directly by European district officers. This system of administration which was necessary in all the circumstances has had certain drawbacks and limitations. There are many matters coming within the purview of the Native authority which for their effective discharge require the machinery and control of the Native authority to be African."

### Restoring Tribal Affairs to African Hands

"The Government have now decided that the time has come when the conduct of the tribe's affairs can and should be restored to African hands. I have accordingly authorized the High Commissioner to take an order transferring the functions of the Native authority from the Native commissioners to an African, Rasebolai Kgaman."

"Under Bechuanaland law the office of Native authority and the office of chief are not the same. The chieftainship is the traditional institution endowed with rights and privileges from the past. The Native authority is the capacity in which the chief or other person authorized by Government shoulders the functions and responsibilities of day-to-day local administration under the general guidance of the High Commissioner and his officers. Ordinarily the chief

is also the Native authority, but if the absence of a chief another person can be appointed to this office and in that capacity exercise chief's powers.

Rasebolai is the senior member of the tribe eligible for the office, and I am satisfied that on his war record and on his experience as an administrator he is fully qualified to discharge these duties. He is not being appointed as chief but his appointment as Native authority which is in accord with the terms of the Bamangwato Supreme Court in Council and Bechuanaland legislation, will enable the functions of Native administration contributing to the well-being of the tribe to be revived, e.g., the customary daily meetings, in *kgotla* and the Native courts.

"It will also enable development schemes to be pressed forward, with that full discussion of local African interests which is so important and conducive to smooth working."

Announcements of H.M. Government's decision and of the appointment of Rasebolai as Native authority are being made go-to-day in Serowe and other centres throughout the Bamangwato Reserve. In these announcements it is being made clear that the chieftainship remains vacant."

### Secretary of State Questioned

EARL KOWITT suggested that so important a decision required a debate, which could be arranged, said Lord Swinton.

VISCOUNT HALSHAM asked if the person to whom Native authority was being transferred was the one whose name was discussed in relation to the chieftainship, and rejected by the tribe.

VISCOUNT Swinton said that it was the same man, and that the tribe was not prepared to accept him, but there was no unanimity. He did not follow that the number of speeches represented the balance of opinion.

VISCOUNT STANSATE asked if the tribe really had abandoned Serowe. Was it not clear that the fundamental basis of the Government's policy, which was that there was division in the tribe, was false, and that the tribe were determined to have

Seretse? Is it considered to have any merit, why was it not mentioned at the recent meeting?

VISCOUNT SWINTON said it was unfortunate that Seretse had the unanimous support of those present. Two things had to be done. First, designation by the tribe, and secondly, agreement by the Government. The present course of action which had made it clear that they would not accept Seretse as chief. As for the second point, it would have been wrong to do anything of the sort at the *kgotla* because it was extremely undesirable that there should be an absolute state expression of opinion. The only matter before the *kgotla*, which was the designation of chief, designation of a local authority was not before the tribal assembly.

#### Common Statement

In the House of Commons MR HENRY HOPKINSON, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, made a statement in the terms used by Lord Swinton in the Upper House.

MR JAMES GRIFFITHS (Lab.): "Are the reports in the press correct that the person now nominated for this rather undesired post was rejected by the Bamanwato when his name was suggested as chief?" It would appear that they have been asked to accept in some new post a man whom they rejected as chief. Will the Government be prepared to consider their decision to nominate a chief from the Bamanwato Khama from the chiefdom?

MR HOPKINSON: Rasebolai was one of the candidates at the recent *kgotla*, and he was the only one among those canvassed who enjoyed appreciable support. On merit, as an administrator and on his record, he is well qualified to discharge the duties of chief in the succession to Seretse and Tshkedi, and he has the Government's full confidence. I believe we have the respect of his opponents, and we hope this appointment will help to restore tribal unity as well as further the development of the nation.

"Under Bechuanaland there is a clear distinction between the ruler and the Native authority. The appointment is without prejudice to the eventual nomination of a chief, and it is open to the tribe to make its own return to us. When they do so their choice will not be heeded, except in regard to Seretse. Any person with all the necessary qualifications whom they might designate would no doubt receive the approval of the High Commissioner and the Minister."

"As regards Rasebolai, I think it is quite clear that, for the reasons given time and again on behalf of the previous Government and this one, his exclusion still holds good."

MR GRIFFITHS: In the previous administration what we did decide was an exclusion for a period of five years; the present Government made the exclusion permanent. Is it not clear that it is unlikely that any person will be accepted as chief, save in the event of the Minister giving reconsideration to the matter?"

MR HOPKINSON: I think the Government's position was made perfectly clear on March 27. At that time attention was drawn to the fact that the situation as it had been left for a period of four years had caused difficulties and was liable to exacerbate the dispute, and therefore it was decided to make the exclusion permanent. The two main reasons still hold good today. The fact is that at the recent *kgotla* opinion was canvassed, and it was probably true that the majority were against reappointment at all, and some of those who did favour Seretse, but Rasebolai, Anele, and Seretse's sister, Qatho, were also canvassed. It was because no decision was reached that the *kgotla* was closed, and the present decision

MR CLEMENT DAVIES (Lab.): "It is not correct that the Government means to effect or to persuade the tribe to adopt Rasebolai, and in spite of those efforts they refused. Is it not likely that this appointment will cause more trouble and disintegration among the tribe? Is it not time to give the tribe an opportunity to make their choice free, without pressure?"

MR HOPKINSON: I would not admit pressure as regards Rasebolai. I do not think this appointment will prejudice the issue. It is not intended to do so."

#### Opportunity for Reuniting

MR DEODS-PARKER (Cons.): "Is the Minister aware that this decision is in line with many similar instances in the past 50 years, and that it will give the tribe an opportunity to all well-wishers of the Bamanwato to pull the tribe together and get on with the practical administration of the tribe?"

MR BROCKWAY (Lab.): "Is the Minister aware that this statement that Rasebolai had considerable support at the *kgotla*, was received with surprise by those who followed the proceedings? *The Times* reported that the one conclusion from the *kgotla* was that there was very little support for him. If he is appointed the attitude of non-co-operation along the tribe is only likely to be intensified."

MR HOPKINSON: "The position I used to have is appreciable improved, and for that I am relying on the report from our

officials. I think we must go by those. I do not believe that appointment of a man held in very great respect, even by his opponents, to an office which is an administrative appointment will prejudice the question of the chieftainship or lead to any other one operation."

MR BROCKWAY asked leave to move the adjournment of the House on account of urgent public importance.

THE SPEAKER saying that the subject was part of a long story, and the law nothing which would entitle him to accept the motion.

#### Press Comment

*The Leader* in entitled "Solution by a Quibble." *The Times* writes:

The view that can be said of the latest attempt to solve the intricate problem of the Native chieftainship is that years of mishandling by both parties have led the Commonwealth Relations Office into a situation where no wholly satisfactory course remains. It will, therefore, be future generations of Conservative Ministers' misfortune if they do not to nominate a chief on the Bamanwato, and Lord Swinton in Parliament yesterday explicitly reaffirmed the assurance.

"After wavering in the early stages of the dispute, the tribe have made it increasingly clear that they will give their loyalty to no chief but Seretse, in short, to the *kgotla*. Last week's abortive *kgotla* made it more unlikely than ever that they will modify this attitude. The Government, however, and with their constitutional rights thrown, on reasons which have never been frankly acknowledged, have stated just as emphatically that they will never accept a chief."

"Yet administration must go on. It is at present in the hands of British officials, but the highest Imperial policy requires that they shall give way as soon as possible to African rulers. It is desired to build up representative institutions, but the Bamanwato know nothing of government by discussion save under the presidency of a chief or at least a person exercising the authority of a chief. Accordingly, Lord Swinton told the House of Lords yesterday that he had decided to transfer powers from the district commissioner to an African, Rasebolai Kgammie.

"Rasebolai is not only a man of character and ability, he is the son of the head of the *kgotla*, and his uncle Tshkedi, who is also excluded by the Government and in this case is not a claimant. But Rasebolai is the candidate whose name was most vigorously canvassed at the *kgotla* last week and who was known to be favoured by the British Government; the consensus of the tribe was decisively against him, not probably on any personal grounds—there can be nothing but sympathy for him in the latest development—but because of the prior hereditary right of Seretse. In the circumstances the Government are able to evade the charge of breaking their pledge only by appointing him not as chief but as Native authority."

"The powers he will be called upon to exercise are presumably the same, though perhaps his security of tenure will be less than that of an acknowledged chief. There is no need to do away with the distinction between a chief and a Native authority by transferring power and leaving the essence of it, namely to be that a chief derives his power and rule from the tribe's own law and custom, confirmed by the Government, while a Native authority derives his power exclusively from the imperial nomination. In fact, though he is appointed, he is not imposed as a chief, but only to discharge the functions of chief."

"It is conceivable that this delicate distinction will present a clear meaning even when translated into Sechuanese. It is unlikely, however, to enhance in the minds of simple men that reputation for absolute good faith and open dealing which is vital to the moral authority of British rule in Africa."

#### Rasebolai's Career

Rasebolai Kgammie, B.E.M., is an Ngwato by birth, being the grandson of Kgammie, the brother of Khami III. He is thus cousin to Seretse and Tshkedi, and follows next after them in line of succession.

He was born in Shoshong, where his father was chief's representative. After taking the junior school certificate at Tigerloof Secondary School, he helped his father in the administration of Shoshong sub-district. In 1930 he was appointed by Regent Tshkedi as his representative in the Bakalaka sub-district, where he applied himself to the difficult task of pacifying a large area populated by an unruly and restive race divided among themselves.

His equanimity, authority, and sense of judgment won him the respect and confidence of the Bakalaka, and for the first time in its history this troubled area achieved peace and order under his administration.

In 1941 he enlisted in the African Pioneer Corps, serving four years in the Middle East, and lost his life in

elements of gallantry in the highest rank attained by men in the Pioneer Corps. Of his services that corps, the official historian, Mr. R. A. P. Bell, wrote that "the Thousand Men of Africa."

The long and persistent labours of Bachman's companies in the Middle East were not admittably in small numbers. N.C.O.s, but there was a certain sergeant-major who undoubtedly knew the ideal for duty before them, a man whose explanations, together, more or less, of matters on which they were festive or suspicious retrieved many an unhappy situation.

It was Rasebolai Kgatane, a district sub-chief of some 10,000 people, a cousin of the Bamangwato chief and of R.S.M. Molwa who did so much in Italy. It may justly be said that Rasebolai rendered a service to his people and to his corps seconded gone, this fine sense of judgment and even-temper, which were never suffused by difficulty or suspicion, joined together with his soldierly bearing made him the ideal man for touring the companies and listening to the men's difficulties, complaints and questions, and for giving a courteous expression to these in such a way that officers could understand the difficulties of their men as it remained after a general had reprimanded them as he did gently but firmly, for anything unseasonable in their conduct.

It is certain that many a grievance which would have precipitated trouble was held over by the men until Rasebolai could come, and in his wisdom and advice they had absolute faith.

R.S.M. Rasebolai had not only all the real dignity of African of good breeding, but he had a modesty, tact, and above all, a respect of all things African. He was a true Bantu and had been in the Middle East during the year.

#### Received B.E.M. from King George VI

On May 17th Rasebolai received the British Empire Medal from King George VI for his meritorious services in the Middle East.

On demobilization he had returned to his post in the Bakalala sub-district. When Tshkedi left the reserve at the marriage of Serewe Khamo, Rasebolai remained loyal to the man whose representative he had been for 22 years and followed Tshkedi into exile at Rametsela. In 1945 he returned to Serowana and became a member of the membership of the Bamangwato Council. During the ensuing difficult period he has always been popular, and he enjoys the respect even of his opponents.

## Report on Constitutional Development in Tanganyika

### Professor W. J. Mackenzie on Dangers of Rapid Political Advance

PROFESSOR W. J. MACKENZIE, Professor of Administration and Government in the University of Manchester, who in January of last year was appointed by the Governor of Tanganyika as Special Commissioner to take certain inquiries recommended by the Committee on Constitutional Development, submitted his report at the end of September, and it has now been published at 6s. 6d. In this country it is obtainable from the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

The Commissioner rejects the idea of dividing the Territory into regions, he considers the province to be a suitable administrative unit, but suggests that it may be possible to reduce the number of provinces later.

Dealing with elections to the Legislature and to local government bodies, the Commissioner makes a number of recommendations the most important being the following:

The ultimate goal should be a system of common roll elections with safeguards for minority representation, but such a system is not practicable or desirable in most of Tanganyika in the near future.

European elections would be practicable now in the Northern and Tanga Provinces, and Dar es Salaam, if there were clear evidence of local demand for them, and possibly also in the Southern Highlands Province.

Asian elections, on an Asian common roll, would similarly be practicable now, if there is a demand for them, in the Tanga and Northern Provinces and Dar es Salaam, and possibly in the Lake Province.

Natives, black nor Asian, electing could be justified elsewhere at present, and the present system of appointment by the Legislative Council by the Governor should continue.

### African M.L.C.s.

The choice of African members for the Legislative Council must for some time, except in common roll elections, be partly by nomination and partly by indirect election, since the mass of the population has not yet reached a stage at which election by secret ballot could be successfully operated.

Elections on a common roll, with an educational qualification and with safeguards for minority representation, might be tried experimentally in Dar es Salaam and the Tanga Province. If found successful, the system might be extended by the addition of other urban seats.

Election of members to municipal and town councils should be on a ward basis, with a common roll.

Qualifications for the franchise to be minimum age of 21 and (a) birth in the Territories, or (b) permanent residence as defined in the Immigration Control Ordinance, 1947, or three years residence during the preceding four years, would be eligible for the vote. No other qualification would be required for common roll elections, in which there would also be an education qualification.

Saying that relations between the races and com-

munities in Tanganyika are good, the investigator states: "but there is a general lack of political experience, and there is a real danger that race relations might deteriorate if there were too rapid political development."

Of the present 54 administrative districts, 21 could be made counties and another 10 might be added later, of which the remaining 23 could be grouped according to development as resources become available.

### Electoral Systems

Based on the tables on elections the following excerpts are taken:

The usefulness of an electoral system depends mainly on the particular circumstances of the country in which it is used, and it is an artificial exercise to set out criteria for an ideal electoral system. Nevertheless, a number of considerations give some general guidance, which often tell in opposite directions and the decision is one of judgment; but it makes little controversy if there is agreement about the main objects to be achieved in introducing elections in Tanganyika. The following are the purposes which I have had in mind:

(1) To give a fair chance of representation to all sections of the population, directly or indirectly.

(2) To reduce opportunities for interacial friction and encourage interracial combination.

(3) To encourage the candidature of able and public-spirited men and women of all races.

(4) To be capable of development, as ultimately to provide a basis for responsible government, while all races can share.

(5) To be capable of introduction by stages, so as to ease the administrative and other difficulties of transition from nomination to election.

(6) To be simple, in the language being understood by voters who have not had much previous experience of elections.

(7) To be easy to administer and cheap to run.

The ultimate goal should be a system of common roll elections with safeguards for minority representation but such a system is not practicable or desirable in most of Tanganyika in the near future.

One of the implications of a common roll system is that there should be at the outset a relatively high qualification for voters, to ensure some common standard of political maturity; there are one or two

constituencies where this could be tried at once under reasonable safeguards.

The European and Asian communities will be able at once to vote individually by secret ballot, but the choice of African members of legislature will have to be left to some time to come by partly by nomination and partly by indirect election, except in a common constituency.

The European and Asian communities are anxious that their franchise should be given without distinction of sex. Intelligent Africans are aware that in many tribal areas it would be little more than a legal fiction to extend the franchise to women. Nevertheless, it is of great importance to African development that an improvement in the status of women should be encouraged; the formal concession of equal rights of suffrage to African women would be a gesture of some importance, and its practical effects under a system of indirect election would be felt only gradually with the slow modification of tribal custom. If therefore seems to me unnecessary and invidious specifically to exclude African women.

#### Case Against General Literacy Qualification

The case against a general literacy qualification seems to me to be of greater practical force because it is related to the immediate and not the distant future. Literacy as such could not fairly be adopted as a general qualification because it would narrow the basis of representation too much; nor do I think that it is possible to adopt a wider literacy qualification, because the percentage illiteracy is still so high that this would exclude from registration a very large part of the African population. If therefore we do not recommend the introduction of any general educational qualification, the implication of this is that a large number of literate Africans will probably be enfranchised, and that in consequence African representation must for the most part be developed slowly through a pyramid of indirect elections related to the present structure of Native authorities.

It is possible to frame a general franchise ordinance applying to Europeans, Asians, and Africans alike. It would cover the following points:

"Basic Qualification.—(a) Born in the Territory; (b) others defined as "permanent residents" in the Immigration Control Ordinance 1947; (c) resident in the Territory for three years out of the last four.

"Age.—Compliance of 21-year. To a man of birth certificate, men produce evidence of payment of non-Native poll tax or Native house and poll-tax for the last three tax years; the registration officer to adjudicate if there is doubt about the age of a woman claimed to be registered.

"Sex.—No discrimination.

"Community.—To be determined primarily on the evidence of payment of taxes under the existing law. (a) Europeans; those paying education tax as non-Native other than Asian; (b) Asian; those paying a non-Native poll tax but not paying education tax as non-Native other than European; (c) Africans; those paying Native house and poll tax.

"Property.—No property qualification except in a few tax receipts are required as evidence of registration as voter.

"Education.—No general qualification.

#### Panel of Native Candidates

This panel in the first instance be constituted in each province a panel of Africans from whom the Governor would normally nominate the representative of the province. The panel would consist wholly of Africans elected by the highest Native councils of the province, the number of names forwarded by each council being roughly in proportion to the population of its area. Native councils should have the right to add to the panel members from each township. This could be arranged by means of letters through the existing African wartime councils.

Under some previous scheme it might be possible to call together the panel to meet in an electoral college, and ask it to submit a list of the names of its most favored, not necessarily limited to those on the panel. At this stage it would be desirous that Native commissioners and the provincial commissioner should have the right to add a small number of names to the list, as representatives of educated Africans in their organization. An approved list of such colleges generally submitted in an order of preference, often becomes usual to take the first name on the list, unless strong reasons appear to the contrary. If this is habitually done, it gradually becomes a binding convention of the

constitution and nomination passes imperceptibly into election.

It should be open to a Native authority before naming names for inclusion in a panel to consult power councils about the claims of various candidates, and to direct these lower councils to consult public opinion in the villages either through village councils, or by permitting candidates to tour the villages and by using some simple form of voting procedure by which the individual African can express his choice.

This last procedure has already been introduced in a number of places for the election of Native authorities and councillors. For instance in the election of the chief of the Maasai, but only a small part of the African population have any experience of elections even in this simple form. This however can most safely be gained by a continuation of the system of federating the existing African councils. As experience is acquired in local elections, it can be used area by area to develop an indirect system of election to Legislative Councils.

This process of working upwards and downwards would in the first instance produce a system of indirect elections based on local government bodies. There are some theoretical objections to this, on the ground that it may drag administrative bodies into territorial politics to the prejudice of their proper work. This may be true, but there is no choice but to begin with African institutions as they are. If the principle of indirect election is established in operation, it is fairly easy to move forward to a more sophisticated arrangement which avoids the use of Native councils and constituent electoral colleges specially chosen in order to choose members of Legislative Council or of the provincial panel of candidates.

It is also fairly easy to introduce step by step one or other of the various forms of secret ballot which can be used by literate voters. This should, however, be at the stage in a long process; and there is good reason to hope that by the time literacy will be more general, territorial interest will have taken its place alongside tribal interests, and there will be the beginnings of a territorial party organization. It may then be possible to think in terms of direct elections.

The process of evolution which I suggest depends on the existence of a racial and distributional organization, and it is a natural continuation of the present ethnic political organization. This has some important implications.

It is most desirable that the administrative provinces should be used as constituencies for African representation. It may be that the scheme of county councils will lead in the course to a slight reduction in the number of provinces; but this lies some way ahead, and I suggest that a beginning might be made by using the eight existing provinces as constituencies for the nomination of African representatives. There is some disparity in the population of provinces, but this is not so great as to overbalance very strong considerations.

Central Province, 815,941; Eastern Province, 908,662; Lake Province, 4,844,412; Northern Province, 5,624,933; Southern Province, 914,049; Southern Highlands Province, 8,601,111; Tanga Province, 2,112; Western Province, 2,96,234.

Power should be taken to enact by instrument a scheme for African elections in any province when the provincial commissioner believes that the time is ripe for formal enactment; schemes of this kind can be introduced province by province as the situation develops.

#### Gradual Introduction of Voting

There will at first be very great difficulty when the process of working downwards brings the individual African into play. There is therefore no objection of inventing a general system of electoral registers for Native voters. Voting will be introduced gradually, and the right to vote will at almost all times be established quite definitely in reference to taxation and the tax register. It will be possible to eliminate corruption by marking with a tick the names of those who have voted and let each voter make sure that the voter's name is in the right constituency.

A process of nomination and indirect election of this kind is likely at first to bring forward Africans who fill an important place in modern African society. If the administration retains the right to add names to the panel of candidates, this will improve the chances of educated Africans who stand outside Native councils, but it will not ensure that the educated classes are not a burning problem since these classes are few in number, and many tribes are glad to use them in positions of authority if the case allows it.

But the difficulty will increase with the emergence of the African middle class of professional and business men, a settled African urban working-class. In these circumstances are agreed that it is essential to have a system of

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## Bishop of Mombasa on Mau Mau

### Kenya-Kikuyu Characteristics of the

**THE BISHOP OF MOMBASA** has recently written:

Of the two areas and of the Mau Mau situation in general, it is easier to write after the Kikuyu-Kenya conflict. Mau Mau itself, certain shadings will become clearer; admittedly there are generalizations, but generalizations are always a bit dangerous.

(a) Mau Mau is not fundamentally Kikuyu; it most certainly is not a return to Kikuyu savagery as is so often said.

While it is clear that the seed was sown it made a strong appeal to tribalism, and I will believe, setting for a time of general tribal supremacy at which to launch the general *couleur* of the organization, its fundamental non-Kikuyu characteristics.

Those who are bound by the higher degrees of the *oaths* possessed by a fanatical religious cult, because human blood in the administration of all the oaths, even including the *oath of the secret*, and the *oath of the traveller's* oath, which has been summarized by thousands of good Kikuyu custom that practice Mau Mau, include traces of cannibalism, a wholly Kikuyu custom; and the use of women's clothing brigands in order to effect disease is wholly repugnant to Kikuyu custom.

### Deep Rooted Foundations.

The foundations of Mau Mau are deep-rooted in the past. It is a deep-laid plot, some elements of which go back between 20 and 25 years. When it is remembered that the divisive association of missions and Government with these plots goes back only 10 years, this period of planned disaffection.

(c) The seeds of Mau Mau have been in the towns and settled areas, and there are still indications that such management of Mau Mau was confined to be exercised comes from these areas, possibly from Nairobi itself. There are also signs that the gangs of brigands are becoming increasingly a law unto themselves as the forces of law and order gain more effective control of the situation.

(d) This period of disorder has given cover for general unbridled thuggery which has no connexion with Mau Mau.

(e) The general plan of campaign now seems to be that those Europeans who have been murdered have not been of the type who are often caricatured as the typical Kenya settler with his hide whip and fierce bark.

The European victims of Mau Mau savagery represent the kind, quiet, ordinary sort of people, often those who have been an active part in fostering good relations with their African employees and neighbours. Kikuyu

victims have been in every case of this type and outstanding Christians. Thus we have in our clergy lay-readers, and others, such as tea-works open to the public, that they had given tea to a tired policeman.

When Rebosa and Githa were arrested, the crime was that they had given tea to a tired policeman.

Andre was murdered, and Jack was also killed, one of our padres, then Rev. Samuel Masoro, and three letters M.A.U were found with knives on his arm. His arm was injured with cuts, and placed upon his hips and the other hand over him, his hand was hoisted, and they were as good as dead. Both survived. And the marks of the hand and incestuous men, and the rats.

When Ben Nyeri was murdered another comrades, the Rev. Feita Nyero, was also killed. And he turned to police for aid. One of his assistants was a schoolboy who had been in one of our schools the previous year.

It is as if it had been planned to eliminate the decent Europeans. Immediate resistance follows the attack, and then finish the job with a systematic holocaust.

(f) Human nature this suggests, and it seems possible to draw a scale of the intensity of the plot. On the one hand the loyals are still comparatively free, though the leaders in the secret guards may or may not be bound. At the opposite end of the scale, the chiefs and their bands, and their assistants, and in between the *oathsmen*, the most part bound by the first degree oath, and those who are bound by the second, representing up to 90% of the population.

From an intelligent guess, the number of automatic weapons, rifles, shot-guns, and machine-guns, a small number, a thousand or two, those who are bound by the first degree oath, number 10 or 20 thousand.

### Signs That Tide is Turning

Colonialism is a very dangerous thing, but there do seem to be signs of a turning of the tide. I wrote this immediately after my return from a safe flight through the troubled areas, where I had the opportunity to visit some own little Christian communities. I was able to meet the district commissioners and also go to some of the towns in the past, and to the operational centre in the area through which the terrible events occurred a few nights ago.

No single impression has had the immediate advantage, but the success which I witnessed. The fear of law and order in recent weeks has been steadily growing among general masses, and increasing the wicked moral aspects of the Mau Mau camp, although the brigands themselves may become even more desperate.

But it was the massacre which shocked African public opinion, and that has gone more to influence the masses than almost everything else. African political leadership, in any realistic sense, has virtually broken down, and public opinion is having to be re-educated through travail.

But a more tangible and certainly no less encouraging is the recent return of the Church of England adherents who had deserted in favour of the Mau pressure.

In Fort Hall I found the well-built, well-over 100-strong, committed themselves in earnest for readmission. In one place, Kahuhia, 92 came forward, and of these 52 had actually been accepted. The church has taken a more realistic approach to the matter of the Mau, and holds the tremendous pressures which have been brought to bear upon them. They have exposed themselves to considerable risk, they are exposing themselves to considerable risk, they are exposing those who have received them to undergo a period of instruction.

More will have to be done in this matter of education, in case of these who have left the church at this stage has passed. In fact, I am told that the church is enjoying very well from a number of Englishmen who are still here. The Warren's request for a loan of £100,000 is to be welcomed, and I hope it will come in time.

### East African Film

MR. RAYNER LYTTLETON, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has accepted an invitation to visit the East Coast of the African continent during June 30 - an opportunity to see the progress of the port and the development of the country.

Young, C. J. Lascaris, Mr. W. H. D. G. T. and Mr. J. E. T. will be accompanying him, and will build up a film crew to record the progress of the work in the Commonwealth countries.

They will be accompanied by a filming party, and will be joined by a film operator, Mr. R. W. Heussler, who says his sound cameras and shot-screens are successful in film-making.

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# Federation Enabling Bill Other Speeches in Brief

## EXTRACTS FROM THE REMAINING SPEECHES

On the Federation Bill for Central Africa, extracts from the main speeches by the Secretary of State and the Leader were fully reported in our last issue.

**LIEUT-COL. WALTER ELLIOT** (Leader) said the time had come for a test of the leadership's ability to solve the problem of a multiplicity of native units. He had drafted many Government bills, but he could not say that his one could be regarded as a masterpiece.

If Africans distaste the paper safeguards, he asked why multiple units should be allowed. M.P.s' statements on native representation did not seem to mitigate the Government's proposal, which was the only hope. As regards the native unit, it could not be increased, it was the best paper safeguard. Nor could higher representation be withdrawn from anyone.

(See also *Editorial*, p. 112.)

It was easy to understand the general antipathy felt by black unions over the paper safeguards being used by employers to prevent them from forming national, mutual, unions. It was not so easy to illustrate the various influences from Central Europe to the transformation in Britain. But it was a good open meeting problem which had to be faced.

As government departs from its responsibility, it falls heavily indeed onto the shoulders of both blacks and white in Africa. Responsibility is a great teacher. Only by an increase in responsibility will we on both sides to face their practical problems. One thing they have done is to give sympathy and understanding to all restraint in our responsibilities.

They are dead on this subject in a temper which may not be surpassed. We are determined to live between black and white, notwithstanding our differences at varying levels. The recent statement of the unions, which if not resolved, will have all the appearance of a deadlock, seems to show that there is a desire to live, notwithstanding the differences in our race.

**M.R. LEWIS** (Labour) said there was no reason to fear that the only world weapon of caste would be African demands for parity of their representation.

It was the duty of all to try to make federation work smoothly and beneficially; to create an atmosphere which will make the constitution a standard for participation. It would make all the difference if federation came to be associated, particularly in African minds, with concrete steps towards the things African's wanted.

Mr. Dymont had made a moderate, reasonable speech. Within the responsibility of the U.K. Government in the northern territories should remain such matters as civil law, trade union rights, health, housing, and education. In this field striking and long overdue progress could be made.

If M.P.s. could reduce the common roll qualifications so that the common roll is much better off, and if there is communal representation which recognises the racial colour division, while very insistently insisting that all act will be to treat common electoral rolls, then there will be representation.

### Debate on Points of Order

Points made by other speakers in the following:

Mr. CLEMENT Davies (Labour). This is a bad Commonwealth Bill. It is not an economically viable scheme. It is not a good political scheme. So don't let us talk about these things. Let us think about what we can do to improve the scheme. I am not in favour of the scheme in its present form. The Commonwealth Government has not been able to do more than it has done. That is the truth. That is the only thing that has been done.

Mr. J. R. D. Gurney (Conservative). If you are going to have a paper safeguard, then you must have a paper safeguard. I am not in favour of the scheme as it stands. Mr. Churchill had put forward the India Bill, but now he did not even mention it.

Mr. E. M. BISHOP (Conservative). I am not the only one to say the political news is now cast in Central Africa in the north-eastern territories. It is the only one. The only one of the four territories in Central Africa which has an African majority and which is represented about 90% of the population. The Central Government includes Natives-membership of the institutions of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland is only one twentieth.

Mrs. MARJORIE HESKETH (Labour). There have been few speeches in this Scottish Parliament which interest me as in this one. The Church is a small community who know the good experience of Africa in life-long who know the good experience of rising through this volume.

### Europeans and Native Aspirations

Mr. J. A. L. DUNNE (Conn.) who believed in right to power. But federation now, he rejected the idea of Southern Rhodesia's European votes as better than the African's. God, therefore, a God of justice, who would have been better not to have created us of our kith and kin in Central Africa realising that we can never reach equality.

Cap. J. A. L. DUNNE (Conn.) who recalled that 35 years ago he had been breeding Shorthorn cattle in Southern Rhodesia, said that Europeans had exploited, not the native, the Africa's resources. Federation was a step forward in basing our equality on culture and not colour, it could do real trade union development.

Mr. J. Johnson (Lab.) describes the scheme as old fashioned capitalism plus a benevolent antarctury. It could be well with the African fronty he did not tell him. Federation was probably a good thing economically, but the argument that it was essential for development did not hold water. Nor was the argument that then African's daily lives would not be changed by it. Federation affected African citizenship, railway, tele and travelling, water, and higher education—all matters directly affecting the Native.

Mrs. F. Higgs (Conn.). Those who envisaged self-government for the Black Africans were the greatest enemies of the happy, successful, and prosperous free state that she had. It could not be expected that African's would be easily swayed in the towns, so easily influenced by threats. It was realistic to pretend that it was possible to stimulate large numbers of black Africans in order to obtain their considered opinions.

Mr. JAMES GRIFFITHS, standing up for the Opposition, told Mr. Attlee's announcements on African representation and the Copperbelt colonies bar. He hoped that a conference between miners irrespective of colour, would bring a new solidarity and understanding. He also hoped that the Bill would be referred to a standing committee, ensuring ample study. The Commonwealth now offered the last chance of a decent settlement of the world's most important issue, policy on multi-racial communities. Elsewhere the chances were probably gone now. He also believed that the safeguards in the Bill were safe and well weakened. The original plan of a Minister for African Affairs had been based upon the importance of personal responsibility to the Secretary of State because paper safeguards in Africa were now debatable currency.

### Income Tax

Mr. Dymont agreed with Mr. Gurney because he had argued that the income tax was "unjustifiable" to differential in the case of the white man's vote Board. If the Federal Parliament had given down in the matter of the franchise, they would not be differential between European and Africans, but he could deny that it would actually be detrimental to Africans. What was their economic condition? Moreover, he said in Northern Rhodesia, representation ought to be increased, and change would be dependent upon a change in the majority in the Federal Parliament. By passing the Enabling Bill, Parliament would surrender right and duty to ensure progressive African political development.

Speaking through Mr. Gurney is the growth of what we call nationhood—the revolt against dependent status. They have all these vital loves here. We have in this country, but here is something a new dynamism or a consciousness that they are not only those, nor those like you, but Africans, they are sons of their Motherland. Let us learn the lesson of history. We can see that this is hatefully and disgracefully bad. But who wants a colony? Who wants a colony to win, or the white people to win? I wish that I could associate to this scheme, but I cannot. I can only say that in Central Africa there will be black and white and black people who will come together and realize that if they allow the situation to develop, and for racial supremacy, they will all lose Africa with.

Mr. JOHN FOSTER, Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, said that, far from agreeing that the safeguards were weakened, the Government believed them to have been strengthened. The Federal Cabinet would now work in a more constitutional way without an anomalous Minister whose functions have been both anomalous and ineffective.

The scheme, defined as "differentiating," measures analogous to Africanisation, in practice, made the words "Africanisation" and "disadvantageous" synonymous. A property qualification would have "made it disadvantageous" to Africans; therefore, the provision means exactly what Mr. Griffiths wanted. Accordingly the Federal Cabinet would have to consider the new clause, inserted by the Opposition, which provided that the Federal subject should not be used to acquire land indiscriminately on the pretext that those Federal subjects, for instance, required the land in order to assist immigration. That safeguard has been strengthened.

#### **Black Would Add Extremists**

They would stay into the hands of extremists black and white. Both sides would feel that they had won victory and the worse aspects of African nationalism would be increased. In South Africa two Africans would become members of Parliament for the first time. In the next election the African roll would provide a huge majority.

By creating conditions in which a larger amount of capital would be drawn into the area and so provide the life-blood to improve economic conditions, the scheme provided the means of advance for both sides. Mr. Foster quoted Sir Godfrey Hargrave's words on the safeguards. "Some Africans consider that the African Affairs Board and the other safeguards are valuesless in the light of what has happened elsewhere. It is no longer that the intentions in the federal constitution can be changed only with the consent of all parties, including the United Kingdom Government."

"I submit this to the House," concluded Mr. Foster. "It is a great constitutional experiment, an experiment in re-imagination and a tribute to the political good sense of the British people." The Bill was given a second reading by 243 votes to 221.

## **East African Club in London Extended**

### **Greatly Improved Facilities at Marble Arch**

EAST AFRICA Hotel, the international club in London, rather more than 18 months ago was established by the East African Governments at 96 Grosvenor Place, Marble Arch. It has already outgrown the premises upon those premises, and the adjoining houses No. 98, which was recently bought, will be occupied next week.

The new house has 15 single bedrooms and 12 double bedrooms, all provided with hot and cold running water, built-in wardrobes, writing-tables, and easy chairs. It is designed to seat 12 students, a television room, a laundry, a lounge room, a library, and a large new dining room, which will be available. The dining room, which seats 100 persons, has been almost doubled, and 80 will now seat 90 persons at a time.

#### **Elaborate Decorations**

For the extension the club will be decorated with a total blue banister across the front of their houses, with the words "East Africa" in white. Territorial flags will hang from the windows of the second floor rooms around the balcony. Over the word of "Nairobi" will be a 12-foot swan in the royal colours, the solid gilded chariot.

East African visitors to London cordially invited to call in the Club at any time. The secretary, Mr. Denham Clarke, formerly of the Colonial Service in London, will be in touch with him at all times.

The new club, a Committee of African literature, Africafair, and a number of other bodies of Afros, has very kindly invited all Afros to call in at any time open to them in the evenings. It is open to Afros, Portuguese, and West Indians.

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# PERSONALIA

MR. J. S. RATHBONE has arrived from Nairobi.

MR. J. P. REED is on holiday in Southern Rhodesia and MRS. J. B. SHERMAN is on their way back to Tampa by sea.

MARY KENDALL WARD is due to arrive in London next Thursday to open an office for the wife of Kenya.

MR. DAVID WILLIAMS, editor of *West Africa*, left London by air on Monday for Nairobi for a 10-day visit.

MR. B. R. COOK, general manager in Beira of the Jessica Trading Co. Ltd., has arrived in this country on leave.

MR. RICHARD A. WHEAR, Government mining engineer in Southern Rhodesia, has arrived from Salisbury.

SIR GERALD CREASY, who has been seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia, has returned to his home at Syon Park, arrived from Malta.

CAPTAIN and MRS. KEITH CALDWELL and MAJOR and MRS. C. W. GAYLASS-BENTINCK are recent arrivals from Kenya.

Mr. and Mrs. HON. MRS. LESLIE CAMAGE have returned to London at the weekend from their tour of South Africa and Rhodesia.

MR. JOHN H. SINCLAIR will arrive in this country from Tangier at the end of this month and will proceed towards the end of June.

MR. J. T. SIMPSON, chairman of the Zambia Development Corporation, will return to the United Kingdom yesterday by air from Lusaka.

SIR GODFREY and LADY HUGO COOPER, MRS. WEINSTEIN and Mr. and Mrs. BROWNE will be due in London by air within a few days.

CAPTAIN L. H. MORRIS, R.A.M.C., who has been in Rhodesia in connection with Southern Rhodesia, leaves this week in the CROWN CASTLE to revisit the Colony.

SIR WILFRID JACKSON, a former Governor of Tanganyika, will be in London on other visits to England from South Africa in order to attend the Coronation.

MR. G. C. COOPER, who has joined the board of Nigerian Anglo-American, the representative firm of the American-owned corporation of South Africa, has arrived.

COLONEL D. J. MODER has been appointed by the Governor of Lesotho to inquire into the accident at Nasutha Police station on March 26. His inquiry will be held at Bloemfontein.

MR. P. J. COOPER has resigned from the board of the Marston Motor Co. of East Africa Ltd., to which MEMBERS, DE WILDS, CHAPPEL and T. W. BYRNE have been appointed directors.

MISS ETHEL RIDDELL, MR. BYNORTH VANCAN, TOMAS AND MR. DONALD WILKINSON are no fly to Southern Rhodesia shortly to report to the B.B.C. the visit to that Colony of THE QUEEN MOTHER and PRINCESS MARGARET.

LORD BRUCE OF MELGUNET suggested in his speech that Great Britain should take the initiative to make a minimum of its surplus stores available to the Commonwealth countries throughout the world. This suggestion was supported by the South African Minister of Transport, Sir Alan H. Wilson, who said that it would be a good idea if some of his country's surplus stores were made available to the Commonwealth countries. The *Adam Star* is about to establish a store of his own in Khartoum.

MISS PATRICIA CAREY and MISS ANGELA CARY, both aged 22, are this year Southern Rhodesian guests in Britain under the Princess Elizabeth Birthday Fund scheme. They are to have a special audience of THE QUEEN, and will have tea with THE PRIME MINISTER and LADY CHURCHILL.

MR. A. I. R. MELLOR has been appointed a member of the executive council of the Joint East and Central African Board and of its standing committee. MR. B. E. PETITPIERRE has been elected to fill a casual vacancy on the council as an elected non-Parliamentary member, and has been appointed to the standing committee.

SENATOR HATTON NICHOLLS, leader in Natal of the Union Federal Party, whose young man as a pioneer editor in Northern Rhodesia, has arrived in London to attend the Coronation.

LIEUT. COLONEL G. C. COOPER, R.E., has colour drawings of Kenya, the Middle East, the Iberian Peninsula, Brittany, the Chagres Islands, and this country will be on view at the Mitchell Galleries, 2 Duke Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1, from May 26 to June 20, on week-days from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and on Saturdays until 12.30 o'clock.

Those with Eastern African interests who were present when THE QUEEN MOTHER attended last week's meeting of the Royal Society of Arts were LIEUT. ALTRINHAM, MR. J. S. AMERY, MR. G. H. BAXTER, MRS. P. SPEDDING, MR. F. S. JOELSON, SIR ALAN LENNOX, LIEUT. H.R.P., MAJOR and MRS. JACKEE, SIR DOUGAL MALCOLM, MR. GORDON MUNRO and MRS. J. H. WALLACE.

MR. PETER EVANS, British barrister, upon whom the Government of Tanganyika has issued an order to have the Tanzanian which he entered from Kenya when he had been prohibited immigration into the country, has appealed to the Tanganyika High Court. In an interview he denied filing a complaint against him in the House of Commons before the Minister of State for the Colonies.

MR. MICHAEL CLIFFORD, for the past three years has been managing director of British Abco (Southern Africa) Ltd., has been appointed group sales director of the group and a member of the board of Associated British and Foreign, Ltd. He will take up his new duties in London in early autumn and thereafter be responsible for the British group and the individual companies on sales.

GENERAL GEORGE GIFFARD, Colonel Commandant of the King's African Rifles and the Southern Rhodesia Regiment, and Major-General A. R. THOMAS, Colonel Commandant of the Somaliland Guards, will go on board the *Exeter* to welcome its arrival at Southampton on Sunday to welcome the Coronation contingents of our army. Lieut. COLONEL G. H. ROSS, commander of the Colonial Coronation contingent, was also present.

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Obituary

## Sir Robert Archibald

### Warm Tribute from Former Colleagues

SIR GEORGE SCHUSTER wrote to *The Times*: "It was in the Sudan after 1920 that Sir Robert Archibald's greatest work was done, and those of us who worked with him there in those years cherish the memory of 'Archie' as something of unique value in our lives. His genius and single-hearted enthusiasm for his job were an inspiration to all, and among the many who contributed to the success of the irrigation schemes he played an outstanding part, for it was he who directed the pioneer research studies of all the factors affecting the successful growing of cotton in the Sudan—studies of soil conditions, of plant breeding, of insect pests, and all the countless diseases which prey upon cotton. Research (not confined to medical research) was his job."

MR. N. R. UDALL said:

"In 1908 Archibald joined the Wellcome Research Laboratories (which became part of the Gordon Memorial College) under Dr. (later Sir) Andrew Balfour, and in his report for 1909 on the laboratories Dr. Balfour wrote: 'Of special importance is Archibald's discovery of a new type of fever in Khartoum, associated with the presence of a hitherto undescribed bacillus in the blood. Three such cases, closely resembling enteric fever, have been diagnosed and in one of them a probably fatal termination was averted by the preparation and use of a vaccine which was manufactured from the causative organism by Bimbashi Archibald in these laboratories. This is probably the most important medical work yet achieved in them.'

"'Archie' quickly built up for himself an outstanding reputation, not only with the British but with the Sudanese, by whom he was greatly loved. In addition to his research work, his medical skill was remarkable, and there were many people in the Sudan who owed their health, if not their lives, to him."

"I well remember an occasion in 1915, during an outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis, when Archibald was put in charge of measures to try to stamp out the disease in the eastern Sudan. On hearing of a fatal case of cerebro-spinal meningitis at a village 25 miles away, he at once mounted his camel at midday on a very hot day, and on reaching the village at sunset refused to sit down but immediately gave prophylactic treatment to all the villagers (men, women, and children) and made such strenuous and thorough arrangements that there was not another case in the village."

"How far any British officials have done, more for the Sudan than Archibald, and throughout his long service there he played an important part in forging the links of friendship and trust between the British and the Sudanese."

## Mr. Frederick Charles Ford

MR. FREDERICK CHARLES FORD, managing director of Messrs. F. C. Ford, Ltd., London, died on May 15 at the age of 64. He connected with Central Africa throughout almost the whole of his business life.

A member of the staff of Messrs. Jules Steinissen & Co. for a number of years, he purchased on their behalf trade goods for Nyasaland, and when that department of the firm was closed in 1934 he began business on his own account as an export agent. From then until the time of his death he was continually engaged in buying goods for interests in Nyasaland principally Messrs. Browns and Claperton, Ltd., of Blantyre, and also Tea Estates, Ltd., of Chalo, and so to a lesser extent as importers in Southern Rhodesia. In June 1932 F. C. Ford, Ltd., was registered with a view to the continuation of the business.

In the first world war he saw active service in the battle fronts, particularly Gallipoli, and the last war he maintained his small office in London, and travelled out the whole of the African continent.

A man of retiring disposition and staunch friend, he was knowledgeable in horsemanship, a lover of country life, a keen angler and falconer. He leaves a widow and a son.

DR. H. A. MOFFAT, who had died in Hermanus, Cape Province, was the last surviving son of the Rev. J. S. Moffat, and a grandson of Dr. Robert Moffat, livingstone's "Bibleman." He was born at the Wimberley mission station, in Transvaal, founded by Robert Moffat and practised for a time in Bulawayo. He had a long record of military service in three wars, serving the D.S.O. In the last war he was in command of the military hospital in Kimberley.

MR. TRACEY GAVIN JONES, who has died in Tunbridge Wells at the age of 81, was a Southern Rhodesian in 1895-96 as a mining engineer, and served in the Matabele War with the Rhodesia Horse. Soon afterwards he went to India, where he remained for about 50 years, being a member of the Legislative Council from 1925 to 1929 and 1937 to 1944.

MR. JAMES STANLEY, who died in London in nursing home last week at the age of 77, was the brother of Sir Evelyn Murray, Governor of Kenya. He was Lord Chamberlain of the Royal Household from 1932 to 1938, and among his many other offices was that of vice-president of the Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum.

BAKARI BIN SALIMU, who has died in Mombasa, was said to have been 105 years old.

## Federation News and Views

THE NYASALAND COUNCIL OF CHIEFS are applying to the High Court of the Protectorate for a declaration that the White Paper plan for federation is *Ultra vires*. They ask for an injunction against transfer by the Imperial Government of any of its powers to the new Federal State.

The Rev. Ronald Rees, chairman of the sub-committee on trusteeship of the United Nations Association, told *the Sunday Times* to said recently:

"The nine months following the setting up of Central African Federation will be of grave importance. Everything possible should be done to relieve the tensions, and the scheme should be accompanied by action that would mitigate the sense of frustration and disappointment. Every effort should be made to remove racial discrimination about which Africans are so sensitive, and thus convince them that when we talk about partnership we mean it."

*Popular Victory*, supported by the Conservative Party, says:

"When in office the Labour Government supported federation. Out of office they oppose it on the alleged grounds that African people do not want it and will remain in their Protectorate status. This is quite untrue. For example Northern Rhodesia does not want African land rights to be granted to it.

"The Conservative Government is determined to achieve independence before it avails itself of the time which will promote the essential interests of the country. But it should be carried through."

"The aim is the creation of representative African governments. One reason of the federation is that African countries need great resources for development which can only be obtained through co-operation. Manchester, Birmingham, and the rest of the U.K. cannot afford to let the continent go to the colonialists, who will be assisted by underhand methods."

## Joint Board Deputation

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER last week received a deputation from the joint East and Central African Board, led by Mr. Archer Baldwin, M.P., to discuss a memorandum submitted by the Board on the subject of taxation of overseas profits. The other members of the deputation were Mr. J. S. H. Tranter, M.P., Mr. Philipperie, Mr. D. C. Brook, Mr. C. S. M. Smith, M.P., and Mr. P. B. Broadbent. The representations were directed to secure more substantial tax reliefs for U.K. companies operating overseas, in order to encourage the expansion of industrial and agricultural schemes in Colonial territories.

# Mr. Lyttelton's Visit to Kenya

## Talks with African Communities

Mr. SIR RICHARD LYTTELTON, M.P., who arrived in Nairobi last Thursday evening for a five-day visit to Kenya, spent his first day in the Colony in discussions with African municipal officials and Army and police officers.

In Evelyn Baring, the Governor, reviewed the present situation, and after Major F. W. Cavendish-Bentinck, Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources, took part in talks on administrative problems, Mr. Lyttelton was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Mr. Michael Blundell, leader of the European elected members of the Legislative Council.

### Lari Massacre Site Visited

On Saturday he visited Kikuyu district, and saw the scene of the massacre at Lari. Later he went to Nyeri, accompanied by the Governor, and Major-General Hinde, watched a police demonstration attack on terrorists, and had talks with chiefs and other loyal Kikuyu.

Preliminary talks with non-official leaders, European and Asian, were held before Mr. Lyttelton conferred with government departments on the expansion of social services and other problems likely to arise when the emergency ends. He also had conversations with Lieut.-General Sir Alexander Cameron G.O.C.-in-C. East Africa.

Among questions discussed with non-officials were the relationship between the Colonial Office and the Kenya Government in connexion with the use of emergency powers, the acceleration of judicial procedure, and the utilization of man-power. Reports refer to the Minister's determination to press on battle with the terrorists and to develop the efficiency of the security forces.

Arab and Arab representatives emphasized the desire of their peoples to live without reservation both in internal security and against external aggression, and to participate equally with Europeans in all activities in connexion with the economy. The suggestion that Kikuyu might be settled at the coast was opposed by the Arab representatives.

Indian spokesmen told the Minister that a bad effect on the other communities had been caused by the continuing irritation of the Government by Europeans. Colonial Office records say they said essential until a constitution satisfactory to all races had been established.

African non-official members reaffirmed their loyalty to Great Britain, but insisted upon the fact that they were not allowed to speak to European people. They believed that the advice of loyal Africans at all levels on emergency and operational committees was necessary, and that military knowledge and experience was not essential. If Government was dissatisfied with them, they were prepared to make way for other representatives.

Mr. Lyttelton said at London Airport before he left:

"I am going to Kenya because nothing in these affairs can replace personal contact and personal reconnaissance. We must conquer the armed rebellion, and we must convince by work, and not only by words, that there is a future, a prosperous future, for men of all races, African, Asian, and British, in Kenya."

Mr. Lyttelton is due back in London as these words are being printed.

### Latest Mau Mau News

Last Wednesday 11 terrorists were killed by security forces in the Nyeri and Nanyuki districts. The following day one terrorist was killed and 20 wounded when British troops and police reservists surprised a Mau Mau camp in North Kinangop, where arms, ammunition, and clothing were captured. An African special constable was killed in the Kariokor location of Nairobi. Thirty arrests were made in the Eastleigh district of the city in a raid by the police. A police report discoveries of gelignite, detonators and fuses in the South Nyeri Reserve during searches in which 119 Africans were arrested.

An abortive attempt to compel teachers of a school in the South Nyeri district to take the Mau Mau oath

was made by a gang of about 50 terrorists. Eight bodies of men identified as terrorists have been found in the same area, and it is thought to be men wounded in an action earlier in the month.

A patrol of 20 askari was attacked by some 100 terrorists near Fort Hall. Several of the gang were killed, but the patrol sustained no casualties.

Terrorists are now operating in larger gangs. Loyal Kikuyu who have escaped ten of bands of up to 500 Mau-Mau adherents are also said to be resorting to cannibalism as part of their ritual.

The death-penalty can now be imposed on persons convicted of trafficking in firearms or acting in a way calculated to assist the terrorists or impede the security forces.

Overseas leave for European civil servants has been deferred for a provisional period of six months from June 1. The leave of three months of the Colony will be curtailed to twelve months.

### Sir Hartley Shawcross Retained

Sir Hartley Shawcross, Q.C., has been retained by the Government of Kenya for the Crown in the appeal by Kenya and five other Africans against sentences imposed on them at Kapenguria. Kenya appears to be on the grounds; the others on 20 to 50 each. Mr. D. S. Britz will appear for them.

The establishment of a screening committee has been suggested by Mr. E. Mathu, leader of the African non-official members in the Legislative Council. He said that the dividing line between those who supported and others on the one hand and Mau Mau adherents on the other was becoming clearer. He proposed that in Coronation week all loyal Kikuyu should be asked to swear allegiance.

M. C. Madan, an Indian member of the Legislature that his community had lost faith in the Government, though he recited that man-power was not being fully used.

Mr. F. A. Vasey, Member for Finance, asked for the allocation of another £1m. for the emergency, bringing the vote to £24m.

Colonel E. S. Grogan, who told the council that he had received a telephone message from an African saying that he had been condemned to death by Mau Mau on Saturday, accused the terrorists of cannibalistic rituals.

Seventeen Kikuyu sentenced to death for murder in the Lari massacre have given notice of appeal. The cases against the men were dropped and seven of the accused were acquitted, but all nine were rearrested outside the court on other charges. The trial, held at Gitunguthu before Mr. Justice Rudd was the first in connexion with the massacre. A further 12 Kikuyu are being tried.

A government statement on behalf of John Adalla Akhanyala, former chairman of the North Nyanza branch of the Kenya African Union, reads: "In recent months it has become clear that he was taking steps to sow seeds of Mau Mau in North Nyanza."

An earlier report that the new Government secondary school at Methanji had been razed to the ground was incorrect. The building is still intact.

### Disclaimer

WE QUOTED LAST WEEK from a letter which had appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* over the signature of Mr. Justice K. H. J. Hayes, of the Sudan. He has now disclaimed authorship, explaining that the communication was sent to me but by a third party who used my name in good faith but without my knowledge or authority. To the quotation we appended a note written in the title page by Mr. Philip Broadbent, but by an unfortunate accident, two lines from another source were added to what he wrote. They read: "Unless human equality is recognized in our Colonies, Asia, and Africa we may begin to move toward a colour war." Read as part of his letter they imply that the Sudan is a Colony, and they may also have given the impression that Mr. Broadbent advocated wholesale Sudamization at any sacrifice. We much regret this typographical error, and gladly call attention to it.

## Mr. I. Nathoo's Views on Mau Mau No Indian Aid to Terrorists

MR. IBRAHIM NATHOO, a Muslim member of the Legislative Council of Kenya, told a press conference in London on Tuesday:

"I have not the slightest doubt that we are getting on top of Mau Mau but it will take yet time before we completely crush it. This, however, is only the beginning of the struggle, as the present policy of suppressing the terrorists will inevitably leave bitterness and animosity in the hearts of those innocent people who are bound to suffer."

"We must now carry to the Africans who are loyal and those who are not sure that we mean business a long-term plan. The first essential thing for us to do is to declare unequivocally that leadership will be by capacity and not colour."

### Europeans Must Lead for Many Years

"For many years to come it is quite certain that owing to the education, means in the fields of education, administration, tradition, background and capacity, they will be the leaders, but it must be enunciated now that people of other races will not be debarred from taking the fullest responsibility because their colour is different, if they are capable. It is high time that both the Africans and the Europeans realized that both extreme theories are not in the best interests of the country as a whole and its inhabitants—Africa for the Africans, on the one side, and white domination on the other."

"Looking at the adjoining territories and the trend of policy and aims, I cannot see how a different policy is going to work out in Kenya."

The non-Europeans are very pleased at the statement of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the House of Commons that no suitable representative could

be found from amongst the non-Europeans to associate in the Emergency Committee. When I spoke to Mr. Lyttelton before his departure for Kenya he said it was an unfortunate word to have used, and what he meant was that technically qualified representatives could not be found.

Whilst this to a certain extent removed the slur on the non-Europeans, there is still a feeling that they are not being allowed to play their full part in the emergency. Whilst European overseas leave is being cancelled, hardly any use is made of the Asian manpower power.

"As regards the reports about Indian aid to Mau Mau, it is a lie, and the Government must either prosecute people or give a lie to the rumour. I am glad that a few days ago the Government did state that there is no evidence of Indian instigation of Mau Mau."

"Only by better race relationship can we achieve anything in the nature of a progressive and stable society."

Mr. Nathoo made it quite clear that he spoke in the name of all the Asian members of the Legislative, Muslim and Hindu, and of the Arab members also.

[An extended report of Mr. Nathoo's views will appear next week.]

### African Editor in Abbey

MR. ALOYSIUS LUBOWA, editor of the Uganda newspaper *Matalisi*, and one of 25 journalists from Colonial territories who are visiting this country as guests of the Colonial Office for the Coronation, will have a service at Westminster Abbey for the ceremony. The guests drew lots for the privilege and he was fortunate. Last week an informal reception for the visiting newspapers was held at the Colonial Office. Now they have split in four parties to tour different parts of the country.

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*Letter to the Editor*

## Norton Report on Transport Problems

### The Pioneers' Criticisms of A.R.A.

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA

Sir—In your issue of May 7 you criticize the Norton Report and fail to stress its value. I regret that very much.

A reasonable criticism is its failure clearly to pay tribute to the work already being done by the Administration. This work is probably unknown to almost every person in East Africa who reads the report, but none the less it is a fact that acknowledgement was omitted.

After having said that, where does your criticism arise? Customs procedure is definitely part of the port working and so comes within the terms of reference of the Committee. The many sensible recommendations are unacceptable to the management unless one means the Committee were not independent. Is any Government department *ipso facto* free of criticism just because it is the management? Study of your own editorials gives the answer.

The great value of the report is that it sets out in one document what has been done to make Mombasa capable of meeting the developing economies of Kenya and Uganda. It will help us in the U.K. to understand better the over-all picture. I hope the report will form the basis on which everybody can get together and help forward the development, not only of Mombasa port but also the whole transportation system of East Africa.

Ours faithfully,

B. E. PETITPIERRE.

Consular House,  
London, E.C.3

[Mr. Petitpierre gives first place to his comment to that which we emphasized—the strange and indefensible plagiarism of the report. The committee's 33 recommendations, 16 of which was we pointed out relate to projects or schemes of work which were already on hand and the plans for which were shown or explained to the committee, while another 12 "generalized exhibitions" refer to that is already been done.]

So exactly two-thirds of the recommendations were adopted by the Railways and Harbours Administrations before they were fathered by the committee. This leaves one-third; and it would be difficult for any independent critic, however friendly to the administration, such circumstances even if inclined to do so, to remain silent. We recommend him convincing.

We did not, however, endorse the six recommendations which are "unacceptable to the management" simply on that account. As Mr. Petitpierre remarks, our editor's policy over the years should convincingly refute any such idea. We write that the constituents of the general manager seemed to us to represent a convincing majority, and that "six

proposals are stated to be unacceptable to the management for reasons which are frankly set forth."

It would certainly be convenient to have a composite survey of the needs of the port of Mombasa; but unfortunately, through the shortsightedness of the East Africa High Commission, the public has not been provided with "one document" on the subject; it is the Norton Report in one document and Mr. Dalfon's report in another. That should have been appended to the criticisms, so that readers might be made simultaneously aware of the management's reply. ED., EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA.

## NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

The new Federal Party has already established four branches in Northern Rhodesia—in Lusaka, Bryan Hill, Ndola, and Kitwe.

An nationalist federation in Africa and Africa are planning a Pan-African Conference for next year to discuss the "various racial and political policies" of Africa as a whole.

When the Queen Mother visits the Uganda Pavilion at the Rhodes Centenary Exhibition in Bulawayo, she will be presented with a mounted leopardskin. Princess Margaret will receive a motor rug decorated with a skin. Gifts for Prince Charles and Princess Anne will be small African skins.

Three separate conferences of the World Health Organization will be held in Kampala this year. From September 5 to 19 experts on yellow fever will meet; from September 21 to 26 the Regional Committee for Africa of the W.H.O. will meet; and from September 28 to October 4 there will be a conference on nursing.

### Rosebowl Protest

Labour and Liberal Members in the House of Commons deplored the action of M. Government in appointing Raspolo Kgamane as administrative authority over the chief powers in the Bantangwato reserve in Bechuanaland immediately following a meeting of the *kgotla* on the tribe which decided to appoint him chief. The sponsors of the motion are Mrs. Irene White, Miss Jonnie Lee, and Messrs. Fenner Brockway, Clement Davies, Wedgwood Benn, and Greenwood.

On Friday and Saturday last a conference and exhibition of voluntary work by and among women in Colonial territories was held in the Colonial Office. The opening address was given by Mrs. Fisher, wife of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and for many years president of the Mothers' Union. Sir Charles Jeffcott presided over the conference, which heard Mr. S. W. H. Chinn, Social Welfare Adviser to the Secretary of State, talk on "The Essential Partnership between Voluntary Organizations and Government Health and Welfare Services."

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KENYA COLONY

**Parliament****French Firm and Kenya Dam****Cameroon Question**

AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS last week the Colonial Secretary was asked by MR. LINLEY COONS why the sum for Sasumua Dam in Kenya was given in 1950 to a French firm at approximately half the price tendered by suitable British contractors, and why it was not necessary to call for fresh tenders.

MR. LYTTLETON: "The original contract tender was at approximately twice the value of the nearest pure British tender, and the original contract was terminated thus necessitating the invitation of fresh tenders because the company which had execute the work in accordance with the contract had seriously defaulted in many important respects."

"East Africa is a volcanic country which makes the selection of ideal sites for such works extremely difficult, and it is believed that the site which fails below the ideal. The Sasumua Dam site was chosen after a very careful investigation and examination of a number of possible alternatives, and detailed geological and soil examinations were had before the contract was let. The Nairobi City Council's advisers remain satisfied that the Sasumua Dam can and will be built on the site."

"The background of the tendering firm was investigated before the contract was let. It was registered in Kenya with a nominal capital and backed by French firms of high standing and international repute, and the consulting engineers were satisfied with the firm and the work would be done at the best cost."

**Sudan Elections Disappointment**

MR. MOTT-RADCLIFFE (Cons.) asked the Colonial Secretary if a statement on the announcement by the Sudan Electoral Commission that elections could not be held before the second half of October was correct of the Sudan.

MR. SELVYN LLOYD: "H.M. Government have noted the Sudan Electoral Commission's announcement with keen disappointment. The Commission has come to the conclusion that the electoral rules need further consideration in the light of views expressed to it by Sudanese, and this cannot be finished in time to allow the necessary preparations for the elections to be made before the rains make voting impossible in certain districts."

MR. MOTT-RADCLIFFE: "Should the Minister make it widely clear throughout the Middle East and elsewhere that no blame for the delay in the elections could conceivably fall on H.M. Government but that it lies in circumstances outside its control?"

MR. LLOYD: "H.M. Government have pressed throughout for the early holding of these elections. That view has been publicly shared by the Umma and Socialist Republican parties, which are the two parties seeking Sudanese independence."

**Of Commercial Concern**

A project to manufacture paper from bottle and sisal fibres may be developed by Paper Mills of East Africa. The necessary capital can be obtained on option on a factory in the Tana, Kenya, has already been planned. It is claimed that the product would be suitable for cement bags and cardboard boxes, for which there is a large local demand.

Balgate and Co., Ltd., will hold a general meeting on June 5 to approve a resolution to capitalize £800,000 of undistributed profits by paying up 3s. per share on the existing ordinary £1 shares, making them 8s. paid, and to raise £60,000 of new capital by means of a rights issue of 2,000,000 B ordinary £s. shares at par on the basis of one for every five shares.

Mitchell Cotts & Co. (Libya), Ltd., was recently registered with a nominal capital of £350,000 to take over the business in Malta and Libya of Mitchell Cotts and Co. (Middle East), Ltd., which will now continue its operations to Egypt, the Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, British Somaliland, Aden, Saudi Arabia, and Lebanon.

Forestry Land, Timber and Railway Co., Ltd., proposed to capitalize reserves by a bonus issue of one ordinary stock unit for every four units or better shares held. The final dividend for 1952, 9%, making 20% for the year. Consolidated net profit was £1,142,117 (£95,450), after tax.

**Salisbury Power Stations**

The first two stages of erecting the second electric power station in Salisbury have cost 600,000. The third stage, now under way, will cost an additional £2m.; and a third power station for the capital of Southern Rhodesia will ultimately need about £8m. Sales of the Rusape Abot group in 1952 amounted to £2,341,883 against £2,142,394 in the previous year. Last year's net profit was £1,600 (£58,52). A dividend was paid in December. No final dividend is recommended.

Uganda produces more cotton than the rest of the Colonial Empire put together. Sales last year nearly reached £30m., compared with £20,000,000. The East African governments have decided to grant no licences this year to importers of Japanese textiles.

**Dividends**

James Finlay and Co., Ltd., paid interim 4% (6%), making 7% (£1.19) for 1952. No further payment will be recommended for the year.

Tobacco Co. of Rhodesia and South Africa, Ltd., 7½% (the same). Profit before taxation £1,322 (£2,547). Taxation £2,320 (£250).

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## The Case of Commander Davidson.

### Rhodesia Government's Legal Action.

**THE DEPORTATION FROM KENYA.** Commander S. R. Davidson has been the subject of a brief adjournment debate in the House of Commons.

MR. FENNER BROCKWAY, who raised the question, said that he appreciated that Mr. Lyttelton's colleagues were particularly anxious at present, that the case of Commander Davidson illustrate the powers of deportation.

After demobilization from the Australian Navy, he had served from 1945 to 1947 in the Sudan Gezira scheme. Then he was in Kenya for three years, first as a price control official in Mombasa and later as assistant superintendent of prisons in Nairobi. Then he joined S.A.C. Ltd. in Northern Rhodesia. In August 1950 he left Northern Rhodesia travelling through Abyssinia with his African servant Yatima, after apparently having no reasons of any kind, according to his statement, to do the enter him into Kenya. It is necessary to say that Yatima himself was kept in prison for one month. But he was held in prison altogether for three months and two days before deportation. Yatima was kept in prison for four and a half months before deportation.

Davidson complains that he was beaten up in prison in this country he had to go to hospital for treatment; the doctor said that his ligaments were torn and that the injury was not consistent with Davidson's story.

Mr. Brockway said that it was the major legal issue of deportation without trial which he wished to raise.

MR. LYTTELTON: "The hon. gentleman is not suggesting that this gentleman was deported without trial?"

MR. BROCKWAY: "I suggest that the trial took place for 12 hours or so, and for that he was fined £50 with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. I suggest that the deportation took place without a second trial. I raised the question most vigorously when Mr. Griffiths was Colonial Secretary. It is the principle of deportation itself against which I strongly protest."

What has happened as a result of the inquiry of the Governors in the various Colonies regarding the power of deportation? A report was requested from the Governors; perhaps the Colonial Secretary can inform the House of the results. This is an essential issue of human freedom."

### Mr. Lyttelton's Reply.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE MR. LYTTELTON replied in part:

"This is not a deportation case within the ordinary connotation. Deportation applies to those legally inside a territory. Persons can be deported only if legally resident in a place. That does not arise with Mr. Davidson. He was an illegal immigrant."

"I informed the House on April 1st that he was evicted under the Immigration Control Order for unlawfully entering the Colony without entry permit or visa. Mr. Davidson might be right in his allegation that there was no control at the port where he entered; but it was his duty to present himself in person to the nearest immigration officer immediately on arrival."

"He was sentenced at his trial to pay £50 in fines or in default to serve one month's imprisonment. He did not pay the fine and was committed to prison. Any person whose entry is unlawful is under the order a prohibited immigrant, and in the loose sense of the term, may be deported as such. It is not strictly accurate to say he was deported without a trial. His deportation, in a loose sense, came as a result of a trial in which he was sentenced."

"Mr. Davidson's complaint about his treatment in prison was investigated in the most careful way by the Resident Magistrate in Mombasa. The report shows that he refused to have his

prison superintendent's office when ordered to do so, resisted the order from the magistrate, and tried to prevent prison officials taking him to his cell. The magistrate held that the force used was not in any way excessive as beyond what was strictly necessary in maintenance of prison discipline. I cannot think how his complaint could have been dealt with in a more regular way, or that there could have been more convincing evidence. The order of deportation — was I not the term loosely — was signed by the Governor on November 5, 1952, and provided that his detention in prison be extended while arrangements for deportation were made. One hon. member described it as astonishing to keep in prison someone who was about to be deported, but it is common practice in all Colonial territories, and also in this country."

The civil authority generally applies powers to keep the person in some form of detention so that he does not circulate with the rest of the population and put the police to the trouble of picking him up again when the time comes for deportation. This is much more like a remand prison. Mr. Davidson was nominally kept in prison because of the small sentence that non-payment of the fine would otherwise have entailed.

### No Further Action.

In brief, Mr. Davidson was legally deported under the provisions of the Kenya Immigration Control Order, and do not propose to take any action in this matter. My answer is public, factual, and I am reluctant to expand it. I have particular inhibitions upon the subject of individuals. We must be very careful on personal matters to go no further than is absolutely necessary to satisfy hon. members like Mr. Brockway, who are absolutely right to be extremely vigilant in all matters involving personal liberty.

I must ask him directly if he is satisfied with the answer so far. For reasons which do not apply to this case, more than anything else, in this house, I am protected from being pursued by the English Society persons whose actions or character can be impugned before this House. I am not, I repeat of Mr. Davidson in particular. I should like to confine myself on these personal matters, now and in the future, with a bare recital of the facts and of the legality of the actions taken by the Kenya Government rather than enter into a controversial picture of the circumstances surrounding these events."

## African Policeman Decorated.

SERGEANT DIFU, a Negro of the Kenya Police, has been awarded the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry.

In October Difu, who was then a corporal, was one of a party under the command of a European senior inspector which was called in to investigate a store-breaker incident in the old town of Mombasa.

As the party arrived three Africans broke away through an underground drain (through which they had entered the store), and ran in different directions. A chase followed during which one of the fugitives lunged with a knife at Corporal Difu, who was trying to block his path. The corporal avoided the blow and continued in the pursuit. The African then ran into an alleyway where the inspector seized and grappled with him.

In a short struggle the inspector was stabbed and mortally wounded. The African started to run again, but was intercepted by Corporal Difu, who, after a long and violent struggle, overpowered and disarmed him with the assistance of another police constable, who had arrived 15 minutes later. The citation says that Corporal Difu showed complete disregard for his own safety.

### Committee on Costs.

A COMMITTEE consisting of Mr. J. R. Leslie (Chairman), Dr. R. Bowles, Mr. Gitchell, Dr. S. G. Missim, Mr. Mohamed Aziz, Mr. J. H. Martin, and Mr. S. Duckett, has been appointed in Kenya with the following terms of reference: "To investigate and take evidence from all sections of the community on the cost of the means of production of locally produced food-stuffs, locally manufactured and imported clothing, household necessities, building materials, and transport vehicles and spares in so far as they are within the control of the Government of the Colony, and to make recommendations to the Government for reducing the end price to consumers, having special regard to the efficiency of production and distribution of commodities."

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## 8. Rhodesia's Brand-Race Relations

### Malicious Attacks in United Kingdom

"OUR RACE RELATIONS ARE AT LEAST AS HARMONIOUS AS ANYWHERE ELSE IN AFRICA," said Sir Godfrey Huggins, Southern Rhodesia's Prime Minister, when speaking at the Sons of Empire annual banquet.

"A great future lies before Rhodesia, but the benefits of federation will not just fall into our laps. We must by our policies ensure harmony between the races. This racial harmony will not come automatically; our success in the past in Southern Rhodesia is no automatic guarantee of success over the whole federal area."

Sir Huggins had no doubt whatever that the Federal State will have a positive policy in this regard, and that it will be successful, because we believe our people can be relied upon to be realistic in treating all inhabitants justly and fairly. They are prepared to recognize that one man's superiority over another does not depend on the colour of his skin, but on his ability and on the position he occupies on the ladder of civilization.

Any superiority which Europeans have at present is based on their skill, cultured civilization, and not on the fact that they are white. Our people in the past have striven never to stint Africa in extending to them the benefits of our civilization, so I am confident that in the future they will carry on in the same way. But we must ensure that there is no falling off in the standards of the Europeans, on the strength of those western Christian civilizations the whole future of this part of Africa ultimately depends.

### Achievements Decried

We in Rhodesia are smirched under a large amount of informed, bitter, malicious criticism from a certain section of the people in the United Kingdom. These people decry our achievements and cast doubt on the honesty of purpose. They are of little help to us in starting this new venture. Their efforts have never at any time done anyone good or the harm they could do in fomenting unrest and racial strife is incalculable.

Let us hope they will now appreciate the inevitability of federation and that they will search their hearts in an endeavour to find some grain of Christian charity which they can apply in their future attitude. In this way they will best serve the interests of Africa.

Sir Godfrey said that he had not come across one educated African who, having studied the White Paper, had attempted to show how any of its provisions would work out to European advantage and African detriment.

If such thing could be demonstrated, there are plenty of Europeans who would make it their business to see wrong redressed. Refusal to co-operate even in discussions of criticism can benefit nobody. Fortunately, we have Africans who approve of federation and who will work with us to make a success of the federal area."

## Governor Praises Rhodesia Railways

TRIBUTES TO RHOSESIA RAILWAYS were paid by the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, Sir John Kennedy, when he opened the new locomotive depot at Bulawayo. "They had, he said, kept pace magnificently, despite all difficulties, with the phenomenal post-war development."

"We all know how everyone grumbles at the Railways," he added, "but I content that progress is not faster extended to every sphere of activity in Rhodesia, and I think it a very healthy sign. It has been a feature of Rhodesia ever since the country started 63 years ago. Hundreds of miles of new lines are being laid, and we are getting within sight of the day when the Railways will be adequate for the country's needs. You will, in particular, see a great easing when the line to Lourenço Marques is put through."

To commemorate the centenary this summer of Cecil Rhodes's birth, the Rhodesia Tobacco Association will give £5,000 to the Red Cross Society for a wing to the polio clinic in Salisbury. Another £5,000 is earmarked for scholarships given to students of Gwelo Agricultural

## Civil Servants and Political Discussion

### The Position in Northern Rhodesia

CIVIL SERVANTS, whether African or European, may however take part in public discussion of political matters unless they are required to do so in the course of their duties," said Mr. E. J. G. Unsworth, Acting Chief Secretary, in the Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia recently.

He was asked by Mr. Paul Yamba, an African member, what he said about the position of African civil servants in public discussions of the federal scheme for Central Africa.

Mr. Unsworth continued:

"For the purpose of political discussion includes speaking at public meetings, broadcasting, writing letters to the press, and publishing books, articles or pamphlets."

"The federal scheme for Central Africa is a political matter. African civil servants may therefore take part in public discussions of it. They may, however, attend public meetings at which it is discussed and may vote at such meetings."

Mr. A. A. Dube asked whether the reply meant that a civil servant could not ask a question at a public meeting, and Mr. Unsworth replied that if the question evolved into a speech it was permissible.

In answer to Mr. Welensky and Mr. van Eeden, Mr. Unsworth said that his reply had been "brought home" to civil servants, and that failure to obey it would be punished with disciplinary proceedings.

When Mr. Paskale Sokota, an African member, asked if civil servants could become members of political organizations, Mr. Welensky interjected to inquire if the question was relevant to the discussion.

Mr. Unsworth said he had no objection to replying, he could not give an assurance that a civil servant could become an officer of a political organization, but did not think that meant it was forbidden, but rather like

## Overseas Survey

THE EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPHS in "Overseas Survey for 1952," a publication of nearly 200 pages by Barclays Bank (C.C. & O.) covering the trade and economic conditions in the countries in which the bank is represented, give a vivid impression of the variety and extent of present developments. The facts and figures are commendably up-to-date, and the book combines the attractions of travel literature with the information of a trade report. Rhodesia, Central Africa and the Sudan are well served in the volume. There are photographs of Wankie Colliery, Huryni Poort Dam, and the Gatooma cotton mills in Southern Rhodesia; Kilindini Harbour, European Farms, Magadi soda lake, tea picking, and timber cutting in Kenya; a diamond mine and malaria control in Tanganyika; copper mining and the Owen Falls hydro-electric scheme in Uganda, and cotton production in the Sudan. The survey cannot fail to interest anyone concerned with overseas development.

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## Tanganyika Constitutional Development

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these classes a secure position in the government of the Territory and to frustrate ambition. African representation must come in large part from Africans of course; it would be folly to create a situation in which they cannot exercise their gifts within the constitutional system of the Territory.

I have considered the possibility of a constituency covering the whole Territory in which there would be a direct election by Africans with a strict high literacy qualification; this is not absolutely impracticable, but it would be difficult to administer, and I feel it would place an impossible burden on the candidates and on the voter. I therefore suggest two other possibilities:

(a) An African seat to be filled by nomination for all provinces;

(b) African elections in each province, which would be natural to choose Dar es Salaam as the first constituency.

(c) African participation in at least one constituency in common rate election for three seats, including African members. I believe that it is the best solution to the particular problem of securing responsible representation of the educated minority.

### African Constituencies

If my proposals are accepted, there will be nine African constituencies, eight rural and one urban. If the number of provinces is reduced before the first steps are taken to introduce elections, the number of constituencies might also be reduced.

I believe, however, that if the principle of African representation is to work well, it is essential that members should not be nominated to represent more than a single administrative province, as this would impose on them an impossible burden and that the African members of the new Legislative Council should from the outset include no African representative of educated Africans outside the tribal system. I do not believe that there will be any insuperable difficulty in finding Africans with the necessary ability and education, who acquire the necessary experience.

I therefore proceed on the basis of nine African members, one for each province and one for Dar es Salaam. This convention also in changing the representation of Europeans and Asians.

On the basis of nine possible constituencies, the figures for the European population are as follows. These are figures for Europeans of both sexes, over the age of 16 actually present in Tanganyika on the day of the census, February 13, 1952. It will eventually be possible, from the census data to calculate figures for those over 17, and also to estimate the proportion who would be qualified as voters under residence qualification, but these figures are not available.

"Central Province" 1,661; Eastern Province (excluding Dar es Salaam) 1,624; Lake Province 1,144; Northern Province, 1,272; Southern Province 1,201; Southern Highlands Province, 1,271; Tanga Province 1,559; Western Province 1,110; Dar es Salaam 1,244; total 13,083.

### Europeans Want Elections

European opinion is so far as it is expressed by the Tanganyika European Council, as clearly in favour of introducing elections for Europeans wherever this is administratively possible and local opinion demands it. This is in accordance with British political tradition, and I think understood that the introduction of European elections would stimulate a demand for Asian and African elections.

To be workable a constituency must be relatively compact, so that its member can keep in touch with his constituents, and it must also have a sufficient population to include a number of people who are actively interested in territorial matters and have the time and ability to devote to them. Measured by these criteria, the only areas which are clearly suitable for European elections are the Central Province, Tanga Province, and Dar es Salaam.

The Southern Highlands Province is a difficult case; there is some settled European population, but distances are great and the population is still relatively small. In this case elections should not be introduced unless there is clear evidence of general local support.

It is probable that the size of the electorate will prevent the introduction of European elections in the Northern Province or at most four constituencies at the outset. One or two of nine European members, this leaving five or six seats to be filled by nomination. Until elections become common, some European members should be nominated at large, so as to make available the experience of various interests such as missions and mining, which ought to make representatives available and able to assume the work of constituency representation.

"If there are to be European elections there should also be Indian elections, subject to the same considerations of suitability and local demand. Much Indian opinion favours elections on a common roll open to all races on equal terms. If this is impossible, many Indians are anxious that there should at least be a common Asian roll in which all Asians should have equal rights of franchise irrespective of religion or community.

That this can be achieved if will represent a great advance; the internal divisions of Indians elsewhere in East Africa have led to the creation of separate electorates for various Asian communities, a subdivision which makes the coherent development of territorial power almost impossible.

Asian and Asian Indians would however be of no advantage in voting within it went entirely on communal lines. Indeed, it would make the situation worse, not better, if Asian elections were conducted by disfranchising every voter's vote for his own community against other communities. It will be seen from the population figures that there is some danger of this happening.

### Other Provinces

"The areas in which elections are certainly practicable are Dar es Salaam and the northern Tanganyika Provinces; any of these could be used as constituencies for elections on a common Asian roll if this were justified by local demand. It would be more difficult to conduct an election in the Lake Province, which is very large and diverse, and where the Asian population is widely scattered; but I should not rule this out of consideration. In three out of these four constituencies there is a close balance between Moslems and Hindus of Indian origin, and unless great forbearance is exercised by all communities elections will be closely fought on religious lines.

"The existence of nominated Asian seats would make it possible to ensure representation of the Arabs, who are a substantial part of the Asian population, but would not stand much chance of electoral success even in the Lake Province, where they are relatively strongest. It will also make it possible to secure from time to time the services of distinguished members of the smaller communities, the most important of which is the Goan community. Above all, it will reduce the chances that Asian electors may be bought openly on communal lines.

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Company Reports**Uganda Development Corporation, Limited****First Annual General Meeting.****Statement of the Chairman, Mr. J. T. Simpson**

THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UGANDA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, LIMITED, was held in Entebbe, Uganda, on Friday, May 15, 1953.

Following are extracts from statement by the chairman, MR. J. T. SIMPSON, about the Corporation's activities to date:

**Audited**

The accounts of the Corporation had been closed on December 31, 1952, little over six months after its incorporation, and did not include the operations of subsidiaries. Instead, the affairs of the corporation would be reviewed at the end of the year, and would be presented at approximately the same time each year in April/May.

The accounts show that the shareholders took up half the authorized capital in August and the balance just before the end of the financial year. The receipt of the latter sum accounted for the substantial cash balance of £36,231 at December 31, 1952. It was placed on short-term loan in Uganda.

Cash surplus to immediate requirements during the period under review was invested in laid down in Uganda Development Corporation Finance, 1952, and resulted in a surplus of income over expenditure of £106, or £1,056 after providing £1,000 for contingencies. The directors had recommended that the net profit be carried forward.

**Major Activities**

Turning to the Corporation's activities and possibilities for the future, the chairman said:

**Uganda Cement Industry, Limited.** Although production began in February, the Tororo Cement Works, owned by the Uganda Cement Industry, a wholly owned subsidiary with an ordinary capital of £1,200,000, met with trouble. toothed trouble had been experienced in the hydrate plant (designed to deal with impurities in the limestone). It was hoped however that before these difficulties would have been overcome. The works was producing cement fully up to British Standard specification. The cost of the additional process (the hydrate plant) must obviously be reflected in the cost of production of the cement. It was expected that the rate of production would increase during the year as experience was gained and efficiency was enhanced.

**Uganda Fish Marketing Corporation, Limited.** Since the purchase of the majority shareholding of this concern had become effective on January 1, it had been reorganized and was concentrating on the catching and marketing of fish from Lake George. There was every reason to expect that this would be a reasonably successful year.

**Provision of Housing**

**Consolidated Properties, Limited.** This company which would initially be wholly owned was formed

- (a) to provide housing, where necessary, for officials and, in certain cases, others, in order to relieve concerns of the necessity of heavy capital commitments on this score, and
- (b) by the medium of bringing institutional and other finance to Uganda as well as providing an

opportunity for the secure investment of local money.

Staff appointments had been made and building was expected to begin shortly.

**Major Investments and Commitments**

Referring to the major investments and investment commitments of the corporation, the statement recorded:

**Lake Victoria Hotel Limited.** The Corporation held 50,000 £1 fully paid shares in this profit-earning company. The authorized capital was £150,000, with £140,000 issued.

**Nyanza Textile Industries Limited.** The Corporation had undertaken to subscribe a minority interest in this concern. Its commitment by subscription or loan was limited to £750,000. The major shareholders would be the Cairo Printers' Association, Limited, of Mombasa. There had been delays in building the factory at Jinja, but the site had now been cleared, and construction work should begin in the third quarter of 1953.

**Entebbe Mineral Limited.** Subject to the Corporation's ability to invest in this concern and to underwrite part of a public issue, certain reorganization of plans had become necessary, and the whole matter was receiving fresh consideration by the directors.

**Tororo Exploration Company, Limited.** The Corporation had a 20% interest in this company, formed to carry out further exploratory work on the Sukulu mineral complex and research into the upgrading and separation processes. Depending on the success of these operations, it should be possible by the end of this year for the board to consider participation in a mining company, and in other mineral processing companies.

**Future Possibilities**

It was the chairman's view that if the development of desirable industries could be achieved with a moderate return to the shareholders, then the Corporation would be fulfilling the function for which it was established.

Among what he termed "desirable" industries for Uganda were, for example, fertilizers, the production of lime for spinning, sacking, the manufacture of a variety of concrete products (including asbestos), further sugar production, possibly the production of paper, and the establishment of a works to take at least partial use of the country's iron-ore deposits.

The most detailed—and perhaps lengthy—investigation should be directed to the types of industry he had mentioned, and although this would involve the spending of considerable sums, it would be slight compared with losses which might be experienced without these thorough investigations.

The chairman expressed his personal view that they had a long way to go before they should consider asking their shareholders for more ordinary capital. Their first objective must be to ensure that their existing and future interests were established as profitable concerns.

## Kilifi Plantations, Limited.

### Mr. R. Abel Smith's Statement

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KILIFI PLANTATIONS LTD., was held on May 17, 1953, at the registered office of the company, 10, Lord Jewry, London, E.C.2. MR. R. ABEL SMITH, chairman of the company, presiding.

The following is the chairman's statement which has been circulated to the members with the report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1952, and was taken as read:

"The sisal crop for the year was 1,010,550 tons, against the estimate of 1,055,500 tons, the net proceeds for which amounted to £110,192, as compared with £142,248 in the previous year. This reflects the heavy fall in the average commodity during the year, the average sale price for the crop being £118 per ton f.o.b. for all grades, as against the £160 per ton we obtained for the smaller output of 857 tons in 1951."

"After providing for depreciation and taxation, we have £10,293 to carry forward. The directors consider it wise to add to the strength of the company by transferring a further £7,500 to general reserve, and recommend a dividend of 22½% as against a total distribution last year of 30%, which will allow a balance of £10,293 to be carried forward. The lower dividend reflects the conditions that have to be faced during the year, and the present outlook is such that it must be doubtful whether a similar distribution can be maintained next year."

The company's balance sheet and liquidity remain satisfactory. We have £34,500 in short-term investments, and in addition our current assets show a surplus liabilities of £16,276."

### Export Tax.

The export tax on sisal of 5% which was introduced on January 1, 1952, cost the company £3,937. This tax was effective only so long as the price of No. 1 was over £10 per ton c.i.f., with correspondingly lower values for other grades, and consequently has ceased to be charged at the present time."

During the year 164 acres were replanted with sisal and 255 acres cut out for replanting in 1954. In the current year it is proposed to replant 256 acres and to plant up a further 231 acres of new land. At the close of the year the total area under sisal was 1,010,550 of which 801 acres were immature. Last year we expressed the hope of procuring a crop of 1,000 tons in the not too distant future, and it is satisfactory that the estimate for the current year is now 1,000 tons. The present rate of progress indicates that this crop should be obtained."

"Rainfall was some 25% less than that of the previous year and gave some concern to the board; but for this year there has been a slight improvement, but rain is still below the desired quantity."

"The labour situation has become easier, and the present position can be considered satisfactory. The estate has fortunately been free from the plague of Mau Mau, although suspicious cases were screened in the surrounding areas, notably Kikuyu on the estate."

Our ex-assistant, Mr. Douglas, enjoyed a well-earned rest, and has now returned to begin his second period of service with the company. The programme for the year on the property was a formidable one, and the board are indebted to the general manager, Mr. Brimelow, and his staff for the work done. Our thanks are due to all concerned whose services on behalf of the company are so much valued."

Our thanks are also extended to Mrs. V. Nash, our visiting agent, and to Mr. G. Reimann, who is making us his visiting engineer."

### Mining

### Rio Tinto Company's Report

rio TINTO CO. LTD., a concern with interests in Rhodesia and East Africa, reported earnings as consolidated profit of £1,128,157, compared with £961,814 in the previous year. The preference share dividend tax, absorbed £43,677, and dividends received £200,000, a dividend of 20 pence per £100 tenures £55,000, leaving £1,196,638 to be distributed, of which £1,128,157 brought in.

The issued capital of the parent company consists of £1,250,000 in 5% preference shares and £2,125,000 in ordinary shares, both of £1. Capital reserve stands at £610,000, revenue reserves at £4,489,497, and current liabilities at £2,671,403. Fixed assets amount to £2,797,500, investments at £2,978,801, valued in the books of or by the board at £1,203,258, development projects at £157,688, subsidiary companies at £254,177, and current assets at £4,184,914, including £1,134,000 in cash.

Long-term exploration is being carried out in Africa, notably in Northern Rhodesia. The gross yield from Rhodesian investments was well maintained.

The directors are the following: Mr. J. N. V. Duncan (chairman), Mr. Mark Turner, Mr. George du Castel, Mr. G. E. Coke, Sir Eric Gore Browne, Mr. A. T. Gough, and Mr. C. F. Ryers. The London manager and secretary is Mr. H. A. Melville.

The 80th annual general meeting will be held in London on June 11, 1953, followed by an extraordinary general meeting to discuss resolutions in connexion with the amalgamation or association of the company.

### Company Progress Report

**Muludira.** - 54,568 long tons of copper were produced in the nine months ending March 31 before deducting 39 long tons used for lubrication of roasting equipment. Sales of 52,318 long tons of copper realized £1,882,920, and the operating expenditure was £5,596,080. The estimated profit before taxation is £7,000.

**Roan Antelope.** - For the nine months ended March 31 last 60,849 long tons of blister copper were produced for a revenue of £14,952,000 at an operating expenditure of £6,495,000. The estimated profit before taxation is £7,530,000.

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Mining (continued)

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The issued capital of the parent company consists of £1m. preference shares, and £4,082,153 in deferred shares of £1 each. Reserves stand at £17,472,387, revenue reserves at £1,414,936, depreciation reserves at £1,442,447, amount due to a subsidiary at £1,000,000, and current liabilities at £1,870,483, and current liabilities at £9,222,529. Fixed assets are valued at £23,512,533, long-term in hand at £311,247, other interests in subsidiary at £1,919,669, quoted investments at £7,463, and current assets of £15,581,731, including £437,771.

The directors are Sir Ernest Oppenheimer (chairman), Major-General Sir A. De Villiers, Sir Reginald Leeper, Sir Douglas Malcolm, Sir Charles Stanley, and Messrs. A. G. W. Campton, E. H. Farter, B. H. F. G. J. Joel, H. J. Joel, D. McHardy, H. F. Oppenheimer, H. P. Rudd, and A. Wilson.

The London office is at 10, Pall Mall, S.W. 1, Sir Reginald Leeper (Chairman), Mr. G. J. Joel, Messrs. H. N. Abrahams, E. C. Baring (alternate, R. V. Pinchard), W. A. Chapple, H. J. Joel, E. F. Oppenheimer, and A. G. Wilson (alternate, W. E. Cowell). The secretary is Mr. H. C. Beck.

The annual general meeting will be held in Kimberley on June 10.

**Metal Outlook**

HIGHER PRICES for lead and zinc and lower prices for copper are to be expected, said the president of the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation at the annual meeting in the United States last week. He predicted that the price of zinc would have to rise because it scarcely paid to produce the metal at present costs and prices. Lead and zinc prices were traditionally parallel, and he therefore did not expect any fall in lead, but rather some improvement over the next few years. There could be less confidence about copper, however, for demand was falling as the supply expanded, and new mines were under development.

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**Oil Prospecting in Kenya**

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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

A WARM TRIBUTE to Sir Evelyn Baring was paid just before he left Kenya last week by Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, who told newspaper representatives that

**Mr. Lyttelton's Tribute** to the Governor had

To Sir Evelyn Baring. shown great wisdom

and humanity in all his decisions since he took up his new office eight months ago. Mr. Lyttelton is not one of those gushing politicians who shed compliments with little discrimination and less sincerity. Praise has to be earned before he gives it. Since there has been local criticism of the Governor on the score of avoidable delay in dealing effectively with the Mau Mau menace, the Minister's words may have been intended to emphasize his disagreement with that attitude on the part of a section of the public. The achievements of the local authorities have been impressive since a state of emergency was declared in October; indeed, they have been substantially unsatisfactory. But the main blame must be attributed to the defects of the system, as a result of which the new Governor inherited difficulties and dangers which all Kenya would have deemed inconceivable a year earlier.

The system has often been more concerned to find the best possible appointments for its favourites than to discover the best possible men for all vacancies—a disservice to the

**Colonial Service which** Responsibility for EAST AFRICA AND Bad Appointments. RHODESIA has criti-

cized for years. As a direct consequence there were in key positions in the Colonial Service in the Colony a number of men whose fitness for their posts has since been demonstrated. In such cases the Colonial Office must bear its heavy share of blame for making appointments or sanctioning recommendations which were not justified by the records of the officials

in question. There has been inexcusable tolerance of promotions (not only in Kenya) which scandalized those non-officials who were in close touch with the machinery of government and also the Colonial Service itself. But not all the blame can rest on a distant Colonial Office. The non-official members of the Legislature, and particularly the European elected members, cannot be absolved. Sir Oliver could and should have resisted appointments which they knew to be unmerited. Some elected members complained bitterly to their friends about some prospective promotions. Why did they and their colleagues not indicate in the highest quarters that they would criticize bluntly in public any unwise intentions were carried further? The non-official members of any Legislature are under duty to do everything in their power to promote good government, and, since that cannot result from bad appointments, it is their responsibility and their right to protest against unsuitable nominations.

Because that was not done, Sir Evelyn Baring found himself handicapped by some unimpressive men in senior positions. Any prudent administrator would in such circumstances have felt that he

**Complacency in** ought not to accept their

**High Quarters.** advice unless it had strong

support from other and better men. After all, if the team of senior officials had shown the competence which the Colony was entitled to expect, the Government could not have been taken by surprise by the Mau Mau outbreak. Moreover, when it did occur, unexpectedly because the intelligence system was so bad, or, as is widely alleged, because the steady flow of warnings from experienced men, official and non-official, was flagrantly disregarded, if the holders of some key appointments had been of even average competence, Kenya would not have witnessed

and suffered the delays, the fumbling, and the inefficiency which have enabled a few thousand Kikuyu desperadoes to disrupt the life of the largest tribe in the country, murder at will, and cause the loss of millions of pounds. How could the new Governor escape the conclusion that some of his senior advisers were dangerously complacent, weak, and unreliable?

He would then have considered his non-constitutional non-official advisers, especially the European elected members. Unfortunately, against the physical community fortitude, and restraint which they have shown under great provocation must be set some highly irresponsible proposals.

**Both Sides**

**Blame.**

The worst of them have not been made

known to the public, and no good purpose could be served by listing them now. Yet he knows that they were suggested by men who should have shown more balance. He must have warned Sir Evelyn Baring against his reliance on guidance from that quarter. For these reasons we believe that officials and non-officials are both culpable, though certainly not in equal degree. When present threats to law and order have been crushed there will be time and need for a searching inquiry into the events of recent years and the responsibility for failure to deal effectively with planned subversion. The right course meantime is surely to welcome the firm leadership of the Secretary of State and support a Governor in whom he has again declared his confidence.

## Notes By The Way

### How Not to Say It

EAST AFRICA COMMAND recently issued an explanation of why the General Officer Commanding had not been given charge of the operations against the Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya. Having pointed out that the command covers Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, Mauritius, and the Seychelles—an area almost five times as large as Kenya, the statement admitted Kenya to be "No. 1 priority" and then continued: "There are other danger spots. Federation is not popular among a portion of the population in the south, at present disputes there are carried out constitutionally, but there are hot heads. The Army has to stand by in case they do something very foolish and help the forces of law and order to save them from themselves. Apart from internal anxieties East Africa stands between Egypt and the Sudan in the north and South Africa in the south. Both these are going through a very difficult time in their history, and it is sometimes feared that it might spread. The East Africa Command has to help the authorities to see it does not spread. One of the outlying territories which requires special attention is Mauritius and the Seychelles. This is a very important source of pioneer labour for the Canal Zone of Egypt. There is a very large Asian population there and this is in a state of flux. This flux has its repercussions among the population and a careful watch must be kept." (Punctuation is left as in the original.)

### Poor Public Relations

THAT STATEMENT does not strike me as sound comment. How can any military spokesman have imagined that he could help the cause of Central African federation by suggesting the possible use of the armed forces? Of course the Army has to stand by—as it did before there was any East Africa Command—and as it would do if there were no question of federation; but why make an assertion which can be so readily twisted by the opponents of federation and the critics of British rule? The reference to Asia and Asians is so puerile that it would be dismissed contemptuously if made in a village debating society. The public relations of East

Africa Command have been so poor as to be bracing in my mind with the Information Department of the Colony of Kenya. That Colony is supposed to be resolved on a transformation. The Command must well do likewise. Without waiting for a lead from the Government of Kenya.

### Not Reappraised

PROFESSOR W. ARTHUR LEWIS, whose term of office as a director of the Colonial Development Corporation has expired, has not been re-appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whose decision will assuredly be welcomed by almost everybody who recalls the broadcast given last year by Dr. Lewis in the "Partnership in Africa" series. His was the most extravagant in that collection of unfortunate talks, and certainly not the kind of comment to be expected from a member of the board of the C.D.C. Not content with alleging that the transition from a policy of Colonial trusteeship to that of Colonial Partnership had been fraudulently made because the trustee had used his office to seize the possessions of his ward, Dr. Lewis said that the aim in the Rhodesias was to keep the African in the gutter, that partnership meant a society in which all Europeans were always at the top, and that such society can only be kept that way if fierce and uncompromising measures are used to keep all Africans in the gutter, not only economically and politically, but in the spiritual gutter where men doubt their own manhood."

### Professor Lewis on Partnership

HE CONCLUDED with the assertion that "permanent white settlement" and partnership are incompatible concepts: "We had to abandon the word 'trusteeship' for the same incompatibility; the life of the word 'partnership' will hardly last so long." Since all political parties in Great Britain agreed that inter-racial partnership must be the basis of British Colonial policy, a man holding Professor Lewis's views would scarcely be retained on a board which was "reared in an atmosphere which is far from being satisfied that it would contribute greatly to the development of the Colonial Empire."

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## EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA

### Rather Dear Forsooth

WE BOUGHT EXPERIENCE rather dear in the groundnut case, said Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walter, later Colonial Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, in a recent broadcast talk. Two important points are noted in the statement. (1) the assumption of one of the most responsible Labour leaders in the House that the millions of pounds so nothing more than "rather dear," and (2) the assumption that the gross waste of public money has taught valuable lessons, lessons that provide something like justification for the outlay. Mr. Gordon-Walter is not among the rabid extremists who believe that pounds are mere cobs, and yet the more ardent the more disappointing is his hit-and-miss effort to imminent disaster caused by fanatical insistence on inexcusable extravagance, and wholly unsuitable square pegs for triangular holes.

### Boundless Stupidity

SONS as We're taught did not require the outpouring of many millions of pounds. It is probably not unfair to say that these primarily because of the calamity were incapable of learning anything of importance, indeed had they been spared from bitter experience they would have learned many of their great men earlier. Those who did learn were in most cases so devoted to their task that they did whatever they could to check what they recognized to be unavoidable expenditure. They must not be blamed for the extravagance which made "groundnut" synonymous with inordinate stupidity, and the same must not be created that the great sums spent were the necessary price of knowledge.

### Mr. John Wallace

MR. J. H. WALLACE, Secretary of the London Committee of the Uganda-Central Africa Association since it was formed last year, took up an appointment last week in the office of the Commissioner for Northern Rhodesia in London, with a view to succeeding Major McKee as Commissioner later in the year. Having had the opportunity of seeing at close quarters how the London Committee achieves the important results which it did achieve in the cause of federation, I can bear testimony to the debt which the Rhodesias and Nyasaland owe to Mr. Wallace for his complete devotion to their interests during the months in which they have been so grossly misrepresented in this country. The little group in London who set themselves to make known the facts, expose the falsehoods, and refute unsound arguments could not have had a better Secretary, whose 25 years in the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia, followed by a spell in the Colonial Office as Head of the East African department, provided a splendid background for the work.

### Hard Working Committee

HE KNOWS would be the first to say that he was fortunate in those with whom he worked. In the last 30 years I have had intimate knowledge of many bodies concerned in one way or another with East and Central African affairs, and none of them has been so alert, efficient, and hard working as this London Committee. It has had from its members such devoted service, a very busy person, expert in some aspects of the work to be done and ready to sacrifice themselves for what they recognized to be a cause crucial for British Africa. The Voice of Kenya is now to have its committee, London, it remains to prove to deserve comparison with this, which has served Central Africa so well. The Colony will be much fortunate.

### Pre-Coronation Decorations

NOT FOR MANY YEARS have painters been so noticeable in London as they are now. Among the premises

of interest is that Africans which are undergoing present decoration are the East African Office in Grosvenor Gardens, Trafalgar Square, and the excellent new East Africa House at 38 Great College Street, Bloomsbury. Mr. Victor Matthews is very much concerned with schemes, with the first as adviser for East Africa in London, and with the formation of the permanent committee of the Kenya Club which has attained a membership of well over 1,000 in not quite three months.

### Needed Attention

THE COLONISTS cannot be accused of extravagance in either case. The offices in Trafalgar Square, long needed attention, but the work was postponed because removal to Belgrave Square was proposed. Fortunately better counsels prevailed, the building expenditure is noticeably improving, especially in the exterior.

Africa's headquarters in London show at present an appearance appropriate to her title, "East Africa House," a splendidly ornate for the territorial divisions. It is how well men of all races can meet and forget the atmosphere of the Entente Club. If those critics of race relations in the territories had known the spirit of the club, they might be less censorious.

### Nairobi Airport

IN UGANDA I am able to revealosis now definitely decided to build a great new airport at Embakasi, some eight miles from Nairobi. Failure to make that decision some years ago has cost the Colony thousands of miles traffic to Uganda, which, noting the need for special facilities for the Comet air lines, seized her chance to create at Entebbe one of the major aerodromes in Africa. My guess is that the decision now made about Embakasi is due to the need to find alternative employment for the large number of Mau Mau prisoners, whom it would be difficult to keep in idleness, and who can be most usefully employed on a great public undertaking of this kind. So the Mau Mau who planned to drive Europeans out of Kenya can now help to build a means of getting more to the Colony.

### Inter-Racial University

EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA reported recently that the Earl-Saunders Commission on the Higher Education of Africans in Central Africa would recommend the establishment in Rhodesia of an inter-racial university. The report, now published, states further. The Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia has publicly expressed his sympathy with the plan. Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom has indicated willingness to make a capital grant for the building, and many leaders of opinion in the two colonies and Nyasaland are known to hold that view that an inter-racial university college (on which a full university will develop) is a highly important factor of promoting that partnership of the races without which neither the new Federal State nor the three existing Dependencies could have an sound future.

### Invitation to Nairobi

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association will have several meetings in London during the next few days and I have reason to know that it will then receive a formal invitation from its Kenya Branch for its next gathering to be held in Nairobi. The association has never met in Africa, or indeed in any Colony, and Kenya's spokesmen will doubtless argue that it is time for Africa and the Colonial Empire to be given the privilege of sending representatives of the branches from all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire.

# Lady Milner's Recollections of Cecil Rhodes

## After Night Spent with Map "Africa Was in My Blood"

CECIL JOHN RHODES was born on July 5, 1853, at Bishop's Stortford. He died in South Africa on March 26, 1902. After a long family discussion about his life, he was told he had to join his brother Robert in Natal, "I could not sleep when I went to bed that night, and so I went and found the map of Africa and spent the night poring over it." When I had finished Africa was in my blood," he said.

In Natal, after an ardent struggle, he succeeded in growing cotton where none had been grown before. He appreciated that lesson, and when he was up against apparently insuperable difficulties afterwards he would say, "Like old me I couldn't grow cotton," and go on with the task.

A countryman, he liked making things grow; a ruffing spirit, he liked making them grow in difficult soil. He liked the work on the land, he liked the people, both white and black, the sun, the air, the scenery, and unlimited hope. He believed then that there was no great success to be made out of cotton growing in Natal. His brother had given up pursuit of diamonds. Robert Cecil followed him to the well-laid-out town, which had not begun to exist until the untidy boy who arrived there from Natal in 1872 began to build it several years later.

### Diamond-Digger and Undergraduate

In 1873 he had made enough to enable him to go to Oxford. He was averaging £100 a week. Rhodes tried first for University College, but when he told the master that he did not mean to read for honours, he was told that he was not acceptable. "Oxford College," it was said, "might be less particular," so, instead he went, and his statue may be seen there to-day. Now began the strangest life: Oxford and diamond-digging combined for he kept his terms when he could, but worked in between at his mines. During those years he had his plans for the mines and for Africa. During those years he lived as an ordinary undergraduate at O.U. He took his degree in 1881. That year he became M.P. for Barkly West, a South African constituency whose voters were Dutch pastoralists.

In 1873 Ruskin was Slave Professor of Art, and this affected the whole university. Rhodes took the Ruskin doctrine to his heart: "This is what England must do or perish." She must found colonies as fast as she could, and as far as she could, claimed of her most energetic and brilliant men, seizing every piece of fruitful waste ground she can set her foot on, and there catching these, her Colonies, that their chief aim is to advance the power of England by land and sea.

Rhodes never forgot these words, and to the end of his life dreamed of homes and yet more homes for the English in Africa. In South Africa he met a like-minded man older than himself in Robert Sefton, who had been sent by the Cape Government to the new diamond fields to bring them into some sort of order. Ruskin was saying, "There is a destiny now possible to us, the highest ever set before a nation". Sefton was saying, "Colonize the north."

Rhodes wanted an African Empire, but he knew that a great deal of money would be required. He set to work to get its first step with infinite oil, and very much helped by the prominence he soon achieved in Parliament Rhodes acquired a supreme position in the diamond mines. Helped by the financial genius of his wife, reaching through Beaufort the London

\* Being an abbreviated report of an address to the Commonwealth Association at the Royal Society of Arts,

Paris financial houses, he worked into a position of wealth.

Finally only one man stood in his way, Barnato. The struggle was severe. He went on all night in Johnson's cottage as to what was to be the constitution of the new company they had agreed to form. Barnato wanted to go on mining and selling diamonds. Rhodes wanted Africa for England, and meant the newly constituted company itself to carry out his vast schemes. All night Rhodes argued it. But argued with Barnato, Rhodes swinging out his maps and telling his dreams. Finally Barnato was worn out and gave in. He said a few words, and Rhodes said, "You persuade me, but you do not convince me. You are a visionary, a dreamer. He led me up. It is his way you can't resist him. You must be with him!"

### Unlimited Powers of Action

The first deed for the new company was as wide as a search door. No Boers could do anything. Its powers of control were unlimited. Rhodes had got his instrument of Empire in 1880, but he attended scrupulously to the shareholders' interests, and above all to the interests of the 1,000 white and 10,000 black workers who served the mines. He built and beautified their houses, and made the precious town of Kimberley a very English town.

It was the story of Rhodes in Africa which struck by his linking for England with sympathy with the Natives. He never met any Native, just as he always remembered every white face. As a boy he was told to be afraid of them when they were half up. They always come back to work it off," he said, "leaving them is safer than the Boers in England." He understood and liked Africa, Natives, and they understood and liked him.

When he became a member of the Cape Colony Parliament in 1881 his early speeches were about Native affairs. There was war at that time between Cape Colony and Basutoland, and the Cape was getting the worst of it. Rhodes thought the Cape policy in Basutoland quite unjustified, and said so. He thought Native questions very important and generally very much misunderstood, and that of the white people and that the colonial government had superiority by a better understanding of these still primitive people.

### Attitude to Africans

Cox and Rhodes, and in some degree Kitchener, could do anything with Natives. They had a sixth sense about them. Some of them were sentimentalists. Rhodes was without illusion about black men. In the Colony he fought alongside the Dutch over the farms which they made and which he forbade to Natives to buy. He promoted the compound system, whereby by which Natives while they are living are segregated and thus prevented from smuggling diamonds out to the illicit diamond dealers. He was however aided by English people at home for doing this, but the mines would have had to close without this organization. As Prime Minister of Cape Colony he passed that wise Glen Grey Act, which gives Natives their own territory with power to rule in it and forbids white men to settle there. But he would not for a moment have expected the tribes, settled in their own land to begin to build to cultivate and irrigate and do the things it has taken thousands of years to learn. The published sayings of Rhodes show wisdom and tolerance towards Natives and a keen appreciation of the value from

is to the grace that is only just beginning its history, for Rhodes believed profoundly in his own countrymen and their mission to bring order and good government to the world. He wrote that the English were "the greatest people the world has seen," but he added that "their fault is that they do not know the strength and their greatness and their destiny."

#### **Preferential Treatment for British Goods**

In making the constitution for Rhodesia he embedded into it a clause that Great Britain should have a preferential market for her goods in Rhodesia. He had had a struggle with the Home Government over this, but he persisted and won. His preferential clause still stands; it is called "the Rhodes clause."

For eight years the only people who went into the wild untraveled country known as Rhodesia were missionaries and hunters. Between their explorations they all came to him, and he learned from them about the rivers and the country, about the rivers, the mountains, and the savannas. It was a wonderful teacher. People talked to

him hearing that a powerful chief of a warlike tribe, Lobengula, was giving hunting permits. Rhodes sent a well-known missionary, John Moffat, to ask Lobengula to make no treaty with any Power save that of the Queen. This seemed to him up a well-conceived idea. His Kimberley partner, Rudd, who had been on a hunting adventure returned with a document sealed with Lobengula's seal, giving Rudd and his party a mineral concession over all Mashonaland.

This Rudd concession was forwarded to the Colonial Office with a recommendation from Sir Hercules Robinson that it should be accepted. But Lobengula was bewildered by the many offers he had received and signs of going back on the Rudd concession. Rhodes invited Dr. Jameson to go and see the old chief. Jameson was a great charmer; he could talk a bird off a tree. Lobengula liked and trusted him. He gave him Lobengula not only a mining concession but a promise that the white men should finally occupy the country.

On this the great British South Africa Chartered Company was founded by the Imperial Government in 1889, with full power to raise police, and administer justice. This was a year after the De Beers Company had come into existence, and Rhodes put the whole financial weight of the diamond company behind the Chartered Company. He was a quick mover. Under his impulse a company of would-be settlers started north at once, and on September 12, 1890, the Union Jack was broken at what is now called Salisbury.

Rhodes was happy. His countrymen were in the north. All his energy, all his money, were devoted to supporting them. He could not let them down once because he was on the eve of becoming Prime Minister of Cape Colony, but the following year he went to his country, travelling through swamps, lion-infested forests, and over crocodile-guarded rivers. That year after this the whole great country, it now covers 300,000 square miles — was given the name Rhodesia.

#### **Jameson Raid Followed Boer Pattern**

The story of the Jameson Raid of 1895 is in all the books, but not many of the people who tell it know much about South Africa. Yet it is hard to understand it unless we know something of the years before it started.

In fact, all the interior of South Africa was colonized by 1880. The Boers, the original colonists of the cape, were raiding on a large scale against the Zulu territories in 1838 and after, and they had done a number of things before they took the Orange Free State and Transvaal from their black inhabitants, who did themselves poorly and killed off the previous Natives.

But we English went about the acquisition of territory differently. Boundaries and signed agreements were not accepted, because we regarded the boundaries of other countries as nothing but the law of the jungle, and if it was in our line we had better outdo our competitors in international importance, and because the Boer propagandists of the time, indeed, where saw the chance of making a great noise all over the world. Regardless of their own interests and of the long-time traditions of the English and the former colonists, they did what they liked, and the history books — with a mind which is not quite dead — bear replaced by the true story.

On December 25, 1895, a commando of 600 men, under the leader of Rhodes, came out from Mafeking with a force of police to go to Johannesburg. This was an arrangement with the Johannesburgs and Jameson planned with the blessing of the High Commissioner. His force was stopped after a

fight at Doornkop, the raiders were taken prisoner; the leading Johannesburgs were condemned to death, and President Kruger was congratulated by the German Emperor, who landed some marines at Delagoa Bay as a sign of sympathy.

During this time Rhodes was in his house at Groote Schuur. The dislocation caused by the Raid was great and, bowing to the storm, Rhodes resigned his Premiership, though not his seat in Parliament. He then resigned his position as managing director of the Chartered Company, and went home to London.

The effect of the Raid acted as a precipitant in South Africa, dividing the heterogeneous elements of the country absolutely. In Rhodesia the Natives rose, song and dance and their families were killed, the Matabele joyfully went killing off the Mashona.

Now came the climax of Rhodes' career. Six months after the Raid he was back in South Africa, so that time when the Boers sent him to the scene and went into the same zone almost alone and unarmed. And there as horn as he was devoid of power, unable to order the movement of a policeman or a gun, he summoned the Native chieftain to meet him and by sheer force of personality made peace with them and laid in the way to the peace which he had sought.

He went back to Cape Town after this amazing performance and was received with such enthusiasm by both Dutch and English that there had never before been anything like it.

#### **"How I Blundered"**

"I blundered," said Rhodes, speaking of the Raid. "How I blundered!" That is a fact; the Raid was a greatly mismanaged affair. But nobody ever reminded the Boers that Jameson had done what he had done many times before. At Oxford, in the spring of 1895, Rhodes summed up the Raid at its true value. He was speaking at a luncheon party given him by his old College, Oriel:

"Sometimes in pursuing my object, the enlargement of the British Empire, and with it the cause of peace, industry, and freedom, I have adopted means in removing opposition which were the rough and ready way, and not the highest way to attain that object. But you must remember that in South Africa where my work has lain, the laws of right and equity are not so fixed and established as in this country, and if I have done twice done things which savoured rather of violence . . . you must look back to times in English history or in the state of things in South Africa. You have heard of a few men who have done good service to the State but some of whose actions have partaken of the violence of their acts. . . . It is among these perils of my life and work must be weighed and measured and trust to the justice of my countrymen."

#### **Groote Schuur**

I had no very clear idea of Mr. Rhodes until I was taken to lunch with him at his house, Groote Schuur. I found the place and the man very impressive. He was a carelessly put together large man, with deep knotted brown hair turning grey, and a complexion that gave notice of the heart trouble that killed him three years later. He had a face you could not look away from, something like a seer, and the mouth of a Roman emperor. He was a very conscientious Roman emperor, and one with a delicate smile.

He had a curious voice that ran up and down the scale, and a very difficult way of expressing himself. No other imaginative man can ever have had a smaller vocabulary. He would repeat things and things again and again: "I give you this thought," he would say, and "the thought, badly expressed in words or in the symbols, was always worth attending to."

He was a shaggy reader, but much too delicate and sensitive in his relations with people to take advantage of this power. Only he would let us know that he had guessed what was in one's mind. He did this one Sunday when I was feeling disconsolate over the crowds to whom he had opened his gardens. They could go everywhere at Groote Schuur, and one very fine Sunday I was looking gloomily at the throng in the garden and grounds and wondering whether it was worth while battling my way through them. Mr. Rhodes looked asthmatically through the window at the people who were swarming all over the hillside. "Some people," he said, "like to have cows in their park. I like to have people in mine."

One of the most unexpected things about him was his taste. It was perfect. He took a lot of trouble about making the coffee. At Groote Schuur look there best. I have seen him in his study for an hour with a blue felt American air force cap on, here and there.

Groote Schuur was a most amusing house, especially in being the only real Liberty Hall I have ever come across: You get up when you like, breakfasted when you liked, lunched anytime between 1 and 2.30. No one cared whether you

here to meals or whether you are alive or dead. There was no show; no servants in livery, no copper butler, and no housemaids at all, except black boys who were the two nondescript men to wait upon me. You could ask anyone to any meal. Mr. Rhodes' motto was "Don't bother." He didn't bother and his guests didn't bother.

While Mr. Rhodes was at Groot Schuur men would come to see him every day. Sometimes they were people working on his schemes in the north. Those he met gave his best advice on how to untangle the knot of their difficulties.

Kipling tells of one such visitor, a man who came about telegraph troubles in Central Africa, where Rhodes was laying his Cape-to-Cairo line. As fast as the wires were put up they were stolen and the copper used for making Native jewellery. There was one stretch of 70 miles beside a lake where no copper wire was safe; tons of it had disappeared. Rhodes looked at the man. "I've got some sort of a lake there, haven't I? Lay it across it. Don't bother me with the thing like that."

## Governor Reviews Progress in Tanganyika Territory

### Progress in Local Government, Road-Making, and Education

**THE TANGANYIKA GOVERNMENT** continues to be very watchful over the possibility of any repetition of the tribal troubles occurring in Tanganyika, and has had much support from the Tanganyika Africans. A small number of Lukuyu have been deported from Tanganyika as undesirable, and the registration of Kikuyu in the Northern and Lake Provinces has been suspended. It is considered more advisable further to conceal our ironclad by extending the registration of Kikuyu to the Lake and Western Provinces.

Notable advancements in the development of African local government include the establishment of the Usumwezi Federal Council as a collective authority for the three districts of Kahanga, Njombe, and Tabora. A new constitution has also been drafted, in close consultation with the tribe, for Usumwezi, presided over by a council of 30 elected members and the election of a chief by the tribe from a panel of two names nominated by the traditional leaders. The chief will remain in office without re-election, but the constitution provides for the smooth replacement if he forfeits the confidence of the council or the people. I hope that this will be the first step to heal the wounds which have been left by this tribe's position in the United Nations, and will lead to the progressive development of their country and their standards of living.

Government has agreed to change the status of a municipality in January 1, 1953, so it will thus be the second municipality in the Tanganyika Territory. Tanganyika, in common with the other East African Governments, has decided to change the financial year from the beginning on January 1 to one beginning on July 1.

#### Imported Grain Required

The main rains, though late, have been satisfactory, though the Central Province, as usual, is less favoured than the rest of the country. Considerable quantities of imported grain will be required before that province again becomes self-supporting. The total tonnage of maize, so far from overseas to our own needs and to replace grains of grain from Kenya is 51,000 tons. Some more may be required, and the position is being very carefully watched.

A cotton cess of two cents per shilling per lb. is being imposed in the Lake Province on all cotton marketed. The price of seed cotton has been fixed at 50 cents per lb.

A sliding scale cess on coffee has been introduced in Bukoba, 12 cents payable when the price of coffee is over £141 per ton and the cess disappears when the price is less than £135 per ton.

To mitigate economic discrimination there has been a marked improvement in the currency system, which is now six times as good as it was.

*Being an abridged report of a speech made by Sir Edward Twining in the Legislative Council.*

provinces during the last 18 months, I have been impressed with the work done. Satisfactory progress is being made on the new Morogoro-Itanga road, the new Lake-Kipengere road is progressing at a very satisfactory rate, and the major construction of the Northern Province road has been substantially completed.

It is essential to see that our transportation facilities keep pace with the economic development of the Region, and in particular that the Central Line, our spinal cord, shall be maintained in first-class condition. Government is in constant touch with the railway authorities on this matter.

It would be beneficial if an up-to-date air freight service could be established, and the practicability of employing an investigator into this important matter under consideration. A number of public buildings recently completed show imagination in design and a good standard of construction. Among the most notable are the Indian High School in Dar es Salaam, the Kingani flats, the new Government Presses, the nurses' home in Tanga, and the new K.A.R. barracks, and Observation Hill.

#### Building Cheaper

Attention has been given to cheapening the cost of building, particularly with a view to satisfying the African demand for permanent houses. A new design for an African house has been worked out, and experiment appears almost to have been successful. The cost of building has been reduced from 27s. to 15s. per sq. ft., and this may be capable of still further improvement. It is proposed to build numbers of these houses throughout the Territory.

Progress in education is evinced in the number of fine new buildings. The Greek community in the Northern Province has reason to be proud of the Hellenic School which it has built; I hope that the children educated there will honorably reach the high standards of industry and public spirit which their parents have set for them.

I also opened the Natural Resources School at Tengeru, one of the most promising educational establishments in the Territory. These young men trained at that school should be well equipped to return to the community in teaching and inculcating the principles of wise husbandry. The new Indian secondary school in Dar es Salaam, also an impressive building, is now opened, as well as the junior European school at Oyster Bay.

Our need for African teachers is being met as far as practicable. This is borne out by the opening of three new grade II teacher-training centres, two are Government centres, at Butimba and the other at Mpwapwa, which is intended to develop into an institute of education; the third is the U.M.C. centre for women at Magie.

Demand for education for girls continues to increase, the number of girls in primary schools in 1952 having risen by some 6,000. That in middle schools has nearly doubled.

The first steps in the construction of the Dar es Salaam group hospital are being taken now. The advice of an eminent architect in South Africa has been sought, and a large hospital is being designed with many novel features. Some have been modified to suit the taste of the local African population, and others have yet to be proved suitable for this climate.

There has been a sharp rise during recent months of some 20% in our prison population. The uses to which prisoners are put requires continued investigation, and it is felt that the new mobile prison building unit is now working at Samie. If the experiment proves successful of having mobile camps in which prisoners can be accommodated from which they can undertake their work, it is intended to extend this practice to a number of places.

# Inter-Racial University College for Central Africa

## Recommendations of Carr-Saunders Commission on Higher Education

**THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT** of a royal charter of an inter-racial university college in Central Africa, as a first step towards a university of full status, has been recommended by the Commission on Higher Education for Africans in Central Africa, whose report (1953) was issued last Tuesday by the Central African Council.

£14m. is given as the probable capital cost of establishing such an institution, which would require an annual income of about £180,000 for the first five years. The hope is expressed that the British Government would make a grant of £1m.

At the outset, about 100 students a year might be expected, but after 1957 there would be a considerable increase. The commission is satisfied that there is ample scope in the territories for African graduates.

### Salisbury the Best Site

The best site for the institution would be Salisbury, but Lusaka is suggested as an alternative. The international proposals are not accepted.

A minority note by Mr. Kert, while agreeing with the principle that any college should be inter-racial, differs from the other members in the scope to be given to that term. He considers that the interests of the African community would best be served by proceeding immediately with the foundation of a university college near Lusaka, independent of the project of the Rhodesian University Association for one at Salisbury. The members of the Commission, Dr. S. H. Alexander, Carr-Saunders, director of the London School of Economics (chairman), Mr. A. V. Hill, Emeritus Professor of Physiology, London University, Dr. Alexander G. Smith, Principal of the South African University College, Fort Hare, now the University College of Port Elizabeth; Dr. F. G. Young, Professor of Biochemistry, Cambridge University, and Mr. Walter Adam, Secretary of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies.

From the report the following excerpts are quoted:

"An institution of university rank is an essential possession of a community which has reached a certain stage of development, and has a sufficient population and adequate resources. Such an institution is a focus for the intellectual life of the community; through it the community is represented in the world-wide intellectual endeavour, and takes its share in forwarding the purposes of all universities, namely the preservation, advancement, and dissemination of knowledge, and, so far as it is open to man, the ascertainment of wisdom."

### Responsibility for Culture

"Universities look inwards as well as outwards; each has a special responsibility for the culture of its own community, and a special care for intellectual welfare for its younger members. It is the very proper aspiration of any community which has sufficiently advanced towards maturity to make its own provision for the preservation and refinement of its cultural heritage and for the bringing up of the best of its young people."

In area Central Africa stands alone in comparison with other countries as a large region, in size of population it exceeds the West Indies and is roughly similar to the Sudan or the Gold Coast, each of which has a university college. In resources it is potentially very rich and is beginning to enjoy the benefit of their active exploitation. So far as these matters are relevant to

the founding of a university institution, the necessary conditions exist.

"There is prospect of a sufficient number of African students to justify the foundation of a university college. At present there are 1,600 university-trained Africans now in employment as such because university-trained Africans are few. We called upon the heads of the services under the Department of Native Affairs and asked what openings for university-trained Africans they wished to create, the following information was given:

### Demand for African Graduates

"In 1950 there were only 25 African graduate teachers; it would be possible to absorb less than 20 to 30 African graduate a year. We learn of a scheme of medical education for Africans which, after allowing for wastage, would produce 100 practitioners a year we heard also that there was need for 1,000 more.

"We were informed that there is a need for qualified African engineers in the Native areas for irrigation, road work, bridge construction, and townships, and that 30 to 40 engineers could be engaged on Government irrigation and water conservation work; that at least 50 African land development officers could be employed immediately; that Africans are needed as veterinary assistants (for whom a four-year course of matriculation is essential); that 12 surveyors qualified at degree level could be employed at once; that as the development of Native townships increases African solicitors will be needed; further, in addition to openings in the Southern Rhodesian Government service, there is an increasing number of openings in the service of African employers."

In Northern Rhodesia there are only six fully-trained African teachers in secondary schools and teacher-training institutions, but for the next 10 years a supply of 60 fully-trained Africans per annum is needed for the secondary schools, teacher-training and educational administration. An general estimate of openings for technical graduates in Government and private employment for the period 1957/60 showed a need for 100,000 and 120,000 men, including trained economists, accountants, and for sectors.

In Northern Rhodesia there are only six fully-trained education workers for six teachers a year with diplomas and two a year with arts degrees, than in the agricultural industry institutions, but for the next 10 years a supply of 40 fully-trained annually and a further 10 annually in the Veterinary, technical, medical, and public works services; that the post office service could absorb 200 Africans a year trained to the standard required for engineering inspectors.

"The suggestion left on our minds is clearly the factor limiting the nature of potential African university students is not the lack of openings for university-educated Africans but the absence of university facilities. Since the prospective number of African students will increase and will rise, we consider that the remaining conditions would justify the foundation of a university institution."

### Autonomous Corporation

"By a university we mean an autonomous corporation, that is a body which has the right to manage its own affairs. It does not mean that it is not under obligations to the public. Quite the contrary, it should publish its accounts, give a periodic report of its stewardship, and welcome visitations by properly qualified authorities. It follows that the governing body is the university commonly called the council, modelled as it is dominated by any one outside organization or interest, the members of the council should be persons devoted to forwarding the true interests of the university rather than the interests of outside bodies, governmental or otherwise. The academic staff should have a proper measure of autonomy over academic matters."

"We cannot insist too strongly that you have in mind an institution which fully deserves the name of university because it is entitled to rank alongside other British universities in the quality of its intellectual life. A greater disservice could be rendered to Central Africa than to set up an inferior university. If an university, Central Africa needs a real university, that is what we propose."

(To be continued).

# Sir Herbert Stanley's Strong Support for Federation

## The "Would-Bearably Delay in Implementation" Scheme

**SIR HERBERT STANLEY** has strongly deprecated delay in the implementation of Central African federation. In a letter to *The Times* he has written:

"In substance, the remains of my present my long association with Central African and Rhodesian Imperial Resident Commissioner in the two Rhodesias, in the days of chartered administration as Imperial Secretary in South Africa, as the first Governor of Northern Rhodesia as High Commissioner in South Africa, and as Governor of Southern Rhodesia during the seven years ended with my retirement from the service in 1942. Perhaps I might add that I can claim to have been known, locally at any rate, as consistent in my sympathetic concern for the interests and feelings of the African peoples of those territories.

It is in the light of that concern, not less than of my hope for the preservation of British ideals and British influence between the Limpopo and the Great Lakes, that I welcome unreservedly the acceptance of the federal scheme and would deplore any avoidable delay in its implementation. In my opinion the postponement of the scheme for a year or two, some quarters would not be expected to pass, would bring bad results, and would rather be likely to prejudice the mitigation of suspicions and apprehensions, by prolonging agitation and thus paving into the hands of extremists of both races. That would be the road to racial concord and co-operation."

### Progress by Consultation and Compromise

"I, for one, am averse from the policy of histrionics whether African means or of African methods. My belief is that the right method of overcoming racial suspicions lies in the adjustment of difficulties, as they occur, by consultation and compromise, guided by the exercise of patience, fair play, and an enlightened sense of interdependence. For that purpose the extreme African nationalists must be won as unwilling and as little entitled to encourage as the extreme protagonist of exclusive European domination."

"It is unfortunate that so many misconceptions of conditions in Southern Rhodesia should exist in this country. The European inhabitants of that territory now deserve better of their loyalty to their British heritage and of their services to the Crown and Commonwealth than to be regarded as unworthy of trust. Nor have they cause to be ashamed of their record in race relations."

"Surely it is a significant indication of the development of a relatively liberal attitude that a plebiscite of the settlers should have resulted in the acceptance by them of a scheme which provides for the obligatory inclusion of at least six Africans in the federal legislature and the conferment of drastic powers of intervention upon an African Affairs Board, and the Secretary of State."

"And surely it is significant also that they have shown in so signal a manner their confidence in the leadership of Sir Herbert Huggins, whom the Africans of the territory have never had a better and wiser friend. To this attitude of mind and action I can testify from knowledge acquired in the course of seven years of the close association of a Governor with his Prime Minister."

### Alleviation by Experience

"That the large majority of the African inhabitants of the northern territories have any clear understanding of what federation means and involves is, to say the least, very questionable. They are instinctively suspicious of any change, and probably they will be not unaffected by the wave of nationalism which is sweeping over Africa and over other parts of the world."

"Their suspicions and apprehensions, which I believe to be ill-founded, will be allayed, not by procrastination, but by experience of the working of federation. It would suggest that they have nothing to lose and may have much to gain by federation, and that their opposition to it will prove to be short-lived."

"Many Europeans, seeing that informed judgment federation will strengthen British influence, tend to promote a liberal and cooperative attitude to race relations, and contribute to the prosperity and progress of all three territories. For these reasons I look forward to a union without fear of its being

### A Bishop and Lord Halifax on Federation

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Halifax spoke about federation at the annual meeting last week of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

The Archbishop said there were many encouraging signs that no little partnership might be possible. One was the agreement concerning a projected university in Central Africa. The two Armies, in the matter of a true partnership, were religion and education, in which the Church was pioneer. She alone could lead men in impregnating secular life, removing barriers between races and seeing that brothers in Christ were really one.

"From my own experience," Dr Fisher continued, "it is quite clear that equally good, devout and earnest Christians come to diverse opinions on federation. There is no monopoly of Christian judgment on one side or the other. If federation is applied, it is my firm conviction that a way still remains open for a true partnership."

Lord Halifax said: "From many different quarters in Africa, and on very different grounds, people appear to be conscious of an atmosphere of tension and strain. Part of this is political, and can be traced to definite political actions; part of it is due to the general movement in peoples. As many continents which make up the earth in the flour, stirring the thoughts and minds of men and women everywhere. This causes difficulties and unrest, as the new currents and the old currents of life meet."

"Where is the answer to be found? The politician will tell you when he discusses federation that the answer lies in partnership, and that the road to effective partnership is to be commenced. On the whole, after recognising the source of everything said on the other side, I am disposed to agree with that view."

"Whether it is right or wrong, how will partnership be born? It is difficult enough to get it here in England, where we have a common background of race, history, civilization, and, partly, religion. How much more difficult is it to achieve partnership in Africa, where these factors are lacking?"

"Partnership can grow only out of the soil of mutual trust and love. No politicization, although it is indeed an easy task, can teach the meaning of the commandments of God, and the brotherhood of all His children is the spring from which this health-giving stream of trust and love can be liberated and drawn. The only answer is Christianity."

### Church of Scotland's Decision

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having discussed several motions on Central African federation, has accepted a compromise resolution urging all concerned to give the federal scheme a fair trial in the hope that it might benefit the three territories. The resolution deplored the fact that African consent had not been obtained, and called upon the Government to take whatever steps were possible to reassure the Africans and convince them of the sincerity of the proposed inter-racial partnership.

The Rev. J. H. S. Burleigh said that the British Government held that it would be as dangerous to back now as to go forward, and added: "In certain respects it seems impossible to go back to the position as it was before the scheme was mooted. To back the operation of the Africans will be the first task of any Federal Government, and task for the fulfilment of which the Church will take every opportunity to press."

Bishop of Bradford, Dr. W. F. Blunt, reported by the *Yorkshire Observer* to have said recently: "The one-sided, often dangerous speeches of people having no knowledge of the problem of federation, and living thousands of miles away, should be treated with caution."

Lord Swinton, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, and Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, received a deputation from the Religious Council of Churches at the Commonwealth Relations Office last week. The delegation consisted

of Mr. Kenneth G. Griffis, chairman of the International Department of the British Council of Churches; Mr. L. B. Greaves, Africa Secretary of the Conference of British Missionary Societies; the Rev. T. A. Beetham, of the Methodist Missionary Society; the Rev. Joseph Moffett, of the Inter-Church Relations Committee of the Church of Scotland; the Rev. David Say, general secretary of the British Council of Churches; and the Rev. E. P. Eastman, secretary of the International Department of that body.

The deputations presented a resolution on Central African federation passed at the meeting of the British Council of Churches in Birmingham on April 22. Lord Swinton and Mr. Hopkinson replied to the various points raised, and expressed the Government's sympathy with the aims set forth in the resolution. They undertook to send a written reply to the points put by the deputations about the procedure for future amendment of the federal scheme.

#### SOCIALIST AMENDMENTS TO ENABLING BILL

Four amendments to the Enabling Bill for Central African Federation have been tabled in the House of Commons. They seek:

- (1) To include in the Federal Government a Minister with special responsibility for Native Affairs answerable to the Colonial Secretary and the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations acting jointly. This Minister would be chairman of the African Affairs Board.

- (2) To include in the Federal Cabinet one or more of the specially elected African members of the Federal legislature together with one or more of the European representatives of Native interests.

- (3) To introduce a franchise for the federal elections approved (together with any changes in it) by the Secretaries of State.

- (4) To preserve the Protectorate status of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, ensuring that no amalgamation takes place with Southern Rhodesia unless a majority of all the inhabitants in all three territories have voted in favour.

- (5) To ensure that the Governments of the two northern Protectorates remain responsible to the exclusion of the Federal Government, for all matters concerning land and land settlement in their territories and for the promotion of African political advancement.

- (6) So to amend the powers of the African Affairs Board, that it may pray against any measure put before the Federal Legislature which it considers discriminatory to Native interests, and so secure that such other step is taken until the Federal Government is obtained.

- (7) To provide that any Federal Act amending the constitution shall be subject to affirmative resolution by both Houses of Parliament in the United Kingdom.

- (8) To increase membership of the Federal Assembly from 35 to 42, including seven seats for elected members from each of the three territories (as against 30 from Southern Rhodesia, eight from Northern Rhodesia and four from Nyasaland at present proposed in the scheme), and to increase African elected membership from 10 to 15, and the number of Europeans with special responsibilities for African interests from three to six.

The Salisbury correspondent of the *Times* reports that the anti-federation directives of the so-called African Supreme Council in Nyasaland are meeting with resistance. Although they banned a meeting of the African Council of the Southern Province, only one absentee was reported, whilst African members of the Blantyre and Limbe urban area advisory committee ignored another ban. Some 2,000 Africans attended the Catholic mission's Empingwayi youth celebrations, where The Queen's message was loudly cheered.

The Rev. Michael Scott has secured an extension of his stay in the country until the end of May.

A memorandum which was to have been addressed to Nyasaland by the Rev. Michael Scott was banned by order of an magistrate because it might provoke public disaffection.

Senior Chief Goma, who had issued signed instructions to his people to ignore all agricultural and forestry laws as a protest against Central African federation, has been suspended. He also told his people that they should pay no further taxes until told to do so by Chief Mwase, leader of the Nyasaland Council of Chiefs.

Mr. Stanley Evans, Labour M.P. for Wednesbury,

wrote to the *Observer*, "I formally ask to protest against comments about centralisation of federation which had been published by that newspaper. As his letter has not appeared, he has tendered a copy to EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA. We quote the following passage:

"Mr. Attlee and Mr. Griffiths have agreed that, as federation is now an accomplished fact, no good purpose is served by further concerted opposition, and expressed the hope that all parties would now combine to make federation work."

#### MILBANDY EVANS'S PROTEST

In the original wise attitude, the observations in your *Observer* can only be interpreted as an invitation to black Africans to wreck the scheme by withholding their work and co-operation. True, the advice was qualified by the statement that "black Africans refrain from violence; they will continue to deserve our respect"; but this displays an innocence bordering on folly of what the consequences of non-co-operation and withholding work could be.

By inference black Africans are told they have nothing to hope for except by direct intervention of United Kingdom influence. This is an insult to the liberalism of the great majority of white men. Something like that, Mr. James Griffiths, Lord President of the Council, has paid the highest tributes.

"Cannot the *Observer* remember that these people are the sons and daughters of those 17th century British stock who founded in Africa the tyranny of a savagery tribe exterminating tribe, and the cruelty of slave trading; that within a relatively short time, a sturdiness of character and a reputation for fair dealing that won the respect of the black Africans, they brought to these territories an amendment of civilization and a degree of prosperity hitherto unknown?"

"It is the duty of the Press to all reasonable people not to inflame passions, but to do everything in their power to reconcile differences, at the same time using their influence to create conditions that will enable black Africans to rise to full partnership by the side of their white brothers."

"At the very time that Sir Godfrey Higgins, whom some people like to describe as anti-African, comes out with the promise of a no-colonial university, Whitehall, with one of the death blows to racial discrimination, I find it ironic that the *Observer* encourages an attitude calculated to provoke anti-white feelings among black Africans."

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## East Africa's Shop Window in London

Sir Edward Twining on the Territories

**I**N AN EXCELLENT POSITION at the corner of Finsbury Square and Northumberland Avenue, the East African Office in London has now an information Bureau at ground level.

SIR EDWARD TWINING, Governor of Tanganyika Territory, told at the official opening of the Bureau yesterday that East Africa's new shop window was in the high positions in London.

"There is very great ignorance of East Africa in this country," he said. "When people know that I come from Tanganyika they almost always ask if it is not the Territory with the groundnuts and Mau Mau. I tell them that I have neither."

### We Are All East Africa

"We in East Africa have our little domestic differences of opinion, but we are all East Africans, and economically we are one. There can be no question at all that. Here is the outward and visible sign of it."

The East African Office in London has done sterling work for years. I have known them buy theatre tickets for a Secretary of State, smuggle a Governor through the customs, arrange for a distinguished non-officer to take a Turkish bath, and even get a post of public executioner. These and many other delicate duties they perform with success.

"Their job, that of making East Africa known, is important. They have to deal with jaded globe-trotters, potential settlers, merchant-princes considering the establishment of local companies to replace remote control from London, and many others."

"Those who know East Africa have deep confidence in its future. There is a great economic potential waiting to be developed. Not even the Mau Mau in Kenya have frightened capital away. There is still economic confidence in Kenya, and very rightly so. That confidence will show of what development it is capable. Uganda will be in the limelight when the great Owen Falls hydro-electric station comes into commission next year, and Tanganyika Territory has a very wide economy with two or three dozen commodities each with exports of a value running into six figures and several into figures of millions."

"The right people with an Elizabethan spirit of adventure are needed to turn these potentials into development. We in East Africa have a special possessive care about The Queen because she ascended her throne while visiting East Africa."

### Work of the London Office

MRS. G. V. MATTHEWS, Commissioner in London for East Africa, outlined the work of the Office, and said that the Information Bureau had been established to give more definite visual expression to the message which had to be conveyed to the United Kingdom.

The Office was East Africa's liaison agency with the United Kingdom, and had been since 1926. The principal emphasis was trade and commerce in both directions, and one of the most important duties now lays was that of sponsoring urgently needed cargo, especially capital equipment, so that it might not have to wait in the queue but be granted priority of shipment in order to stimulate development in the territories. In the shop window was a coronation display showing East Africa in connexion with The Queen, including a diamond Tree Tops, that houses in a tree in the forest of Mount Kenya in which Her Majesty the Queen, Princess Elizabeth, had spent the night on which the late King George VI died.

Representing Uganda was a diamond of Empress's weight

airport, from which she had left on her return to England to ascend the throne.

Tanganyika's connexion was shown by a model of a pink chamomile flower used as a wedding gift

to Princess Elizabeth by Dr. Wilhelmsen, discoverer of the

marvelous Lewaadi diamond mine near Shinyanga.

MAJOR F. W. CAVENDISH-BROWNICK, Member for

Agriculture and Natural Resources in Kenya, said that he had been associated with the Office since its inception,

and had always believed that the territories had not spent enough on it or made full use of it. They need a strong London representation, and Kenya welcomed the addition of the shop window and new facilities.

## Phase of Decision in Kenya

Colonial Secretary's Views

"IF WE CAN BRING TO BEAR in all sorts of ways

a greater impact on the Army at this moment, we have a chance of achieving speedy results. The ultimate outcome is not in doubt, but it is most undesirable that the emergency should continue a single day longer than is absolutely necessary. Although the decision is certain, everybody's efforts now have to be concentrated on bringing that decision about quickly, not only for economic but for every other sort of reason."

So said Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to correspondents in Nairobi before leaving for that country last week. Describing the present as a "phase of decision," he weighed the favourable and unfavourable aspects of the situation.

On the one hand there was no significant spread of Mau Mau to other tribes; the flow of confessions had become a flood; information given to the police had enormously increased; and the morale of the home guard was progressing. On the other hand, terroristings were larger than before, and though they thereby became easier military targets, grave problems had been created.

Praising the courage of the Kikuyu guards which he said went far beyond what could have been reasonably expected, the Minister declared that the machinery for dealing with the emergency had greatly improved. Government was winning the confidence of the rural population. Justice had been administered, but the principle of British justice had not been imperilled with in any way.

### Tribute to Sir Evelyn Baring

Mr. Lyttelton paid tribute to Sir Evelyn Baring, saying that he had discharged his heavy responsibilities with the greatest wisdom and humanity. The Minister did not think that Mau Mau had sprung from outside sources, though help had no doubt been obtained externally. There was at present no sign of direction of the movement from outside the Colony, but that did not mean that there would be no attempt to introduce it in the future. He explained that his use of the words "armed rebellion" in the House of Commons was descriptive, pictorial, and of legal significance.

Sergeant David Wilson, of the Kenya Regiment, and Mrs. Massa, whom he was leading, were killed 15 miles east of Fort Hall when trying to arrest Mau Mau suspects. After searching a bus from which the suspects had fled, Sgt. Wilson arrested their wives, and the party was overpowered on their way back to camp by a gang of about 50 Kikuyu armed with a Sten gun and rifles. The gang was being pursued.

The Kenyan Government has accepted the Asian proposal for a compulsory call-up from their community, and recruitment of Kikuyu adults between the ages of 18 and 21 years will be introduced. It is estimated that some 100,000 would be in this category, and that one third would be conscripted for service without disrupting commerce. The three or four units formed would be under the Commissioner of Police.

The penalty for membership of a gang, or for collecting or receiving supplies for a gang, or for dealing with an armed person and so on, or if or who has committed a crime may be sentenced to life imprisonment and 10 years imprisonment may be imposed on anyone consorting with an armed person. Prosecutions for membership of Mau Mau or the Central Kikuyu Association may now be instituted without the formal consent of their Governor, which has hitherto been necessary.

Mr. Peterverley, an officer of the police reserve, has been wounded by a terrorist gang on a European farm in Elburton. A kikuyu guard was killed and a Turkana tribesman wounded. The terrorists lost one killed and four wounded and captured. Addressing a public meeting in Nairobi, Mrs. Michael Blundell said he hoped that there would be improvement in the relations between the Governor and the British Government as a result of Mr. Lyttelton's visit to the Colony. He considered that the Governor should be treated as the commander-in-chief of an army in the field.

The European community, he emphasised, must strive for the integration of the East African territories, with common ideals under a common Government. The deplorable prospect which Mau Mau was trying to create was the only alternative to a decent civilized future in East Africa.

The attitude of India's Prime Minister, and the Indians, had caused his colleagues anxiety. Mr. Nehru was reported to have said that European settlers in Kenya were "expressing merely selfish aspirations in the whole of the African continent and the situation there is getting worse."

The Rev. David Steel, minister of St. Andrew's Church in

## EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA

Mr. Stedman paid tribute to Bishop Scott in Kenya when he visited the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh last week.

"I have been impressed particularly by the set of mind where the danger was monitored," said Mr. Stedman. "A fear of Mau Mau panic. Almost no African feeling, and very little Kikuyu feeling. They leave it all to the extremist politicians who make the settler every time he opens his mouth, and who have often quoted in the Press as if they were representative of the settlers."

The Foreign Office took little interest in political matters, he added. "It is a fact of life with the basins of information which are now appearing in the Legions that were not interested in the recent election. Settlers should not be judged by the speeches of extremists."

### Failure in Police Discipline

He warmly praised the work of the administration, the force which had won its deserved confidence of the settlers. He was not to have had the police, a sort of vigilante organisation, had been set up both by the church and by settlers. There had been a general failure to maintain discipline in the force, and he would welcome a change.

It was unfortunate that some people had attempted to treat the Mau Mau movement as an indicator of an upsurge of African nationalism. Events had proved that it was far more anti-African than anti-European. Some 500 Africans had been killed and only 10 Europeans.

Speaking at the annual meetings of the Women's Foreign Mission in Edinburgh, Mrs. E. A. Lord, the teacher of midwifery in a Kikuyu hospital, said that during the last four years there had been a Christian revival followed by the carefully planned anti-Mau Mau campaign. The movement of Mau Mau, Africans had been told, was a terrorist plot by promoters of rich land when the Europeans had left the country. Kikuyu Christians had shown great interest in checking the plans of Mau Mau.

Mr. George Padmore, in a document sent from London to West African newspapers, has expressed the opinion that Kenya's conviction will intensify anti-white feelings throughout Africa. He alleges that well-informed colonial experts regard the trial as "a legal farce."

The total number of Africans hanged for Mau Mau offences is now 39. There are 263 trials pending, and 396 prosecutions for offences involving the death penalty have been started.

More than 14,000 Africans have confessed to being Mau Mau adherents.

A reward of £12,10s. has been offered in Kenya to anyone giving information leading to the recovery of stolen or missing firearms, or a sentence of up to 23 years' imprisonment with hard labour has been passed for offences in connexion with outraging.

It is urged that Mau Mau are harboring those of their wounded whom they are unable to care for or carry with them. In a river in the Othaya location 15 bodies have been found. They are believed to be terrorists who took part in the attack on the police three weeks ago. It is suggested that these should be buried to conceal the number of fatalities and avoid the danger of leakage of information about the fate into official hands.

A Mau Mau camp is to be established on the same lines as the Kikuyu and Embu guards.

## Two Striking Sudanese

MR. JACK SMITH, who recently visited the Sudan for the B.B.C., said in a broadcast talk in the General Overseas Service:

"May I introduce one of the many striking Sudanese I met during my stay on whom, and on whom I shall focus them, may devolve some of the responsibility of self-government?"

"The first is from the southern man called But Diu, a burly Nuer, with six spear scars drawn horizontally across his forehead, as is the custom of his tribe. He started as a houseboy to a local British Commissioner, was taught by him to read and write, then was educated himself, and in time became a member of the Legislative Assembly. He is a simple man of essence, and likes to return to his tribe when he can and live the same primitive life he has been used to. He is perhaps typical of an ingenuous southerner, who has the good of his people at heart but little political experience as yet of how to achieve it."

"Compare him with a typical northerner, Mekki Abbas, who studied at Oxford, is a director of the Gezira board, and was the first Sudanese ever to write a book in English about his country. He represents the ambitious northern Sudanese point of view; he is very conscious of the historic parallel with India."

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# PERSONALIA

MR. G. ONGANDI has arrived in London.

MR. A. J. CHESTER has joined Lord Beauchamp's personal staff.

CAPT. KAWINGA of Uganda, has arrived in England to attend the Coronation.

MR. PHILIP COOPER, Acting Deputy Commissioner in the Somaliland Protectorate.

SIR HENRY SALT has arrived in England a few days ago from Dar es Salaam in the Kenya.

A painting by MRS. GERALD SAYERS appears in this year's exhibition at the Royal Academy.

MR. THOR BULMER-THOMAS has announced his new book entitled "The Party System in East Africa."

MR. G. WARD RICE, after a long tour of visits to East and Central Africa, has arrived back in England.

AIR CHIEF Marshal Sir ARTHUR LONGMORE has been elected chairman of the Royal Air Forces Overseas League.

LEO DONALD, a director of Messrs. Mitchell & Sons, Ltd., returned last week in the R.M.V. CALDWELL CASTLE.

MR. R. M. PRESTON has been re-elected chairman and MR. E. A. HARRIS, chairman of the Marine Insurance Company.

MR. A. W. TUKE, at one time a director of Barclays Bank (D.C. & G.), has been elected president of the British Bankers' Association.

MRS. C. VAN HOVEN, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, will celebrate her 90th birthday. She has been in the country for 57 years.

MR. NORMAN HARRIS, M.L.C., and MR. L. T. JONES have been re-elected chairman and deputy chairman respectively of the East African Road Federation.

MR. J. M. WATSON has been appointed Director of Agricultural and Veterinary Services in the Somaliland Protectorate, following the retirement of MR. E. PECK.

A. J. GRATTAN-BELLY is now Acting Chief Secretary in East African Territory, and Sir JAMES DENNY is acting as Member for Local Affairs and Attorney-General.

MESSRS. M. W. J. BULL and F. D. OPPERMANN have joined the board of Hubert Davies and Co., Ltd. Mr. Oppermann has resigned his post as alternate director to MR. S. B. EVANS.

MR. MICHAEL BLUNDELL, MAJOR F. W. AVENDISH-BENTINCK, MR. E. A. VASEY, and MR. ARTHUR KENT are recent arrivals by air from Kenya, and MR. I. C. CHOPRA from Tanganyika.

THE HON. SIR ULLICK ALEXANDER had an audience of The Queen last week, when Her Majesty invested him with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath (Civil Division).

MR. M. G. COOPER, an African member of the Legislative Council of Kenya, and MR. PAUL MBOKA, an African member of the East African Central Assembly, have arrived in London to attend the Coronation.

SIR EDWARD TWINING, Governor of Tanganyika Territory, was received last week by the Queen and invested with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

MR. ALEXANDER MACINTOSH will retire from the secretaryship of Messrs. Cayzer Irvin and Co. on July 1, when MR. COLIN F. W. DYER, now assistant secretary, will succeed him. Mr. Macintosh will continue in a managerial capacity.

MR. F. A. VAGHAN, who has been appointed managing director of the Brush Abor (Southern Africa) Ltd., Johannesburg, has been associated with companies of the group for 35 years. He will be Mr. C. CLARK, new sales director of the group.

REV. ALAN MADAM, a young African of the Teita tribes in Kenya, who has had two years' experience as a reader in an English parish and speaks English fluently, will on July 1 take up his duties as a chaplain officiating at All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi.

GODFREY and LADY HUGGINS reached London from Southern Rhodesia on Tuesday morning. Godfrey was one of six Prime Ministers at the table with The Queen at yesterday's luncheon at Westminster Hall for representatives of the Commonwealth Legislatorate.

THE SULTAN OF ZANZIBAR, SIR TEFID KHANPA BIN HARUB, the Sultan and his daughter, have arrived in London on Sunday in the British India liner KENYA, in which they will return after the Coronation. The Sultan and Sultanah appeared most successfully in Monday night's television programme.

MAJESTIC-COLONEL T. A. BARRETT, MAJOR A. S. DIN and MESSRS. E. C. COOK, H. R. FRASER, C. L. HOLCOMB, H. K. KAMER, S. LUBEGA, A. N. MAINA, B. J. MUKASA, D. OGEN, P. C. OFWONO, P. OGWEGWA, C. K. PATEL have been appointed members of the members of the Legislative Council of Uganda until the end of this year.

## Obituary

We deeply regret to report the death, in Devonshire, of MRS. J. J. WILLIS, wife of the former Bishop of Uganda.

SIR ROBERT JUNCAN BELL, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., who died suddenly early week-end at the age of 75, inquired into the finances of Nyasaland in 1937-38.

MAJOR JOHN KINDERSLEY MARSH, O.B.E., M.C., formerly of the Sudan Political Service, has died in Cyprus at the age of 70 after a long illness.

The body of MR. E. D. MERRIMAN, an 84-year-old American, who was travelling alone, was recently found in the Silent Pool, just below the Victoria Falls.

MR. H. CALLAN LOTHBINE, M.C., who has died in the Seychelles, a French consular went there for 25 years before his retirement a few years ago.

SIR JOHN HARDING, C.M.G., C.B.E., who has died in Bournemouth at the age of 74, spent 40 years in the Colonial Office as Director of Colonial Audit from 1928 to 1941.

BRIGADIER A. J. T. FARNAN, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., who died in Scotland last week at the age of 70, served in the East African campaign of the 1914-18 war and was mentioned in General Smuts's first dispatches.

LODGE ABERCONWAY, who died on Saturday at the age of 74, was chairman of Messrs. John Brown and Co., Ltd., a company with a subsidiary in Southern Rhodesia, and president of the Royal Horticultural Society.

MAJOR-GENERAL HARRY LIONEL BRITCHARD, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Engineers, who has died at his home in Kent at the age of 81, served with the Nile expedition of 1897-98, and was present at the battle of Khartoum, when he was awarded his D.S.O.

MR. JAMES REGINALD GRIFFIN, a partner in Smith, Coney and Barrett, who has died in this country at the age of 60, was a director of Ethical Uganda Co., Ltd., until it was wound up last year. He was also a member of the boards of Coldhurst Spinning Co., Ltd., and St. George's Woolen Mills, Ltd.

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## Land Problem in Kikuyu Reserve

### Settling Methods of Land Usage

THE KIKUYU hold more land now than they did when the British arrived, says the seventh newsletter issued by the East Africa Women's League. It continues:

The area known as the 'White Highlands' then completely uninhabited, which consists of only 12,000 square miles out of the whole Kenya Highland, was later reserved by Europeans which was reasonable enough since there was plenty of land available at lower altitudes suitable for Asian farmers, whose chief crops are sugar, rice and cotton, but not much in the higher country where Europeans could live which was not already occupied by Africans.

The question of keeping Africans out of this area never arose in those early days: as far as the Europeans had already chosen the best land in the Highlands, it had been carefully preserved for them by law and there seemed then to be more than enough for their future needs. It is important to remember that the need for European settlement was there in a very real one, as without it the Uganda Railway would not have been paid for, and the work Europeans have done for the development of Kenya has more than justified their presence here, as politicians of all parties in Great Britain admit.

"Land hunger" in Kenya is commonly supposed to have been caused by the increase in African population in the 50 years of British rule through European control of intertribal warfare, famine, pestilences, infant mortality and so on. Also the Government's veterinary services preserved the lives of thousands of cattle, sheep, and goats which under primitive conditions would have undoubtedly died of disease. Thus we have in Kenya to-day an African population of both human beings and live stock which is beyond the carrying capacity of the soil.

### Overcrowding More Apparent than Real

"While this is true, it is not because Africans (and in particular the Kikuyu) are confined to areas of land inadequate for this population that they suffer from hunger. The provincial agricultural officer for the Central Province has claimed this year that, properly farmed, the Kikuyu reserves could easily carry that number. It is, he says, 'not over-crowding' but apparent overcrowding derived from apposite methods of land use which is the trouble in the Kikuyu reserves. These reserves generally have a low agricultural potential under sound farming systems of which only a very small part is at present realized."

"The land is there—indeed, it is the best land in Kenya—and the people who live on it have the choice of either using it or wasting it. The hunger has arisen from a failure to use it and from allowing the soil to erode and become exhausted in many parts of their land unit. What in fact the Kikuyu need is, in the early days of British rule, was not more land but a sound education in use of that land."

Unfortunately what happened was that 20th century skill in medicine and veterinary science was applied without stint to a people still living in the Stone Age, as far as their agricultural methods were concerned—and most of their other ways of life as well—as that the culture clash, when expressed in terms of land, produced the unbalanced picture of 'apparent overcrowding' that we have to-day. For the past 30 years agricultural officers have been doing much to remedy the situation and inculcate better methods of husbandry, but they have had to compete with Native custom, superstition, prejudice, dislike of change, and skilful propaganda by political agitators, with the result that the provincial agricultural officer maintains that only one-third of the usable land in the Kikuyu Reserves is being used as it should be.

"It is no good getting impatient about it. They are still a primitive people, and a study of their customs will show that these were extremely effective for the preservation of the tribe in earlier days, as long as that tribe could wander. It will cover large stretches of unoccupied Africa. The practice of shifting cultivation, for example, was excellently suited for their needs in a country subject to erosion by wind and rain, for as the land became exhausted, all they had to do was to move on to another piece of undeveloped bush. This gave the exhausted land time to lie fallow and recover its fertility, and the original owner or his sons returned to it several years later."

"But as long as such methods continue nothing can ever appease their hunger for land or prevent them from regarding the White Highlands as a vast open plain, which, if they had it themselves would be more than twice as large as the original area."

## Influential Support for Rasebolai

### Analysis of Agota Speeches

FURTHER INFORMATION about the Bamangwato *kgotla* held in Serowe between May 3 and 5 has been received by the Commonwealth Relations Office, which has issued the following statement:

"A full report has now been received from the High Commissioner. He says that the proceedings of the *kgotla* were marked by moderation. Serious consideration was given to the question of designation of a new chief, and various speeches were made both for and against. Several names were canvassed.

"While no unanimity was reached, the record of the proceedings shows that Rasebolai-Kgamaane enjoyed a considerable measure of support. On a straight count there were 14 speakers in favour of his designation as against 12 who were opposed to any designation except Seretse's two who supported Satile (Seke's half-brother), one who supported Apèle, (a senior member of the Royal House), three who strongly urged that the Government should decide, one who suggested a council, and three who expressed no clear views at all.

"The speaker who had the greatest influence was the senior councillor and thus command most influence. Of such speakers a pronounced majority, including five royal headmen spoke in favour of Rasebolai."

"Further, a majority of the 3,000 tribesmen present came from Seretse's own. As is customary, and indeed essential owing to the distances involved, the country districts, containing approximately 70% of the population of the reserve, were represented by delegates. A vote or count of heads would not therefore have reflected the position correctly, besides being quite contrary to tribal custom."

### No Unanimous Demand for Seretse

"The High Commissioner's report shows that it is quite untrue to suggest that the *kgotla* resulted either in a flat rejection of Rasebolai or a unanimous demand for Seretse's return."

"Thirteen men have been selected by Rasebolai-Kgamaane, newly appointed Native authority over the Bamangwato, to assist him in tribal administration. Their names were announced by Rasebolai at a small *kgotla* in Serowe last Friday. Eight of the 13 have been his supporters, while five were followers of Sekele Khamo. The other two are neutral. Rasebolai stressed that he had attempted to secure co-operation from all sides because he wished to heal the unhappy tribal split of recent years; he was grateful that some who had previously opposed him were now prepared to work with him. Seregola Seretse, one of the senior royal relatives, is among the 13, as is Setohile Kgama, a man now a supporter of Seretse and fourth in line after Rasebolai."

## From Entebbe in 11 Hours

MR. JOHN CUNNINGHAM set a new record last week by flying the 4,265 miles from Entebbe, Uganda, to Hatfield, Hertfordshire, in a modified De Havilland Comet jet air-liner in 11 hours 13 minutes, which included one hour 12 minutes on the ground in Cairo. The average speed was 425.79 m.p.h. The 2,000 miles from Entebbe to Cairo were flown in 4 hours 45 minutes, and the remaining 2,182 in 3 hours 16 minutes, for much of the journey against head winds. On May 5, when taking this latest development model of the Comet II to East Africa for tropical testing Mr. Cunningham covered the flight to Cairo at an average speed of 470 m.p.h.

More Viking aircraft were grounded in Southern Rhodesia last weekend, following a cable received from Britain by the Director of Civil Aviation. One of the machines involved had suffered only damage from this country, replacing that which crashed in Tanganyika on March 29, killing all 13 occupants. A report of the accident, submitted by the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, showed metal fatigue to be the cause of the accident.

## Mr. Nathoo on Kenya's Problems

### "As Much a Kenyan as Any African"

MR. IBRAHIM NATHOO, a Muslim member of the Legislative Council of Kenya, and one of the four representatives of Kenya attending the Coronation, spoke at length to journalists in London too late for a full report to be included in our last issue, however, recorded his main points.

Saying that he had a mandate to speak to the Muslim and Asian members of the Legislature, including the Arab members, Mr. Nathoo declared that the Europeans in Kenya would remain its leaders for a long time, certainly for 20 years, but demanded that they should now declare unequivocally their acceptance of the principle that leadership must be by capacity, not colour, and that members of the other races would not be denied opportunities of exercising the fullest responsibility which they were capable of bearing.

Better race relations were, he said, essential to Kenya to achieve a stable and progressive society.

Mr. Nathoo continued (in part) in reply to the many questions put to him:

#### European Leaders Criticized

"Great and terrible was the attitude of the European leaders in Kenya until about a fortnight ago. While Mr. Blundell, their representative on the Emergency Council, and Mr. Havelock, on the Operations Committee, were associated with Government in those capacities in dealing with the emergency, they turned to the other side of the fence as soon as anything went wrong. What effect must that attitude of no confidence have had on the backward masses in the Asian and African communities? Quite recently, I am glad to say, the European leaders have been showing a better sense of responsibility in their public statements."

"Some Africans in tribes other than the Kikuyu do not think that the Kikuyu are wrong in the action they are taking, and when some non-Kikuyu were arrested and tried with Kenyatta there was some resentment among their fellow tribesmen. It would be true to say that there is sympathy with the Kikuyu from outside the tribe."

"Two months ago the Asian elected members of the Legislature told the Government of Kenya that their community would be prepared to do whatever it could and that they would accept conscription of their people for service in the emergency, not only in the urban areas, but as home guards on European farms. There was no reply from the Secretariat for two months. So we came down on the day on which we were to see the Governor, and then the Vice Secretary suggested nothing more than 30 or 40 Asian clerks and 300 or 400 Asian artisans. When we told the Governor he promised to look into it."

#### Government's Attitude to Asians

"But that has always been the attitude towards us in Kenya. Whenever we asked during the last war that our people should be trained for the defence of the country or for service overseas, nothing was done. Even when the war was over the Europeans threw in accusations that the Asians had done nothing but make money. We feel that the Europeans do not trust us. Except on two points—that of separate electorates for Muslims and Hindus and in regard to the control of immigration—the Muslims and Hindus in Kenya speak with one voice."

"For many months after the declaration of the state of emergency non-official Europeans expressed doubt about Hindu and Muslim loyalty, and no special approach was made to the Muslim section. Asians have joined the Kenya Police Reserve and the home guard, but they are used practically only in Nairobi, though to a small extent in Nakuru. An

anonymous threat was telephoned to the home of the Aga Khan's community in Nairobi that their members and their country should be told that they were heading for trouble if they helped against Mau Mau."

"There has been growing friendship between Africans and Asians in the past three or four years. Previously each community was apathetic towards the other. In Tanganyika there has never been racial animosity, but racial friendliness. So there was in Uganda until 1948. Then, at the time of the riots, propaganda was spread by certain people, allegedly connected with missions, that the Asians were exploiting the Africans. Very bitter feelings continued, but now the Asians have recently been given representation on the management of the cotton and coffee industries there, and there has been considerable improvement."

"The Lari massacre alienated greatly from Mau Mau and stimulated recruiting among Kikuyu for the home guard. The cause of Mau Mau is, to some extent, economic, and includes land grievances. You may say that the cause is political and 30% economic."

"For four or five years the African Press in Nairobi has been allowed to say what it wanted, and the most extreme statements were made in those newspapers and in public meetings. They were not stopped or made to modify that attitude, and the British Government relied upon Europeans in particular to stop immigrant communities in general as intruders. I advocate censorship of all newspapers which create communal disharmony. Only a few days ago a European newspaper in Nairobi, the *Sunday Post*, was told by the authorities that it would be closed if it did not exercise more restraint."

"When I became a member of the Legislature in 1948 there was a widespread feeling amongst Asians and Africans that those parts of the development schemes which affected their communities were not pushed forward as were those for Europeans, but when Mr. Vasey took over the portfolio of social services he brought to it a sense of enthusiasm, responsibility and action. Of course, the financial capacity of Kenya underlines these social service schemes as developed greatly in the last few years, because the national income has risen steeply with the world price for primary products."

#### Support for Collective Punishment

"The Asian community have supported the Government in regard to collective punishment, not because they believe it the best method, but because in the circumstances it was the only way to get rid of the Kikuyu, their share of responsibility."

"Nor I certainly do not advocate mixed marriage. I am against it whether it is Europeans and Indians or Africans and Indians. But I am in favour of open schools to children of all races."

"The Aga Khan Institute of Education in Mombasa was established primarily for African Muslims. Our Syrian conference laid down that our schools are to admit children of all races, and a year ago I asked the Government of Kenya for permission to admit Asians. There has been no reply, despite my reminders. The Aga Khan provides 50% of the cost, the Government of Kenya gives the teacher salaries and about 30%, and we had to ask their consent in regard to Africans because that would involve payments from public funds."

"For many years there has been a segregation in hotels for non-Europeans. Whenever we have asked for legislation against that practice the Government has replied that the ban cannot be broken by legislation, but only by public opinion. If this matter is not given attention, public opinion will sweep out the Europeans. The position is different in Uganda and Tanganyika."

"I admit that untrained Asian hotel-owners in Nairobi were themselves culprits in this matter and followed the policy of the European hotelkeepers, but there has been a change since 1948. One hotel and one well-known restaurant in Nairobi admit Asians as well as Europeans, but perhaps not Africans alone, though I have taken Africans there as my guests. I emphasize that I do not exclude any own people from blame in this matter."

"The fact is that there has not been enough initiative from the authorities towards better race relations. There is a United Kenya Council, but it has become mainly an Asian affair. I would say that the average standard of life is about that of a dozen Europeans, 25 Asians, and from three to six Africans, on 10 occasions. Then there is an anti-social Service League open to all races, and in that same League Europeans give parties for weeks on end. You can say that in the last three or four years there has been a definite move to join interests."

"A much larger number of immigrants African students should be sent for training in universities and technical colleges. In this country, but when they come back,

qualified they must be given suitable appointments. There has been disgruntlement because Africans who have returned after university, college, or professional training have not been given proper scope, though recently a few have been appointed assistant district commissioners.

"Mr. Mathuwa, senior African member of the Legislative Council, has agreed that for many years to come it will not be possible to produce enough Africans with the right qualifications to hold responsible positions. The present régime in Kenya has shown glaringly that the Government does not know what it is doing to them. We Asians have said that the African members of the legislature should be allowed to deal with their people. That has not been done. We want enough African leaders."

"Non-Europeans in Kenya have been most critical of the pressure of the settler representatives for the grant of more power. It was that pressure which led the Secretary of State to declare publicly that no further power would be given to the non-official Europeans until the inter-racial conference arranged with Mr. Griffiths had been held. I must add that our new Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, has acted with great restraint under tremendous pressure."

Mr. Nathoo was emphatic that he was a Kenyan, not as an Asian, saying:

"I am as much a Kenyan as any African in the country. My father arrived in 1881. My mother was born in the country and so was I. We have no connection whatever with India or Pakistan. Indeed, I am more of a stranger in India or Pakistan than in England. We followers of the Aga Khan have no home but Kenya."

### Colonial Small-Bore Competitions

KENYA won the open sight section of the Colonial Small-Bore Rifle competition for 1952, repeating their success of the previous year. In a total of 1,502 points out of a possible 1,600, Mr. J. A. Orchardson scored 198. Uganda were third and Nyasaland 14th. In the aperture sight section Kenya was fourth, Northern Rhodesia ninth, and Uganda 14th. In the .22 pistol section Tanganyika was fourth and Uganda fifth. The competitions are organized by the National Small-Bore Rifle Association.

### New Era of Hope in Leprosy Treatment

#### Queen's Award in BELRA

A LITTLE ADVANCE HAS BEEN MADE in the establishment of the East African Leprosy Research Centre owing to the problem of choosing the best site. Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, told the annual general meeting of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association in London last week. Owing to Mr. Lyttelton's absence abroad, his speech was read by the Rev. W. B. ("Tubby") Clayton, founder of Belra.

Mr. Lyttelton referred to as "new era of hope" in the treatment of leprosy with the sulphonamides and other drugs. Yet few leprologists, if any, would yet regard the battle as won. Further effort still was needed, of the full effects of the various remedies.

#### Children's Homes

Referring to the Royal Family's interest in the welfare of leprosy victims, Mr. Lyttelton said the Queen, when Princess Elizabeth, was one of the first to adopt a child patient under the Belra scheme in 1947. Now, as patron of Belra, Her Majesty had continued her support and agreed that there should be used this year towards new children's homes where the Belra adoption scheme was being introduced. Two such homes were now being built at Makete, Tanganyika, one in memory of the late King.

The association had had a record income in 1952 of £19,896, and over £41,000 had been dispensed in grants and services. Overseas staff costs had risen from £5,390 before the war to £24,623 and child adoption payments from £87 to £8,570.

Dr. R. G. Cochrane, Belra's medical secretary, said his recent tour of East and Central Africa had proved a great inspiration. If the research unit planned for East Africa was to become a reality, more support was needed, particularly from the Governments.

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## Nature of Mau Mau Oaths Commons Questions and Answers

**QUESTIONS ABOUT MAU MAU OATHS**, were asked in the House of Commons recently.

MR. HOPKINSON (Cons.) asked what recent

had come into possession of the security services as to the wording of the oath, and how far such documents contained directions as to the treatment to be meted out to those Kikuyu and others who might assist the rebels.

MR. LYTTELTON: "At least four forms of categories of Mau Mau oaths have now been uncovered. Apart from the fact nearly all Mau Mau oaths include undertakings to burn houses, to kill and commit or assist in other forms of violence against European and loyal Africans. It is noticeable that as the increasing bestiality of the third and fourth oath-taking ceremonies, the Mau Mau is attempting to drive groups of adherents outside the civilized and tribal pale."

Thirty-nine persons in the Meru district have recently been convicted in cases of oath-taking but of attempting unnatural offences as part of that ceremony. Such practices are held in singular odium by the Kikuyu. The reference to a friend may however, be referring to recently captured orders issued by Mau Mau leaders in Nairobi. I will consult the Governor about their circulation, or extracts from them in the Official Report."

MR. REEDMAN: "Will the Minister consider placing the other documents to which he has referred in the Library? Can he say whether it is part of the policy of Mau Mau to inculcate people in crime?"

### Practices to Inculcate Murder

MR. LYTTELTON: "The only reason which makes me a little hesitant in giving a affirmative answer to the first part of the supplementary question is that these things are of such a foul nature that one hardly likes to put them in the library; nevertheless, I will do so. Regarding the practices of Mau Mau intended to inculcate beyond doubt people in murder."

MR. SCHNEIDER: "Does the Minister feel that he is quite capable of looking at these pictures and hearing these descriptions, but that we are not?"

MR. LYTTELTON: "I do not say anything of the kind. It is an unhappy part of my responsibility as a Minister to have to look at photographs and other abominable matter which I should prefer not to burden other members with unless they feel it is necessary. If they feel that they must have the information, it is open to them. It is not very pleasant, but it is part of my duty to go into these matters."

MISS J. LEWIS (Lab.) asked the Colonial Secretary (1) if she had identified as having raped a maid of nine, Kieno (Ong'endo), Marmara, West, near Thomas & Fairs, on December 27, 1951, had yet been brought to trial, before which court, and with what result; and (2) on what date and in which court, Kieno wa Ikumbi was tried for beating and seriously maiming a woman, who Njoroge, of Escapement, Kiambu district, what was the result of the trial; if he was aware that the father of Kieno wa Ikumbi was beaten trying to defend his daughter; and how many other instances of this kind where members of the police guard had abused their authority had been brought to his notice.

MRS. E. WHITE (Lab.) asked what investigation was made in the cases of Nengi Muthanga and Sulia wa Wanhiru, of which particulars had been sent to him, to which court and particular date these cases were brought and with what result.

A. MRS. B. CASTLE (Lab.) asked the Colonial Secretary whether he had considered the case of Mieri, wife of Mbonyi Gitau, of Kiambu, and her assault by police guards, of which particulars had been sent to him, and what action he proposed to take.

MR. LYTTELTON: "I am asking the Colonial Secretary for records on these cases."

MRS. H. H. H. "Can the Minister assure us now whether there is a general direction in Kenya that Africans are brought into hospital suffering from the effects of personal attacks and violence a report is made to the police with instructions to take appropriate action?"

MR. LYTTELTON: "A circular drawing attention to this general subject has been issued, and I believe would cover the point raised."

MR. FERNHOLD (Lab.) asked the Colonial Secretary if he would give a assurance that members of the security

forces in Kenya will have powers to stop Africans and having the power and authority to shoot Africans if they failed to stop were able to give their commands in language the Africans completely comprehended."

MR. LYTTELTON: "Yes, sir."

MR. H. H. H. "asked the Minister for the East African produced sisal for export in Tanganyika by over 50% in 1952; and what guidance was given by the Agricultural Department Africans to assist them in the growing of this valuable crop."

### Fall in Sisal Production

MR. LYTTELTON: "The fall in production is principally due to the price from a peak of £46 per ton in 1951 to about £20 by the end of 1952. I have no recent information with regard to the second part of the question, but it is generally considered that sisal is better cultivated on a large scale than as a peasant crop."

MR. HYND: "As this is one of the most profitable crops, would the Minister give an assurance that there is no withholding of licences from Africans who wish to cultivate it?"

MR. LYTTELTON: "As far as I know, it is true, of course, that most of the African cultivation is planted in hedges surrounding other crops, and owing to the complicated method concerned in decorative planting present grain is not generally of inferior quality."

MR. OSBOURNE (Lab.): "Is not joining issue with my hon. Friend, Mr. Hynd, will the Minister not agree that it is quite absurd that sisal, which cost £16 per ton before the war, should ever have risen to the fantastically high prices which it achieved a few years ago?"

MR. LYTTELTON: "Would the Minister not add to that little sisal was sold at these high figures, and that very little was sold over £150 a ton, as Mr. Stokes should have known?"

MR. L. HALE (Lab.) asked what official committee were now sitting and functioning with regard to economic and political relations in East Africa, and how many members of such committees were respectively of European, African and Asian origin?

MR. LYTTELTON: "Information on this subject is not complete, I am consulting the Governors of the East African territories and will circulate the reply required, which will be very long, in the Official Report."

MR. H. H. H. "I am obliged to the Minister, but will he really bear in mind that there is a valuable body of Asian opinion representing a moderate influence in Kenya in matters of this kind which could play a very much bigger part, if called upon to do so, than in the case of the moment?"

MR. LYTTELTON: "I asked the Colonial Secretary on what ground. MR. Evans, a London barrister, had been ordered to leave Kenya."

MR. H. H. H. "Mr. Evans has been required to leave Kenya firstly, because he contravened the condition of his visa by practising his profession in Kenya; and, secondly, because he has been deemed an undesirable immigrant."

MR. BROCKWAY: "Is the Minister aware that Mr. Evans was informed yesterday by the immigration authorities that he had been held guilty of this contravention since he was paid no fee for his services, and will the Minister say what are the undesirable things which Mr. Evans has done while he has been in Kenya?"

### Mr. Evans' Activities

MR. HOPKINSON: "Mr. Evans obtained his winter's pass applied to the Chinese Justice for permission to practise, and did not disclose the terms of his entry pass which would entitle him to do so. This was eventually brought to the notice of the Chief Justice, who withdrew Mr. Evans' pass on May 8. That, as far as I know, is the position. As far as the question of his being an undesirable immigrant, there is no doubt that since his arrival in the Colony he has been engaged in activities of a sort which could only be described as subversive."

MR. LYTTELTON: "What are they?"

MR. HOPKINSON: "It is known that he used to go to meetings of members of the CPGB to advise them to strike and have their employment in order, as he put it, to bring the Europeans to their knees. There is no doubt that he has done tremendous harm to our cause and set us back several months."

MR. LYTTELTON: "Is the Minister aware that the only import duty by Mr. Evans applied to his appearance in court, was that he reported incidents in which he thought there had been conduct which was not desirable from some of the members involved in assisting Mau Mau, and which had also been responsible for the responsibility of drivers before and after whom this Mr. Evans was driving, and about picketing the police station, the station having been described as an undesirable immigrant. He is stated to leave the country because he has called attention to racial and other responsible people in Kenya who, responsible members, have also moved."

MR. HOPKINSON: "I am grateful to the hon. Member

for raising that point. There was no connexion whatever between the decision to cancel Mr. Evans's visa, his visit, and his recent report to the Governor of the alleged malpractices of the security forces. The decision to cancel the visa was taken on May 1 by the Governor, before he received Mr. Evans's report and on the advice of the Home Office's investigations officer four days earlier. It was subsequently confirmed by the Executive Council, which includes Asiatic representatives.

MR. VAUGHAN-MORGAN (Conservative) asked how much of the £140m available under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act had been spent and how much was now available for expenditure.

MR. LYTTELTON: "£16,314,632 has been allocated... committed for expenditure of this, £70,804,840 has been spent."

#### High Commission Territories

MRS BROCKWAY (Lab.) asked why additional European district officers were being appointed in Bechuanaland; and under what powers headmen who did not obey requests by the district commissioners to call at their offices were arrested and prosecuted.

MR. FOSTER: There have been no new appointments to the number one European district officers in the Bechuanaland Protectorate. Two European and one African administrative officer were posted last year to the Bamangwato Reserve in addition to those normally stationed there, to assist the district officer in the discharge of the additional responsibilities arising by him while acting as Native authority. These officers were found from within the existing establishment of the Protectorate.

"Under the law of the Bechuanaland Protectorate it is an offence to neglect or refuse to attend a meeting to which a Native authority summoned. Six senior tribemen who did not comply with such directions lawfully issued by the district commissioners to attend meetings in Serowe about normal tribal business were recently convicted under this provision."

MR. LYTTELTON (Lab.) asked what steps were being taken to induce Rhodesia and other Dependencies to maintain forces sufficient to secure internal order.

MR. HOPKINSON: The Government of all these territories fully recognise and accept their responsibilities in this matter, and no special action on my part is necessary. H.M. Governors thereinafter may advise as to the size and organization of the police forces necessary to secure law and order in normal conditions and where necessary they make grants towards the cost of local military forces which have been raised in these territories to provide the backing required in emergency.

MR. LYTTELTON: Is it not a fact that many of these Colonies have not got such forces at all, and that we had an instance recently when British troops had to be sent to restore law and order? Is it not necessary that each of these Colonies should have means at hand small forces for emergency?

MR. LYTTELTON: This is rather a wide question. There are a certain number of smaller Colonies which do not maintain police forces, and there, I agree with the hon. member,

#### Arrest of Trade Union Officials

MRS BROCKWAY (Lab.) asked on what grounds Mr. Marah, president of the Federation of Registered Trade Unions, Mr. Niyamu Marah, general secretary of Transport and Allied Workers' Union, Mr. James Wainaina, treasurer of the Transport and Allied Workers' Union, and Mr. Kipkemboi Jutima, general secretary of the Domestic and Hotel Workers' Union, had been arrested in Kenya.

MR. HOPKINSON: Mr. Marah has been detained as one of the chief members of the K.K.W. or 'Council of Freedom,' the contrivance organization for the direction of Mau Mau. The others have been arrested as members of the K.K.W. sub-committee which was responsible for the formation of workers' organizations by the movement.

MR. G. KING (Lab.) asked the Colonial Secretary whether he was aware that on May 4, 1953, one Chege wa Karanja was arrested and detained in custody overnight; that the next day he was seen by a number of witnesses still in custody, at the Gachingos eating house and that at about 4 p.m. on that day his body was found 10 yards from the Ngong Kabete road; and whether he would cause an inquiry as to how this man died.

MR. HOPKINSON: He was aware that authenticated statements allegedly made by persons at the shooting of one Chege wa Karanja or in the vicinity thereof had been handed to the Kenya police and copies sent to the Governor of Kenya; that these statements alleged that Chege, while in custody, was shot by a European officer; and whether, in these circumstances, he would order a full inquiry into the allegations.

MR. KING: He was aware that, on May 8, 1953, Mr. Peter Evans, who was on May 8 declared a prohibited immigrant in Kenya, arranged for there to be interviewed by the Kenya police witnesses who desired to make statements in respect that appropriate charges should be preferred against persons

allegedly responsible for the death in custody of Chege wa Karanja and one Chege wa Karanbie; and whether, in these circumstances, he would now make representations to the Government of Kenya urging them to allow Mr. Evans to return in order to assist in the investigations of those deaths.

MR. HOPKINSON: On May 11 the Secretary of State received from the Governor copies of the documents sent to him by Mr. Evans about the deaths of these persons, and was assured that the allegations would be fully investigated. Until the inquiry is complete I am unable to make any statement on the cause of their deaths. As I informed the House on the order of Mr. Evans to leave Kenya was in no way connected with this matter. Although the decision to cancel his passport was not taken until May 11, the Governor, in his report on April 10, that Mr. Evans was going to be asked to leave the Colony within a stipulated period. That is, at least a week before these particular incidents are alleged to have occurred. I am satisfied that they will be fully investigated and I do not propose to make representations to the Government of Kenya that Mr. Evans should be allowed to return to Kenya to assist in the investigations.

#### C.D.C. Report

MR. J. JOHNSON (Lab.) asked the Colonial Secretary if his attention has been called to paragraph 7(4) of the annual report of the Colonial Development Corporation regarding the future of the corporation, and what steps he was taking in this matter.

MR. HOPKINSON: My attention has been called to the passage in question in the corporation's report for 1952. No specific reply has been made to the suggestion in paragraph 7(4), but two elections at once arise; first, whether such a procedure would be compatible with the provisions of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948; and secondly, whether schemes of the kind referred to are not better financed from other sources.

MR. J. DUDSBURY and MR. A. IRVINE (Lab.) asked the Colonial Secretary his reasons for dispensing with the services of Professor Arthur Lewis as a member of the board of the Colonial Development Corporation.

MR. HOPKINSON: It is quite wrong to speak of dispensing with Professor Lewis's services. The appointment which was offered, and which he accepted, was for two years, which expired on April 30, 1953.



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## East African Section Meeting Chairman on Norton Report.

THE NORTON REPORT on East African harbours and transport facilities was on the agenda of the East African Section of the London Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting.

No discussion of the subject took place, though the chairman, Mr. D. L. Petitpierre made the following comments:

"The committee feel that the purpose of the Section should not be to enter into or prolong the difference of opinion which clearly exists in East Africa as to what has or has not been done, and what should or should not have been done in regard to railway and port development. We certainly do not wish to exacerbate the situation."

"The committee feel that as commercial men we should devote all our efforts to ensure that everything possible is done now to improve transportation in all its aspects in East Africa, and thus get rid at the very earliest moment of the awful bottleneck which impedes the free flow of trade."

### Failure of the Justification, A.R. & H.

"We must therefore ensure that action is taken not only in all quarters, direct and not official, to see that the harbour and railway facilities are developed and maintained as to be able to keep pace with the territories' economic development. The Railways and Transport Administration already have in hand a number of development projects, and it is indeed unfortunate that the Norton Committee did not clearly pay tribute in their report to the work already being done by that administration."

"Your committee feel that, whatever criticisms may be levelled at the work of the Norton Committee, the result of the report's wise and useful purpose will be seen in the picture of a tota of everything which has to be done to make Mombasa capable of meeting the present and future demands of the developing economy. They see in it a document which should form the basis on which all men of good will can get together and implement the necessary development."

"It has given us in London a clearer conception of the objectives and of the finances required, and will enable us to go to work, where necessary, on our own Government. I have particularly in mind the question of finance, for it is, I know, the feeling of the committee that the full development plans of Mombasa and inland transport are so vast that special financing arrangements may very well have to be made. It is certainly one which we feel should be discussed at our next liaison committee meeting with the Colonial Office."

### Shipments to Mombasa

The chairman reported that shipments of general cargo to Mombasa in February and March were 22,186 and 24,390 tons respectively, and to Dar es Salaam 5,570 and 7,992 tons, and that the position of the general cargo register in the U.K. was as follows: March 15, for Mombasa, 168,590 tons; for Dar es Salaam, 1,800 tons; April 30, Mombasa, 194,000 tons; Dar es Salaam, 2,150 tons.

Mr. Petitpierre commented that it was most disappointing that, so far as general cargo imports through Mombasa were concerned, there was still no real improvement in the amount of cargo which the Phasing Committee considered the port could handle. No backlog was abroad at Mombasa, but that committee could, nevertheless, accept only 40,000 tons of general cargo a month; so instead of the expected improvement there appeared to have been a deterioration.

"We cannot delude ourselves if we imagined that there will be any spectacular increase during this year. There is little prospect of improvement until much of the railway equipment now on order is received, and that will not be until next year."

Mr. J. G. Newnes, East African Commissioner in London, who recently returned from a visit to the territories, said that a great deal more investment was necessary there, together with social services. "I was much impressed by the tremendous tempo of development at Mombasa and Dar es Salaam. The pace at Mombasa in particular is tremendous, although the people concerned are up against very serious difficulties. There are bottlenecks outside as well as inside the territories."

## Desert Locust Situation Summary

### East Africa and Somaliland

THE DESERT LOCUST RESEARCH CENTRE in London have in their last report:

"In the north-east of the Somalia Protectorate there were several reports of immature swarms in Erigavo area, and in Dolo Omo, hatching and a mature swarm were recorded near Burao and to south east of Ainsab. During the last days of April laying swarms were reported near the western border in Abub Kadr and Bawn areas and hatching began in Abub Kadr area on May 5."

In eastern Ethiopia there were reports of maturing and mature swarms in eastern Arussi Province, Haran, and railway stations close to the Somaliland Protectorate border. Immature swarms were reported in north-eastern Ogaden. In early May there was extensive laying between Jigiga and Gabredit, and new deposits were reported in south-eastern Ogaden. In northern Ethiopia there were unconfirmed reports of immature swarms near the foot of the escarpment to the east of Makalle and Adigrat.

"In Somalia on May 14 heavy hatchings were reported in north Mijertein."

"Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Eritrea, and the Sudan were free."

### Sir Godfrey Huggins

HOMMAGES to Sir Godfrey Huggins, Southern Rhodesia's Prime Minister, were paid when the Colony's Parliament ended its session last week-end. Although a short sitting in September will consider supplementary estimates, this is the last Legislative Council meeting under the existing constitution. Mr. R. G. Stockill, Leader of the Opposition, stressed that Sir Godfrey had sat in the Parliament since its inception 20 years ago. The record of continuous service as a Prime Minister—Sir Robert Walpole's 20 years, 326 days—may be surpassed by Sir Godfrey if he is able to include service as Prime Minister of the new Federation.

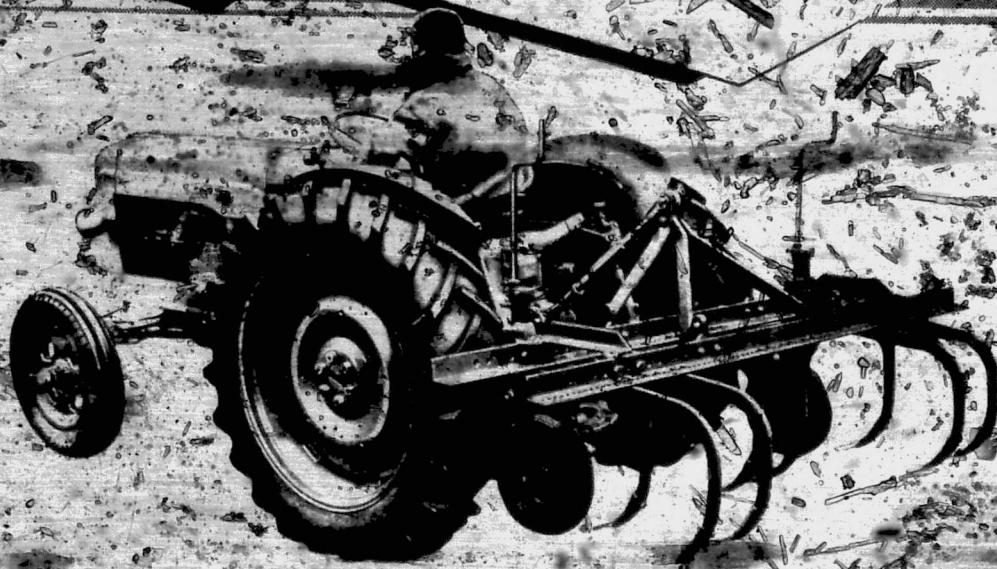
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*Letters to the Editor*

## Inciting Africans to Disorder Professor Debenham's Experiences.

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA.

SIR.—Having just spent several months in each of the East and Central African territories, I have no hesitation in declaring that the most discontented and free Africans whom I have met are those of Southern Rhodesia.

Four years ago I should have said that the Africans of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland were also entirely free from bitterness and discontent. I cannot say now, but it is noteworthy that their changed feelings are due, in the main, to promptings from outside the country. It has, unfortunately, become people's business to sow unrest, in some cases with the best of motives, perhaps, in others from a hope of personal gain.

In the remote villages where the majority live, this prompting to resist, and to distrust, having a most unhappy effect, as instanced by an incident in Lusaka. A former driver of mine came to me and said, "Oh, bwana, could you write for us to the Queen and ask her to give us this federation quickly?" Knowing that he could hardly have been prompted by federation, I cross-examined him, to find that he was, as being pressed to pay "many shillings" to rulers from other parts to do something which the villagers did not understand, but which obviously led to fine clothes for those who took the shillings. They would, in fact, trust "the Queen" to do the right thing, but they would like it done soon.

I fear that it is too much to expect that the generally expressed opinion of Southern Rhodesia will have any influence on such trouble-makers. They are the kind of people who would affirm that if the Southern Rhodesian Africans are as contented as I say they are, then something is very wrong indeed; they ought not to be contented.

As a result of the referendum, they are all the more likely to concentrate on the Africans of the two other territories who have no vote, but who can be organised and prompted from outside to cause further unrest and unhappiness amongst their own people.

Some of these organisers have at least visited the countries concerned, though a leading figure has not been there since his early teens. But a large majority do not know the territories at all, and are up to misinterpret statements and invent conundrums from their very ignorance. Is it too much to appeal to these real outsiders to leave things to the people themselves, to the administrators whose only care is the welfare of the African, to the settlers and mining people whose work has advanced the standard of living of the African beyond belief, and to the general common sense of all whites, who after all are their cousins and surely cannot have become inhuman just because they were pioneers in a far country?

One word about a phrase which frequently occurs in speeches and in the Press, that the majority of the Africans oppose federation. This is true, but its meaning is constantly perverted. The African is opposed to any change which he does not understand, as indeed would we in a similar case. So there is a long list of changes even in a brief 50 years to which the African has been opposed: he opposed the handing over of his protection from the British South Africa Company to the Home Government.

He opposed many measures designed for his own medical protection, malaria control and so on. When I first visited Northern Rhodesia there was a campaign for insisting on latrines being dug in all villages, the opposition was intense, much more so than against this matter of federation, but now that the reason for the

change has become more clear and the benefits obvious the African realises it.

It is hard enough for the white men who live in the country to interpret the mind of the African on things which he does not understand. How much more difficult is it for people who live in England to assess the real meaning of this "opposed and federated"?

Good intentions may be at the heart of this interference in African affairs by many bodies of people in England, but they have paved an uneasy road already in the wrong direction, and it is time that it ceased. So far the unrest due to prompting from outside sources has injured only the African, but when suggestion approaches incitement to disorder the European will also be in danger, and distrust will be sown for years to come, a sorry gift indeed from the Homeland.

Yours faithfully,

*South of Sudan.*

FRANK DEBENHAM.

## Vicarious Colony Feudism

### Cape from S. Rhodesia

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA.

SIR.—You recently quoted a letter from Mr. T. J. Needham, of Marandella, about "the unwisdom of allowing the Colonial Office to legislate for conditions they do not understand." That applies to the Migrant Labour Acts of the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland forced upon Southern Rhodesia by the Colonial Office. I can give an example worse than that mentioned by Mr. Needham.

I have in my employment a Northern Rhodesian native who has been with me for 26 years. He married a Southern Rhodesian woman and has reared a family. No member of the family has ever been in Northern Rhodesia nor has he since entering my employment.

This son, on applying for a registration certificate, was granted one as an alien Native on the basis of his father's nationality. It was required to "return" to Northern Rhodesia after two years (*i.e.*, a country he had never seen), to remit thereto 5s. a month from his wages as interim pay, and even to remit a further £5 annually as family allowance. As he had no known relatives in Northern Rhodesia, this sum was to be returned to him on his forced visit to a country in which he would be an absolute stranger.

After much correspondence and months of delay, and through the good offices of friends in the Native Department, I got this matter rectified by his acceptance as a Southern Rhodesian by the department. If he had had nobody to take up his case he would have transferred his services to the Church Mission Service under the more benevolent rule of Dr. Malan, or else, what many Nyasaland natives do, gained a freedom denied to him as a British protected person by becoming a national of Portuguese East Africa.

Yours faithfully,  
*Southern Rhodesia.* G. N. STURGEON.

## Uganda Diocesan Association

BISHOP STUART, who recently retired from the diocese of Uganda, attended the annual reunion in London of the Uganda Diocesan Association that under recent constitutional developments in Uganda departmental services were now under African control, and local government was giving the Baganda opportunities to show a sense of responsibility. The Church, which was also largely Africanized, was strong in numbers and in faith. Mrs. Stuart referred to three influences which had affected the pattern of Christian development—Gayaza High School, at which African women are trained in the Girl Guide movement, and, most clearly of all, the family life of successive generations of Christians.



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## Imperial Chemical Industries Report Unilever, Limited, and

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD., a company with large interests in East and Central Africa including ownership of the Magadi Soda Works, Ltd., after providing £4,816,788 for taxation, earned a consolidated income of £13,498,900 in the calendar year 1952, compared with £20,382,458 for the previous year. Capital reserve receives £5m. and revenue reserves £2.7m. Interest on the preference shares requires £864,556, and dividends calling £13,250,000 on the ordinary shares require £1,726,000, leaving £7,730,000 to be carried forward, against £4,262,188 brought forward.

The issued capital of the parent company consists of £24,027,691 in 5% cumulative preference shares and £10,651,162 in ordinary stock. Capital reserves stand at £37,251,993, revenue reserves at £36,440,207, reserve for future taxation of £20,067,000, unsecured loans at £20,407,811, and current liabilities at £46,464,548. Fixed assets are valued at £21,581,693, intangible assets at £15,066,563, interests in subsidiary and associated companies at £29,526,967, shares and debentures in associated companies at £1,900,674 and current assets at £84,885,000, including cash.

African Explosives and Chemicals Industries (East Africa), Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Kenya African Explosives and Chemicals Industries, Ltd., increased its sales. The factory of the Magadi Soda Works, Ltd., which works a natural soda deposit at Lake Magadi, is outside the area of political disturbance.

The directors of the parent company are Messrs. J. Rogers (chairman), S. E. Chambers, A. Fleck and A. Letting (deputy chairman), P. G. Allen, J. L. Armstrong, R. A. Banks, E. A. Bingley, D. Field, F. G. G. Gurney, R. Pritchard, D. J. Roberts, R. S. Stansfield, W. J. Taylor, R. F. Todhunter, W. L. Worboys, A. T. S. Whaley, Sir Wallace Akers, Sir Ewart Smith, Lord Gleneghine, Viscount Waverley, and Viscount Weir. The secretary is Mr. P. A. Lynex.

The 26th annual general meeting will be held in London on June 18.

## DWA Plantations

DWA PLANTATIONS LTD., a company growing sisal in Kenya, earned a profit of £33,085 in the calendar year 1952, compared with £5,011 in the previous year. To last year's profit must be added £7,900 for adjustment of taxation from previous years. Taxation absorbs £11,000, general reserve receives £10,000, interest on the preference shares required £1,729, a 5% dividend on the ordinary shares £6,105, and participation dividend of 4% on the preference shares leaves all less tax, leaving £10,054 to be carried forward, against £6,076 brought in.

The issued capital consists of £54,800 in 5% cumulative participating preference shares of 10m. and £44,398 in ordinary shares of 2m. Revenue received appear at £99,280, reserve for future taxation at £48,308, provision for pensions at £10,800, loan at £6,883, deferred liabilities at £6,317, and current liabilities at £58,784. Fixed assets are valued at £24,590 and current assets at £84,931, including £54,817 in cash.

The output of fibre during the year was 1,010 tons, and for the first four months of this year 370 tons. The company owns 1,000 acres of freehold land, 2,037 acres on leasehold. On March 31 last the planted areas included 4,510 acres mature and 2,567 acres of immature sisal.

The directors are Messrs. S. R. Hogg (chairman), F. Bonwick, R. A. Collet, and W. H. Gately (managing director), and the secretaries are Messrs. Hogg, Pittman and Co.

The 32nd annual general meeting will be held in London on June 16.

## Challenge to Kenya

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT and the Kenyan Administration succeed not merely in ending the emergency but in binding more closely the loyal Africans, the Europeans, and the Asians, they will have achieved something which may have an incalculable effect on race relations and on African development throughout the continent. I have seen British administration at work in many parts of Africa and I have seen African communities under British rule at many different stages of advancement. I am certain that these communities have benefited from the systematic gradual advance towards self-rule, and this gradual evolution to democratic societies is the only hope for Africa in Kenya. If the Kenyan communities rise above the influence of the destructive elements within them, they and their British fellow-citizens of Kenya may well set an example to all Africa." —Mr. Colin Wilton.

UNILEVER LTD. and UNILEVER N.V., after providing £22,180,000 for taxation, announce a consolidated net profit of £21,026,000, in the calendar year 1952, compared with £18,838,000 in the previous year. Last year Unilever, Ltd., contributed £13,843,000 and Unilever N.V. £7,713,000. Preferential dividends for the parent companies are tax-free, require £2,47,000 and ordinary and deferred dividends of the parent companies £632,000. Of the £13,987,000 profit obtained, general reserves receive £2,276,000, profits of £1,000,000 are carried forward by parent companies, and £10,668,000 is retained by subsidiaries. The total capital employed is £377,872,000.

The report states that political disturbances in Kenya had no noticeable effect on the business over the last two-thirds of the year, and that total sales for 1952 were higher than for the previous year. Net profits were maintained in spite of a fall in product margins and a rise in expenses.

The company's produce business in East Africa is developing well on a broader basis, hides and skins have for long been an important element in the business, but recently purchases of castor seed, sunflower seed, cotton seed and coffee have been gaining importance. In 1952 the volume of produce purchases increased, trading profits rose, and owing to the larger size of production, costs improved.

The United African Co. Ltd. added 20% to the turnover compared with 18% in the previous year.

The directors of Unilever, Ltd., are Sir George Heyworth (chairman), Sir Herbert Davis and Mr. Paul Rivers (vice-chairmen), Messrs. M. G. De Baat, James P. Van Den Berg, S. J. Van Den Berg, C. H. Clarke, G. J. Cole, W. A. Faure, J. H. Hansatz, H. Hartog, J. J. Heyworth, R. H. Heyworth, R. E. Hulham, R. G. Jurgens, A. M. Mattox, F. D. Morrell, P. Samuels, A. E. J. Simon Thomas, A. H. Smith and F. J. Tempel. Messrs. H. Ballantyne and L. V. Fildes, the baroness of Chirkrooke and Viscount Leverhulme are advisory directors, and the secretary is Mr. H. Saunders.

The annual general meeting of Unilever, Ltd., will be held in London on June 10.

## De Beers Industrial Corporation

DE BEERS INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION LTD., a concern with interests in East and Central Africa, earned a profit of £742,158 in 1952. A sum of £20,200 is provided for taxation, £5,000 for general reserve, the preference shares stand a dividend of 25 per cent, and the ordinary shares require a dividend of £148,851 to be carried forward, against £381,893 brought in.

The issued capital consists of £1m. in 5% cumulative preference shares and £5m. in ordinary shares, both of £1. Share premium account stands at £850,000. Loan from an associated company at £846,616, holding company and fellow subsidiary £2,399,660, and current liabilities at £504,051. Investments are valued at £10,524,445, loans with interest at £179,192, and current assets at £469,533.

The corporation has a 50% interest in the share capital of African Explosives and Chemical Industries, Ltd., which has financial interests in African Explosives and Chemical Industries (Rhodesia) and (East Africa), Ltd. During the year work was continuing on the new Kimberley factory of the East African subsidiary for the production of detergents, soaps, cements, fertilizers, disinfectants, etc.

The directors are Sir Ernest Oppenheimer (chairman), alternate Mr. D. McHardy, and Messrs. P. M. Anderson (alternate), Y. P. Stratton, E. H. Farre, S. R. Fleischer (alternate), P. S. Hammond, R. B. Hagar (alternate), C. H. Beck, G. J. Nel, W. H. A. Lawrence (alternate), F. H. Anderson, H. E. Oppenheimer (alternate), H. H. Taylor, and K. Richardson (alternate), F. H. P. Roome. The London committee consists of Messrs. W. E. Gross (alternate), R. V. Pritchard, and A. C. Wilson (alternate), C. Squire.

The ninth annual general meeting will be held in Kimberley on June 10.

## Robey and Company

MESSRS. ROBEY AND CO. LTD., after providing £17,000 for taxation, earned a net profit of £34,571 in the calendar year 1952, compared with £30,507 in the previous year. Preference dividends of 5% require £1,584, and 22% on the ordinary shares £10,252, leaving £37,505 to be carried forward, against £37,722 brought forward. Fixed assets are valued at £206,239 and current assets at £496,275, against current liabilities of £231,664.

The directors are Messrs. W. T. Bell (chairman), F. W. Bell, E. C. Dunkerton, G. W. G. Mould, F. B. Perry, and S. S. Semphill. The secretary is Mr. A. A. Scudmore. The 55th annual general meeting was held in Lincoln on May 22.



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## NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF *of Commercial Concern*

The Italian Trusteeship Administration in Somalia has appointed the first Somali assistant district commissioner.

From June 30 to July 4 there will be a conference in Entebbe of Directors of Medical Services from the East and Central African Dependencies.

The Government of the Seychelles has issued a scheme by which portions of Government estates may be leased as 10-acre farms to approved tenants.

Mr. Peter Evans, who recently appealed against an expulsion order issued by the Government of Tanganyika, has been ordered to leave the Territory as soon as possible.

A party of 135 Ethiopians, Ghanuz under their sheikh recently crossed the Fung frontier into Sudan, after a difference with the Ethiopian authorities about payment of taxes.

Mr. Frederick Crawford, Governor of the Seychelles, said in Mombasa a few days ago that a new amphibious air service between Kenya and the Seychelles would soon be started.

### King George VI Memorials

Uganda's national sports association, the late King George VI is to take the form of playing fields at district headquarters throughout the country and the improvement of existing sports grounds.

The Royal Commission on Land and Population in East Africa will accept relevant memoranda from the public until the end of June only. Communications should be sent to the Colonial Office.

A 30-foot launch, MARY JANE, was found 800 miles from the African coast by an Italian tanker with only two survivors of the 10 persons aboard when the vessel left the Seychelles. She has been drifting for 72 days.

When Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret are in Rhodesia next month, they will travel in coaches of the Royal train which they used during their visit of 1947 to South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. Charles E. Collier, a former Acting Attorney-General in the Seychelles, who was convicted on two charges of income tax evasion and sentenced to a fine of Rs. 6,000 or six months' imprisonment on each count, was released after 13 days on payment of the first instalment of the fine.

Local courts in Tanganyika (previously known as Native courts) numbered 786 in 1952 and tried 120,237 cases (65,293 criminal and 54,944 civil). In the criminal cases 91,489 persons were convicted. Convictions per 1,000 inhabitants ranged from 3.7 in the Masai country to 43.5 on Mafia Island.

Mr. R. L. Wills, chairman of the National General Export Merchants' Group of the Chambers of Commerce of London, Liverpool, Birmingham, and Glasgow, said at the annual meeting last Thursday that foreign competitors, many of them still unhampered by Government programmes, were fighting harder than ever for the markets to which the United Kingdom exported her manufactures. There must therefore be a tightening up at all levels, most of all psychologically, that being of prime importance when competitors were going flat out at business.

Northern Rhodesia's external trade last year reached a total of £14,990,212 compared with £10,722,907 in 1951. Exports jumped to £8,172,814 from £6,294,944, and imports were up from £5,377,063 to £5,760,398. The total value of the external trade has thus more than doubled in three years, the 1948 total being £5,547,994. Copper accounted for about 90% of last year's exports.

Tobacco from Northern Rhodesia's Eastern Province is this year being sold at the Salisbury auctions for the first time, but a spokesman last week-end described the prices realized as "very unsatisfactory." The average price was, he said, about 15d. a lb. less than that for Southern Rhodesian leaf, and in some cases less than 1d. a lb. for that from the Northern Rhodesian leaf of all farms.

### German Africa

The German Africa Line has resumed its service to East Africa with the sailings from Hamburg of the freighter KAMERUN for ports between Port Sudan and Beira. There are to be monthly sailings, maintained by vessels of between 6,500 and 8,600 tons, with speeds of 14 to 15 knots and accommodation for 12 passengers.

At last week's auctions in London 6,378 packages of African tea were sold for an average price of 3s. 3d./d. per lb., compared with 7,040 packages at 3s. 3d./d. per lb. in the previous week. The highest price reached was 3s. 6d./d. per lb. for two lots from Nyasaland.

The claims of Livingstone as capital of the Central African Federation have been urged by Mr. H. J. Millar.

### Dividends

Clan Line Steamers, Ltd.—Final 15%, less tax, on the double capital, making, with the interim of 10% already paid, a dividend for the year equal to 20%, less tax, on the increased capital, against an equivalent of 17½% less tax, for the previous year. Group net profit was £3,175,000 (£2,331,000) and taxation £1,888,000 (£1,442,000).

W. J. Bush and Co., Ltd.—Final 8% (7½%) on the ordinary and A ordinary, making 10% for the year.

Pest Control, Ltd.—Nil (the same). Consolidated trading profit £337,353 (£282,100).

Harland & Wolff, Ltd.—7% (the same).

### R.I.S.C.O.M.

A PROFIT of £189,456 was made in 1952 by the Rhodesian Iron and Steel Commission, before charging interest payable to the Government. In 1951 there was a loss of £19,771. Iron ore mined in 1952 totalled 18,744 tons (161,608), and limestone 80,909 (76,951). Pig iron production was 43,219 tons; an average daily output of 148 tons compared with 97 tons in 1951. Pursuing its policy of increasing production to reduce costs, the commission has prepared a modified scheme which includes construction of a second blast furnace and of an open hearth furnace. It should result in finished steel output of 65,000 tons annually.

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Mining**Rhodesia Broken Hill Development**

THE RHODESIA BROKEN HILL DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD., after providing £96,062 for taxation, earned a profit of £1,791,364 in the calendar year 1952, compared with £3,609,436 in the previous year. Capital reserve receives £500,000, and dividends totalling 7s per share less tax, require £1,300,000, leaving £377,309 to be carried forward against £386,345 brought in.

The issued capital is £1,000,000, rock and mineral reserves stand at £2,000,000, revenue reserves at £877,709, and current liabilities at £1,316,672. Fixed assets are valued at £6,176,219, and current assets at £3,525,394.

Production for the year was 25,890 long tons of zinc, 12,600 tons of lead, and 83 tons of fused vanadic oxide, compared with 22,590, 13,70, and 167 tons respectively in 1951.

The directors are Sir Ernest Oppenheimer (chairman), Messrs. J. O. Beckingham, W. Marshall Clark, H. F. Oppenheimer (alternate), J. M. F. Phillipine, and Colonel Sir T. Lewis Robins. The secretary is Mr. S. W. Bull.

The 43rd annual general meeting will be held at Bulawayo on June 12. Extracts from the chairman's address appear on another page.

**Southern Van Rijn Reef**

SOUTHERN VAN RIJN REEF GOLD MINING CO., LTD., a company with a 5% interest in Hippo Tungsten Ltd., which has claims in the Sabi Valley in Southern Rhodesia, had an excess of £18,851 in expenditure over revenue in 1952, compared with £3,088 in the previous year. A balance of £1,186 is carried forward, amounting to £1,238 brought in.

The issued capital is £40,000 in shares of 4s. Revenue reserves stand at £1,344, and current liabilities at £17,922. Quoted investment appears at £323,218 (market value £131,187), unquoted shares at £58,233, mineral rights, etc. at £2,358, and current assets at £1,657, including £282 in cash.

The directors are Messrs. J. Scott (chairman), J. C. McIntyre, G. W. Roper, H. N. Hart, R. J. Sater, General Sir Pierre van Eyk, and Major-General Sir Francis de Quingand. Messrs. C. P. Linsell, A. H. Johnstone, E. A. Wakely-Smith, A. D. Williams, J. S. Hallamore, and Major-General H. S. Wakefield.

The 37th annual general meeting will be held in Johannesburg on June 4.

**New Saze Mines Report**

NEW SAZE MINES, LTD., after providing £8,000 for taxation, earned a net profit of £33,041 in the year ended September 30 last. The directors recommend that this balance be carried forward to the next account. The issued capital is £75,000 in shares of 2s. od. Reserve for amortization stands at £240,937, sundry creditors at £23,730, and surplus account at £98,031. Mining properties, buildings, plant, etc. are valued at £229,730. Expenditure at Safari mine at £22,266, stores and equipment at £11,776, bullion in transit at £31,081, and cash reserves at £11,900. During the year 72,978 (99,952) tons of ore were treated for an average cost of 47.44s (£43.74s) per ton. Ore received for treatment at 215,329 tons averaging 450 dwt. The directors are Messrs. J. Fraser Brown (chairman), J. H. Sampson, A. D. Goodliffe, W. I. Smith (alternate, A. D. Goodliffe), and Lieut.-Colonel F. G. C. Stratton (alternate, J. H. Sampson). The 15th annual general meeting will be held in Chunya, Tanganyika, on June 12.

**Bushtick Liquidation**

THAT BUSHTICK MINES, LTD., should not be liquidated but should acquire new interests under a new board has been urged in a circular sent by Mr. A. R. Barber to shareholders and to existing shareholders to support the proposal. It is dated one May 29 in Bulawayo, when the resolution proposal will be submitted.

**Company Progress Report**

**Palcom**—In the March quarter 3,406 oz. gold were recovered at the Dalby mine from 36,000 tons of ore treated, for a working profile of 16.613. The corresponding figures for the Sunray mine were 1,812 oz., 9,300 tons, and 25.056; and for the Bay Horse mine 640 oz., 2,600 tons, and 11.527.

**Rhodesian Selection Trust**

THE HEADQUARTERS of the Rhodesian Selection Trust group will be transferred from London to Lusaka on July 1, when the chairman, Mr. J. J. Prain, and several of his colleagues on the board will take up permanent residence in Northern Rhodesia.

**Mining Dividend**

WOLLOUGHBY'S CONSONANT CO., LTD.—6s. (the same) for 1952. Profit after tax of £2,334 was £22,344 (£22,946).



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Company Report**The Rhodesia Broken Hill Development Company, Limited****Sir Ernest Oppenheimer on the Year's Results**

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RHODESIA BROKEN HILL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED, will be held on June 12 in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

The following is an extract from the statement by the chairman, SIR ERNEST OPPENHEIMER, dated April 25, circulated with the annual report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1952:

"... It is clear that the results will reflect the general trend of the year 1951. I emphasized that the results of that year's operations, which established new records, were not likely to be repeated in 1952. This has proved to be the case as the operating result for last year, at £2,800,000, was approximately half that earned in the previous year."

This increase is due to the fall in selling prices of metals produced. Production and costs were satisfactory throughout the year. The net profit after taxation amounted to £1,000,000, of which £600,000 has been appropriated to capital reserve.

**Financial Policy**

This appropriation is made in pursuance of the board's policy to finance capital commitments primarily out of profits. The £600,000 is intended firstly to provide funds for the enhanced cost of the new lead plant and, secondly, will be utilized for further capital expenditure to be incurred in the current year.

In addition to the proved ore reserves at December 31, 1952, it is estimated that 290,000 short tons of recoverable sulphide ore and 160,000 short tons of recoverable oxide ore have been indicated below the level in No. 5-6 orebody; the previous figure was 238,000 short tons and related only to sulphide ore.

**Basic Wages Raised**

A strike took place on the Copperbelt in October-November, 1952, in support of a demand by the Northern Rhodesia African Mineworkers' Union for an increase in wages of 2s. 8d. per shift, or 80s. per ticket, of 30 shifts. This strike did not extend to Broken Hill, but since the company's policy is to pay its African employees the same basic wages as those on the Copperbelt, they have received the benefit of pay increases ranging from 35s. to 50s. per ticket awarded at the arbitration proceedings which followed the strike, and additionally they now get extra pay for Sunday work and for afternoon and night shifts.

**Rhango Group Bill**

An extraordinary general meeting was held on January 28, 1953, to approve the presentation to the United Kingdom Parliament of the Rhango Group Bill, which may well be enacted by the time this statement is in the members' hands. If the Bill is passed this company, together with Rhodesian Anglo American Limited, and its allied copper companies, will become re-incorporated in Northern Rhodesia, thus finalizing the move from the United Kingdom which took place at the end of 1950. It is expected that re-registration will be effected early in 1954. Thereupon the company's principal share register will be maintained at Kitwe, but the company proposes, for the convenience of members, to set up branch registers in London and Johannesburg in substitution for the principal and branch registers now maintained there.

In conclusion, I consider that the past year's results have been satisfactory and regard the company's future prospects with confidence."

**Standard Bank Commercial Report****Kenya Ruins Disappointing**

THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA write in a commercial report on conditions in East Africa:

**Kenya Colony** — "There is little change to report in bazaar conditions, the reluctance of up-country traders to carry stocks being prominent. Money remains very tight, with a consequent dullness reflected in the local stock and share market. Most country report, however, that commitments are being regularly met, and there appears to be sufficient ready-cash available to take up stocks of short-sight goods."

"The rains, normal at this season, have not been forthcoming, and the few showers reported from most districts have done little to relieve a situation that is daily becoming more serious. Ploughing has been held up in some areas, and stock farmers throughout the country are continuing to suffer from decreased milk yields through lack of suitable pasture. In view of the poor harvest arrangements are in hand for the import of grain from overseas to guard against the necessity for famine relief."

The coffee crop, which had suffered a further reduction is a feature, partly due to the limited supplies on hand.

**Uganda** — "Bazaar trade is normal, but a slight slackening of business in some lines is noticeable with the end of the cotton buying season. Stock helds are adequate for present requirements. Building activity continues, although no new large constructional ventures are reported."

Picking of the cotton crop has now practically finished, and of the total estimated yield of 220,000 bales some 300,000 bales have already been sold by auction.

"Rain has fallen in most districts recently, and the planting of food crops has begun."

**Tanganyika** — "A slight increase in activity in the bazaar is noted in certain quarters, but on the whole business remains dull. A shortage of ready money is apparent, but credit facilities are being met without difficulty."

All areas report rain, but it is feared that it has come too late to avert serious food shortages throughout the Territory. Late planting of crops is, however, being encouraged."

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