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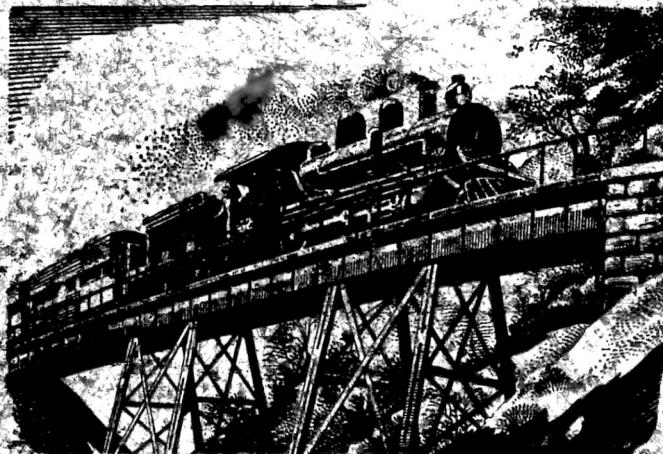
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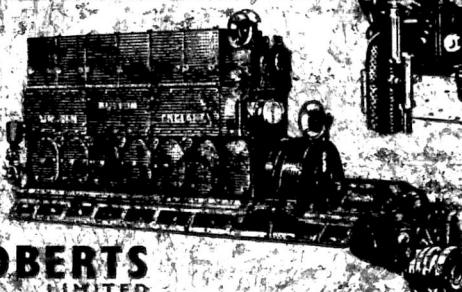
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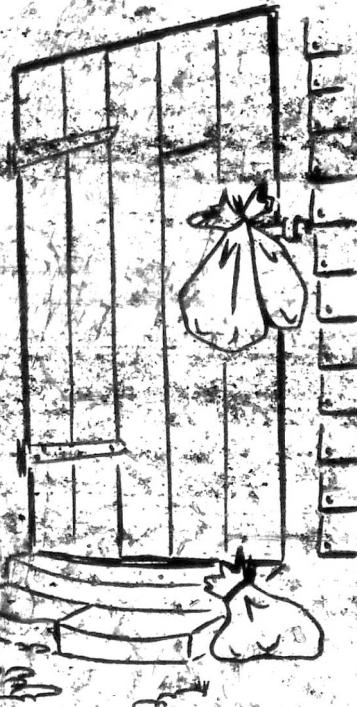
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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

**WHICH GOOD SENSE** was talked in the House of Commons just before the Christmas recess in a two-hour debate on colonial affairs, chiefly those of Kenya. Unfortunately, it was to an almost empty Chamber. **About Kenya.** which half-way through the discussion contained no more than fourteen members — Mr. Lennox Boyd, Mr. Walter Elliot, Mr. Alport, and Mr. Eric Davies on the Conservative benches, and Mrs. Eunice White and Messrs. James Griffiths, Gresham Jones, Brockway, Bottomley, Hudson, Johnson, Marquand, Skelton, and John Taylor on the Socialist benches. Thus again did members show scant courtesy and lack of interest in matters which are of the highest importance to the United Kingdom. Dozens of the absences pontificate on Colonial subjects at every opportunity, and usually from very inadequate knowledge, to which they apparently thought that attendance that afternoon would add nothing. They would, it is true, have heard no novel facts, but not often are so many interesting and practical proposals about a Colony made in the House in so short a time. Mr. Fenner Brockway, who opened the debate, may never have been more moderate. Mr. Walter Elliot, who is always thoughtful, made two attractive proposals — that a multi-racial delegation from the Legislative Council of Kenya should come to London and that a team of at least a dozen young Europeans, Africans, Asians, and Arabs from Kenya, to be known as "Queen's scholars," should study together at a university or technical institution in Great Britain at the expense of H.M. Government. Mr. Charles Hobson suggested that a high police officer from Great Britain should succeed Colonel Young as commissioner in Kenya, where police discipline was, he emphasized, seriously unsatisfactory.

The most courageous statement must have been Mr. Alport's assertion that "the idea of

the White Highlands is a political and economic anachronism today, and tomorrow will very likely be a positive evil."

**White Highlands** — the inability of the European community. He suggested that the Government should acquire land which European holders wished to sell, and lease it under good-husbandry conditions to tenants of any race. A system of African villages in the Highlands was inevitable, he considered, and that must involve the extension of rights of tenancy rights in the European areas. It was simultaneously desirable to establish industries in what were now African reserves, and since the Europeans engaged in them must live near the factories, a reasonable corollary would be to permit such Europeans to reside as tenants in African areas. He pleaded with the Europeans in Kenya to recognize that the multi-racial experiment in government was working, that the people of Great Britain would not uphold in that Colony a political or social pattern of life which had ceased to exist in the Mother Country, and that all communities in East Africa must adjust themselves to changing circumstances as a condition of survival. The Kenya of 1949 had gone for ever, said Mr. Alport, and when the Mau Mau rebellion had been defeated, all Kenya would be accountable to the public opinion and aspirations of other sections of the African community.

There can be no doubt that the speaker was expressing truths which far too few Kenyans have been ready to admit in public, largely because their political leaders have shown such lack of pres-

**Poor Local Leadership.** — lack of courage, and lack of constancy. As recently as last June, all fourteen European elected members in the Legislative Council signed a statement which bound them to "unite in maintaining the security of the White Highlands." Since the great major-

ity of Europeans, Africans, and Asians in that country interpret the word "security" in that connexion as meaning no change of any kind, a more formal declaration could scarcely have been made, particularly as every responsible person (presumably including all the fourteen signatories) knows that the Royal Commission is practically certain to recommend some changes in land usage in the Highlands. Probably none of its members will disagree with the idea of establishing African villages in the settled areas (which was, indeed, proposed in *East Africa and Rhodesia* long before the last war) and a majority may favour the admission of African tenant farmers under strict official selection, supervision and control, to lands now in white ownership which are either unutilized or inadequately utilized or socioeconomic as European homesteads. The political leaders would, therefore, have been much better advised to encourage the electorate to await the Royal Commission's report and calmly consider the advantages and disadvantages of any course proposed. Since they preferred to align themselves with die-hard opposition to any change of any kind at any time, it must be from outside the Colonies that Kenyans are challenged to think seriously about these matters.

It is true that Mr. Lyttelton and Mr. Lennox-Boyd promised that changes in regard to land should not be made before 1960, but if the case for some amendment of existing practices be so convincingly made by the Royal Commission that support be won from re-

**Good Farming The Criterion.** sponsible opinion in Africa and in the United Kingdom, it would be highly injudicious, even from the white settler standpoint, to demand the postponement of action for five years. Wisdom and generosity would alike suggest that the best course would be for Kenyans themselves to waive that very temporary safeguard, while insisting on the most rigid precautions for good farming. There should be no question of the sale to Africans or to Asian speculators of any land new in European possession. There should, in our view, be no sale even to working farmers whose interests would be adequately protected by leases, which would better meet the public need. Everybody knows that there are some Highland areas adjacent to overcrowded African reserves which are not now properly productive. Why should some carefully selected Africans (such as would be termed "master farmers" in Northern Rhodesia) not be given experimental tenancies with specific provision in

each deed for the expulsion of the tenant at any time if he failed to fulfil the prescribed conditions of good farming? Southern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo have proved that such a project can be made to work satisfactorily. Even a restricted number of such tenancies would have great psychological advantages. Such a system would not constitute any threat to competent European farmers, it need not interfere with the settlement of more Europeans on large estates, and it would prevent exploitation of the land by careless tenants of any race and by absentee landowners. It is not suggested, of course, that land acquired by the Government (and perhaps vested in the Highlands Board) should be let solely, or even mainly, to Africans. Allocation should surely be made in the best interests of the country as a whole with the emphasis always on competency in the use of the land.

### Statements Worth Noting

"Even in African areas where the majority of the people is Christian, public opinion remains in many ways heathen; for it is not surprising for one average there is one priest for every 1,000 Christians, and even then the ratio is far worse in certain tribes and their conversions." — MR. D. A. Maynard, in "The Vocation of an African Priest."

"Apartheid" — whatever the colour crisis, if somewhere in Africa tonight there is a black Hitler, dreaming of driving all white men into the sea, let us be praying for the continuation of *Apartheid*. — MR. STEPHEN KING-HALL.

"An appreciation of British experience, system, and principles can produce a common ground on which all races meet and work in harmony and mutual respect." — MR. R. FROST, representative of the British Council in East Africa.

"We live in a world in which men are more bitterly divided by the things they think and the way they think about them than by any other factors." — CANON MAX WARREN, general secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

"The whole fate of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland really depends on a proper solution of the problem of the industrial colour bar on the Copperbelt." — MR. P. GORDON WALKER, M.P.

"The Royal Technical College in Kampala will become a twin tower with Makerere College, Kampala." — MR. J. W. GALLER, Deputy Director of Education (Technical), Uganda.

"There are still more white doctors than teachers in Central Africa." — THE REV. H. WAKEFIELD COXHILL, secretary-general of the Bureau des Missions Protestantes du Congo Belge.

"I am most anxious that secondary education should be established in Nyasaland as soon as that can be effectively done." — MR. J. M. KENNEDY, Federal Minister of Education.

"This paragraph sets out admirably the history of these alien Somalis and their fine qualities. I wrote it." — THE MINISTER FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN KENYA.

"My speeches in the Federal Parliament already occupy 96 pages." — MR. G. H. M. VAN BREDEN, M.P., for Kenya.

"No animal in Africa can remain motionless as long as I am." — MR. OSKAR KONGI, in "Pori Tupu."

## Notes By The Way

### **Twenty Wasted Months**

YET AGAIN the career of an individual has been given precedence over the good of the Colonial Empire. That is because in the construction which the interested section of the public must put on the news that Mr. E. B. David, who has been in charge of the East African section of the Colonial Office since the beginning of May last year, is to become Colonial secretary in Hong Kong. Mr. David had had no connexion whatsoever with any part of Africa when he was made responsible for the East African division, and must therefore have entered upon his Colonial Office duties with nothing beyond an elementary knowledge of the territories concerned. It would take any man, however assiduous and astute, many months to acquaint himself thoroughly with the problems of East Africa to be able to begin to form judgments of value. Now, before that process could possibly be far advanced, he is to be sent to the Far East.

### **Bad Example of Colonial Office**

IN PLAIN ENGLISH, that means that, so far as East Africa is concerned, the Colonial Office and he have wasted the past twenty months. Nor was the experience of his able and popular predecessor, Mr. Philip Rogers, much better. He remained the most only from April 1950, when he was sent, and was then switched to the West Indian department, although the knowledge he had meantime acquired partly from extensive visits to East Africa would have been especially valuable when Kenya and Uganda were faced with grave problems. Such considerations, however, were not to be allowed to interfere with the bad old habits of the Colonial Office — which are a major factor in the criticisms of Colonial leaders. Secretaries of State are so overburdened that they have little opportunity of imposing on their own offices the drastic reforms which are required, but not until that much overdue task is accomplished will there be anything approaching rational use of the manpower available. If Colonial Governments are often seriously at fault in this matter, they are set a very bad example by the Colonial Office.

### **Colonel Young's Resignation**

THE RESIGNATION of Colonel Arthur Young from the Commissionership of Police in Kenya — to which Colony he had been sent by the City of London for a year in order to reorganize the police services — has caused general surprise, for though serious differences of opinion were known to exist between him and the Government, they were thought to have been sufficiently narrowed to prevent his withdrawal some three months before the end of his short term of duty. The real question in dispute was whether Kenya should have a police force on the English model or the customary Colonial gendarmerie. Without using that word, the Government of Kenya held to the second conception — with the result, I do not doubt, of almost everyone knowing East African conditions which differ drastically from those of the United Kingdom. It is regrettable that a man with so distinguished a record as Colonel Young should have felt it necessary to take the extreme step he has chosen, but it is common knowledge that he has been far from happy in the appointment, especially in recent months.

### **Local Criticisms**

ON HIS ARRIVAL IN KENYA he made an immediate impression by his objective approach to his very dif-

ficult task and by his public tributes to most of the men in the police. Perhaps he was unduly lenient on this matter and insufficiently cautious in accepting advice from some quarters. At least, that is the conviction of some level-headed Kenyans with intimate knowledge of the personalities concerned. Two other convictions are held by some responsible men, that too much tolerance has been shown to some officials of the force who might with advantage be removed, and that there has been too little willingness to listen to responsible non-officials of standing and great local experience. Nobody will suggest that Colonel Young has repeated in Kenya his remarkable Malay achievement, but everybody will agree that he has made a valuable contribution to the improvement of a police service which badly needed reforming.

### **Mau Mau Obscenities**

IT IS SURPRISING to find that Commander Fox Pitt doubts whether reports of Mau Mau "obscenities" are reliable. No scope for scepticism may seem to him to be, but in a letter to the *New Statesman* he has referred to "uncritical acceptance" of such reports, and emphasized that "the evidence for obscene oath-taking ceremonies is the same in value as that on which the death sentences on two Kikuyu were recently based: the evidence on both sides of the police and subsequent punishment does not detract from its unreliability." Then he quotes Dr. Leakey as having testified that he knows Kikuyu, "but even Mau Mau adherents, too, simply do not believe that such brutal things are done." Later in the letter comes the suggestion that "because civilian morale appears to need something more than charges of murder and cruelty," exaggerations about the oaths have been circulated.

### **Settlers' Resolution**

THIS SEEMS TO ME NONSENSE. There is irrefutable evidence of the irresistibly obscene nature of the oathing ceremonies, and the facts do not bear out the idea of eagerness to make them widely known in order to support civilian morale. To take the last point first, there was, so far as I am aware, no suggestion from any quarter at the time of the Mau Mau outbreak that settler resolution required reinforcement. On the contrary, it has not flinched — despite two years and more of gross mismanagement by civil and military authorities. It is discontent with that mismanagement which has angered the non-official public in Kenya, not the Mau Mau threat in itself. If it were true that news of the oaths needed to be circulated to sustain civilian morale, the Government would presumably have taken the necessary steps at the time of the outbreak, or at least very soon afterwards. It did nothing of the sort. In fact, details of the oaths had reached me in London from non-official sources long before any statement on the subject was made in the Kenya Legislature or in the House of Commons.

### **Tarcoys**

SIR OMAR KHAN CHODAD, who has just passed his 80th birthday, must be the only member of the Legislative Council in any part of East or Central Africa who has ever reached four score years while still politically active. He has often been the authentic voice of the Kenya settler community, and at other times a lone voice crying in the wilderness. But the wilderness, whether of thought or of African bush, has attracted him since he was a young man, and as a "lone burro"

he is probably quite as happy as when host to a merry party. "Grogs" is indeed a many-sided man. He has been the authentic foot-slog pioneer, the transformer of barren land into well-managed farms and plantations, the originator of industrial conceptions and their translator into reality, the platform spell-binder with an unconquerable predilection for bitter phrases, the legislator who scorned co-operation with the Government, considering that it ought always to be kept under attack, and the host, helper and encourager of countless men. Those whom his speeches have inspired are among his admirers, and all who have known Kenya for the past four decades recognize him to have been hegemon *hors concours*.

### *Seeing Is Believing*

POWER FOR UGANDA is the title given to the film which records the translation of the great hydro-electric power project at the Owen Falls from an idea to the greatest industrial enterprise in the Protectorate. The picture, in colour, could scarcely be better made, so evocative and attractive; and those responsible have treated a great Imperial project as if deserved. There is incidental humour, of course, because this picture is a record of lively men engaged in a great work — from which the commentary does not detract by the flippant mannerisms which present-day audiences are so often assumed to require. For instance, the simple precision of the chief engineer in explaining the plan of operations is perfect. Nor could the processes of the manufacture of much of the equipment be better illustrated. The shots of all stages of the work as the dam was built across the mighty flowing Nile are fascinating.

Indeed, the immediacy of the last war brought home to me much more vividly by this picture than by all I had read and heard from many of the people actually engaged in it. Guests of the Uganda Electricity Board who saw him in London just before Christmas were loud in its praise. Large audiences would, I believe, appreciate such evidence of Imperial development.

### *Dr. Haslam*

IT IS SAD NEWS that Dr. John Haslam, the European nominated by the Government of Northern Rhodesia to represent African interests in the first Federal Parliament, and chairman of the Federal African Affairs Board, has had to resign both positions on account of ill-health. Arriving in Northern Rhodesia in 1937 as Director of Medical Services, he quickly made his presence felt, and when he retired from the Colonial Service 12 years later the country was glad to have him as chairman of its Silicosis Medical Bureau, and later as Silicosis Commissioner. It was work close to his heart, and owed much to his long-term enthusiasm and persistence. He took his medical service at Edinburgh University, served in the R.A.M.C. in the 1914-18 war in Salonika, Palestine, and France (winning the Military Cross), was for two years a lecturer at his University, went to British Guiana in the Colonial Medical Service, became assistant director of the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases in London in 1925, and five years later went to Venezuela as physician and bacteriologist for the Shell Oil group. Three years there, and a year in Barbados as chief medical officer covered the period before his appointment to Northern Rhodesia.

## Commons Debate on Today's Challenges to Kenya

### *Mr. Airport on Need for New White Highlands Approach*

AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE on the Colonies, in which Kenya figured prominently, was raised on the eve of the Christmas Parliamentary recess by MR. BENNETT BROCKWAY (Lab.).

Hostilities in Kenya were now, he said, in their third year, and he would renew his appeal to the Colonial Secretary to make a new effort to end them. Last April, due to a bêtise by the Mau Mau that they had been tricked, the surrender attempt had failed, although 1,000 Mau Mau had assembled.

Total Mau Mau forces were now estimated at only 7,000. If 1,000 laid down their arms, their action was bound to be followed by others. A European and an African who had the confidence of the Native population might, suggested Mr. Brockway, begin negotiations.

### *Execution Figures*

The figures referring to executions in Kenya were shocking. More than 50 Africans were, on the average, hanged each month during the past four months, yet less than one-quarter were executed for murder. In August-September, out of 73 hanged, only two were charged with murder. There was wide uneasiness in Africa over these figures, as expressed in *The Times* and by missionaries.

Capital charges included unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, consorting with terrorists, administering unlawful oaths, and furthering terrorism. Yet, such were the animosities among the Kikuyu that it was easy for members of the Home Guard ill-disposed towards other Kikuyu to 'plant' ammunition. An African member of a Quaker mission had been condemned

to death because of two bullets found in a shirt in his room. But because this man had friends in a position to exert pressure, he was fortunately reprieved. There was an uneasy feeling that injustice might be operating.

MR. BRONCK BOYD: I should deplore it, as I know Mr. Brockway would, if the views were taken that only those who commanded influence and justice done to them. The Governor and the other responsible persons review, with equal care and unbiased appraisal, all the cases that come before them, whether the prisoners concerned may or may not know.

MR. BROOKS: I did not mean to suggest that immobile influence had been used, but attention could be brought by friends to this man's case. Think of a man with no friends who cannot call upon others. Whilst I do not for a moment suggest that it was because of the indigenous character of the representations made on the prisoner's behalf that a favourable decision was reached in his case, I do say that other prisoners who have no friends are not in as advantageous a position.

MR. WALTER ELLIOT (Cons.) said that a great improvement had taken place in Kenya since the Parliamentary delegation (which he led) went there. It had been a tragedy that the surrender scheme was spoiled, and there were still very great difficulties, but there were hopeful signs.

### *Vital need*

No trials and no justice were being meted out the emergency had led to a tremendous development, the beginnings of multi-racial administration in Kenya. We have here an area from which I hope will grow a whole new series of administrations upon the eastern side of Africa. We have some acquaintance with the western side, but the position there is quite different. The Europeans are thin in number, and association of Africans with Europeans is of very much longer duration.

Mr. Elliot then suggested that the time was ripe for a reciprocal visit to the Commons by members of the Kenya legislature.

Mr. JAMES GIBBONS (Lab.) "I hope that Mr. Elliot's suggestion will be implemented and that we shall have a visit from an all-community Kenyan delegation in the very near future."

Mr. ELLIOT stressed that it is important that, while we should understand Kenya's problems, they should understand ours.

"All of us who journeyed there last year now appreciate anyone living under these conditions," he said. One of the most distressing things — a little child snatched from its playground and found dead; a lonely farm shot up and burned. It is very charitable that Senator Humphrey has set the whole case in perspective. When we were there, one could see the whole case preserved. When we were there, one could see a garden with lawns surrounded by rose bushes, like a home vicarage, and see an old lady sitting round the corner. At her window, where normally one would expect to see a smiling, one sees a revolver. It is difficult in these circumstances for people to keep their eyes focussed on the long-distance objective."

#### Industrial Revolution's Appeal

He spoke of the enormous appeal made to primitive people by an industrial revolution. We at home were inclined to look nostalgically at pastoral people, who in shepherd surroundings. That was not the way they looked at things themselves. But we must see that the industrial revolution appeals to these people under certain conditions, which have arrived here.

Arguing the primary importance of education for African women, Mr. Elliot said that he was no advocate of the idea that you could not have higher education until there was universal primary education as a base. Education in Europe had not begun in the schools. He suggested that next year there should be instituted a group of scholarships to be held by scholars of each of the communities; a small number at the universities, perhaps 15 or 20.

They could be called "Queen's scholars," brought to the country and educated as a group in one of the universities or technical colleges. Then our scheme could be expanded in the direction of establishing institutions to be housed in the same buildings as a multi-racial university in Nairobi.

He argued that there was boundless aspiration, although he did not, at first sight, necessarily share this officer's opinion. There was a great difference between the Africans recruited into the army, navy and some in Britain recruited into our police force, with careers of civil experience behind them.

Afterwards Mr. Elliot had been impressed by the visit of Mr. Michael Blundell, and were zealous to see his liberal ideas presented.

Mr. A. G. BOTTOMLEY (Lab.) "Would Mr. Elliot do him the trouble to reply? Are easier only because over 30,000 Africans are released at present. Would he not agree that the utterances of those detained and the repercussions in our families are creating difficulties for the future? The Government should show more courage in trying to provide facilities for more effective African leadership."

Mr. ELLIOT: "It may be so. The essence of this debate is for as many as possible to express views, and I have limited myself to two small but important points."

Mrs. ETHENE WATTS (Lab.) detected despite progress, some very disturbing trends in Kenya.

Until Africans detained had all been screened, it was impossible to have rational treatment of them. How far had categorization of these detainees gone? Lymphoid had impeded the physical movement in rehabilitation camps, but was it true that Mau Mau, which was fairly strongly organized in the prison camps, responsible for deliberately spreading that disease?

#### Anxiety About Young African Detainees

She was particularly anxious about the younger Africans under detention. Mau Mau had its own "call up" system, and she wanted to know whether the Government had made attempts to segregate the youngest, aiding their chances of becoming useful citizens.

People in Britain were bewildered about the state of affairs in the Kenya Police, Kikuyu Home Guard, and their relatives to the Administration. Mr. Elliot was not correct in attributing to Colonel Young the suggestion that all Africans in the Police force should be endowed with the rights of citizenship as understood in this country. On the contrary, according to the Kenya Government's recent sessional paper, Colonel Young had suggested that such powers be given only to senior officers of the rank of inspector and above.

According to a *Times* report, a difficulty had arisen because the police had been told by the Administration that, for reasons of economy, certain arrests should not take place. Members should be told much more about the "The independence of the police might be challenged in such circumstances." The *Times* Nairobi correspondent had also suggested that other considerations apart, the locally recruited

Kenya police serve an inevitably involvement in local politics, and Colonel Young had suffered frustration. If justice was not independent of local politics, how could we expect it, in the British sense, to be implemented?

There were disturbing stories, too, about the Kikuyu Home Guard. "We get an impression that the anti-Mau Mau organization has now become, in some places, as tyrannical as Mau Mau itself. I know that the Governor recently had something to say about improper detention, and I hope this will be given much further development. Once one begins to slide on matters of principle, such as independent justice and independent police action, there is really no end to it, because then one slides into the other philosophy. It is because so many people feel strongly about that point that I should welcome a statement from the Minister."

#### Mr. Airport's Proposals

Mr. C. J. M. AIRPORT (Cons.) believed that the African Government were already taking steps to deal with the complaint raised by Mrs. White, concerning adolescents in the camps.

He welcomed Mr. Brockway's moderation, and hoped that over the Christmas holiday he would contemplate how he would have been placed 100 years ago as a spectator of the American Civil War. "The principle of self-determination which we estimate to be the right one, which has been very clearly laid down in the United Nations Charter of Principles for Righteous America in the 19th century."

A critical moment had been reached, he continued, when the progress of a year might be reversed. The European community must give frank expression to the realization that the multi-racial experiment was working extremely well and that it deserved their open support — not as regards as frequently their opposition.

Those in Kenya who have faced with so much courage the situation dangers must also realize that we in Britain are not going to uphold a political or social pattern of life in Kenya, with the support of money and men from this country, which is to say, we have had in fact ceased to want, for some years past, to do so.

The existence which we believe is not a Union, but a Commonwealth, must be maintained, and a new political opportunity. These must now concern distant colonies, such as Rhodesia, Malaya, and realize that we in this country can come up with some successful basis for the people as a whole — provided that an understanding between the points of view is gained in circumstances.

Clans or communities which want to survive in such a world must be adaptable in their outlook as well as united in their resolve to adopt policy in the light of changing conditions in order to avoid sign of weakness or disarray. After Mau Mau, all communities will be accountable to the public opinion and aspirations of the Africans. They will have to face the imminent problem of finding a pattern for the new relationships. This is never going back to the Kenya of 1939, or indeed 1949. In that process there have been gains as well as losses."

Europeans in Kenya went on Mr. Airport, must reconsider their attitude towards land now, not after the Royal Commission's report, or after Mau Mau was ended.

#### Political and Economic Anachronism

There can be no secure future for Europeans or Africans while both races are separated in reserves, with little contact. What I am about to say is liable to be misunderstood. The idea of a European reserve as represented by the White Highlands is a political and economic anachronism today. Tomorrow, it may well be a positive liability to the Europeans. I therefore feel that the time has come for that community to see what new design, not only of land tenure but of land use can be worked out.

"There are lines upon which a satisfactory solution can be produced without violating prejudices or real, long-term interests of any community. For instance, a willing seller of White Highlands land could be permitted to sell it to the Government, and the Government could be empowered to grant interests comparable to such as agricultural efficiency standards, or opportunity-right, to the available occupants of rape."

"Whatever else may happen in the White Highlands, there must come into existence a series of villages in place of the present squatting system. Those villagers must occupy land, and even though it is on a tenancy basis, the principle of extending tenancy rights to Africans has been conceded. Along these lines there is room for manoeuvre for future European policy."

"There is equal importance in making, if possible, for induc-

tives needing European management and supervision to be established within the African reserve. The European managers must be able to live near their factories; this means that And would be made available to European money in the reserves, obviously on a large scale.

If Kenya is to achieve a future beyond the existing tragedy, it is fine that views were changed and that public opinion has been brought up with the emergency, & directed towards adapting itself to changing circumstances.

MR. C. R. HOPSON (Lab.) suggested that the Colonial Secretary appoint a British police officer of sufficiently high rank to take full charge of the police in Kenya.

Everything is seriously wrong when discipline in the police development of all races is absolutely impossible if people have no confidence in the police. Some members of this assembly think it necessary to give General Eustace complete power over the police, but we may have to do so. We cannot have unilateral action taken by various inspectors because it brings the force into disrepute.

Kenya's multi-racial Government was a vital step forward in world history, and he hoped that every support would be given to Mr. Blundell.

MR. JAMES JOSEPH (Lab.) congratulated Mr. Airport on his speech. He hoped that in the case of The White Highlands there would not only be willing soldiers and sailors but also the peoples of all races.

If present conditions were allowed to stand, a year or two or three years among Europeans, what was the prospect of some of them taking a lease for 20, 30, or 40 years on 20 or 30 acres if they were good farmers?

He hoped that Mr. Lennox-Boyd would make clear his attitude towards education in Kenya. The differences in culture and standards were well known, but unless we moved soon towards some kind of common school, the outlook for our country was bleak.

There had been a vicious smear campaign against Mr. Blundell and Mr. Haylock by some of their fellow Europeans. There were more liberal-minded men in Kenya than some people care to admit. He hoped that the new Kenyan Colonial Government would be unashamed of its own Government.

He would be defeated at the next election by the People's Independence Party of Kenya. The Government, because of my many hard and courageous efforts, and because of a multi-racial Government, be master will have to be referred back to the Colonial Office. It should be made plain by the Minister that if Dr. Jaja would not work the Ghana constitution and that was suspended, the same would happen to Kenya.

#### Secretary of State: Reply

The Colonial Secretary, MR. LENNOX-BOYD, described Mr. Elliott's proposal of a visit to Britain of a Kenya Legislature delegation as imaginative, and he would certainly take it up with the Governor. He would also raise with him the question of the Queen's scholarships. This matter must of course be considered in the light of all our Colonial obligations.

He welcomed the praise given by all members to the multi-racial Kenya Government. Her Majesty's Government are solidly behind the conception. I was delighted at the success of Mr. Sherrill's visit and the way in which, among all parties and indeed those unconnected with politics, he established a reputation for straightforwardness and absolute integrity.

The Secretary of State remarked that he could not in the short time available, but he would make representations in Kenya. He had given certain undertakings with regard to the respective rights of the communities land reserved to them by ordinance.

There was no question of the Royal Commission's report being delayed because of any pressure. It would be available in the early part of 1955. As for the Mau Mau emergency in general, it ought to be remembered that this affected less than one-tenth of Kenya and only 1 in 100 of the population. Among the Kikuyu, Embu and Meru, were of course many who had been staunchly loyal despite the worst savagery.

"Operation Avvii" had broken the armed organization in Nairobi, although attempts were being made to reform it. The organization in the reserves was being continuously disturbed by the aerobrigades and Mobile Army Section there were still some passive support, but it appeared to be diminishing. Terrorist morale was undoubtedly declining. Information given to journalists was in the reverse.

"Perhaps I may remind the House of the extraordinarily interesting and, I believe, valuable social experiment taking place in creating many thousands of Kikuyu towns. These began, started originally for security reasons, it may well lead to a much better and wider life for countless people in the Kikuyu lands in future generations."

"Health, schools, and community development — all are possible in circumstances of that kind. In the other districts, local leadership is good — and such leadership is available elsewhere — and 13 villages have already been made, catering for over 100,000, or 45% of the district's entire population. The Fort Hall proportion is 12%, but there are different circumstances. In Meru, as said, in Embu, 50% of the whole population now live in villages."

The number of surrenders has risen to 621 between August 1953 and November 30, 1954. 542 has occurred in the two months ending November 30. Mr. Lennox-Boyd said that he had deplored the untimely fate which befell the imaginary surrendered terrorist shortly this year. But the surrenders terms of August 1953, remained in existence and were being widely proclaimed — and the terrorists would not be stopped for retrieving arms or ammunition. The Kenya Police, like the Government, would respond in a conciliatory and sympathetic manner to reasonable proposals, but there was no central terrorist headquarters to approach. The Kenya Government were not reluctant to adapt their policy according to circumstances.

#### Capital Offences Continually Reviewed

He assured Mr. Brookway that capital cases were not brought to court unless there was evidence that the accused was an active agent or helper. It would however be misleading to give an impression that the law in that respect was arbitrary. The law was the same in all the Commonwealth countries. Although the Kenya Government had anticipated the possibility of reducing the number of capital offences, they must be allowed classified.

Although there was no proof that typhoid had been deliberately spread in detention camps by Mau Mau, there was a strong possibility that it was the case. There was danger in the size of the camps, and he was anxious to get smaller camps and to see detainees moved to works camps. In the latter, at present were 17,000, the number was to be increased to at least 30,000.

He was very sorry to find that Colonel Young, a most distinguished officer, what had been said about him had not been quite true, but I would prefer not to elaborate because of the lack of time available and also because I am awaiting further information. There are bound to be dual cultures where the native are confronted with what sort of society, and a dual loyalty — the duty to pursue a number of ends on the one hand and the duty, also not to hold up the functioning of our operational intelligence on the other hand.

But I must point out that in Kenya we have a very efficient G.I.D., which is admirably led and which in the proper exercise of its duties, can rely absolutely on full Government support. Miss Gwynne, perhaps, thinks of a country like ours with our political system. In Kenya those administering the country are the provincial commissioners and district officers; they are not political leaders but experienced and impartial guides to the people. Clearly the overall responsibility for law and order must rest with the provincial commissioner and the district officer.

MR. JAMES GRIFFITHS (Lab.) "I appreciate that we are in a difficulty here, but, in view of Press comments, will the Secretary of State publish either the correspondence between Colonel Young and the Governor, or a full statement setting out the conflict?"

MR. LENNOX-BOYD: "I cannot give an undertaking that the correspondence will be published, because that is frequently confidential and written in the belief that it would not be published. But I will look into the possibility of some factual statement."

#### New Police Commissioner

Colonel Young was over here in November last. When I saw him I then had reason to hope that the difficulties which had arisen about the relationship between the Administration and the police would be settled by the discussions of the working party to be set up for that purpose. I personally became convinced that Colonel Young was returning to Kenya in a happier state of mind and there was likely to be fruitful co-operation on that working party. I am very sorry that has not been so.

The communiqué issued said "On Colonel Young's departure, his place as Commissioner of the Kenya Police will be taken up by Mr. Richard C. Callig, Deputy Commissioner and Comptroller of Estates, who arrived in Kenya from Malaya in October." Mr. Callig began his police career in Malaya in 1933. 1938 was transferred to Malaya.

I know that Kenya will have a firm and capable leader who enjoys the greatest respect. There is so much I should like to have talked about on future hopes and ambitions for Kenya, not least the Swynnerton Plan and all that it offers for agriculture. I hope that soon after we return from the recess time may be found for a fuller discussion."

## Resignation of Colonel Young Questions in the House of Lords

LORD OGMORE asked in the House of Lords last week for a Government statement on the resignation of Colonel Arthur Young from his post as Commissioner of Police for Kenya as a result of serious differences of opinion with the Government of Kenya on questions of policy.

LORD LLOYD, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Colonies, replied:

"Noble Lords will have seen from Press reports that Colonel Young, whose temporary appointment as Commissioner of Police in Kenya was not due to terminate until next March, has resigned. My rt. hon. friend and I were aware that certain differences of opinion had arisen between Colonel Young and the Kenya Government on the status of the police but had hoped that these would be resolved by discussion in Kenya. We are awaiting a full report from the Governor."

### 'Inconveniences' Dispute

LORD OGMORE: "I am sure that all noble lords will regret the unfortunate dispute which has arisen in Kenya. May I ask the noble lord whether he will join me in trying to arrange through the usual channels for a debate at an early date after the House resumes? Secondly, may I ask whether his attention has been drawn to a statement in the *Daily Telegraph* this morning which suggests that the dispute is not so much between Colonel Young and the Government as between Colonel Young and the Army. Is that correct?"

LORD LLOYD: "We have not yet received the Governor's comments on Colonel Young's resignation. I understand that Colonel Young made a number of complaints but that the main cause of the disagreement was between him and the Kenya Government and appears to have arisen out of the recommendation in paragraph 51 of the Police Commission Report on the status of the police."

The commission recommended that the police in Kenya should be given the same common law status as the constable as is enjoyed by the police in the United Kingdom, though they recognized that the African constable would for some time require to be closely supervised by his officers.

The Kenya Government felt unable to go as far in the direction of accepting this recommendation as Colonel Young wished. Their reason was that the position in Kenya is very different from that in the United Kingdom, and that the overall responsibility for the preservation of law and order rests with the provincial administration which is directly responsible to the Governor.

"A White Paper was published on December 14 presenting to the Kenyan Legislative Council the Government's decision on the recommendations in the Police Commission Report. A copy of this White Paper has not yet been received."

### Conflict of Views

"Discussions with Colonel Young took place in Kenya in November on this conflict of views. At one point Colonel Young then threatened to resign, but it was eventually agreed that a working party should be set up for the purpose of resolving the difficulties. Colonel Young visited the United Kingdom in the middle of November and had a discussion with my rt. hon. friend. His attitude at that time was that he had come home for the purpose of seeking advice on one or two points so as to be as helpful as possible in the proposed working party."

"Those are the circumstances leading up to this situation, so far as I know them. I have no knowledge of any dispute between Colonel Young and the Army. I have always understood that the main issue of principle lay between Colonel Young and the Kenya Government."

"On the second point, I shall, of course, be only too pleased at any time for noble lords to have an opportunity to debate the whole of this matter when we return after the Christmas recess."

EARL JOWITT: "I feel sure the noble lord will agree that all this discussion and speculation in the newspapers, which often have not complete knowledge of the facts, is undesirable. The best way to end it is by some Government statement. Has not the Colonial Secretary pronounced any views on this matter in discussions with Colonel Young and the Governor of Kenya? If so, may we know what those views are?"

LORD LLOYD: "I thought I had explained this particular point fully. It was hoped that a compromise agreeable to both parties would have been reached before the setting up of the working party. This has not occurred. Until my rt. hon. friend has received the Governor's comments on this new development, obviously it is impossible for him and quite undesirable that he should make any statement. I have offered the noble lord a debate as soon as we return when the situation, we hope, will be clarified. Clearly, I could not be expected to make a statement today seeing that we have not yet received the Governor's comments."

EARL JOWITT: "Will the Government make an official statement directly the respect is received?"

LORD LLOYD: "We cannot make a statement while Parliament is not sitting. Lord Ogmore has asked me whether we can have a debate when Parliament resumes, and I have offered him a debate. I do not see what more the Government can do at the present stage."

VISCOUNT STANSGATE: "What is there to prevent the Government from making a statement during the recess?"

LORD LLOYD: "I am prepared to consider the point, but I should not think it would do much good. Another statement, if it cannot be received officially, would only bring us into the same difficulty again. We can only make a statement when the situation is clarified."

## Kenya: A House Divided

### Bickering in Official and Non-Official Circles

"A HOUSE DIVIDED" was the heading selected by *The Times* for a long leading article on the situation in Kenya, to the dangers of which EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA has called attention for many months. The leader said in part:

"The emergency in Kenya has entered on its third year. In frustration, bitterness and savagery, it has seldom been equalled. Mau Mau is at the moment being contained. It has not spread appreciably to tribes other than the Kikuyu. The closest bands are harried about the coast-side and unable to work in large numbers; but the bulk of the Kikuyu tribe are still sitting slightly on the Mau Mau side of the fence, and the tale of attacks, which now include incursions, does not give the impression that collapse is in sight."

A major factor in this lack of progress is the lack of unity and the constant bickering which goes on among Europeans in both official and non-official circles. Two recent examples are the resignation of Colonel A. E. Young, the Commissioner of Police, and the attack on Mr. Blundell, the European elected member on the War Council, while he was in London.

### Colonel Young's Aim

The circumstances of Colonel Young's differences with the Council of Ministers are well known. He wanted to convert the Kenya police from a normal Colonial force responsible to the Administration into a constabulary such as we observe in England, responsible for the impartial enforcement of a law which is conceived as being something above the Government of the day. The disagreement seems to have been about the pace and degree of application of the British principle in the Colonial setting.

"It seemed after a compromise had been reached in the statement of policy issued by the Kenya Government last week, but the issue has been exacerbated by the lack of co-operation between the police of the Kikuyu Guard, who are the responsibility of the Administration. An instance of this kind of confusion was given in an appeal court judgment in Nairobi last month."

The judge gave reasons why after an attack on a Home Guard post at Kikuyu, near Mt. Mkuuuni, it was necessary for the police to take over responsibility for a Home Guard station some miles from the scene. These retarding circumstances in some cases acquired a bad reputation for their members of whites, if not entirely deserved, they are "impudent" pay back Mau Mau in their own coin. There has been acrimony when the regular police have taken action against them. This is the background of the angry accusations on the role of the police — on which agreement was perfectly possible.

Finally injurious to unity were the attacks made on Mr. Blundell while in London. He came to speed up recruiting for the Kenya services and to state Kenya's case before public and private audiences. While he was away a number of prominent European Kenyans did their best to discredit and disown him in the eyes of the British public. They did so, no doubt, out of the fear of anxiety they had lest the emergency drag on through another long period of struggle. Yet only by seeking differences can Kenya come through her troubles. Disunity spells precisely the fate the settlers fear.

The Council of Ministers, with its Asian and African members, is learning to work as a team. Individual Ministers have taken firm hold of their jobs. Much progress has been made in the use of housing in revising the structure of salaries and wages. Were they not obliged to do the emergency the past two years would stand out as years of great material advances. It would be a tragedy if such achievements were now put in jeopardy by disputes among the Europeans. Unity is a general cause, confirms Mr. Blundell as leader or provider another. The Europeans are bound in their own interests to give him broad support."

## Press Comment on Resignation

THE UNITED KINGDOM PRESS has published many comments on the resignation of Colonel Young.

"Ugly Rumblings from Kenya," was the heading selected by the *Economist*, which wrote:

"His resignation will increase the misgivings aroused by the court cases in which the conduct both of the Kenya Police and the Kenya Police Reserve has appeared in a most unsavoury light. The reasons given for Colonel Young's resignation can hardly be the whole reason.

"The commissioner is taking his stand on the recommendation of the Kenya Police Commission, whose report was issued in February, that the status of the police should be the same as in Britain; this would mean that African commissioners would have the power of a police constable in common law, and that the force as a whole would be independent of the administration, instead of a branch of it. In Africa conditions this is a very arguable point, and the Government takes the opposite view, but Colonel Young's position at least suggests that he has strong views on the conduct of the administration and on use of police officers — and possibly on relations with the military as well. The peculiarities of Kenya's social structure may also enter into it.

Colonel Young's real aim was to reorganize the Kenya Police during a year's special duty; his termination of this short period even before it is up is a strong vote of no confidence from a man of great experience, whose achievement in reorganizing the Malayan Police so successfully led to his appointment to Kenya.

He has no doubt found the African police corrupt and often inclined to calculate with a spirit of responsibility and service, and his special difficulties with the European Kenya Police Reserve can be well imagined. This force is apparently deeply resentful of recent convictions and tends to interpret discipline in the Kenyan way — as a slight affront to an individualism that is its own justification and Kenya's abiding glory. If Colonel Young has wrestled with these conditions in vain — and the Government itself admits that standards have fallen — the situation can hardly be satisfactory. There is certainly a case for a further inquiry."

### Rising Tide of Co-operation Checked

The *Sunday Times* allowed Mr. Philip Woodruff considerable space for an article on the state of law in Kenya today. He wrote, *inter alia*:

"Colonel Young's resignation has drawn attention to sharp divergencies of opinion on the maintenance of law and order, something which might easily prolong the emergency indefinitely."

"Practically every Kikuyu shares with Mau Mau the desire for more power and prestige, an end to distinctions based on race, a larger share of the Colony's wealth. A few are Christians who abhor Mau Mau and would die for their faith. A few more have always believed the Government would win. But the great majority differ from Mau Mau as to methods, not objects, and will go the way that pays the best dividend."

"Until a few weeks ago that seemed to most Kikuyus the way of co-operation; they were fond of the emergency, which

had brought them nothing but misery; they were beginning to think it safe to give information to Government forces. Now that rising tide of co-operation has been checked."

"Hatred between the hard core of loyalists and the hard core of terrorists is bitter. It was possible for some people of little importance to sit on the fence when the emergency began, but chiefs and headmen had to make up their minds at once. Those who chose the side of Government have lived for more than two years in constant danger of death; many have lost wives and children. The cracked and mangled bodies of men lie in the way of reconciliation."

"Until the last few months the struggle hung in the balance. To Europeans the end might seem inevitable, but not to a headman in the villages near Nyeri or Fort Hall. To him it was a matter quite simply of life or death to convince his villagers that he was going to win. Small wonder that he was not always eager to hand over his prisoners to a machine that might let him go on a technically just and certain, but painful, trial. Wifely and paternal."

"Vengeance, one can hardly doubt, in that nine of them was sometimes taken without the forms of law. It may on occasion have been taken on private grounds, more often probably on public."

### Church Attendances Rise

"Church" attendances have gone up 18 months ago perhaps 25 would have to show themselves where there are 3,000 and worshipped. Now the "heads" are here, the Nakuru Guards, especially, are making converts, mostly against the fermonts of the extreme, heavily converted, and split-up cults together.

"But this achievement, won at the risk of life, by hard work and imagination, is threatened. The chiefs and headmen are worried; if each of the illegalized Sire due up there is a real dagger — one is told — that they will decide there is nothing to gain by responsibility and everything to lose. If they give up their jobs, information will dry up and many of the warlords may follow their emotions and go into the forest."

"Some of the younger and more thoughtless Europeans in the security forces argue that chiefs and headmen who risked their lives and freedom should be immune from punishment for taking the law into their own hands. That is a reasonable view, after all, people who only recently escaped from the Germans and日本人."

"The other and more enlightened group, however, insist that justice must be built on respect for the law, but they feel that sense of proportion is needed, and that tearing up the distant past is to play into the enemy's hands and jeopardize all that has been achieved."

"Surely it would be possible to proclaim in the strictest terms a determination to enforce the law in future and at the same time relax administrative rules, the rigour of inquiries into the past. Some such action is urgently needed. It demands high qualities of leadership to take the decision; but then leadership, at once just and decisive, was never more needed than in Kenya today."

### Time and Tide said:

"Colonel Young's departure will give the extremists yet another club with which to beat the Government. No doubt the commissioner will be glad to get back to London. When he took over a large faction thought his predecessor had been badly treated. These internal feuds seem to have continued, and Colonel Young's departure now will not stop them. Despite these cross-currents, the Kenya Police has made much headway in recent months. Colonel Young, though not as successful as he was in Malaya, has accomplished much."

## Populations of the Colonies Great Increases Since 1921

COMPARATIVE POPULATION FIGURES, given in the Commons recently by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, included the following:

	1921	1954
SOMALILAND	352,000	649,000 (1953)
KENYA	2,535,000	5,947,000
UGANDA	3,000,000	5,425,000
TANZANIA	4,117,000	5,186,000
NORTHERN RHODESIA	1,000,000	2,750,000
NYASALAND	1,200,000	2,441,000
SEYCHELLES	24,000	38,000
MALAWITON	38,000	530,000
ZANZIBAR AND PEMBA		260,000
		274,000 (1953)

## Three Sudanese Ministers Dismissed Composition of Reconstituted Ministry

THREE KHATMAI MINISTERS of the Sudan National Unionist Government were relieved of their portfolios last week by the Governor-General on the advice of the Prime Minister Sayed Ismail El Azhari. They are Mirghani Hamza, Minister of Education, Agriculture and Irrigation, Khaffalla Khadid, Minister of Defence, and Ahmed Idris, Minister of State. The Government's majority in Parliament is considered precarious.

The Prime Minister accused his three colleagues of having threatened to co-operate with the Umma Party to overthrow the Government and said that two of them had deliberately failed to attend meetings of the Cabinet in order to obstruct decisions on Sudanization.

The Ministers charge Sayed El Athari was showing favours to certain members of the Council who were given access to Government secrets which were not made known to those members of the Council of Ministers who were opposed to Egyptian domination. They maintain that they had refused to give up their policy of freedom and sovereignty for the Sudan although the National Unionist Party unconditionally supported the Prime Minister in the removal of the three Ministers, public opinion is said to have deplored his statement.

Under the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement the Governor-General could refuse to take action on the Prime Minister's advice only if the security of the country or the Government services were involved.

It is believed that the removal of General Neguib from office in Egypt emboldened the three Ministers to bring to the Sudan some time of friction between Egypt and the Sudan.

The N.U.P. includes a number of members who, while wanting to ensure that the religious sects do not rule the Sudan, favoured complete independence from Egypt. Other members, especially some professional politicians, are popular enough to be under suspicion and other conspirations to overthrow the Prime Minister might be formed, but the rivalry of the religious sects presents difficulties.

An Egyptian Government newspaper has openly sided with Sayed El Azhari, possibly at the instigation of Major Salah Salem.

Sayed Sir Ali El Mirghani, leader of the Christians, was seen off at Alexandria by Major Salah Salem when he left in the former royal yacht Mahroussa last week after undergoing medical treatment in Egypt since July last. The Bustas Palace, once the residence of King Farouk, has been placed at his disposal by the Egyptian Government in the hope that he may return in a few weeks.

### Ministerial Changes

On the advice of the Prime Minister of the Sudan the Governor-General made the following ministerial appointments early this week:

Sayed Ismail El Azhari, Prime Minister of the Sudan to be Minister of Defence.  
 Sayed Ali Abdel-Rahman to be Minister of Education.  
 Sayed Khidr Hammad to be Minister of Irrigation and Hydro-electric Power.  
 Sayed Hassan Awadalla Muisafa to be Minister of Agriculture.  
 Sayed Mudathir Ali El Bushi to be Minister of Justice.  
 Sayed Ibrahim Hassan El Mahallawi to be Minister of Mineral Resources.

Two further proposals were made by the Prime Minister, but have not yet been approved by the Governor-General:

Sayed Dak Dei to be Minister of Mechanical Transport.  
 Sayed Santino Deng Teng to be Minister of Stores and Supplies.

The composition of the Cabinet is now as follows:

Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Defence, Sayed Ismail El Azhari.
Minister of Works, Sayed Mohamed Nur El Din.
Minister of Education, Sayed Ali Abdel-Rahman.
Minister of Finance, Sayed Hammadi Tawfiq.
Minister of Economics and Commerce, Sayed Ibrahim El Mohi.
Minister of Communications, Sayed Mubarak Zarrouq.

Minister of Justice, Sayed Mudathir Ali El Bushi.  
 Minister of Health, Sayed Dr. Amin el Sayed.  
 Minister of Irrigation and Hydro-Electric Power, Sayed Khidr Hammad.  
 Minister of Social Affairs, Sayed Yahia El Fadil.  
 Minister of Local Government, Sayed Mohamed Ahmed el Mardi.  
 Minister of Mechanical Transport, Sayed Dak Dei.  
 Minister of Stores and Supplies, Sayed Santino Deng Teng.  
 Minister of Animal Resources, Sayed Suliman Athar.  
 Minister of Agriculture, Sayed Hassan Awadalla Muisafa.  
 Minister of Mineral Resources, Sayed Ibrahim Hassan El Mahallawi.

## Church Missions in the Sudan Zone System To Be Reconsidered

The Ministry of SOCIAL AFFAIRS in the Sudan, "Sayed Yahia El Fadil," said recently that the scheme, started in 1904 by General Wingate, then Governor-General, by which missions of rival churches were allotted specific spheres of influence to avoid friction, centrally and locally, was shortly to be reconsidered by a conference representing all the missions and the Ministry of Education.

The Sudanese missions, according to Sayed Yahia El Fadil, think this religious sphere arrangement does not sufficiently recognize the freedom of religion. They maintain that the system is abominable. They maintain that it is both morally indefensible, as it restricts the freedom of worship, and that it bears heavily on the individual who cannot always get the spiritual comfort of his own church. They also say that this system is not adopted in any other country.

The Government, on the other hand, was always of the opinion that allowing two rival churches to operate in one zone in these primitive areas might lead to friction and sectarian differences and disputes between the followers of each.

The Government also always maintained that the object of the scheme was to restrict the activities of the Muslim missionaries, burning and desecrating their temples to respect the freedom of peaceful religious worship.

The consideration of the proposed changes of the Church mission is to see what complete freedom of religion is best suited.

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## The Queen to Her People Christmas Broadcast from Sandringham

THE QUEEN said in the course of her Christmas Day broadcast from Sandringham:

"When it is night, and wind and rain beat upon the window, the family is most conscious of the warmth and peacefulness that surround the pleasant fireside. So our Commonwealth hearth becomes more precious than ever before by the contrast between its homely security and the storm which sometimes seems to be breaking outside in the darkness of uncertainty and doubt that envelops the whole world."

In the turbulence of this anxious and active world, man's people are leading uneventful, lonely lives. To them greatness, disaster, is the enemy. They seldom realize this in their steadfastness, on their ability to withstand the weight of such repetitive woes, and on their courage in meeting constant small adversities, depend in great measure the happiness and prosperity of the community as a whole.

### "Ignoring the Footills"

When we look at the landscape of our life on this earth, there is in the minds of all of us a tendency to admire the peaks and to ignore the foothills and the fertile plain from which they spring. We praise — and rightly — the heroes whose resource and courage shine so brilliantly in moments of crisis. We forget sometimes that behind the wearers of the Victoria or George Cross there stand ranks of unknown, unnamed men and women willing and able, if the call came, to render valiant service.

We are amazed by the spectacular discoveries in scientific knowledge, and we should enjoy comfort and luxury to millions. But we never always reflect that these things also have rested to some extent on the faith, tenacity and devotion to duty of the great bulk of ordinary citizens.

The upward course of the nation's history is due in the long run to the soundness of heart of its average men and women.

"And so it is that this Christmas Day I want to send a special message of encouragement and good cheer to those of you whose lot is cast in dull and uncivilised surroundings; to those whose names will never be household words, but to whose work and loyalty we owe so much. May you be proud to remember — as I am myself — how much depends on you, and that even when your life seems most monotonous, what you do is always of real value and importance to your fellow men."

## In Search of Bushmen

MR. MACDONALD HASTINGS has broadcast in a B.B.C. Regional Programme for South Africa and Rhodesia a short account of a trip which he recently undertook into the Kalahari in search of Bushmen whom he calls "the little yellow men." The pure, wild Bushmen, he distinct from those with a strong mixture of Bantu blood, have quite yellow skins, he says, and "their wool sprouts in peppercorn tufts like a plant spread out in a sandy vegetable garden."

In South Africa people who ought to know better believe, he comments, that the poison of the Bushman's arrow is on the barb. In fact, it is spread about four inches below it, and is made from the larvae of a caterpillar, not from snake poison as is often thought.

The party consisted of Mr. Hastings' photographer, Mr. Chris Wiles, a young Belgian motor mechanic, John Curry, and two Africans. They travelled in a vintage 20 convertable; their stores were bought in about an hour at Bulawayo shops were closing, and their furniture for the 1,500-mile trip consisted of a few soap boxes, a couple of hurricane lamps, and a tarpaulin.

## Archbishop on Apartheid Impatience of Nationalism

DR. FISHER, Archbishop of Canterbury, said in his Christmas Day sermon in Canterbury Cathedral:

"Today we see on all sides the impatience of nationalism and of racial and sectional claims. Behind the impatience may lie often enough real evils, injustices, denials of human freedom or dignities, or just a sense of frustration at the slow processes of discussion and arbitration and reasonableness, or nothing better than obstinacy and determination to have one's way."

### "Hard Discipline" of Patience

"It is right to be impatient with evil, to be possessed by a zeal for righting wrongs and a hunger and thirst for righteousness. Until one has been impatient one cannot earn the hard discipline of patience."

The tensions between power as Christ conceived it and power as man uses it can be seen in its most dramatic form in Africa.

The South African policy of *apartheid* seems to all Christian Churches except the powerful Dutch Reformed Church a violation of Christian teaching, because impatience, if it denies certain fundamental principles of personal status, social justice and human brotherhood which Christ has established — to violate which must in the long run bring judgment and doom."

## Southern African Defence Plan

### Mr. Strijdom Wants Staff Talks

MR. STRIJDOM, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, has given interviews to a number of journalists from London during the present tour.

The acting special correspondent of *The Times* that he was anxious "to see a pan-Southern African defence plan put into force, bringing in the Union, Britain, France, Portugal, and Belgium." Staff talks between these nations are justified in recognition of the common interests and possible common dangers."

When this comment was asked of Mr. Strijdom, that his name is spelt Strydom by Afrikaans newspapers, but Strijdom by English newspapers in South Africa, he replied:

"Both are correct. Strydom is the old Dutch style, and Strydom now the common Afrikaans style. I have always used the old style, but other members of my family use Strydom. I do not mind which way the word is spelt in print."

## Mr. Vasey Visiting the U.S.A.

### Further Talks in London in January

MR. E. A. VASEY, Finance Minister in Kenya, left London by air for New York last week after a couple of days discussion with the Treasury and the Colonial Office. Said before his departure that full-scale talks on United Kingdom aid to the Colony would take place in London in January.

As a result of the emergency Kenya's annual budget had risen from under £20m. to between £33m. and £36m., and further assistance from Great Britain would have to be asked. Kenya's economy was standing the strain of events reasonably well, and it was of the highest importance to maintain Kenya's five-year plan for the development of agriculture.

Mr. Vasey is visiting the U.S.A. for discussions with the International Bank, a mission from which recently went to East Africa to report, among other things, on proposals for a loan to East African Railways and Harbours.

## Sir Andrew Cohen at Makerere School of Public Administration

"WHEN I GET MY TEETH INTO SOMETHING, I usually do not take them out until I have achieved what I want," said Sir Andrew Cohen, Governor of Uganda at Makerere College, Kampala, just before Christmas.

Referring to the creation in the college of a School of Public Administration, he said: "I am determined that such a school shall be established, though it may not be achieved in my time as viceroy. Where would the Sudan be today if it had not created a School of Public Administration in 1936?"

Then the Governor commented that he had often wondered if he would not enjoy himself more if he left Government House and became an assistant lecturer at Makerere.

There were plans to raise the number of students from 500 to 800. A Law School would have to be established, but not within the next five years. Much more urgent was a School of Public Administration, for which a reader was likely to be appointed in 1956, in which he expected a Makerere graduate to become an administrative officer under the Government of Uganda.

### Need to Make Makerere Inter-Racial

If some Europeans and Asians entered Makerere, it would be valuable to the college, to its body of undergraduates, and to East Africa in general.

Addressing the students who were leaving, Sir Andrew Cohen said:

"You are an *elite*, and membership of an *elite* implies the observance of certain standards of intellect and moral integrity. You must never look for their cues in political or material power. As members of an *elite*, you have a responsibility to your people, and must give the kind of leadership they expect."

Listing the qualities which students should possess, or ac-

quire, the Governor mentioned tolerance and understanding of the point of view of other people; intellectual integrity, self-reliance; scepticism of half-baked, fully-cooked, or even fully mature ideas; capacity and willingness to serve their fellow-men; a broadmindedness which looked beyond the tribe, locality, or even territory; and determination to use knowledge, character, and personality, not money for personal advancement, but to advance their people.

Mr. H. de Bunsen, the principal, said that during the past year two students had been offered posts on the managerial side of one of the largest commercial organizations in East Africa.

Professor Fergus Wilson said that direction by technicians and planners was a great danger, but that Makerere had a fundamental duty to play by showing a broad and deep outlook such as technicians often knew little about.

## African Housing in Nairobi

PLANS FOR BUILDING HOUSES for a further 7,000 Africans have been made by Nairobi City Council. Announcing this, Sir Richard Woodrow, chairman of the finance committee, said that accommodation on an improved standard had been provided for 17,000 since 1945. To accommodate 20,000 people, "a programme in five years in Nairobi with even a low standard of family housing, as opposed to single quarters and including water but not electric light, would cost at least £10m." The book value of housing for Africans in the city, 87% of which had been built since the war, now totalled £14m., a great achievement. "Having to spend so large a proportion of our limited capital resources on African housing," he concluded, "is putting us out of gear, and unless we redress it to some extent we shall find ourselves in major difficulties."

The Kenya farm of Sir Philip Mitchell is among those in quarantine for foot-and-mouth disease.



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# PERSONALIA

Mrs HUGO TOBLER is now manager of the Imperial Hotel, Kampala.

Mr CECIL WILSTYON-INGRAM and Miss MAUD LEE were married at Dar es Salaam last week.

SIR JAMES and LADY ROBERTSON, who recently paid their first visit to Uganda, have returned to England by air.

MR F. SPENCER CHAPMAN is to address the Royal Geographical Society at 7 p.m. on January 6 on "African Journey."

Mr DON TAYLOR's biography of SIR ROY WELENSKY, which is due for publication in March or April, is to be called "The Rhodesian."

Miss WALTER SANDERS of the University of Chicago has arrived in the Nyanza Province of Kenya to undertake geological studies.

DR C. F. HICKLING, Fisheries Adviser to the Colonial Office, left London at the beginning of this week for East, Central, and West Africa.

SIR EVELYN KEMPING, Governor of Kenya, has been appointed by the Secretary of State for War to the Royal Technical College of East Africa.

Dr and Mrs J. DESMOND COOPER, who have been spending their leave in Henley-on-Thames, will leave again for Rhodesia in the middle of January.

THE REV. W. F. E. SMITH, formerly precentor of Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia, has been appointed vicar of Harbury, in the diocese of Coventry.

MR D. M. PRITT, Q.C., who is one of the nine new recipients of the Stalin Peace Prize, defended Jomo Kenyatta at his trial in Kenya on Mau Mau charges.

Mr A. T. DENNEDY-BROWN, Secretary of State for the Colonies, spent Christmas with his family in Switzerland, and will have a short visit to Nigeria in January.

Major and Mrs E. G. LARKINS of Chelmsford, Essex, have been appointed by the Dean of St. John to be warden officers to Kenya prisons, and left for Nairobi by air yesterday. They are the first holders of such posts.

LADY CONSTANCE COLLINS is doing the round-Africa voyage in the BRAEMAR CASTLE. Sir and Mrs D. PERGESSON, the REV. DR. and MRS. J. JOHNSTON CAPTAIN and Mrs. H. KENT, and CAPTAIN and Mrs. R. TEMPLE.

Mr R. L. PEARS will address the Commonwealth Section of the Royal Society of Arts at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday next, January 6, on "The Copperbelt of Northern Rhodesia." SIR GILBERT RENNIE has promised to preside.

Mr H. R. LEWIN, managing secretary of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd., has been appointed a manager, and Mr. W. E. GROVES, hitherto London secretary, has been appointed to the dual office of London manager and secretary.

Mr LESLIE TAFT, chief education officer of Peterborough, and Mr. D. C. RIDDE, a staff inspector of the Ministry of Education, are expected in Tanganyika in February for a 10-weeks' visit to examine the future and financing of non-African education in the Territory.

SIR JOHN HAY, who is outward-bound by sea for a visit to Rhodesia, is managing director of Guthrie & Co., Ltd., who have a Rhodesian business, and chairman or director of many other companies, a number of them being engaged in rubber growing. He is expected back in London at the end of February.

PROFESSOR P. C. C. GARNHAM, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Professor A. C. FRAZER, of the Department of Pharmacology of Birmingham University, are to attend a meeting in Nairobi next week of the East African Advisory Committee for Medical Research, and the Conference on African Health.

SIR ANSELM GUISE, who is on his way to East Africa, is a former High Sheriff of Gloucestershire. He was at one time a captain in the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars.

Recent arrivals in London from Southern Rhodesia include Mr. and Mrs. J. C. BRIGGS, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. PALMER-COWAN, MR. H. J. MARSHALL, and COMMANDER K. J. RIDDELL.

MR ARMAND DENIS, Mrs DENIS, and MR. D. BARTLETT, an Australian cameraman, who are making eight African films for the B.B.C. television service, have recently visited Kenya.

BARON W. F. W. SMITH has been elected chairman of the newly-formed Southern Highlands Poultry Association of Tanganyika Territory. The other members of the management committee are Lady CUTHBERT, MR. F. W. CLARK, COLONEL G. G. JOHNSON, and MR. L. NICHOLLS.

MR. J. A. SINCLAIR is chairman of the newly-formed Uganda Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors. The vice-chairman is MR. KEHR SINGH KALSI, and the other members of the committee are Messrs. P. S. BEARD, T. S. GILL, M. KANBHAI, J. ROBERTS, and R. S. SAWYER.

MR. G. E. ROBINSON, 16, a student of the newly-formed Zanzibar Polytechnic Association, of which Bibi SAMIRA BINI SEIF is hon. secretary, Mrs. MAGGI DE SOUZA is hon. treasurer, and Mrs. V. M. DAVIES programme member. THE SULTAN OF ZANZIBAR and Mrs. ALFORD, wife of the Acting British Resident, are patrons.

MR. NARINJAN SINGH GILL, who has been appointed Indian Ambassador to Ethiopia, was an officer in the Indian Army, commanding from Southern India, according to Mr. V. V. Jones, correspondent, who was to the interview with the fall of Singapore, and the formation of the Indian National Army to fight against the Allies.

Several MPs, with special East and Central African interests have been elected to either Conservative Party Parliamentary Committees. They include MR. MALCOLM MCCORMOYDALE as chairman of the Labour Committee, MR. ERIC T. POWELL as chairman of that dealing with Housing, Local Government and Works, VISCOUNT HINCHEBROOKE as vice-chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, BRIGADIER O. L. PRIOR-PALMER as one of the two vice-chairmen of the Defence Committee and chairman of the Army sub-committee, and MR. CHARLES I. ORR-EWING as vice-chairman of the Civil Aviation Committee and of the Air sub-committee.

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Parliament

## More Questions on Kabaka No Change in Government Attitude

**IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS** last week Mr. J. FRANKLIN (Lab.) asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies if he had reached a decision on the Kabaka of Buganda's future position.

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "I have nothing to add to the statement I made on November 16."

Mr. ROBINSON: "Is it not clear from all that has happened since the publication of the Hancock Report that the early return of the Kabaka is a prerequisite to the success of the proposed constitutional reforms? Now that the hon. gentleman has had the courage to eat the words of the Minister of State on this matter, will he take a further step on the road to political wisdom and hasten the Kabaka's return?"

### Colonial Secretary's Disclaimer

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "If I may say so, without offence, I do not know what the hon. gentleman is talking about. The Minister of State made no statement contrary to mine on this matter. I made quite clear the new situation which, if it arose, would justify the changed policy. I have nothing whatever to add to the statement that I made, except that I am very satisfied with the sensible way in which it has been received both in Uganda and in this country."

Mr. C. ALBRECHT (Cons.) asked the Minister if he would ensure that the earliest opportunity was given to the Lukiiko to discuss this matter and reach a conclusion before any alternative way or the other was brought to the attention of Uganda.

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "None, sir."

Mr. W. MONSLOW (Lab.) asked how many Mau Mau adherents who had surrendered had afterwards been tried on capital or other charges.

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "None, sir."

Mr. MONSLOW: "Does not the Minister agree that if there are some the death penalty should be removed, and we might get further surrenders?"

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "That is a very different matter, but I do hope that the hon. member will give wide publicity to the fact that none has been tried on a capital or other charge."

### Serge Kham's Future

Mr. F. BROCKWAY (Lab.) asked if the Government would review the position of Seretse Khama.

Mr. A. D. DODDS-PARKER: "The Government have already carried out their review. For reasons set out in the statement made in both Houses on March 27, 1952, they decided that their predecessors' refusal to recognize Seretse should be made permanent. They also decided that the good government and well-being of the region required that Seretse Khama should absent himself from the Protectorate until an alternative chief had been securely established with his own administration. It has been made clear on a number of occasions that this decision is final. There is no question of a further review."

Mr. BROCKWAY: "Is it not the case that every attempt to get the Bamangwato tribe to appoint a new chief has failed? Is it not time that this thing of which most people are thoroughly ashamed — that Seretse Khama should be excluded from his country only because he has married a white woman — should be ended?"

Mr. DODDS-PARKER: "No, sir. I entirely agree with the hon. member on the criticism of his supplementary question. We believe that the tribe will in time nominate a new chief."

Mr. BROCKWAY then asked how many supporters of Seretse Khama had been appointed to the African Advisory Council, the Joint Council of European and Africans, and the Board of Advice on African Education in Bechuanaland; and how many Bamangwato headmen who support Seretse Khama had been removed from their posts during the last two years.

### Individual Feeding Breakdown

Mr. DOODS-PARKER: "The feelings which individual inhabitants of the Protectorate may entertain towards Seretse Khama, even if these were known, have nothing to do with their eligibility for appointment to the bodies to which the hon. member refers or for holding the post of headman."

Mr. BROCKWAY: "Is it not true that there is not a single supporter of Seretse Khama on any of these councils, that his supporters who have been removed were often systematically depressed, and that this means the majority of the tribe has no representation upon these bodies?"

Mr. DOODS-PARKER: "No, sir. The hon. member is quite wrong. As far as I have been able to ascertain, in every previous question which the hon. member has put on the same paper his suggestions have been shown to be wrong."

Mr. R. LEWIS (Cons.): "Will the Minister bear in mind that it would be most undesirable if present to stir up further support for Seretse Khama when such stable government has been formed in his tribe?"

Mr. DODDS-PARKER: "Quite agreed."

Mr. S. SILVERMAN (Lab.) asked whether the people of this country, like Jersey, were allowed by the Minister of Home Affairs to proceed with their former Government supporters in other parts of the U.K. in namely, authorising the question to free democratic elections under United Nations supervision?

Mr. DODDS-PARKER: "No, sir."

Mr. EMMES HUGHES (Lab.): "Why not?"

Mr. A. BENN (Lab.) asked whether there was a postal censorship in Kenya.

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "There is no postal censorship in Kenya. Under Section 23 of the East African Posts and Telegraphic Services Act, 1933, the Governor has power to issue general interception orders in an emergency to all the international public telegraph and telephone lines."

Mr. BENN: "Will the Minister, as the chairman of Mafua, tell him how many postal interception orders are in operation, as I think the House would agree that if these matters are pursued in this way, it is vital to keep them secret, against their abuse?"

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "Probably the best talk there is between the hon. member and the old master's touching public security in this very important field, the better."

Mr. ALBRECHT (Cons.) and Mr. DODDS-PARKER asked the Colonial Secretary if the Kenyan Government had prepared a policy for the rehabilitation of Lukiiko women who had been active supporters of Mau Mau.

### Rehabilitating Women

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "The work of rehabilitation is already in progress in the women's camp at Kamati, where two missions are to be hosted soon. Other measures planned include resettlement of released detainees with their families in guarded villages, the return of some families to employment on farms and the setting up of an experimental camp for girl supporters of Mau Mau. The women's clubs organised by the Ministry of Community Development are meeting with some success in drawing women away from Mau Mau. The Red Cross and the missions are co-operating in this work, which is financed from emergency funds."

Mr. ALBRECHT: "How many women administrative officers of any category are employed in this work, and how many are employed by the Administration in the normal administrative work outside the rehabilitation camps?"

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "I cannot give that information straight away, but I will obtain it as soon as I can."

Mr. H. DAVIES (Lab.): "Is the Minister aware that 43,000 children are now orphans in Kenya as a result of Government policy? Are some of the women in these camps the mothers of these children? Are the children allowed to go to the camps with their mothers when the fathers have been killed, and are the wives too frightened if these are disobedient and refuse to work inside or outside the camps?"

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "I would hope that the hon. member is anxious for everybody else to share this horrible business as far as he is concerned."

Mr. DODDS-PARKER: "That's right."

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "But I cannot imagine a supplementary question less likely to do it than that. The answer is, of course, that there is no corporal punishment of women. There is no question of their children being flogged. We all hope

for the reunion of families as soon as the emergency is over, and at the camp to which I have drawn attention there are a large number of children with their mothers.

Mr. DAVIES: "Forty-three thousand are orphans."

Mr. G. BING (Lab.) asked when the Kenya Government restricted the movements of Mr. Akhan Singh.

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "The restriction order was made in June 5, 1950. It was last renewed on December 3 this year, and will be kept under review."

Mr. BING asked how many non-Africans were restricted in movement without trial in Kenya.

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "A restriction order is at present in force against only one non-African, Mr. Makham Singh."

Mr. BING asked the Colonial Secretary to make a statement on the restriction imposed on British barristers and solicitors acting for their clients in Kenya in regard to litigation pending in the Privy Council and in other Commonwealth Courts outside Kenya.

#### Lawyers' Rights in Kenya

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "There are, of course, no special restrictions on barristers or solicitors in Kenya; as in all Colonial territories, British barristers and solicitors who wish to make visits, whether for professional or other reasons, are subject to the immigration control laws and other laws of the territory in the same way as any other intending visitors."

Mr. BING: "Would the Minister be prepared to make representations if details were given to you of the cases of members of the Bar or solicitors here who are prevented from practising in relation to litigation in other parts of the Commonwealth?"

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "I am always ready to receive letters from the hon. and learned gentlemen containing interesting information, but I must make it plain that the immigration regulations must apply to members of the Bar, as to anybody else."

Mr. F. BROCKWAY (Lab.) asked the Colonial Secretary how far the conditions and syllabus of primary education in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia permitted Africans to proceed to further education on a basis of equality with non-African children.

Mr. HOPKINSON: "Presently, the secondary education of the African children is the responsibility of the Federal Government. African children, as well as white children, have to do their early school work in an African language while they enter junior and secondary education in English. Unfortunately, I understand that the secondary syllabuses for African and non-African children are substantially the same. On the other hand, the fact that education of European children is compulsory means that a greater number proportionately proceed to further education than Africans."

Mr. BROCKWAY: "Is the Minister aware that in its earlier stages, education is of such a character that not a single African will be admitted to the new multi-racial university when it is opened? In view of the high hopes that are of that university, will he do something to improve the standard of education of the African children?"

Mr. HOPKINSON: "Every effort is being made to improve the education of African children, both in Northern Rhodesia and in Nyasaland. It is true that at the moment it is somewhat behindhand, but undoubtedly the additional finance made available through the Federation will help to improve the educational standards of the Africans."

Mr. J. ROBERTS: "Would not the Minister agree that it does appear a mockery to many people, white and coloured, in Central Africa to sponsor this multi-racial university in Salisbury and have such high standards there, and yet have such

a low standard of secondary education? Will he do something about it, because there is much feeling about this matter both here and out there?"

Mr. HOPKINSON: "I can only point out that in Northern Rhodesia, for example, the expenditure on African education has been raised from £745,000 in 1953 to £1,163,000 in 1954, a 50% increase. Although I cannot give particulars here today, there has been a similar increase in Nyasaland."

Mr. K. ROBINSON (Lab.) asked what progress was being made in the educational, social, and economic advance of Africans in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, and when the Government would extend their enfranchisement.

Mr. HOPKINSON: "For the first part of the question I refer the hon. member to the published annual reports and departmental reports of the two territories. On the second part, for Northern Rhodesia I have nothing at present to add to the statement made in the House by Lord Charnes on February 11, and, for Nyasaland, to the Colonial Secretary's statement on November 24."

Mr. ROBINSON then asked the Colonial Secretary if he would make a statement about the constitutional reforms now being discussed in Nyasaland.

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "I have nothing to add to my reply to Mr. Robinson on November 24."

Mr. ROBINSON: "Can the Minister say how long these talks are going on, and can he give any indication of when finality may be reached?"

Mr. LENNOX-BOYD: "I am not able to say at the moment, but of course they will not go on indefinitely. They are an very important issue."

#### Ethiopia And Its Future

Mr. P. FREEMAN (Lab.) asked the Foreign Secretary whether the Government had given Ethiopia further financial aid after the £2m. granted for war expenses at the time of the Ethiopian liberation in 1942.

Mr. PORTER: "No financial assistance has at any time been granted by the Government for services rendered at the time of Ethiopian liberation in 1942. Under Article IV of the Anglo-Ethiopian Agreement of January 31, 1942, the Government agreed to contribute certain sums as financial assistance to the Emperor in establishing his administration. Over £2m. were paid to Ethiopia, £1.5m. under contribution, £500,000 in accordance with the provisions of the agreement."

#### Africans Dislike Mr. van Eeden's Plan

#### Impracticable and Unfair

Mr. HARRY NKUMBU, president of the Northern Rhodesia African National Congress, said in Lusaka last week that the executive council of that body had unanimously rejected as impracticable and unfair the proposals of Mr. G. F. M. van Eeden, Federal Minister for Kariba, for revision of the boundaries of the Federation in order to allow for the creation of white and black states.

Our main reason for rejecting partition, Mr. Nkumbu said, "is that an estimated 1.1m. Africans live within what Mr. van Eeden envisages as the white area. We do not think it would be possible to move them, and if this were not done and we backed Mr. van Eeden's proposals it would be tantamount to a betrayal of those people."

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## Mass Confessions by Kikuyu More Mau Mau Attacks in Nairobi

MASS CONFESSIONS by adherents of Mau Mau are now almost daily occurring in the Kikuyu Reserves in Kenya. About 400 men recently assembled on the football field of the mission at Githunguri, in the vicinity of the former headquarters of the Independent Schools Association, and heard many confess that they had obeyed orders to destroy everything at Lari at the time of the massacre, and describe how Chief Luka was murdered. Men and women told of what they had been forced to do.

One woman has recently reported the whereabouts of a Mau Mau gang, and another threatened to reveal the names of other Kikuyu women who had taken the Mau Mau oath if they did not confess within two weeks. An African told Chief Makimeri that he had been ordered to kill him, but had been driven away by his guards, a story which Makimeri believed.

Kikuyu chiefs who heard these voluntary confessions told the crowd that it was useless to support Mau Mau. Arrests have been made on information given at the confessions. An administrative officer has emphasized that a confession does not necessarily mean a change of attitude.

### **Victim of Incendiary**

Mrs. Doris McNicholl has died in hospital from burns received when terrorists set fire to a Nairobi hotel in which she was staying. Her husband is recovering from his injuries.

An African tribal policeman employed as a telephone in the district commissioner's office in Nairobi was shot dead in the early Christmas Day.

On the same day Mr. Peter Oliver lost the sight of one eye while playing at Nairobi film. His assailant

who fired through an open window, escaped. The police have detained 40 Kikuyu in the neighbourhood for questioning.

In scattered actions on Christmas Eve 15 terrorists were killed. Many cooks and houseboys in Nairobi were absent from work on Christmas Day owing to detention for questioning by the police.

A notorious gang leader, named Gatoge, has been killed by the security forces.

A Sudanese police inspector, with one Kiparis constable and four Masai civilians, routed a gang of 23 terrorists near Lake Elementaita.

Slight damage was caused to the Nairobi home of Mr. Gazebrook, when a terrorist threw an inflammable bomb through a window and set light to it.

Thousands of children of all races attended the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree in City Square on Christmas Day by the Mayor of Nairobi, Alderman R. D. Atchford.

Mr. R. C. Callig, the new Commissioner of Police, and Mrs. Callig, toured the Fort Hall area, taking gifts to police posts.

Every member of the security forces in operational areas, including some 6,000 British troops, received a personal gift.

### **By Active Service**

Lance-Corporal J. F. R. Daniel and Private S. D. Wilson, who recently returned to service with the Royal Engineers, have been wounded in a Nuba raid.

## Last British Administrator

### **Mr. G. W. Bell Leaves the Sudan**

Mr. G. W. Bell, Permanent Under-Secretary in the Ministry of the Interior, is the last member of the Sudan Political Service to retire in consequence of the policy of Sudanisation.

The Prime Minister, Sayed Ismail El Azhari, has expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Bell, whom he described as a Sudan ranked his adviser worker who had helped him enormously.

Mr. Bell said in reply:

"During the past six months I have enjoyed the unique experience of being the last British Permanent Under-Secretary to the Minister of the Interior. During that time I have been in close, often daily, contact with Sayed Ismail El Azhari, and I should like to pay a tribute to his patience, his sense of humour, and his readiness always to give consideration to the views which a civil servant is called on to submit to his Parliamentary chief, be they acceptable or otherwise. I have enjoyed the past six months, and I hope, that our host will take that as the compliment which it is meant to be."

### **Administrators' Great Responsibility**

"As an administrative official I would like to say something about my Sudanese friends of the Political Service. The biggest task of the Sudan's security and means of welfare and prosperity for its inhabitants falls on the shoulders of the administrators alone, 150 men in number, whose responsibilities spread out over an area of 4 million square miles inhabited by 10 million people. They carry out that enormous duty and enjoy both your confidence and good will."

"Moreover, talk on behalf of all British officials of the Political Service, of whom I am proud to be the last. I hope that Sudanese administrators have excellent memories of the good example of their British predecessors. We who have now retired will follow their achievements with sympathy and pride."

"It is sad after 24 years to say good-bye to old friends and scenes, but she carries away memories, and for me they are very happy ones. To the Sudan, its people, its leaders, and its officials, particularly to my successor, Sayed El Shaiqi, I wish every good fortune. May God keep you all."

"...we don't care if it is a European, an Asian, or an African who is appointed to any vacancy. I do care that it shall be filled by a man who has the necessary qualifications to do the duties efficiently—and these include many besides the merely economic."—Mr. A. F. Kirby, General Manager, East African Railways and Harbours



## Death Sentences in Kenya Emergency

### M.P.s and Others Write to Mr. Blundell

FIFTY M.P.s have signed the following letter to Mr. Blundell, Minister without Portfolio in Kenya:

The Secretary of State for the Colonies informed the House of Commons on November 24 that 756 Africans had been executed between October 20, 1952, and November 12, 1954. Of these no fewer than 50 were charged with offences less than murder; 290 were condemned for unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. With your knowledge of the circumstances which may surround violence has flared, you will appreciate how this charge could be abused. Recently the number of executions has reached 50 each month. This fact has aroused deep misgiving to which *The Times* and Christian missionaries from Kenya have given expression.

The Secretary of State has indicated that a modification of the charges open to the death penalty is under consideration. We urge you to advise an immediate decision limiting the death sentence to cases of murder.

The second subject which concerns us specially concerns the circumstances under which the Chinese Communists, with their Maotai leaders ended. One thousand Maotai adherents had gathered together to lay down their arms when this occurred within earshot, leading them to think they had been tricked. They dispersed. The total Maotai adherents are estimated to number 7,000. If one thousand of these had laid down their arms, their example would have spread and the end of the fighting would have been brought much nearer.

### Appeal for Negotiations

It is a tragedy that fighting should continue when there is this evidence of desire to bring it to an end. We therefore urge you to make representations to the Chinese Communists to persuade them to have the confidence of the Maotai people, to contact once more with Maotai leaders, or, if necessary, to those accepted by the side of General Chiang. It would be essential to insist that promise that no one living within areas would be executed.

We know you will consider these proposals carefully, and our hope is that on your return to Kenya you will use your influence to secure their adoption.

The signatories are Lord Russell (Bertrand Russell), Lord Boyd Orr, Caren C. E. Raven, Canon Ian Collins, Benn Levy, Florence Lady Wedgwood, Abel Mannus, Reginald Reynolds, the Rev. Dr. Alister D. Belden, Lord Stansgate, Augustus John, Monica Whately, Professor Lionel S. Penrose, H. N. Bradford, Victor Collanzo, Mrs. Frida Lasti, Mable Ridsdale (Secretary, Women's Co-operative Guild), J. F. Horrison, Bob Edwards (secretary, Chemical Workers' Union), Jack Stanley (secretary, Constructional Engineering Union), and John P. Fletcher, and by the following M.P.s: C. R. Bent, R. J. McElroy, James Carmichael, Malcolm K. Macmillan, George Thomas, Peter Freeman, A. J. Irvine, Julian Snow, G. F. Simmonds, Barbara Castle, Horace King, Jenine Lee, Julius Silverman, Michael Foot, Walter Monkslow, Joseph Reeves, Julian Delargy, John Rankin, James M. Hudson, Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Charles Royle, Ben Parkin, Anthony Greenwood, Will Griffiths, John Paton, Kenneth Robinson, Tom Driberg, W. G. Cove, Stephen Swinburn, Richard Acland, W. O. Davies, Harriet Streat, Goronwy Roberts, F. V. Waller, Ian Mikardo, G. M. Thomson, Henry Usborne, E. Fernyhough, Harold Davies, Fudor E. Watkins, Arthur W. J. Lewis, Walter Pasley, Bernard Taylor, Emrys Hughes, Ellis Smith, James Harrison, T. W. Jones, John Baird and Farmer Brockway.

Mr. Brockway wrote in a covering letter: "The M.P.s do not, of course, represent all who would be ready to sign. They are only those whom I have met about the House today. I had two refusals. The letter undoubtedly represents a large opinion in this country."

## Lukiko Postpones Decision

### Committee to Review Reforms

THE GREAT LUKIKO OF BUGANDA decided last week neither to accept nor reject the agreed recommendations of the Namirema Conference, but to appoint a committee of seven members to discuss their implications with two legal experts from outside East Africa. It is understood that Mr. Kenneth Diplock, Q.C., and Mr. Dingle Foot, Q.C., will be invited to assist the committee, whose terms of reference are so wide that almost any suggestions in regard to the constitutional proposals could be submitted. It was Dr. Kababita himself a member of the Hancock committee who proposed the appointment of this new body.

### Delay Unexpected

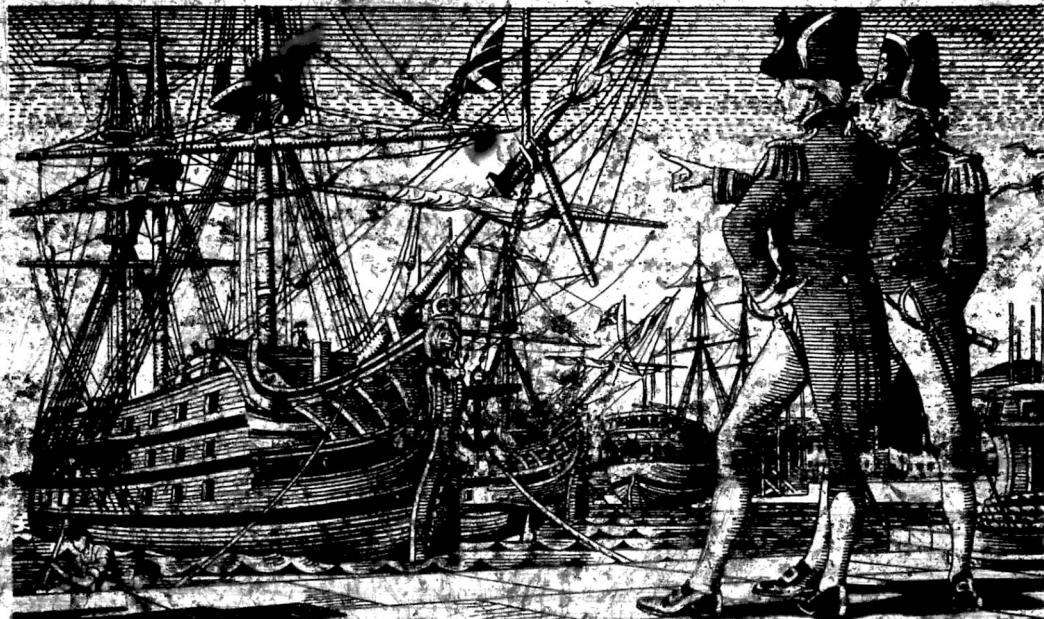
This turn of events had not been expected. Indeed, almost all the members of the former committee appointed by the Lukiko are understood to have expected, especially after the return of their visit to London of Mr. Kironde and Mr. Mulini, that the Hancock recommendations would be accepted.

They were evidently of the opinion or believed that the recommendations leave wide powers to the Governor and that they affect the established customs of the Baganda, including those touching the kabakaship.

### Serious Deck Accident

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT £250,000 was caused last week by the collapse of a pile at one of the new berths in Mombasa harbour. An inquiry is being held into the causes of the accident which involved 137 contractors and partly completed piles. There was no loss of life.





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Nelson again visited Antigua in 1805 when in pursuit of the French admiral Villeneuve—a pursuit which was to end at Trafalgar. Tradition has it that he refitted his ships at English Harbour before continuing the chase.

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## NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

The Ismaili community in Kisumu, Kenya, has adopted English as a medium of instruction in its schools.

A 30-foot Christmas tree was erected in City Square, Nairobi, for a party given by the mayor for children of all races.

Two Africans have been sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment each for killing another during a beer party in Uganda.

The Bishops of Matare and Mashonaland, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are to meet in Nyasaland in January.

A new group hospital of 189 beds has been opened at Margeisa by Mr. T. O. Pike, Governor of the Somali and Proletorias.

Seventy elephants were recently shot in the upper and middle areas of the Tana River, Kenya, to reduce the menace to crops.

There are now 12 Ethiopian students at York University, Canada. Seven are studying law, one commerce, and two medicine.

The helicopter now in service in Kenya has been fitted with medical equipment which will enable blood transfusions to be given in mid-air.

Nearly 11 inches of rain fell in a recent storm over the Tana Hills, Kenya. A 30m. gallon dam was saved from destruction by sandbagging.

A standard system of spelling Shona has been accepted by the Government of Southern Rhodesia. Complete literacy union in African schools will take five years.

"The Standard Post," established at 1s. by the U.S.A. trustees of the Central Africa, describes its educational work and invites educationists to offer their services to the churches in East and Central Africa.

### Mozambique Visas

British subjects or British protected persons resident in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland may now stay in Mozambique up to 12 months or pass through that territory without a visa. Reciprocal concessions apply.

Contributions towards a home for mentally deficient children in Bulawayo have been made by the Anglo-American Corporation and Rhodesian Selection Trust groups (£4,500 each) and the British South Africa Company (£1,000).

Chief Inspector R. C. Kerr and Inspector H. Lewis, of the Kenya Police, have been charged with assault and causing bodily harm to Sir Henry Dalrymple White. They were released on bail after the surrender of their passports. Hearing of the case has been fixed for January 10.

An African motor-boat driver fought his way through flames to reach the fire-extinguisher and put out the blaze when his boat caught fire during a trip between Kisumu and Kusa Bay on Lake Victoria. There were 40 passengers on board.

A memorandum on tuberculosis in Colonial territories has been presented to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by a delegation from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis headed by its chairman, the Duchess of Portland.

Greater Salisbury (including the city, outer suburbs and town management areas) now has a total multi-racial population exceeding 175,000. Europeans number 52,000, Africans 120,000, and Coloured persons and Asians about 14,000. In the city proper are some 35,000 Europeans, 36,000 Africans, and 5,000 Coloured persons and Asians.

### T.V. for Rhodesia?

Technical proposals for television in Rhodesia have been sent to the Federal Government by Mr. H. Wasserberger, proprietor of a local radio business. Very high frequency links should, he suggests, be used to overcome dissemination problems. A 100-watt commercially sponsored programme could easily bring Salisbury and link Salisbury, Lusaka, Bulawayo and the Copper belt. He hopes for a committee of inquiry.

Plans to introduce a "second stream" of education for boys of the Prince of Wales and Duke of York schools in Nairobi who are not fitted for a purely academic training have been announced by Mr. W. J. D. Wadley, Director of Education in Kenya. Emphasis will be on the practical side, with the inclusion of English, mathematics, European primary schools and the African Machakos. This will possibly assist Kisumu.

An East African branch of the National Union of Journalists has been formed, with Mr. Kenneth Mandow as the first chairman, Mr. George E. Yeaman as vice-chairman, Mr. Ralph Turner as secretary, and Mr. Terry Hermon as treasurer. All are off-duty staff in the Nairobi Standard. So are two of the four other members of the committee, Mr. A. D. Grimshaw and Mr. John Neil. Their colleagues are Mr. Austin Matheson, Press officer to the Government, and Mr. Ronald Kelly (*Sunday Post*).

### Queen's Commendation

MR. DAVID EDWARD JOHN HODDINOT, a ranger, of Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, dived to the rescue of a man who had fallen into the Kafue River and remained there half an hour before he succeeded in bringing the victim to the bank, where he was found to be dead. The river was infested with crocodiles and hippopotami. Mr. Hoddinot has received the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

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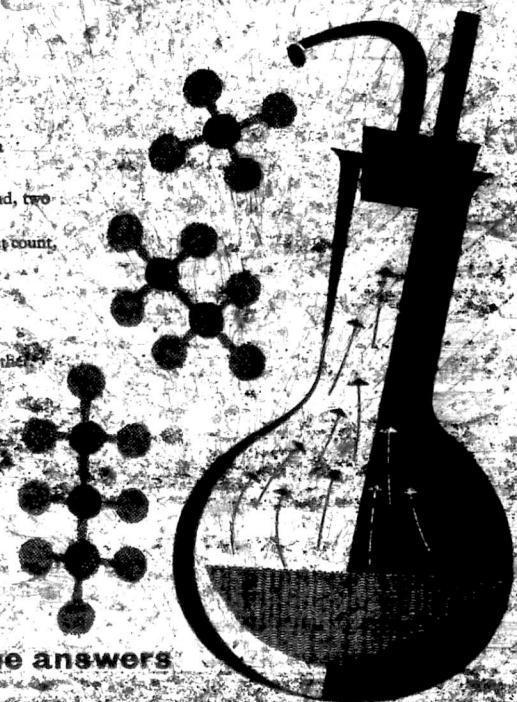
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Sisal output in Tanganyika in the first 10 months of this year increased by 9,931 tons over the corresponding total for 1953, while in Kenya in the first nine months there was a comparative decrease of 2,354 tons. Messrs. Wiggleworth & Co., Ltd., who therefore expect an increase for East Africa this year of about 10,000 tons, report that prices are rather sensitive to supply and demand and that spinners are mainly interested in current requirements, though some long-fibre bales sold for five months ahead.

The following paragraph stated that the general manager of the East African Railways and Harbours said he selected the new aluminium first-class coaches as being one-fourth of the weight of the former units. What Mr. Kirby said was: "We have saved over five tons in the weight of each coach." That saving is approximately one-quarter of the weight of the former units.

The Rhodesian Printing & Publishing Company, CentAfrican Press, CentAfrican Publications, and the Rhodesian Farmer are founder members of the Rhodesian Publishers Association. All other publishers in the Federation are invited to join. A Rhodesian Advertising Agency Association is also in course of formation.

The pilot sugar scheme in the Gwembe Valley of Northern Rhodesia has been abandoned. The Director of Agriculture has said that "tremendous tonnages" of sugar per acre were obtained, but only from small, uneconomic pockets of land. Another trial may be made after an aerial survey of surrounding country.

The latest census gives 3,800 wheeled tractors and 1,080 crawler tractors on private European farms in the Kenya Highlands, and 333 self-propelled and 574 other combine harvesters.

From January 1 the *Uganda Herald* is to be published daily at 10 cents, being thus the cheapest newspaper in East Africa. A new press, costing £11,000, is being installed.

The Sudan Gezira Board announces that when 14,288 bales of Gezira and Gash cotton were offered at auction, only 5,17 bales were sold.

A year ago 251 Africans were known to be growing cotton in the Northern Province of Nyasaland. Now the number is 540.

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The outbreak of disturbances in the Tanga Province of Tanganyika seems serious.

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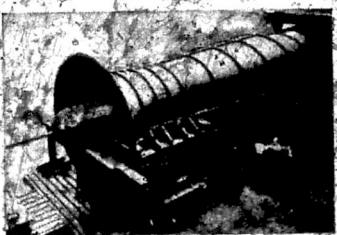
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IN AN ARTICLE in the *Commonwealth Producer*, Mr. A. E. Hailes, who was at one time in the Colonial Agricultural Service in Tanganyika Territory, advises the planting of Ken's variety of coffee. He writes:—

"Planters should also provide areas of tall grasses which may be treated with artificial manures to provide a continual supply of mulch sufficient to cover the soil in their coffee orchards. Yields are considerably increased by mulching, but for some reason as yet unexplained alternate row mulching is better than mulching every row at the same time."

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## S. Rhodesian Incomes

TWO BACHELORS in Southern Rhodesia had incomes exceeding £20,000 in the tax year ended March 31, 1954, and 10 married men had incomes of over £30,000 a year. The largest group of married men are in the £1,200-£1,500 group, numbering 5,500 out of 18,011 non-single taxpayers, ranging between £300 and £20,000. Total taxable incomes of the Colony were £45,137,000, and the sum vice-regal amounts to £3m.

## Mining

### Rhodesian Selection Trust

#### Mr. R. L. Prain To Be President

MR. R. L. PRAIN, chairman of the Rhodesian Selection Trust group of companies, will on January 1 assume the further role of president of the Rhodesian Selection Trust, Roan, Mutura, Nufurira, and Chibuluma companies.

Sir Harold Cargill Robinson will on the same day become deputy chairman of the Roan, Mutura, and Rhodesian Selection companies, and Mr. J. H. H. Macleod, deputy chairman of Chibuluma. He is now executive director of the four companies, and will become their executive vice-president.

Mr. R. M. Peterson, technical director of the four companies is to become technical vice-president; Mr. H. K. Fina will become administrative vice-president; and Mr. A. M. Vere has been appointed vice-president in charge of sales for the Roan, Mutura, and Chibuluma companies.

## Gaulu Coalfield

REPORTING NO. 25 of the Tanganyika Geological Survey Department is entitled "Gaulu Coalfield, Mbeya District, Western Province." It was published by the Government Printer, Dar es Salaam, as follows:—In the introduction the author writes: "The coal of the Gaulu Coalfield would not be worked profitably under present conditions. A large initial outlay would be necessary before coal could be produced. A railway would have to be built and a crushing, screening, and washing plant would almost certainly be necessary. A large production of coal for many years would be required to recover the outlay. There is not enough coal to justify this outlay, and even if there were, only a small proportion of the coal would be needed near the coalfield."

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Company Report

# Turner and Newall, Limited

## Export Business Particularly Gratifying

### Two Rhodesian Enterprises Now Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries

#### MR. W. W. F. SHEPHERD'S REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TURNER AND NEWALL, LIMITED, will be held on January 11, 1955, at the Chartered Accountants' Hall, Manchester, when it is expected that Mr. W. W. F. Shepherd, the chairman, and company will preside.

Mr. Shepherd's statement to the stockholders has been circulated to them with the report and accounts and after dealing with the accounts of the company, it contains a detailed review of the company's operations during the year to September 30, 1954, both at home and abroad.

The following are extracts from the statement:

#### Good Trading Conditions

The position of the company in the asbestos market has, however, been difficult, and has enjoyed good trading conditions throughout the year, in both home and export markets. The demand for asbestos textile products has increased steadily, but only towards the end of the period has this outrun production capacity, partly owing to local and possibly temporary difficulties of labour recruitment.

Some easement will be afforded progressively as more manufacturing capacity is brought into use at the Roachdale factory under the long-term modernization scheme, which is proceeding satisfactorily, but greater relief is eventually expected from the additional asbestos textile factory under construction at Hindley Green. This is also making good progress. The anticipated resurgence of demand for belting products, particularly conveyor belting for the coal mining industry, has enabled the recently completed factory for these products at Hindley Green to operate at a high level of activity.

Good progress was made during the year with the development of fire-resisting conveyor belting, based on the use of polyvinyl chloride instead of rubber, and with the necessary plant modifications for its large-scale manufacture as an alternative to rubber conveyor belting. The installation of plant for the production of belting ducts in premises acquired for the purpose near Hindley Green has gone forward satisfactorily, and by the end of the year a significant proportion of the company's requirements was being met in this way.

#### Asbestos Textile Products

The Leeds factory of J. W. Roberts, Ltd., was also soon affected by the increased demand for asbestos textile products, and has operated to the effective limit of its capacity for most of the year. Further progress has been made with the development of Sprayed "Limpet" Asbestos, notably in overseas markets. Plans are in hand to expand this company's sphere of opera-

tions, after its transfer to a new location in Lancashire.

In the course of the year a controlling interest has been acquired in Glass Fabrics, Ltd., a small company manufacturing glass textile products at Dungannon, in Northern Ireland. It is hoped that this will serve as a base for the ultimate development of glass and asbestos fabrics, a complementary products, but much research and exploratory work will be needed before this is achieved.

#### Revival of Export Business

The year has been one of increased demand, both at home and abroad, not only for "Ferodo" brake and clutch linings, but also for "Ferodo" staitrreads, "Ferogrip" fan belts and "Ferobest" technical plates. The revival of these businesses after the war, with lower figures experienced last year, has been especially marked, and there has been an intensification of the programme of overseas visits by directors and senior officials. In anticipation of the expansion of the motor car industry in this country, a substantial addition to the Chamberlain Bridge factory is in progress, and the resulting increased capacity will become available in 1955.

Motor racing has always been regarded as one of the proving grounds for the company's products, and an additional mobile workshop has been brought into commission, in order to provide adequate service to entrants in the increasing number of important motor racing events both at home and abroad.

Intensive research and development activities during the year have extended significantly the company's knowledge of friction and wear in both the technological and the fundamental fields. Indeed, the gain in fundamental knowledge is now beginning to see the development of friction materials from the empirical approach that has been common to all researches concerned with surface phenomena.

#### Record Output

It is very gratifying to be able to record once again that Turners Asbestos Cement Co., Ltd., has achieved record figures over the past year both as regards the scale of production and the value of turnover. This has been accomplished almost entirely by means of increased efficiency on existing machines rather than by the introduction of new plant. Whilst there was no check to the Government's programme of housing construction, there was during the year an easing of the position in regard to building licences for industrial work, the result of which has been in an adverse demand for this company's products. This is likely to be sustained in the coming year, the prospects for which are most encouraging.

Increased difficulties were met in the export field arising out of keener competition from overseas manufacturers, which, together with import restrictions into many countries and an increasing number of instances of local production, made the overall position a difficult one. In spite of the unfavourable factors mentioned the export figure was within two or three per cent. of the previous year.

There was no lessening of the demand for "Everite" asbestos cement pressure pipes either from the home or overseas markets, particularly in regard to the medium and larger diameter pipes. The additional plant to which I made reference a year ago came into operation a little later than anticipated and did not have any real effect on the figures for the past year. The plant is now running satisfactorily and will enable the demand for the larger pipes to be met more fully in 1955.

#### Progress in Research

Arising from work carried out on small-scale machines in the Research Department during the year, it has been possible to translate the various improvements in technique to the full-scale production units, a result of which very considerable economies in production have been effected. The most important of these is in relation to the better and more economic use of asbestos fibres of various grades. The Research Department continues to give thought, not only to improved techniques, but also to the development of new products some of which are most promising.

The increase in demand for the products of The Washington Chemical Co. Ltd., to which I referred last year, was well maintained during the period under review. As a result the volume of sales both at home and abroad reached levels well above those of recent years. The position was aided by the installation of new plant which was completed during recent months.

#### Shipping Contracts

The insulation contracts carried out by Newalls Insulation Co. Ltd. covered important work for the Admiralty and the leading shipowners on such ships as R.M.S. BRITANNIA, H.M.S. ARE ROYAL, R.M.S. SAKONDA, W.S.C. IBERIA, F.S.S. OREGON, T.S.S. SOUTHERN CROSS, and M.V. CITY OF DURBAN. The outstanding feature of the industrial work carried out was that comprising a number of important power stations, including those at Bankside, North Tees and Braehead. In addition to contract work the volume of direct sales by this company of magnesia and asbestos products also attained record figures.

A year ago I expressed the hope that the large-scale supply of insulation for important capital projects overseas would become a continuing feature of Newalls' business, and it is pleasing to be able to report that during the year the company's exports have outstripped previous years.

#### Export Problems

The total volume of our export business from United Kingdom factories during the year has been particularly gratifying. In some cases volume has remained relatively static, in others it has increased, but in no case is there any significant reduction in comparison with recent years. Difficulties in respect of import restrictions and exchange problems, to which I have made reference in former years, are still with us, so that a net improvement in our export volume is very unsatisfactory.

This year your board recommend a final dividend of

17½% on the ordinary stock, making, with the interim dividend of 5% already paid, a total distribution of 22½% for the year. This compares with last year's total distribution of 17½%, and your directors are glad to be able again to recommend an increased distribution. In so doing they have naturally given consideration to the somewhat reduced incidence of taxation resulting from the cessation of the excess profits levy, for as will be observed from the accounts, trading profits are very similar to those of the previous year.

Since my statement of last year was issued, our current earning capacity has not changed significantly in total, but, as was indicated as probable when the interim dividend was announced, our experience at home has been better and our overseas experience less favourable than was the case a year ago. Demand in the home market remains strong, but overseas difficulties continue without any present indications of a change from "buyers' market" conditions.

#### Future Outlook

The results of our current year's activities will therefore, as far as we can see now, depend largely on the fortunes of the basic companies and, though not very much from the raw figures now before us, we have hopes of a prosperous year. Until present they can be no more than hopes, and of course we cannot expect continuously to be able to report increasing profits.

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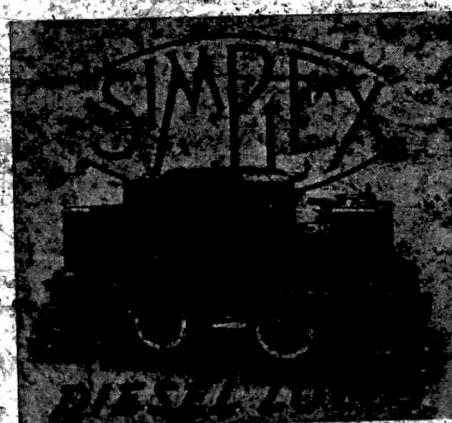
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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

**I**N WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS there are still great differences of opinion about many features of the Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya. Indeed, there is perhaps one aspect only on which senior

**Attack on Christianity.** and junior officials, the military, the police, settlers and business men, missionaries and agnostics, Europeans and Africans, are agreed — namely, that Christian Kikuyu have from the start provided the most solid resistance to a movement one of the chief aims of which was to destroy Christianity within the tribe as an essential stage in the plan to compel conformity with the intentions of the little group of ruthless and self-seeking conspirators for power. Hundreds of Kikuyu — nobody will ever know even the approximate number — have been martyred, preferring death by stabbing, strangling, and more indecent methods to a betrayal of the faith which meant more to them than life. Many Europeans who had had no real contact previously with the work of the Christian missions have been immensely impressed by the incontrovertible evidence of the staunchness of such men and women when nine out of ten of their tribe had, admittedly under pressure, taken one or more of the Mau Mau oaths; they have been equally impressed by the serenity, day-to-day devotion, and happiness of this dauntless minority in the midst of calamity. Some close observers have been greatly struck by their "other-worldliness," declaring it to have had no parallel in their experience. Many have found the only comparison in first-century Christianity.

A recognized authority on the Kikuyu, Dr. L. S. B. Leakey, having admitted in his latest book "Defeating Mau Mau," that "by far

the greatest number of those 'loyalists' are either Christians or, at any rate, out-believers in the old religion of the Kikuyu," proceeds

**Astonishing Assertion.** to make the astonishing assertion that the future can best be secured by the acceptance of a diluted Christianity which would recognize polygamy and other tribal practices which no mission can countenance — recognition not being denied, he suggests, because the Church is mainly minded, but because its servants do not like the implications implicit in the teaching of their Master. Because Dr. Leakey was brought up among the Kikuyu, speaks their language fluently, and knows their customs as well as any European, some people may be tempted to accept uncritically a proposal which we consider absolutely unacceptable. It demands examination.

He writes that the Kikuyu "need a simple, deep-rooted faith, a religion that is alive and real." Yet for the live, deep-rooted faith which has sustained a minority of them in a time of fierce spiritual, social, political, and physical conflict, he would substitute an

**No Solution In Compromise.** adaptation which would deny the experience of twenty centuries. Dr. Leakey recommends compromise. Does he not realize that those Kikuyu Christians who have stood firm when nothing about them was dependable have rejected the easy way of compromise? They were determined to profess the highest principles they knew, whatever the risk entailed. Any pseudo-Christian movement of the type which Dr. Leakey postulates would earn their contempt, not allay their adherence. How could anything founded on compromise, not conviction, possibly evoke and hold true loyalty? And

ans, who resent the idea of education less good than that found necessary by Europeans would, quite rightly, still more resent a debased form of Christianity. Its challenge is such that millions of men, white and black, humbly recognize their inability to fulfil its obligations. Better that surely than the defiance which Dr. Leakey imposes.

Moving to the fantastic accusation that Church leaders in East Africa are loyal only to the doctrine of their Churches and the teachings of the Early Fathers, and not solely to the teachings of

**No Scope for Misunderstanding.** Christ and the New Testament, he argues that Africans who continue

in polygamy or who, though already married, cohabit with the widow or widow of a deceased brother or brothers, should be excommunicated from the Church, because, he alleges, monogamy is not one of Christ's fundamental teachings. Though there may be no recorded saying of Christ which specifically enjoins monogamy, for the obvious reason that He was addressing a monogamous people — His view allows of no misunderstanding. When speaking of husband and wife Christ spoke of "one man, which clearly shows that when one woman only were meant, and when referring to the relationship between Himself and His Church, he likened it to that of husband and wife. It is, then, manifestly misleading to suggest as Dr. Leakey does, that it is merely a rule of the churches, not of the Bible, that makes polygamy and adultery (even if in

accord with tribal custom) incompatible with Christianity. If readers of the book who have little or no knowledge of African affairs find the proposal plausible, that will not be the reaction of African Christians, of European mission workers, or, assuredly, of the general body of the laity.

The impression is given that the problem of polygamy is a product of Mau Mau. It is nothing of the kind. It has faced missionary workers in South, Central, East and West

Africa from the earliest days of Christian

**Unacceptable Recommendation.** endeavour. In some areas

devoted men and women spent a lifetime in seemingly vain effort because they would not come to terms with practices which could not be reconciled with the Gospel which they taught, but were often at odds with their consciences and fruit. The problems of Kenya today, of Africa in general, and indeed of the whole world are largely the result of man's stubborn refusal to live by the highest principles ever set before him by any religious leader, and all experience testifies that man's attempt to adjust the teachings to meet his own convenience will be of no avail. Christianity makes no offer to go half-way with such ideas, and a Christian State, to say nothing of the Christian Church, could not possibly act on this main recommendation of an author who is himself the son of missionary parents. Its adoption, far from defeating Mau Mau, would undermine the faith of those Kikuyu who are the solid bulwark against the Mau Mau flood.

## Notes By The Way

### Mr. Blundell's Leadership

THE LETTER FROM COLONEL GROGAN which is quoted on another page is as important as it is forthright. It declares in so many words that Mr. Blundell accepted the leadership of the European elected members of the Legislature in Kenya on the explicit condition that that office "did not empower him to instigate policy." It is astonishing that any man should have agreed to hold the office on such ignominious terms. If the ostensible leader was not to have the customary responsibility and privilege of initiating proposals — for discussion by his colleagues, of course, not for imposition upon them or anyone else — upon whom was the duty supposed to fall? Were all 14 members to be equally responsible, or irresponsible? Did all concerned understand that the title of leader was being given and accepted as something meaningless? — or that is the only interpretation which can be put upon Colonel Grogan's words. If Mr. Blundell agrees that they accurately represent the intention and the facts, they explain the mystery of

the surprising ineffectiveness politically of a man of whose good intentions there was never any question. But they do not absolve any of the elected members from the charge of evading the clear duty of choosing a real leader. They owed that obligation to the electors, whose interests could not otherwise be adequately served.

### Humiliating Conditions

WHY DID MR. BLUNDELL ACCEPT the office under such a humiliating restriction? He had been in public life only a very short time, it is true, but it is also true that, as he and everyone else knew, his colleagues could not agree upon any other leader. That so strengthened his hands that he could have said, and should have said, "If you want me as leader, I must enjoy your confidence in the conventional manner. If you are not ready to repose that normal confidence in me, find someone else as leader-in-waiting. I am not prepared to be a marionette." According to Colonel Grogan,

however, he was quite willing to be a marionette. If that was the case, he had little right to expect much more loyalty than any other member of the team, and none to count upon the adoption of the policy he had enunciated in public. Indeed, he was being told by unanimous implication that his colleagues in the caucus proposed to put the brake on him. Yet he submitted. Having compromised himself from the outset in that astonishing fashion, how could he hope to gain strength later? That initial weakness was bound to encourage the dissidence and disruption which were thereafter to follow, and now all Kenya knows that there has been more diversity and dissidence among her European politicians in the past thirty months than at any time in the previous thirty years. If Colonel Greaves' resignation is dependable—and he has said very much the same thing in Kenya without being contradicted—Mr. Blundell invited the dissolution which he, the elected members as a group, the settler community, and all Kenya have since suffered.

### Abolishing Trusteeship

AFRICANS IN UGANDA will be as free as Europeans to buy whisky, brandy, gin, or other spirits if a bill published by the Government of the Protectorate a few days ago is passed by the Legislative Council, as it presumably will be. Though an official statement has emphasized that many Africans die from drinking illicitly distilled spirits, the real reason for the introduction of this legislation is presumably to remove the racial discrimination against the sale of imported spirits to Africans. There are people, of course, who consider any distinctions of that kind as an infringement of African liberty and undesirable even if designed simply to discriminate Africans. But many more would think it a wise measure, will probably regard its removal as unnecessary and undesirable everywhere. Is this not a case where political convenience beats given precedence over better motive? A very small number of Uganda Africans have acquired a taste for European spirits in England, on the Continent, or elsewhere, but that scarcely justifies the plan to make it easy for the mass of Africans to buy hard liquor.

### Appeasing a Tiny Minority

AN ANOMALY which has caused some embarrassment in recent years is that most territories which have forbidden the consumption of spirits by Africans have now African members of their legislatures who attend functions, including some at Government House, at which such drinks are served, and when they come to England, as men do they are offered cocktails and similar refreshment at parties arranged by H.M. Government—which has been adamant in prohibiting the supply of liquor to Africans in Africa. There is a good case for ending the hypocrisy involved in this difference between precept and practice, but it would surely be better to provide for the few exceptional instances than suddenly to abandon all control. In British trusteeship it is impulsive withdrawn at this early stage for the sake of appeasing a tiny minority of touchy, politically-minded individuals.

### Slightly Less Nomadic

UNDER THE heading "Nomads" I called attention recently to a statement of the chairman of the Municipal Board of Mombasa that there had been five changes within a year in the holder of the post of Municipal Affairs Officer in that town, and I commented that "the hierarchy in Nairobi is treating unfairly its own civil servants, the Africans with whom they are supposed to deal, and the local authority." The facts had as they are are not quite so bad as the Mombasa criticism suggested. I have official authority for the statement that there have been seven substantive

holders of the post, not nine, since it was first created in 1945, and that the average tenure was 16 months. The first M.A.O. served for seven months, the next for 15, the third for 26, the fourth for 12, the fifth for 28, and the sixth for 18 months. The seventh was appointed last April, was sent to the United Kingdom on leave on medical grounds four months later, and is expected to return to Mombasa next March.

### What Members Should Do

A SUBSTITUTE is acting for him during his absence of course, and in the above list there was a two-month gap during which a district officer performed the duties of the post. Setting those two factors into account, nine men have been engaged in the work in the last six years and eight months since April, 1945. This supports my earlier assertion that "since the post was created a decade ago it has had nine occupants." I add the suggestion—by no means for the first time—that each elected member of the Legislature should keep himself informed of all transfers within his own constituency, and make a practice of privately drawing specific attention to every one for which there is not a valid explanation. However, members should take that simple action on every appropriate occasion. It is no doubt that the Government of Uganda would mind its ways. It is, of course, not the only Colonial Government which is gravely at fault in the mismanagement of official manpower, but its record has been strikingly bad for a very long period. The recent disclosures in the Legislature about the misuse of men in the emergency services ought to have entailed dismissal for some people, but there was, of course, no such suggestion. Incompetence of this kind is inexcusable after more than two years of rebellion which would have been promptly crushed if the normal capacity had been shown.

### Serious Misunderstanding

A VERY STRANGE STATEMENT is attributed by the official organ of the National Guidance Office of the Ministry of Social Affairs in the Sudan to its own Minister Sayed Yahya El Faqhi. He is recorded as having told a Press conference in Khartoum that the Prime Minister was assured in London by Sir Anthony Eden that "the appointment of retiring expatriates in areas adjacent to the Sudan borders will cease." The reference is presumably to the appointment to the Colonial Service in Uganda and Kenya of men displaced from the Sudan Civil Service by the policy of Sudanization. It would be astonishing if the Foreign Secretary gave the alleged assurance, for Colonial affairs are not his concern, and secondly, Colonial territories could scarcely be forbidden by H.M. Government to accept the services of men retrenched in the Sudan.

### Need for Clarification

INDEED, A MORAL OBLIGATION rests upon H.M. Government to facilitate such recruitment, for the sake of the Colonial Empire and of the individuals concerned. Even if there were not that moral obligation, it is inconceivable that the Secretary of State for the Colonies would refuse to sanction such an appointment if, for instance, the Council of Ministers in Kenya decided in favour of it. For these reasons it seems to me certain that the Foreign Secretary could not give such an undertaking as the Sudanese Ministers claim. There is evidently an unfortunate and important misunderstanding, which ought not to remain. It could be clarified by a Parliamentary question and answer as soon as the House of Commons assembled, but it might well be desirable for the misapprehension to be removed at once. If that is not done, I hope that an M.P. will put a question to Sir Anthony Eden.

# Scores of British Officials in the Sudan Resign

## Prime Minister of the Sudan Outlines His Ideas of Union with Egypt

ON JANUARY 1 about 300 British technicians in the employment of the Sudan Government came into the right to give six months' notice of their intention to resign and receive compensation for interruption of their careers on an agreed scale.

Seventy-one in Khartoum alone gave notice of resignation in the terms of the Compensation Ordinance, and it is expected that many in the provinces will have taken or will take the same course.

The Government gave notice of retirement to 15 technical officials.

When the present Sudanese Government attained office there were 1,344 Britons in its service. The policy of Sudanization has already caused the departure of all the administrative officials, police, and military, together numbering 104, and another 71 have received notice "because their presence might affect the free and natural atmosphere requisite for full determination. They will soon leave the country."

It has been widely said that the Sudanization Committee has scheduled between 80% and 90% of the posts now held by British subjects for early occupation by Sudanese. Consequently some 80% to 90% of the Britons still left may resign instead of waiting to be dismissed.

The three Ministers whom Sayed Ismail El Azhari recently removed were understood to have vainly urged him to reduce the pace of Sudanization. They are believed to have stated that it was prejudicial to the interests of the country.

### Fair Treatment of Expatriates

The Prime Minister said in Khartoum at the beginning of this week: "Technical expatriates whose posts do not meet self-determination and cannot be replaced by Sudanese have nothing to fear. I am determined to allow no discrimination in the public service. Every expatriate will get fair and equitable treatment." He has applied to the co-treaties (Great Britain and Egypt) for permission to recruit expatriates from outside Britain and Egypt should he be forced to do so by mass resignations of Britons.

One cause of the heavy list of resignations is that the Finance Department has been entirely Sudanized much more quickly than had been expected.

The Council of Ministers has decided that all veterinary officers in the provinces and districts and all other field officers in the Ministry of Animal Resources shall be immediately Sudanized, and that the appointments of director, deputy director, and assistant director of the department and of chief research officer shall all be Sudanized as soon as possible. It is also intended to appoint Sudanese to the posts of Director and Assistant Director of Game and Fisheries, and as fisheries officers.

The Prime Minister has explained to a Khartoum Arabic newspaper, *El Yawm*, his concepts of the form which union of the Sudan and Egypt should take. The statement given by the newspaper is evidently to be regarded as entirely authentic, for it has been reproduced and distributed by the National Guidance Office of the Government. It reads thus:

*Editor:* "Is it possible for me to know your own concept of union?"

**THE PRIME MINISTER:** My personal view, which I have now formed and propose to present to the N.G.O. executive for discussion along with other ideas with the object of ratification, modification or substitution,

and which the executive committee will have to put before the N.G.O. Parliamentary body, is:

- (a) that the Sudan should be a Republic with its own President, Council of Ministers, and Parliament, in the same way as Egypt is a Republic;
- (b) that the union or the tie binding the Sudan to Egypt in their union should be a top-level Council comprising the Sudanese and Egyptian Councils of Ministers meeting together once or twice annually for the discussion of common affairs such as defence, foreign policy, and Nile waters;
- (c) that the decisions taken by the Council should be brought before Parliament for ratification, rejection, or modification.

**Editor:** "When do you think that this proposal will be presented to the N.G.O. committees?"

**THE PRIME MINISTER:** "This will be done at the first opportunity."

The Umma Party welcomed the statement, though demanding that the decision should be made now by the Constitutional Assembly, which is to be established by the end of January.

### Other Comments

The newspaper *Azadim* commented: "The council should not comprise the Cabinet. It should comprise parliamentarians or a few Ministers, so that its decisions should be binding on the parliamentary majority. Foreign affairs and defence should not be the subject of joint Sudanese-Egyptian discussions. No State can be sovereign and independent which cannot decide its own foreign and defence policy in the light of its own national interests. The matters to be discussed by the council should be cultural, economic, commerce, and the Nile waters."

Other newspapers made similar criticisms.

The three dismissed Ministers made the following various accusations against the project which they believe in principle. They are not considering whether it is fair or unfair.

The full statement about the differences among Ministers in the Sudan made by the Prime Minister was in the following terms:

"On my return from Europe on December 1 Sayed Muhammed Zarrouk, who had been officiating for me in the Cabinet, told me that one of the Ministers had given him a mandate for me to the effect that he and some of his ministerial colleagues insisted on my removal, otherwise I would know that they along with some members of Parliament were in agreement with the Umma Party to endeavour to overthrow the present Government and form a new Cabinet under the premiership of one of them."

### Acceleration of Sudanization

"I considered the matter to be of the utmost gravity, but deferred decision on it because I was pre-occupied with some things more serious and bigger — namely the speeding up of the implementation of the Sudanization schemes and their proclamation before January 1, 1955. Therefore, I hastened to hold an extraordinary session on Sunday, December 12, at which I spoke to my colleagues about the necessity of finishing with Sudanization schemes and the announcement of results by January 1, 1955, since that date was the beginning of a new phase according to the Compensation Ordinance."

"It was incumbent that on the advent of that date every official affected by the Sudanization decision would have been served with a notice. Moreover, this is looked upon as one of our prime and sacred national functions and of the most significant responsibilities of the existing interim Government."

"The passing off of the execution of resolutions adopted by the Sudanization Committee and undertaken therein constitutes a threat to Government machinery, thereby adversely affecting the smooth conduct of business and causing misgivings among able Sudanese who look forward to occupying positions rendered vacant. It creates doubts in the minds of expatriate civil servants who are entitled to know their destiny in order that they may shape their future accordingly."

"I felt profoundly sorry when the Governor-General spoke to me on December 12, informing me that certain British officials who were affected by the Sudanization Committee's decisions but whose cases had not been referred upon by the Ministers concerned, I conveyed all that to my colleagues at the Council's extraordinary meeting which I called."

"I then asked Sayed Muhammed Zarrouk to carry on with Council sessions, which should be confined to this issue during

my absence on tour of Dar Rizeigat to attend their tribal gathering, whose significance everybody realized. There can be no doubt that the people appreciate the necessity of attending these tribal meetings at the outset of the new order. I was taken aback when, on the eve of my departure, one of the Ministers sent me the following message:

"Dear Mr. Prime Minister—It has now become abundantly clear to me, after having been in doubt, that the sittings at the Council of Ministers in your absence is not in order, and that it places me in a position incompatible with my prestige. For this reason I would like you to know that I shall not attend the sittings of the Council in your absence under this arrangement pending the rectification of the position."

As I was aware that there would be a quorum even if that Minister omitted out what he stated in his message, I thought

that the Council would undoubtedly continue its sittings with the object of finishing with the Sudanization issues.

I returned yesterday, and was extremely perturbed to find that two Ministers had persisted in their refusal to attend the Council sittings knowing, as they did, that a quorum depended on the presence of at least one of them. Thus was hampered the smooth running of the important task on which depended the liberation of the country to enable it to exercise self-determination at the appointed time. The result has been a position of uncertainty and in the interest of the country in the least.

This precisely is what I wished to address to public opinion at present. It is my hope that all may appreciate the imminent dangers to the country if things continue in their current perspective.

## Differences Between Kenya Government and Colonel Young

### Conflicting Views about the Status of the Police

**THE MAIN DIFFERENCES** between the Government of Kenya and the late Commissioner of Police, Colonel Arthur Young, are set forth in a Sessional Paper No. 24 of 1954 (Government Printer Nairobi 1s) which deals with the status of the police, for it was on that issue that Colonel Young resigned.

The report of the Kenya Police Commission, published last February, recommended that every police officer should be accorded the powers of a constable in common law, and that the declaration made by each recruit on joining the force should be altered. The Sessional Paper states in that connexion:

"Government has given the recommendation that every police officer should be accorded the powers of a constable in common law, as in the United Kingdom, careful consideration has also been given to the advice of the Commissioner of Police that this proposed constable status should at present be accorded only to police officers of the rank of inspector and above.

The Government recognizes the fundamental principle that the police must be kept free from any partisan influences or control. But Government recognises that there can be no exact comparison between the United Kingdom and countries such as Kenya administered through a system of provincial and district administration directed by the Governor.

The question has been considered under two heads—the one the position of the police in relation to the enforcement of the criminal law, and the other the general policy regarding the preservation of law and order.

#### Police and Administration

"The Government's view is that the independence and impartiality of the police when exercising their function of detecting crime and bringing offenders to justice must be affirmed. But it does not consider that it would assist in establishing this independence in the eyes of the public if the expression 'constable in common law' were introduced into the law of Kenya. This expression may be appropriate in England where the common law is old-established and widely accepted but would not be understood by the people of this Colony.

The Government is of opinion that the right method in this Colony is to make a suitable declaration and to issue appropriate instructions to those Government departments likely to be concerned. These instructions will make it clear that the police must maintain the closest possible liaison with the administration.

Accordingly it is not proposed to introduce legislation on the lines suggested in paragraph 51 of the report to provide that the police in Kenya should have the same status as a constable in the common law of England. It is, however, considered desirable to make

an amendment to section 14 of the Police Ordinance to ensure that the form of oath is in conformity with the obligation of the police to act with impartiality in bringing offenders to justice.

The Government recognizes that the main responsibility for good government and preservation of order clearly lies with the provincial and district commissioners who represent the Governor in their areas. These officers are entitled to give general direction concerning the preservation of peace and good order. In all such matters the police force is subordinate to Government.

"With regard to the relations between the police and the public, the Government is strongly of the opinion that it is more important now than at any previous time in its history for Kenya to have a police force which commands the confidence of law-abiding citizens. The Government appreciates that the police have exceptionally onerous duties to perform, and in order to discharge them efficiently they must be men of the highest standards of integrity and physique.

#### Effects to Secure Recruits

"Recognizing these facts, the Government will do everything possible to secure the best candidates for all ranks and to ensure to them a satisfactory career. A police force possessing these standards and manifesting their impartiality in the performance of their duties will be best able to achieve the most desirable of all police attainments, namely the respect and esteem of the public."

From the Sessional Paper the following further passages are quoted:

"The police force has doubled in size since January, 1952. This large and sudden expansion has created very great problems, of which probably the hardest to solve is that of training and experience. New officers, inspectors, N.C.O.s, and constables can be obtained by promotion or recruitment. They all require either initial training or courses for promotion; but, however carefully their courses are planned, and however efficient their instruction may be, such training does not provide experience, and experience is essential in order to become a competent policeman.

"This sudden and large increase of a self-contained force is not to be regarded as a mere expansion of numbers but also as a dilution of quality. Under pressure of events and the urgent need to provide more police, standards have inevitably suffered.

The employment of police in combat and armed protection duties turns their attention from their normal role, and the use of necessary force and the restrictions imposed by emergency legislation tend to impair their relations with the public, upon the cordiality of which the strength of the police depends.

It follows from these considerations that the force will have to be one of consolidation rather than expansion. The police. The Government, therefore, does not intend immediately to increase the establishment of the force. There are, however, gaps to be filled, and supplementary estimates will be laid before the Legislative Council to provide for an additional 13 sergeants and 100 inspectors. In addition, the December

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Clerk, Native Affairs Department, Southern Rhodesia, 1927; district officer, 1931; assistant chief secretary to High Commissioner for Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, 1933; Deputy Resident Commissioner and Government Secretary, Swaziland, 1949; and Bechuanaland, 1951.

**MAY, JOHN IVO CECIL, O.B.E.**, Director of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation.

Assistant resident, Blantyre, Nyasaland, 1914. Served with Nyasaland Volunteer Reserve and K.A.R. in 1914-18 war. Occupied enemy territory administration, German East Africa, 1916-20. In following years joined Empire Cotton Growing Corporation.

**NIGHTINGALE, EDWARD HUMPHREY**, Governor, Equatoria Province, Sudan, 1952-54.

Joined Sudan Political Service, 1926. Acting Governor, Darfur Province, 1946-48; Assistant Civil Secretary, 1946-48; Deputy Civil Secretary, 1948.

**PETRIE, EDWARD JAMES**, Secretary to the Treasury, Kenya, since 1953.

Joined Colonial Service, Kenya, as assistant revenue officer, 1933; assistant treasurer, Accountant-General's Department,

1934; Assistant Financial Secretary, 1946; Financial Secretary, Barbados, 1948; Accountant-General, Kenya; from 1951 until present appointment.

**SMITH, GEOFFREY ELFRINGTON FANE**, senior provincial commissioner, Northern Rhodesia.

Administrative cadre, Northern Rhodesia, 1926; district officer, 1929. Appointed provincial commissioner in 1947.

**STUBBS, WILLIAM FREDERICK, C.B.E.**, Secretary for Native Affairs, Northern Rhodesia.

Served with British South Africa Police, 1920-24, and with the Northern Rhodesia Police, 1924-36. Joined Provincial Administration, 1926; district commissioner, Chimanimani, 1927-31; Kawambwa, 1931-37; and Mufulira, 1938-40. Labour Commissioner, 1944-48. On confinement to Secretary until 1949.

**WATSON, THOMAS MERRILL, M.B.B.S.**, Secretary for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Uganda, since 1952. Agricultural officer, Kenya, 1931; assistant to the Resident Commissioner, 1932-33; three years later transferred to Uganda as Deputy Director of Agriculture; appointed Director, 1947-48.

#### ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

##### K.B.E. (Military Division)

**SCONES, MAJOR-GENERAL LAURENCE, C.B., D.S.O.**, K.B.E., G.C.B., Inspector Sudan and Commandant of the Defence Force, 1950-54.

Commissioned into Royal Engineers, 1914; transferred to Royal Tank Corps, 1919; seconded to Royal Horse Guards, 1920; appointed to Western Army, 1921; served in Mesopotamia, Middle East, North Africa and Italy during the World War.

##### K.B.E. (Civil Division)

**CARMICHAEL, JOHN**, since 1953 Permanent Under-Secretary, Sudan Government.

##### C.B.E. (Civil Division)

**BELL, GAWAIN WESTRAY, M.B.E.**, lately Permanent Under-Secretary, Ministry of the Interior, Sudan Government.

**BENNETT, CHARLES EDWARD JAMES**, since 1953 Director of Agriculture, Tanganyika and Acting Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources, 1950.

Colonial Agricultural Service, Uganda, in 1929 transferred to Tanganyika as Deputy Director. 18 years later President of Dar es Salaam Musical Society.

**BIRD, CARL HENDLEY**, 107 services in Uganda. Member of the Legislative Council since 1949; president of Uganda Chamber of Commerce, 1942-45; non-member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of East Africa; joined British East Africa Corporation, 1945; in 1952, became director of Kettles-Roy & Tysons (Mombasa), Ltd., and director of Costain (East Africa), Ltd.

**GREY, THOMAS HENRY**, member of the Rhodesia Railways Board.

General secretary, Rhodesia Railways Workers Union, 1945-50. Joined Rhodesia Railways as locomotive driver, 1920. Life vice-pres., Rhodesia Labour Party, 1948. Served on a number of Government committees. Chairman, Rhodesian board, South African Trade Unions Assistance Society, Ltd. National president, British Empire Services League, 1946.

**HAYWARD, CHARLES WILLIAM**, Commissioner of Customs and Excise, East Africa.

Assistant accountant, Marine Department, Nigeria, 1927; chief inspector of customs, 1942; commissioner of customs, Gold Coast, 1946.

**JOYCE, MAJOR FRANK HORATIO DE VERE, M.C.**, for public services in Kenya.

Has farmed in Kenya since 1912. Served in East Africa and France in the 1914-18 war. Member of the Legislative and Executive Councils, Kenya, 1943-47; member, African Settlement Board, Central Examinations Tribunal for Compulsory National Service. Reported on agricultural conditions in Ethiopia, 1942.

**MODERA, COLONEL FREDERICK STEWART, D.S.O., M.C.**, for public services in Kenya.

Barrister, South Eastern Circuit, 1909-14. Served with anti-aircraft regiments in the First World War, regular Army, 1917-29. Advocate, Supreme Court, Kenya, 1930-59; and 1945-47; puisne judge, 1948, until retirement three years later. Past president, Kenya Branch of British Legion.

**PAXENTHAM, RICHARD HERCULES WINDHELD**, Senior Commissioner, Zambia.

Joined Zanzibar Administrative Service, 1929; in various times private secretary to H.H. the Sultan and the British Resident; Senior Administrative officer, Zanzibar, 1944-48.

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develop their type of Government in the light of their own knowledge, and indeed in their own desires. But in the second half of the 20th Century one cannot exclude the representation of coloured people in these Governments."

**JOLSON:** I agree entirely. The point I should have made — and it is one I made publicly long before the Lyttelton plan was introduced — was that because this was inevitable, it was highly desirable that the initiative should have been taken by the political leaders in Kenya itself, not left to a Secretary of State to impose from outside. That is the pity. I believe that Mr. Attlee did the right thing when he did because there could be no further waiting. But the pity is that it was not done in advance. Now your mention of multi-racial government brings us to the adjacent question. What do you think about Uganda?

**HOBSON:** Yes, we must. Uganda is a very, very prosperous country. It is essentially an African country. There are very few whites there. It has a very satisfactory trade position, — sum surprising, of course, — and this is no doubt at the back of your mind there is this problem of the Kabaka. As I see it, we have to be a little careful here. I think, in view of the historical period I see no objection to the Kabaka still stuck provided he acts the rôle of a constitutional monarch, and provides the Kabaka fulfil the terms of the agreement. I think probably that is going to be a very happy solution to that problem.

I think that back of all this there is a desire to have self-government. You know, foolish, none of us thought that the constitutional rights of millions of people stretching from the Cape to the Equator could. That is the sort of the matter. And so, now, with the Hancock proposals, Uganda, undoubtedly, the Baganda in particular, will settle down to continued peace and prosperity in this beautiful and successful African "Protectorate".

#### Are We Doing Too Much Too Quickly?

**JOLSON:** What about the other half of the settlement? Don't you think it reasonable to give 30 of the 60 seats in the Legislative Council of Uganda to Africans who have now got 20, and a couple of years ago had only eight? Don't you think that we are doing too much too quickly?

**HOBSON:** I think probably we are but, I think it better to make a matter of time rather than in the reverse sense. If we fail to give sufficient representation to Africans, we are likely to be attacked not only at home by those who are well informed of disorders, but also the most likely to offend world opinion, and we certainly would offend Commonwealth opinion, in particular. I am thinking, of course of India.

**JOLSON:** I'm all in favour of giving them adequate representation. The point that I particularly had in mind was the future. It seems to me that to give half the seats in Uganda to Africans will bring unfortunate repercussions in Tanganyika where we have not yet even introduced the party that has been promised.

**HOBSON:** That may be so, that may be so. But is, as you have said, it a mistake, I think it better to make a mistake on those lines than not to go forward quickly. In point of fact, what we must do is to ensure that we are in step with world opinion on these problems.

**JOLSON:** But aren't we thinking too much in terms of quantity and too little in terms of quality? Take this question in Tanganyika. When we started talking about parity there were to be seven Europeans, seven Arabs and seven Africans on the non-official benches. Then it was to be nine. Now it's to be 10 each, making 30 in a council of 61. Is this passion for numbers an advantage? Wouldn't it be far better to develop local government from the district and provincial level upwards, and to build a body of experienced men of all races for service in the Legislature?

**HOBSON:** I think in Tanganyika you have got something there. I am all for a sound development of district councils as a preliminary to representative government. I think probably what we ought to do now, Jolson, in this short while, is to wish them all well, and a very, very happy and prosperous new year."

**JOLSON:** Nobody could agree more warmly with you in those good wishes, Hobson, than I do."

#### Polio in Southern Rhodesia

SOUTHERN AFRICA is suffering one of its worst ever breaks of poliomyelitis. In Southern Rhodesia 130 cases have been reported since September. Health authorities hope that this will be the last large outbreak since South Africa's polio research foundation plans to vaccinate 24m. children later this year, when ample supplies of vaccine should be available for all Southern Africa. The authorities have appealed to all trained nurses to offer their services.

## Mr. Blundell's Leadership Colonel Grogan's Comments

COLONEL EWART GROGAN writes in a letter to the *Economist*:

"When the present Legislative Council came into being the European elected members appointed Mr. Blundell as 'Leader' and it was made clear to him and accepted by him that the term 'leader' did not connote 'Fuehrer' or 'Duce', but merely entrusted him with the formal functions of leading in the chamber and day-to-day contacts with the Governor, and did not empower him to instigate policy or indulge in any constitutional negotiations without the full knowledge and consent of all the members of the European Elected Members' Organization.

It was the discovery that recently there had been a clandestine breach of this understanding which disrupted us as a coherent team. We had had the most solemn assurances that there would be no constitutional changes during the emergency, or without a round-table conference, and adequate time for the electorate to consider any other alternative.

#### Backstairs Intrigue

"As a result of what can only be described as back-stairs intrigue, these assurances were ignored, and I and others of my colleagues were summoned to Government House, presented with a long and complicated document, and briskly informed by the then Secretary of State, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton (now Lord Chandos), that we had four hours in which to agree to support or otherwise the Lyttelton set-up.

It appears to have been forgotten that Kenya is a British Colony and its inhabitants entitled to freedom by British statute, and acquirements which are the Arab and the Native tribes (*vide* Lord Malborough's Laws of England). Nearest of us are in favour of a multi-racial Government as far as it means the incorporation of Arabs and Africans in the machinery of governance. This is a moral obligation, even though it is present largely symbolic and educational, because there is yet limited experience and grasp of the more subtle and complicated problems of today's multi-racial state. There is also general agreement that the Indians should have adequate representation in Legislative Council.

The basic objection to the Lyttelton set-up is the inclusion of Indians in the executive model of Government, with its future implications. The Imperial Government refuses to transfer the rule of the High Commission Territories in South Africa without the consent of the African inhabitants to a European Government, and we resent the blatant inconsistency of imposing part Indian rule over us and our Africans without their consent.

If the straight issue 'Are you willing to be ruled by Indians?' could be put to the Arabs and the Africans, there is no question but that the answer would be a universal and emphatic 'No'.

[Comment appear in Notes By The Way]

#### Screening Camp Inquiry

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE INQUIRY into the general control of the provincial administration screening camps in Kenya, which is to be conducted by Sir Vincent Gianday, have particular application to — (a) the selection and appointment of the European staff; (b) the selection and appointment of the African staff; (c) the length of time suspects are held for screening purposes and the legal authority for so holding them; (d) measures taken to ensure that camps are run in accordance with accepted standards of hygiene and discipline, including the arrangements for inspection and supervision; (e) measures taken to guard against irregularities and abuse of office; and (f) to examine any particular case of irregularity or malpractice which may be reported; and to make such recommendations as are thought fit.

## Lukiko's Surprising Decision Muganda Minister's Criticism

**THE GREAT LUKIKO OF BUGANDA**, instead of accepting or rejecting the agreed recommendations of the Namirema Conference — to which its own committee was a party — has appointed another committee to study the recommendations in consultation with legal advisers, who will, it is hoped, be Mr Kenneth Diplock, Q.C., and Mr. Dingle Foot, Q.C., who appeared in the so-called "Kabaka case".

The new committee has been specifically charged to consider whether any of the recommendations conflict with Native custom or with the 1894 and 1900 agreements between H.M. Government and the Buganda Government.

The Chief Minister of Katusiro, Mr. Paul Kavunder, one of his colleagues, the Oramamizi, Mr. Matayo Mugwanya, and one of the Namirema Constitutional Committee, Mr. E. M. M. Muirfa (who recently visited London for consultations) tried to dissuade the Lukiko from its decision, which appears to have been due largely to the advocacy of Dr. E. N. Kalibala, another member of the former committee.

When a saza chief asked why transfer of Uganda from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office had not been demanded, Dr. Kalibala replied: "Over 9,000 square miles styled as Crown land were taken from us while we were under the Foreign Office; we didn't want to return here to lose the other 8,000."

Later he said: "We are pursuing democracy. This has given you power in the Lukiko. If you don't want the Lukiko to be able to surrender your seats back to the colonialists, then . . ."

The motion that a committee of seven members with two lawyers should be appointed to consider the agreed recommendations was moved by Mr. Mikacti Kintu, a saza chief of Singo.

### Mr. Mugwanya's Comments

Mr. Mugwanya, the Oramamizi, has criticized that decision in the *Uganda Mail*, saying that he deeply regretted the deviation from urgent attention to the question of constitutional reform and the early return of the Kabaka. The creation of another committee would, he emphasized, prolong the exile of Mutesa II.

From a three-column report of the interview we quote the following passages:

"Mr. Mugwanya said that he was sorry to find that many members of the Lukiko had not made an effort to see reasons. The Constitutional Committee's members had tried to explain the implications of the recommendations, but some of the members had persisted in refusing to change their attitude. The two representatives of the Constitutional Committee who had gone to England to consult with lawyers had been advised to ask the Lukiko to accept the recommendations in principle and then leave it to the lawyers to draw up a legal instrument which the Lukiko would ratify."

"This and other matters of great importance were the subjects which we wanted to put before a private session of the Great Lukiko which we convened last week," revealed Mr. Mugwanya. He added: "We felt that the members must know the circumstances which made it possible for the Constitutional Committee members to reach agreement with Professor Hancock and the Governor."

To my great sorrow, the Lukiko refused to listen to what we had to say. Mr. Mugwanya added that he tried his best to request the members of the Constitutional Committee to change their views, but some of the members had made up their mind not to allow them this opportunity.

Mr. Mugwanya agreed to observe that there were some elements in the country who accused the members of the Constitutional Committee of working against the interest of Buganda.

All those who were chosen on the committee are men of character and integrity, and they are devoted to the cause of the Baganda. It is therefore regrettable that accusations are now being levelled against these men which could only mean that the people are uncertain of what they work.

Mr. Mugwanya said that the recommendations offered a chance to the country of achieving independence gradually.

The very fact that these recommendations had been widely criticized in quarters which are not happy at the idea of the Baganda achieving freedom proved their merits.

European leaders in Kenya like Sir Alfred Vincent, who are working for the idea of federation of East Africa have been most critical of the recommendations," said Mr. Mugwanya. "Such people do not like to see the African progress, and the Lukiko, by refusing to see this side of the problem, was playing right into their hands." Mr. Mugwanya added that he was sorry to find that the decision of the Lukiko had given immense satisfaction to the enemies of the Baganda.

Continuing, he said that some of the so-called leaders of the people had not the slightest idea as to what they were after. There was a general demand for reforms and democracy, but at the same time some of the Lukiko members had got up and said that they did not want the Kabaka to have any absolute powers.

### Misguiding the Public

"These people are not worried about whether the Kabaka loses his powers or not. What they are concerned about is that they will lose their absolute powers under the new constitution," said Mr. Mugwanya. Those people did not want the country to progress and were now misguiding the public.

"Mr. Mugwanya said that Kabaka Mutesa I had started the movement for democracy in 1875 when he wrote to a London paper asking for missionaries to come and help the country to progress. Since then the country has continued to advance through political and constitutional movements."

"We are all working for our independence," said Mr. Mugwanya. "It is necessary that the country's Parliament is democratically constituted, so that the political parties can succeed in exerting their influence for the benefit of the people. The refusal of the Lukiko even to consider the constitutional reforms can mean only that the people will not make any advance which they desire to do through their political parties."

"Quoting the proverb, 'Opportunity knocks on the door once', Mr. Mugwanya said that he was not losing the confidence which he had in the strength of his people nor any national judgment. Throughout my career, especially in the last 15 months, I have continuously kept myself and my objects in which I have decided to devote myself to the independence of Uganda and the return of Mutesa II."

I will do all in my power to help this new committee in its task, and I am sure that these people who now have the destiny of our country in their hands will not fail the people.

E.A. & R. [REDACTED]

## A Power in Africa

SCARCELY a week passes without testimony from well-known men in East and Central Africa to the influence of *East Africa and Rhodesia*. One wrote recently:

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## Tributes to Colonel Ewart Grogan

### "Elephant with a Big Hoot"

WARM TRIBUTES were paid by the Legislative Council of Kenya to Colonel Ewart Grogan on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Major F. W. Cavendish-Bentinck, Minister for Agriculture, said that their distinguished colleague had had a proud career as explorer, as economist, and as one who had always sought to create something where nothing was in various parts of Africa. Members of the Legislature had always regarded him with respect, esteem and affection.

Mr. Humphrey Slade, speaking for the European non-colonial members, described Colonel Grogan as a great figure, brave and gentle, bold and wise, who could combine relentless attack on enemies or hostile conditions with an equally relentless love of little children. His spirit and enterprise, his wisdom and human sympathy, ever-present humour, and his personal love of Kenya were woven into the stuff of other men's lives. What he had done was remarkable but, especially among members of public bodies, the value of what he did depended on the value of what he was and did outside the Council.

### Prize from Arabs and Africans

Mr. Mason said that even those who disagreed must admit Colonel Grogan, whose steadfastness and courage had made a great success of life in conditions which would have disengaged most men. He was one of the builders of East Africa.

Dr. Hassan, who said that he had known "his great personality" since 1905, testified that all Kenya, and especially the Moslem settlers, owe him a great debt of gratitude.

Colonel Grogan was described as a member of Nairobi West, "a man who was a very great friend to the Arab community."

Mr. T. M. Maitua, senior African member, said: "Colonel Grogan is like an elephant that has a big hoot. Wherever he goes he makes an impression, whether in the dry country of Taveta or in the forests of Eldama Ravine. Wherever he moves he leaves an impression that is always to the benefit of his country."

Colonel Grogan said in reply that he found it difficult to find words to express his appreciation of an entirely unexpected and exceptional compliment. Perhaps it was the bang associated with the crash through the Darjeeling Bridge.

"I have had the privilege of being associated with this Parliamentary terms ever since its inception. What form of political monster will eventually emerge is hidden as a secret in the womb of time, but no doubt the normal capacity of the British people and their association with other races will solve that problem. Though many times I have been a nuisance in this Assembly, the slings and arrows of my outrageous interventions have never been barbed or pointed with venom."

### "From Governors to Engine Drivers"

As far as the Civil Service is concerned, my long association with them has left a profound respect for their selfless sense of honour, sense of this, that and the other. I have made very many great intimate personal friends among them, from Governor down to engine drivers."

As far as the Arabs are concerned, there has always been understanding between us, right back to the days when they paid me the great compliment of appointing me their mouth-piece in this Assembly on such a complicated issue as income tax.

"As far as my African friends are concerned, I have been so closely associated with them for over half a century that I am a fellow African with them. In all that long period I have never had any serious disagreement with any of them, in more or less detail, except in the very early beginning, when I did have one or two minor disagreements with certain members of the race on the far borders of the Congo. In the days of the great famine, when they quite naturally regarded me as a heaven-sent opportunity of a disastrous nutritional morsel. That was long ago and there was no ill-will — largely because they were not even alive after the results. From that time to this I have never had any disagreement with them. I believe that the majority of them took upon me as a fellow African with themselves."

"As for the other people emanating from the East, there has always been quite openly and frankly a fundamental basic difference of opinion between me and them on certain constitutional principles; but if I had been one of them I should have followed precisely the same beliefs and tried exactly the same methods. However profound those differences, there has always been the common bond of common humanism in the tortuous world, and I have always been treated by them with that inevitable courtesy which is one of the characteristics of the East; and I hope that I have reciprocated in true Hiberian manner."

## Governor-General of the Sudan

### Sir Knox Helm to succeed Sir Robert Howe

SIR ROBERT HOWE, Governor-General of the Sudan since 1947, recently informed the British and Egyptian Governments that he wished to retire early this year, and it is now announced that Sir Knox Helm, whose name had been proposed by H.M. Government, has been appointed by the Government of Egypt to succeed Sir Robert Howe.

Sir Knox Helm, who is 61, was British Ambassador to Turkey until he retired from the Foreign Service two years ago. He held appointments in Constantinople and Ankara from 1921 to 1926, whence returning to the Foreign Office. In 1937 he went to Addis Ababa as H.M. Commissioner from 1937 to 1942, was on the diplomatic staff at the Embassy in Washington. A little later he went back to Ankara, and in 1945 became political representative, and later Minister, in Hungary. In 1947 he became the first British Minister in Israel, and in 1951 he went back to Turkey for the third time as Ambassador.

Sir Robert Howe entered the Foreign Service in 1919 and held assignments in Copenhagen, Belgrade, Rio de Janeiro, Bucharest, and Peking before joining the staff of the Foreign Office in 1938. Four years later, soon after the Emperor of Ethiopia had been restored to his throne, he became Minister in Addis Ababa. In 1945 he moved back to the Foreign Office as Assistant Secretary in Charge of Middle Eastern Affairs, and two years later went to the Sudan as Governor-General.

He was closely concerned in the negotiations leading to the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement on the Sudan of October 1954, and has had to deal with all the subsequent difficulties, including those of the introduction of the electoral system, the establishment of the first Sudanese Ministry, and the continued development of the policy of Sudanization.

The Prime Minister of the Sudan said in Khartoum at the beginning of this week that Sir Robert has done everything possible to help that country during the past eight years, and that the Sudan would be very sorry to lose him. "He has done so much to implement the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement on the Sudan. We wished to keep him with us during the remainder of the transition period to help us lay the foundations of the new Sudan."

## Archbishop of Canterbury's African Visit inauguration of New Central African Province

Details of the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Africa this year are now available. On May 8 Dr. Fisher will inaugurate the new Province of Central Africa at a Salisbury ceremony.

A week later the Archbishop will visit Uganda on his way home, and in St. Paul's Cathedral, Kampala, consecrate Canon Daniel Atong, of All Saints' Cathedral, Khartoum, as Assistant Bishop in the Sudan, and the Rev. Obadian Kariuki, rural dean of Fort Hall, and the Rev. Festo Olang, rural dean of Central Nyanza, as the first two African Assistant Bishops of Mombasa.

Mr. Kariuki, 47, educated at the Alliance High School, Nairobi, has taught at the Divinity School, Lamu. Mr. Olang has taught at Maseno. Kariuki was a schoolmaster before entering the ministry. In 1946 he went up to Oxford for a post-matriculation course at Wycliffe Hall.

Canon Atong was one of the first two Sudanese ordinands. He was educated at Juba High (now Lenten) School, later joining its teaching staff, and in 1943 became pastor in charge of Malek. He took a year's course at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, in 1947.

## Mr. Lennox-Boyd's New Year Message

### Importance of Unselfish Leadership

MR. A. T. LENNOX-BOYD, Secretary of State for the Colonies, broadcast the following message to the Colonial Empire on the last day of last year.

"It was at the end of July last that I was entrusted by Her Majesty the Queen with the seals of office as Secretary of State for the Colonies. This was the greatest honour that I had ever been paid, or, indeed, could ever be given, for to my mind the responsibility and the opportunities of my office make it the best job in the world.

"It is certainly a formidable one, with the welfare of over 70 million people involved, and a wide variety of problems of very differing kinds. It is what has made a great deal easier by the zeal and devotion of many thousands of people of all races who are doing the most responsible work in the Colonial territories.

### Courage, Selflessness and Tolerance

"It is their task to give their fellow men and women one of the best of all gifts — informed and unselfish leadership. Some are giving this in the administration; others in the armed forces or the police, others in agriculture or industrial development, others in hospitals and schools and many other ways.

"They are showing qualities of courage and self-reliance and tolerance, respect for minorities and other people's points of view. They have sometimes to do unpopular things, but they know this is one of the offices of leadership and that the result will be the best reward. The steady progress towards self-government within the Commonwealth, based on fair dealings, to all and on that economic development and strength

which are essential for a safe and prosperous life in modern times.

"I want while I am Secretary of State, to see as much as possible on the spot of the work that you are doing. The trouble about my job is that there is always a danger of getting tied by the mass of work there is to do in my desk in London. I don't intend to let this happen. I have been already since my appointment to Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, later I went to Malta, and I am going, I hope, in two weeks' time to Nigeria — where lives half the population of the Colonial territories. As soon as possible after I mean to make as many other visits as I can and, of course, there are always, I am glad to say, streams of visitors who come and see me and others in the Colonial Office.

### Loyalty to the British Crown

"I say on my visits and to my visitors what I can promise you is true — that the British Government and people deeply value the honourable ties that unite us all above all in loyalty to the British Crown. And especially at this time of the year you are always much in all our thoughts.

"I know well the suffering in Malaya and Kenya, where you are still undergoing the results of dangers brought on your lovely countries by terrorist gangs. I hope you know our admiration for your fortitude, our determination to help you in every way, and our prayers that this coming year may bring the end of, or at least a marked decline in, your grievous ordeal.

"And to all of you in every Colonial territory I give you greetings, and may the New Year bring you happiness and prosperity.

"In the first two years of my life in East Africa more work than I ever remember going into the late Dr. S. C. Wilson, addressing the Legislative Council.

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# PERSONALIA

MR. JIN WRIGHT has joined the board of Oceanic Development Co. Ltd.

MRS. G. P. SABEN has been reappointed a councillor of Kampala municipality.

MR. LEWIS GOTLOW is in East Africa to make a film to be called "Dangerous Safari."

MAJOR R. A. R. B. PEARSON is the new commanding officer of the East African Artillery.

SIR EDWARD and LADY WILBERFORD have returned from the West Indies and South America.

DR. A. J. HADDOCK has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Uganda National Parks.

VISCOUNT and VISCOUNTESS BLEDISLOE are to spend January and February in Mombasa on medical advice.

MR. D. R. N. CLARKE and MR. G. F. GETSTHORPE have been elected directors of British American Tobacco Co. Ltd.

MR. HENRY HOPKINSON, minister of State for Colonial Affairs, is to pay a week's visit to Aden between January 14 and 18.

SIR PEGGY and LADY LIESCHING are to be the guests of the Royal Empire Society at luncheon on January 28.

MR. and MRS. C. HANDLEY BIRD will arrive in England by air from Uganda about January 18 for two months' leave.

SIR DOUGAL MALCOLM and MR. C. D. HELY-HUTCHINSON have resigned from the board of the South West Africa Co. Ltd.

SIR WILLIAM and LADY HALCROW are passengers in the RETROGRADE CASTLE OF THE SOUTH bound to visit Rhodesia perhaps via Zambia.

COLONEL DAVID STILLE, R.A.M.C., is hospitalised in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, suffering from poliomyelitis which his son has also contracted.

MR. KENDAL WARD is to talk on "The Challenge of Man-Mau" to Companions of the Royal Empire Society at an evening meeting on January 12.

SIR CHARLES WESTLAKE arrived in London on Monday for a visit of about 10 days on behalf of the Uganda Electricity Board, of which he is chairman.

MR. WILLIAM DAVIDSON, a Southern Rhodesian regional controller of postal personnel, has been appointed Assistant Postmaster-General for the Federation.

MR. ETIENNE HARFORD, the new Belgian Consul-General to the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, has served his country's embassies in London and Washington.

MR. G. B. CARTLAND is at present acting as Chief Secretary in Uganda, while continuing to perform his duties as Secretary for Social Services and Local Government.

MR. R. M. TAYLOR, Secretary to the Federal Ministry of Transport, has been appointed Secretary to the Federal Treasury. Mr. H. M. McDOWELL succeeds him at the Ministry of Transport.

DR. A. ZAAL has been appointed Consul-General of the Netherlands for the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. He was formerly First Commercial Secretary at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington.

MISS JUDITH WHITE, youngest daughter of the High Commissioner for Australia who recently visited Rhodesia, and Lady White, was married in Westminster Abbey last week to MR. G. W. HARLEY, an Australian.

MR. R. M. BEATON, Provincial Commissioner of the Northern Province of Kenya, who is to retire from the Colonial Service in March, will then become director and chief warden of the Uganda National Parks. The vacancy was created by the recent death of Major Kenneth Beaton.

MR. GEORGE HUNTLEY KNAGGS, only son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. C. F. Knaggs, of Mau Summit, and Miss PETRONELLA ROSEMARY FREISTECH, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Friesch, of Nairobi, were recently married in Molo, Kenya.

A Legislative Council Club is to be opened in Kampala. MR. G. WOODGATE has been appointed manager and Mr. J. SHUGYA, assistant manager. Mr. Woodgate has served in the Uganda Police for 18 years, and previously for seven years in Kenya.

After 40 years' service with the bank and its predecessor, MR. E. RAVATOR has retired from the board of the Banque Belge pour l'Afrique (Overseas). MR. H. CROMBE has joined the board, and MR. J. G. MUSSEY has been appointed deputy manager.

MR. W. D. D. FENTON, secretary and commercial engineer of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, who was recently appointed chairman of the Uganda Electricity Board, will leave London on January 27 for Kampala to assume his new duties.

DR. A. H. MARSHALL, city treasurer of Coventry, who assisted in the reorganization of local government in the Sudan in 1946, is to undertake a similar investigation in British Guiana. Dr. Marshall is a member of the Colonial Local Government Advisory Panel.

MR. KENNETH R. MCKILLIAM, who has been appointed Assistant Chief Commissioner of Boy Scouts in Uganda is an Australian, and is on the staff of the Department of Community Development. The Chief Commissioner in Uganda is MR. A. L. STRUTINS.

COMMANDER F. T. HARE has become chairman of W. Frost & Co. Ltd., publishers of the Dorset County series of newspapers. MR. R. H. BRUNTON, who has been closely connected with East African and Overseas port affairs, has joined the board of the company.

MR. J. BUCKINGHAM and MR. C. W. PAY are the new president and vice-president of the Lusaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The other members of the executive committee are MR. ST. JOHN CHESWELL, MR. J. J. LINDEGGER, MR. Q. E. PEEL, MR. F. W. PHILIPS, MR. BRUCE RITCHIE, and MR. I. ROLFE.

MR. DONALD KEMPSLEY has resigned as chairman of Tozer Kempsley & Millbourn (Holdings) Ltd., but remains a director. The new chairman is MR. JOSEPH R. MILLBOURN. Four new directors have been appointed. MESSRS. K. G. BUTCHER, J. M. STONE, R. A. C. THOROGOOD, and A. E. WORTLEY.

Promotions and transfers in the Colonial Service include: MESSRS. A. M. GUENNEL, Assistant Director of Geological Survey, to be Deputy Director, Tanganyika; G. H. ROBINS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tanganyika, to be Commissioner of Police, Cyprus; E. P. WITHERS, executive engineer, Kenya, to be Director of Public Works, Somaliland Protectorate; and B. C. WILLS, agricultural officer, Northern Rhodesia, to be Assistant Director of Agriculture (Field Service), Kenya.

THE EARL OF HALIFAX, who for the past seven years has been president of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, has resigned because he must reduce his commitments. The general council of the mission has recorded "deep gratitude for the service Lord Halifax has rendered to the mission by his interest in its affairs, his ready help and advice, and by the charm and wisdom with which he has presided over its deliberations." Lord Halifax has accepted an invitation to become one of the patrons of the U.M.C.A., sharing that honour with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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Obituary**Mr. John Grenfell Williams  
Services to Colonial Broadcasting**

MR. JOHN GRENFELL WILLIAMS, director of the Colonial Service of the British Broadcasting Corporation, who died at his home in London last week at the age of 52, had for many years been deeply interested in the problems of Africa, in which he had travelled widely.

Born and educated in the Union of South Africa, he trained as a solicitor in Johannesburg from 1923 to 1927, and later came to London. Soon after the outbreak of war in 1939 he became adviser on South African affairs to the Ministry of Information, and in the following year joined the BBC as director of its African Service. In the latter part of the war he acted as assistant controller of the Overseas Services, and in 1946 was made director of the newly-established Colonial Service.

In that capacity he was consulted by the Colonial Office and Colonial Governments, many of which he advised in connexion with broadcasting matters. He paid a number of visits to East, Central, West and South Africa, and only a few months ago spent several weeks in Kenya as chairman of a commission appointed to make recommendations in regard to broadcasting matters. In the previous year he had headed a similar committee in the Gold Coast.

**Authorship**

Grenfell Williams was the author, in collaboration with the novelist Alan Moorehead, of a book which dealt with the impact of colonization upon the African mind, "Africa in the Mind of Moreshaw: The Man on the Mountain." Radio in Fundamental Education," and, in collaboration, "A History of South Africa." He read widely, thought seriously about African affairs, and was a valued vice-president and member of the executive committee of the Royal African Society.

His friendliness and practical encouragement had helped many a visitor to London from East and Central Africa, and he was always eager to have candid comments on the services for which he was responsible. He warned broadcasters to Colonial audiences to say what they really felt, and he made a special point of finding places in his programmes for those who could be relied upon for frank and constructive talks. All who knew the integrity of the man recognized that he was constantly striving in the interests of the Colonial Empire, which has lost in him a good, trusted, and experienced friend.

There will be widespread sympathy with Mrs. Williams and their daughter.

Mrs. L. M. ARNOTT, who arrived in Rhodesia with the Robbie Treks, has died in Salisbury, aged 89. She acted as schoolteacher on the pioneer's venture, and her mother started Salisbury's first boarding house. The Southern Rhodesian town of Melsetter was named after an Orkneys estate owned by a great-grandfather of Mrs. Arnott. She farmed for many years, continuing after her husband's death.

MR. HOWARD WRIGHT, of Newtown, Connecticut, U.S.A., whose death is reported, had been an ardent collector of books about Southern Africa, in which he had been interested since his undergraduate days at Yale University. He gave his great collection to that university.

MISS ETHEL MARY PRATT, whose death in Weymouth at the age of 87 is reported, was at one time matron of the European Hospital, Kampala. She was in Uganda from 1914 to 1929.

**Quaker Team Leaves for Kenya****I Work Among the Kikuyu**

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS sailed for Kenya last week to undertake rehabilitation work among Kikuyu, Embu and Meru Africans in detention camps and in Native areas.

Miss Marjorie F. Rees, of Harpenden, who between 1935 and 1938 was closely associated with the Children's Play Centre Committee, which was taken over by the E.C.C. in 1941, has been released for her purpose from her post of local government officer in the Isingir Divisional Education Office.

Mr. D. John Stacker, of Headcorn, near Ashford, Kent, for the past 12 years a probation officer, secretary of the Penal Reform Committee of the Society of Friends, has left his wife and two children in this country for his two-year term in Kenya.

Mr. Norman D. Boyce of Finsbury Park, London, a qualified crafts teacher, served with the Friends Ambulance Unit in Ethiopia for four years during the war.

Mr. J. Derek Lawrence, of Chelmsford, Essex, who has been released by the Ministry of Supply, has now joined the Royal Engineers from 1945 to 1948 for part of the time in Kenya.

During the past three months the team have taken an intensive course in the Kikuyu language at the School of Oriental and African Studies of London University.

Another Quaker family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goom and their three young daughters, sailed in the same ship. Mr. Goom, who has been senior lecturer at Dar es Salaam Training College since 1947, is to take up his educational superintendence to the American Friends Africa Mission in North Tanzania.

**Mr. J. S. Moffat**

MR. J. S. MOFFAT, who has been appointed by the Governor of Northern Rhodesia to be European member of the Federal Assembly to represent the interests of Africans, was born in Northern Rhodesia in 1908, the son of the Rev. Malcolm Moffat, a pioneer missionary in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. After being educated in the Union of South Africa and at Glasgow University, Mr. Moffat joined the Administrative Service of Northern Rhodesia, in many areas of which he served as a district officer until he became Commissioner for Native Development in 1945. Soon after his retirement from the Colonial Service at the end of 1951 he was appointed Member for African Interests in the Legislative Council, in which he has continued to sit. He farms in the Mkushi district.

**Mr. E. T. Jones**

MR. E. T. JONES, for the last five years general manager of the Shell Company of East Africa, Ltd., and B.P. (East Africa), Ltd., retired at the end of last week after 33 years in the service of the Shell Company. He will remain in Kenya to farm in the Limuru district. He is a member of Nairobi City Council, and has recently been appointed chairman of the Industrial Management Corporation of Kenya and a director of Cooper Motor Corporation, Ltd. The new general manager is Mr. T. A. D. Hewan, who, after serving in Malaya and Brazil, was sales director of Shell Mex and B.P. Ltd. in the United Kingdom before leaving recently for East Africa.

"For the last 50 years Kenya has benefited very greatly in every way by the very devoted services of officers of the Colonial Service. I say that having for 35 years been in close contact with them practically every week" — Mr. E. W. Mathu, senior African member of the Legislative Council of Kenya.

## New Year Honours

(Continued from page 582)

**RICHARDS, DR. AUDREY J., M.A., PH.D.**, Director, East African Institute of Social Research, Makerere College, Uganda.

After graduating at Newnham College, Cambridge, undertook field-work in Anthropology in N.E. Rhodesia, 1931-31, and as a Rockefeller Research Fellow, 1934-35. Lecturer in Anthropology, London School of Economics, 1935-38; and at the University of the Witwatersrand, 1938-40. Principal Colonial Officer, 1941-44. Member, Colonial Research Committee, 1947-49; member of Colonial Social Science Research Council. Reader in Anthropology, London University, from 1944-50. When appointed to present position. Holds the Wellcome Medal for Anthropology and Rivers Medal for Anthropological Research.

**SIMPSON, ERIC EARLE**, explorer, warden of Outward Bound Mountain School, Laskdale, since 1951.

Member of five expeditions to the mountains of Tibet and Central Africa, 1929-32, and of Mount Everest Expeditions, 1933, 35, 36, 38, 51, 52.

**TULLINGTON, RICHARD BARTON BOYD, O.B.E.**, Consul-General in London, since 1952.

**WATCHEL, LEWIS CHARLES**, Principal, International College, Khartoum, since 1951.

Reader at Trinity College, Melbourne, 1934-41; lecturer in modern history at Melbourne University, 1935-41. Served with Australian Military Forces in last war.

*For Gallantry and Distinguished Service in Kenya during the Period April 21, to October 20, 1954.*

### ORDER OF THE BRITH C.B. (Military Division)

**HEYMAN, MAJOR-GENERAL GEORGE DOUGLAS**, General Staff, Cheltenham, G.H.Q., London, since 1950.

Commander-in-Chief, West African Frontier, 1927-30; College, Canvey, 1937-38. Served in Middle East, South Africa, France and Germany during last war. Chief of General Staff, Control Commission, Germany, 1945-47. And Chief of Staff, British Mission, Washington, 1947-49. Before present appointment was D.A. and Q.M.S. Corps, Germany. Played cricket, hockey, and Rugby football for the Army.

### ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE D.B.E. (Military Division)

**GANTFIELD, LIEUT-COLONEL ROBERT GARDEN, M.C.**, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

**HORNSMAN, MAJOR RICHARD FRANK BRADSHAW**, Royal North Lancashire, Fusiliers.

### M.B.E. (Military Division)

**SEEDER, CAPTAIN STUART JOSEPH**, Royal East Africa Regiment.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER**  
**HASTINGS, MAJOR MARTIN COSMO**, The Devonshire Yeomanry.

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**WOODLEY, CAPTAIN FRANK WILLIAM DE MEERDT**, Kenya Regiment.

### MILITARY MEDALS

**ANANIA, LIEUTENANT ISMAEL OGWUMI**, King's African Rifles.

**EPURON, PTE. LOUCHEIL**, King's African Rifles.

**HOLYOME, WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 2 ERIC JANEST**, Kenya Regiment.

**LAMOND, WARRANT OFFICER PLATOON COMMANDER TERRY**, King's African Rifles.

**MC MULKIN, CAPT. JOSEPH**, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

**OMOYA, SGT. SAMWIRE, S.O.**, East African Rifles.

*Mentioned in Recognition of Distinguished Services in Kenya during the period April 21 to October 20, 1954.*

### Companions and Staff

**BLUNDE, MAJ.-GEN. W. R. N. C.B.E., D.S.O.**

**THURLOW, JERIL, THE LORD**, D.S.O., O.B.E.

**THE BROD, L.R.H., O.B.E.**

**MORRISON, COLONEL F. A., D.S.O.**

**SHIMMESLEY, MAJOR**

**WILLIAMS, CAPTAIN**

*Retired Authorized Captain* — HENRY MAXWELL, M.C., 8th Hussars; KENNEDY, SIR JAMES, F., 3rd Dragoon Guards.

*Royal Regiment of Artillery* — LANGFORD, "MAJOR P."

HUGHES, WARRANT OFFICER, R.C.A.

*Corps of Royal Engineers* — BEADDALL, MAJOR B. S., M.C.

THORPE, LIEUT. R. D.

*Infantry* —

**BALDWIN, 2ND LIEUT. J. Y.**

**R.N.S.** — WINN, MAJOR H. J., D.S.O., M.C.

**DEVON** — WINDLETT, LT.-COL. J. K., O.B.E., NEPEAN, MAJOR

P. V. M., BARBINGTON, C.L.R., R.D.

*Royal Fusiliers* — CHALMERS, G. C., PUDNEY, H. P.

*Scots Guards* — MACKENZIE, R. M., RYAN, R.

*Queen's Royal Irish Hussars* — MCKEE, C. M., HARPER, AND

A. W. M., RUSSELL, M. W., H. T. & M., DOCHY, M. M.

*2nd Lieutenants* — HALL, 2ND LIEUTENANT G. B.

*Q.A.F.A.N.C.* — WENTWRIGHT, MAJOR M.

*Royal Tank Regiment* — MILLER, SGT. M., MURRAY, SGT. M.

*Leethal Malogo, Leinster, Lancashire, Salute, Royal Ulster, S.O.* — MURPHY, W. O. & C. CHALHA, LENELTERM, C.R.

*Regiment* — NIGHTINGALE, MAJOR R. C. W., V.C.

MATTHEWS, J. E. S., BUCK, CAPTAIN, C. P. DUGMORE, LIEUT. J. H.

MC LAYLA, C. S. M., KAGWA, MILLER, SGT. J. A., BIANCO,

Sgt. W. M. J., OWEN, THOMAS, PTE. P. D.

*(The remainder of the New Year Honours will appear next week.)*

### Passengers for East Africa

AMONG PASSENGERS for East Africa in the S.S. UGANDA, which sailed from the Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool, on December 31, are:

*Monarchs* — Comander H. W. BARRY, M.R. & Mrs. P. BISHOP, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. BLACK, Mr. & Mrs. P. W. J. BROWN, Mr. & Mrs. V. DAWES, Mr. & Mrs. J. DOUGLAS, Mr. & Mrs. G. L. EMMISON, Mr. & Mrs. P. H. GAYMER, Mr. & Mrs. R. J. R. HAMMOND, Mr. J. B. HEPPELS, Mr. K. S. HILL, Mr. & Mrs. R. J. HILLARD, Mr. & Mrs. A. R. JENKINS, Mr. & Mrs. C. C. KENT, Mr. G. M. MINDERSLEY, Mr. & Mrs. R. A. M. KNOX, Captain H. W. LANCE, Major & Mrs. E. W. LONG, Mr. D. L. MANSFIELD, Mr. & R. P. McCANDLESS, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. MILLS, Mr. D. L. MINSCY, the Rev. & Mrs. S. MOORE, Captain & Mrs. R. D. NUNN, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. PARKS, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. PHILLIPS, Mr. & Mrs. E. QUIN, Mr. & Mrs. J. S. K. RUSSEL, Dr. & Mrs. H. G. SOULSBY, Mr. & Mrs. A. G. SOUTHERN, Mr. & Mrs. D. A. TAYLOR, and Dr. & Mrs. P. H. WILLIAMS.

*Tangiers* — Mr. M. J. LYNCH, Mr. & Mrs. H. R. C. SOUTERS, M. D. C. TENTER, and Mr. & Mrs. H. J. WREN.

*Zanzibar* — Mr. & Mrs. G. GAMMIDGE, and Mrs. KEALEY.

*East African Queen* — Major & Mrs. G. BENNETT, Captain & Mrs. G. E. CLARKE, Mr. & Mrs. B. C. RICHARDS, and Mr. N. SAMSON.

*Beara* — Mr. J. ANDERSON, Mr. L. COOKE, Mr. & Mrs. D. H. COOKSLY, Mr. & Mrs. E. DAWSON, Mr. V. F. GABY, Mr. P. B. OLDFIELD, Mr. & Mrs. J. McKEANIN, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. MORGAN, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. NUFT, Mr. & Mrs. C. S. PARSONS, Mr. & Mrs. J. Y. WALSH, Mr. C. V. WEST, and Mr. & Mrs. J. WOODHEAD-SMITH.

## Terrorists Spare European Family

**Mr. H. G. Shenton Kill'd Near Nairobi**

A MAU MAU LEADER, calling himself "General Ngorobe," spared the lives of Mrs. Anne Carmelley and her two young children when a gang of some 50 terrorists attacked and burnt her home in North Kianjap, Kenya, last week. During Mr. Carmelley's absence, at about 3 p.m., Mrs. Carmelley was warned by a Kikuyu domestic servant of the approach of the gang. She fired her revolver, it jammed, and realising that the gang were too large for her to tackle, she picked up her two-and-a-half-year-old son and 18-months-old daughter and ran into the bush to hide, being forced at on the way.

Owing to the crying of the children, the terrorists soon found her and threatened her with a revolver, knife and guns. She argued for half an hour with "General Ngorobe," who had taken command and prevented the other gangsters from harming her or the children. He told her to leave the Colony by the first aircraft. Deprived of her shoes, she was allowed to go, carrying the children, but neighbours saw her running away.

### Not Quitting Kenya

The gang, who burned out the homestead, took Mrs. Carmelley's pistol, a shot-gun and a Very pistol. A rifle was destroyed in the fire. When security forces arrived they gave chase and wounded seven of the terrorists. Darkness hampered operations, and the rest escaped in two parties. Spotter aircraft assisting in the operation swooped down on the retreating Africans.

Mrs. Carmelley, though badly scorched, survived the gang attack unharmed. In East Africa, after the incident, she said, she had no thoughts of leaving Kenya.

The labour lines of the Carmelley farm were hacked, and one African was killed.

Mr. Harold Gillespie Shenton, who went to Kenya 30 years ago and recently retired to a small coffee farm in the Fort Smith district, near Nairobi, was fatally wounded when three armed terrorists came to his door and demanded his revolver. Told that he had deposited it with the police, they shot him in the chest at close range. He died the following day in hospital. Mr. Shenton, a Quaker, had been friendly with the Kikuyu and often tended their sick. He was 60.

When a Black Watch patrol approached a cattle enclosure on a farm in the North Kianjap district on Monday, African farm guards opened fire and killed Private James Graham, aged 21, and wounded Private T. M. Connor, aged 22.

Ten Maus Mau terrorists were killed and three captured when police and Kikuyu Home Guards trapped a gang on an island in the Tank River, 50 miles north of Nairobi.

### Lukemia Camp Again

Prompt action by armed warders at Lukemia prison camp in Kenya last week prevented a mass escape of about 100 prisoners from a working party outside the camp perimeter. Only five men got away, of whom two were recaptured.

Mr. Blundell, Minister without Portfolio, and a member of the War Council, said in Nairobi last week that the Maus Mau were now trying to set up new committees in Nairobi which, however, were of lower quality than those which had been destroyed. He added: "To bring the Kikuyu back to our side we must prove that the reign of terrorism is over, and that fear need not condition their actions."

At the inquiry in Nairobi on Monday on an African police informer killed during the police raid on premises in Nairobi last November, the magistrate, Mr. R. C. Laming, ordered that Senior Reserve Police Officer Walter Y. Wilkins should be summoned to answer a charge of manslaughter.

A conference in Durban of some 300 delegates of the African National Congress passed a resolution urging H.M. Government to end the emergency in Kenya by releasing Kenyatta and all other persons charged with political offences, removing the ban on the Kenya African Union, ceasing all military measures, withdrawing unnecessary troops, and con-

vening a round-table conference to arrange the transfer of power to a democratic Government in which the mass of the people of Kenya will have genuine confidence.

A proposal to the Kiambu African District Council by Chief Joseph that a grant of £100 be made to Kikuyu guards and tribal police in the district for the purchase of meat for Christians was passed unanimously.

In addition to 108 large food hampers for British units serving in Kenya, and cheques ranging from £22 to £100 for extra Christmas food and beer for African units, 7,500 personal gifts were dispatched to British troops in the Colony by the Emergency Welfare Committee. In Nyeri Mr. Derek Richardson packed 130 hampers for distribution to units on detachment in forest areas. Nearly £1,500 was collected in the Colony for Christmas comforts for the security forces.

In response to a Kenya Police appeal for Christmas efforts, the Kenya Tea Growers Association gave £200, which at cost price provided 41,363 two-ounce boxes of tea for distribution.

### Reorganization of Farm Guard Force

At a cost of £300,000 a year the Kenya Government is enlarging and reorganizing the farm guard force in order to give better protection to farmers, intensify the denial of food to the terrorists, and assist in the destruction of splinter groups which may attempt to live on farms and disrupt reconnaissance parties for the main army units. In the Rift Valley Province, also, the organization will be reformed to deal with terrorists who may seek refuge on farms and conduct sporadic acts of violence.

In the Central Province they will come under the policy by existing as full-time paid members of the police reserve. Administered by European and African supervisory police personnel, their will be increased from 328 to 900.

In the Rift Valley Province, where farm guards perform a protective role on individual farms, they will continue to be administered by the provincial administration but under the personal control of the farmer. They will be attested as special police and paid, partly by the farmers and partly by Government, at the rate of 80s. a month. Their strength will increase from 300 to 1,110 and they will receive enhanced allowances from the Government.

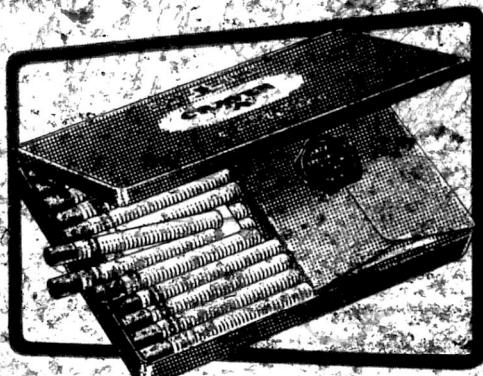
The target date for the completion of the reorganization is January 28 for the Rift Valley Province and March 31 for the Central Province.

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## Cover for Colonial Currencies Investment in Local Securities

**COLONEL O. L. CROSTHWAITE** (Cons.) asked if H.M. Government would cover from 100% the cover in sterling demanded for local currency issued by Colonies and to what extent regulations permitted Commonwealth banks in local issues to acquire U.K. securities in order to cover local currency issues made by them.

**MR. LENNOX-BOYD**: "At present Colonial currency authorities are normally required to invest their funds in sterling securities issued by any of H.M. Governments except those of the territories in which the currency circulates. But I have recently told Colonial Governments that, subject to a review of the individual circumstances of each territory, I would agree in principle to the investment of a small part of the cover for Colonial currencies in locally issued securities. The currencies should be fully backed and automatically redeemable for sterling. This is not the intention to go beyond this."

**Mrs. ETHELLA WHITE** asked why Paramount Chief Mzeeezi and Senior Chief Nsefu of Northern Rhodesia and seven others had been detained without trial.

**Mr. LENNOX-BOYD**, Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied: "The administrative record and general conduct of Paramount Chief Mzeeezi have recently made it necessary for the provincial commissioner to warn him that unless he improves his conduct it will become necessary to recommend his deposition to the Governor. Senior Chief Nsefu has not been threatened with deposition."

**MR. LENNOX-BOYD**: "Colonial Secretary, after being advised by the Commissioner of Northern Rhodesia, has decided to take action against the former chief of staff of the Central African Rifles who was found to have been a spy and to have been harbored from any post other than that of a senior civil servant. The Government's intention is to allow him to return home to the Lomba district."

**MR. LENNOX-BOYD**: "Mr. Tshingimbo was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment last year on charges of doing an act with seditious intent, with uttering seditious words, and with attempting to undermine the lawful power and authority of a Native authority. The court recommended that a restriction order be made, which came into operation on his release from prison on July 12, 1954."

### African Education

The Secretary of State told **MR. M. CRACK** (Lab.) that responsibility for prisons and higher education, including technical courses, had been assumed by the Federal Government but that technical education for Africans at lower levels remained a territorial responsibility in the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

**MR. PENNER-BROCKLEY** (Lab.) asked what steps were being taken towards educational, health, social, economic and political progress in Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland.

**MR. DODDS-PARKER**: "I would refer the hon. member to the three Colonial Reports. A programme for substantial further development is under consideration. We are seeking to develop instruments of local government based on representative institutions, and steady progress is being made."

**MR. BUCKLEY**: "Will the Minister proceed with the utmost vigour with these reforms? Are they not the most effective way to influence the position in the Union where the African population are denied so many of these rights?"

**MR. DODDS-PARKER**: "My duties have nothing to do with what happens in the Union. I will try to carry out my duties with regard to the territories to the best of my ability."

**MR. C. ALFORT** (Con.): "Is the Minister aware of the very great satisfaction at the progress which has been made in the social and economic government of these three territories, which stands out in remarkable contrast to the neglect which they suffered when the party originally was in office?"

**MR. J. JOHNSON** (Lab.): "Will the Minister assure that the more we do — and goodness knows there is a lot to be done — in these territories, the less cause there is for people like Malan and his successors to claim for annexation to the Union?"

**MR. DODDS-PARKER**: "What H.M. Government will do will depend on the merits of the case without reference to the Union."

**MR. PAGE** asked whether the Commonwealth Relations Office had accepted the recommendation of the Bechuanaland Pre-

ference Government to meet the cost of erection of the education block of the Bamangwato College.

**MR. DODDS-PARKER**: "A proposal to build a technical education block with assistance from Colonial Development and Welfare funds is under discussion with the Native authority of the tribe to which the Bamangwato College belongs."

**MR. PAGE** asked whether the principle would be accepted of H.M. Government meeting the cost of all secondary education in the Bechuanaland Protectorate and leaving the cost of all primary education there to be met by the local councils of tribal administration.

**MR. DODDS-PARKER**: "No, sir. H.M. Government do not accept as a matter of principle that the whole cost of secondary education should be borne by the Provincial Administration which does, however, bear a substantial part of the cost. The cost of primary education in tribal areas is already being borne by Native treasuries."

**MR. T. RENALD HABIB** asked in which Colonial territories some system of teaching back to control to the people has been established.

**MR. LENNOX-BOYD**: "So far as I know, no Colonial Government has established any such system, but voluntary organizations are at work in some territories."

### Replies in Brief

**MR. LENNOX-BOYD**: "Chief Mzeeezi is the only Paramount Chief whom I have seen since I became Minister."

"A recent issue of self-sections of the Malawians newspaper showed an incident of several deaths of about 20% males and 5% females."

"The number of offences in South West Africa, Kenya, is: 1,600; Mangat, 1,631; Maingao, 1,570; Nirok, 415; Athi River, 1,630; Mackinnon Road, 7,283; Manyani, 11,120; Kamiti, 11,139 (women); Aguthi, 445; Mweru, 466; Lasanga, 251; Kandan, 758; Tarwa, 200; Khammo, 957; Mwea, 482; Tebere, 887; Isiara, 908; Kiambere, 2,031; Lihata, 283."

**MR. HENRY HOPKINS**: "Kenya has 295 registered cooperative organizations. Northern Rhodesia, 109; Nyasaland, 100; Uganda, 100."

## Kariba: The Decision Delayed

### Prime Minister's Statement

SIR GODFREY HICKS, Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, announced on the beginning of this week that the Federal Government would not yet decide whether to proceed with the Kariba or the Kafue hydro-electric power project.

The report of the French consultants, M. Tissier and M. Missen, gave the approximate costs for both schemes, but a decision could not be based solely on those documents. It is also necessary to take into account such vital factors as the rate of economic development of the country and the availability of finance," said Sir Godfrey. "Careful study is required to relate the reports to the availability of money and the demands of general development within the Federation."

"A wrong decision could have the gravest repercussions on the economic development of the Federal area, and the Government must therefore continue its examination until such time as it can reach a conclusion. No decision can be announced until there is a clear picture of the method of financing either scheme."

"We consider that, whatever small delay may be involved in arriving at a decision, this will not prejudice the question of satisfying the anticipated power shortfall on the Copperbelt in a few years."

The Prime Minister also said significantly: "We are still awaiting a mission from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development."

## Royal Technical College

"ASIANS IN NORTHERN RHODESIA have been asked to contribute £25,000 to the Royal Technical College in East Africa, of which the Gandhi Memorial Academy forms a part. Dr. R. K. Yajnik, who went from Kenya to Northern Rhodesia in connexion with the appeal, said that Asians in East Africa had already subscribed £300,000, that £100,000 was to be given by the Gandhi Memorial Fund in India, and that a further £100,000 had still to be collected."

## Importance of Educated Women

### Governor's Address to Africans

THE MOST IMPORTANT thing for the African people of Northern Rhodesia today is to see that its women are educated, Sir Arthur Benson, the Governor, told the African Representative Council at its recent meeting. He said:

"Why is it that Europeans can produce brilliant economists, statesmen, financiers, commercial magnates, civil servants, administrators, and so on, and that up to now very few Africans have managed to reach the same standard? I firmly believe the reason to be that European women are so very much more highly educated than African women."

"It is not the men who are important in this respect; it is the women. All children are brought up in their early years by their mothers. It is the mother who is always with the child."

### Education Begins at Home

"Since the European mother, herself educated, she can teach the child from the age of two or three, you know well, as soon as it begins to talk, if it always gets questions. Well, if the mother is educated and can answer the questions fully and properly the child starts learning a tremendous amount even at the age of two or three. Similarly, if the mother is educated she can start to teach the child to read and count. European mothers do."

"At that age, or a very little later, she can teach it to write and a bit of geography and a bit of history. After all, what is history but true stories about the past? And she can teach the child to do all sorts of things with its fingers long before it first goes to school."

"In the same way, the mother, even though no one else does, and there are many others, has to do a lot of work to spend those first years determining what the European child knew before it went to school. This means that the European child has a very great start in its education, but this is obviously much difficult to do for the African child ever to catch up."

"The more highly educated the mother, the more the child will know long before it goes to school. I say, therefore, that the most important thing for the African people of Northern Rhodesia is to see that its women are educated. We have to start by educating the young girls, so that when they become mothers they can do what the European mother does."

## Sir Roy Welensky on Dominion Status

### African Opinion Not Deciding Factor

"I DON'T ATTACH the same significance to Dominion status that some people do," declared Sir Roy Welensky, Federal Minister of Transport, when addressing a recent Federal Party meeting in Lusaka. "Dominion status had lost its former meaning of an autonomous State within the Empire. We would now indicate a co-equal partner within the Commonwealth rather than the Dominion of any country."

"With me it is not a question of status but of stature," continued Sir Roy Welensky. "I believe that once we have the stature the formal grant of autonomy could not be refused. I appreciate any suggestion being implanted in the minds of Africans by responsible people that there is going to be the deciding say as to whether we obtain autonomy or not."

Some amendments to the constitution were necessary, and in time more would emerge. "But I refuse to believe that we have anything like a case if, after a short run of nine or ten months we who were responsible for creating the Federation and for persuading Southern Rhodesia to accept it at the referendum should now say without trial that we want to destroy what we have created."

### Federal Minister Condemns van Eeden Plan

Sir Malcolm Barrow, Federal Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. R. C. Bucquel, one of Nyasaland's Federal M.P.s, have denounced Mr. G. E. M.

van Eeden's plan for partition of the federal State. They agreed with Sir Roy Welensky's description of the proposal as a policy of despair.

### Anachronistic Legislation

Sir Malcolm said: "If we were to accept Mr. van Eeden's proposals we should be condemned in the eyes of the world as people who cynically disregard the fundamentals of a constitution to which we were not prepared to give a fair trial."

Mr. Bucquel suggested that a considerable saving could be made by amalgamating the Governments of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland and allowing the Federal Government to absorb the Southern Rhodesian Government. If Nyasaland amalgamated with Northern Rhodesia it would save a considerably much more in keeping with what we require in a democratic process than the anachronism we now have."

### Textiles By Air

THREE ASIAN MERCHANT HOUSES in Uganda which combined in recently as December 1 to form a private limited company known as Bestex, Ltd., for the purpose of marketing textiles made by Messrs. Tootal Brothers & Co., Ltd., have already received by air a large consignment of such goods, and on December 10th a further consignment of approximately 1,000 yards, mostly to their London representatives, Messrs. Tracey Blagden & Co., Ltd., but, despite the Christmas holiday period, an aircraft of Manx Air Line left Manchester for Entebbe with the requisite goods on December 23; and because the carriers were able to arrange for a return cargo from the Middle East, their rate of freight was half that quoted by other air transporters. The directors of Bestex are Mr. Bhagani K. Nagi, Mr. Ghulam Ali Khanji, and Mr. M. P. Patel (of Samvita Trading Services), all of Kampala.

"This is about £12 which the Government of Uganda estimates it receives in revenue £1 is spent upon the education of Africans." Sir Arthur Benson, Governor of the Protectorate,



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## Copperbelt Labour Problem

### Africa Needs High Wage Economy

TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, Mr. C. J. M. Alport and the Rt. Hon. C. P. Gordon Walker, discussed Africa's labour problems, especially those of the Copperbelt of Northern Rhodesia, in a recent broadcast to East Africa.

Mr. Gordon Walker said that, on the whole, he sided with the copper mining companies in their dispute with the European miners on the subject of the advancement of Africans. He continued:

"But there is something to be said for the case of the white trade unions. It is quite reasonable and proved that they should want security of job. After all, these are not, or many of them are, native people who have come from outside and need incentives; they are people living in the territory as permanent residents."

Mr. ALPORT: "I'm not certain that that is the case figures given me in respect of the European miners working on the Copperbelt show that the average period when the mineworker serves the copper companies is only six and a half years. I am told also that of the total European labour force of the copper companies only about 300 are permanent residents in Northern Rhodesia and have a permanent stake in the country. That is an important consideration when we regard the case put forward by the trade union for security of employment."

GORDON WALKER: "Those are surprising figures. I did not know them, and I think they are very gratifying. It makes the problem easier, much more tractable than one might have thought. It should not be too difficult to find a way of getting security of job for other people, people who will have very high skills. I consider it seems to be an impossible problem to get that security, and also to achieve the advance of black African workers."

### Industry's Importance in Federal Economy

ALPORT: "Those 300 are the Northern Rhodesian citizens in the rather strict sense of the term. If the companies, as they will wish to do, want to bring in skilled European employees from outside, well, then, in addition to the basic wage which they may offer to everybody, they will have to give very special incentives. The really important consideration is the contribution which the copper industry makes to the economy of the whole Federation. If the copper mines are prosperous, then automatically the chances of alternative employment for the European workers there will be greatly increased."

GORDON WALKER: "That brings me to another point which we never should leave out or overlook. I am a firm believer in a high-wage economy in Africa, rather than the low-wage economy policy pursued in the past in Africa, of paying the African only just what he is worth and giving him a good deal of his wage in kind. A high-wage economy is the only way of expanding, and it has the great merit that it does automatically create a whole lot of new jobs of both professional and other jobs which, of course, would provide openings for the white miners, and certainly their sons, if they found the Copperbelt going over into and, more to black African labour."

ALPORT: "I think we can take it that the majority of the next generation of Northern Rhodesian European mineworkers their sons in fact—will go into the mines, the majority of the permanent employees' sons will go into other forms of economic activity in the Federation—into the Civil Service or wherever it may be. I think that is automatic, and I entirely agree with it. It is most important for the economic health of Africa, not only Rhodesia, but East Africa, that wages, basic wages, African wages in particular, should be increased in order to increase the demand and the standard of living, which in turn will ensure greater prospects of em-

ployment and prosperity within each territory and in local trade connections with the outside world."

GORDON WALKER: "Yes, we are agreed on that. But what ought to happen if the African and the white union do not agree? And it looks to me very probable that they will not come to an agreement. Ought the Government to intervene in any way? They cannot afford to wait for a whole generation for a high-wage economy to work itself out."

ALPORT: "It has been a principle that in these questions of great union controversy and dispute the Government tries to avoid intervening until it is forced to by circumstances which have by that time got out of control."

### Voluntary Solution

GORDON WALKER: "I agree. I am very doubtful whether a Government in a democracy has any right or duty to intervene in what is at root an industrial problem, because the independence and rights of trade unions are fundamental to a really efficient and working democracy. And what can the Government do if it intervenes? It is no good a Government intervening unless it has power to enforce its decisions. And it cannot force people to work, and it certainly cannot put its own clerks and other people into the mines to produce the copper."

I think the Government has been wise and right to delay. It is important that a solution should be found to this problem. I think it is a very grave problem, and they [the Government] ought to be as neutral as possible, and let the two sides [the unions] settle this in a voluntary manner which can bring about African equality even if it is not solved. And if, in the course of other things arise out of it, I would say the Government has the duty to bring the maximum pressure to bear, though not actually to go in and use the powers of Government."

## Collapse of Mombasa's New Quay

### Loss of At Least £500,000

A NEW DRY-WATER BERTH in the port of Mombasa No. 9 has collapsed owing to the level of the sea having dropped, sand swept which had cost about £250,000 to be lost. Reconstruction is expected to cost a sum considerably larger, so that the accident has involved a loss of at least £500,000.

Fortunately there was no loss of life and very little of plant and equipment, first indications of serious trouble appearing at lunch time on December 14, when an engineer of the contractors, Messrs. Braithwaite & Co. (Engineers) Ltd., noticed that bracing attached to a pile suddenly tightened and snapped. Then other piles started to move, and it was clear that the main party reached shore along a temporary wooden gangway it became evident, in the words of a report issued by East African Railways and Harbours, that "a major disaster was occurring."

Within two hours about 100 piles for the new wharf had disappeared beneath the sea, and by next morning all of them 137 in number, had been affected. 92 had been filled with reinforced concrete, the rest being still empty casings. The lost piles were from 75 to 120 ft. long. The cost of one of the longer piles filled with concrete was about £3,000.

The investigations which were immediately undertaken showed that there had been considerable movement of the seabed and that a large volume of silt and earth had moved seawards. In one place the sea bed had dropped 30 ft.

The adjacent new berth, No. 8, has not been affected. The position there is being very closely watched and check measurements are being constantly made. Survey parties are taking soundings in the vicinity of the two berths, where divers are exploring the sea bed. "Asdic" equipment lent by the Royal Navy is also to be used.

In order to provide alternative facilities until the new quay can be completed, the Railways and Harbours Administration will make intensified use of lighters, and will provide further shed accommodation. The disaster will involve a delay of at least six months in the completion of the berth affected.

## Critic of Kenya's Leadership

SIR CHARLES BELCHER, who has lived in Kenya since his retirement from the Colonial Legal Service 20 years ago, and who is now in his 79th year, is leaving the Colony because he considers the European political leadership to be "bent on communal suicide." A closing statement which he issued before his departure referred to Mr. Blundell as "leader of a faction" who speaks of himself in terms of the very highest praise, who knows that there cannot be multi-racial Government without the basis of common rule, but who has dodged the issue every time I have heard him speak."

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## Outlook for Kenya Coffee

### Mr. G. E. Schlueter's Visit

MR. G. E. SCHLUETER writes *inter alia*, in the bulletin of the Coffee Board of Kenya:

"The salient factors in the current situation are an increasingly pressing need in Brazil for foreign exchange, which means stepping up coffee sales, in which Colombia will not be far behind, and in general recession thus shortage prospects are a thing of the past. Prices advanced strongly when supply and demand were evenly balanced and stocks were low, but now that the situation looks easier small stocks of coffee have turned up in unexpected quantities and places. During imponderables such as revolutions, fires, or other vagaries of nature, we should have 1m. or 2m. bags more produced during 1954-5 crop year than is consumed."

"Younger crops cast their shadows before them, and by this time next year levels may be even lower. This is necessarily bad news but Government revenue officers look at the figures and it may be well to encourage them to look forward instead of only back."

"The market's feelings on this subject is illustrated by the fact that you can buy — or sell — Santos fours in New York today at \$28s. per cwt. ex dock for December, 1954, delivery, against 40s. for September, 1955, delivery."

"In the longer term, and taking into account a wage index in Kenya which looks like climbing gradually but steadily, I see no reason to believe that the prosperity of the industry need suffer from a slightly lower level of prices. True, the 90s. per cwt. price is over half that figure, most planters can get by, and have something to plough back."

"Something will have to be done about the 12% tax, as it is a disincentive to production, a heavy disincentive. No one will be able to compete with the industry unless its higher contribution to the economy of the country. The question is what is proper."

"There is an interesting analogy here with Malaya, whose rubber industry was severely taxed at a time of inflated prices and simultaneous local terrorism. Things became so bad that they had to have a public inquiry, the recent report of which recommends drastic revisions in taxation to encourage replanting and modernization of plantations, implicitly admitting the need for a prosperous rubber industry to the economy of Malaya."

### Need for an Intelligent Tax

"This seems to me an ideal opportunity for Kenya Government and planter representatives to meet round a table and figure out an intelligent tax — for taxes can be the instruments of stimulus, provided they are not over severe. The tax might well be made applicable only to production above a certain minimum tonnage, and somewhat differently imposed — for instance, the proceeds paid into a Coffee Fund, to be repaid in some measure to those planters who can evidence expenditure on improvements and extensions."

The Colonial Secretary has said that European settlement in Kenya is to be encouraged very well let us have some evidence of it. African planters are also affected in different ways; with them lies one of the main hopes of increased crops. Let us see everyone stimulated to beat the average."

of 5 cwt. per acre instead of the present 3½. All cannot be well with a production which has declined over the past 20 years.

"The survival of our industry depends on an improvement in the quality and quantity of its production. We can, and will, contribute a good slice of the revenue of the Colony in the years ahead, for our costs of production can double and still bear favourable comparison with those elsewhere; but we need sympathetic encouragement."

"So long as there are roasters in Europe prepared to pay good premiums for fine coffee — and there is no sign of this habit discontinuing yet — so long will it pay Kenya planters to produce the finest in quality that they can. This means utilizing the natural advantages of growing conditions and individual putting to the maximum in order to maintain the reputation of a speciality growth. For Kenya has not to the advantage of big exports which ensure continuing interest by big roasters who come to depend on it for continuity in their blends. The economics of this crop tie it primarily to the European trade to which it is providentially ideally suited."

Sale by savage-machine — as we term the auction system — may not be ideally suited to the whole crop in times of more plentiful production to which we are returning, for it effectively anonymizes a product the essence of whose production and future is the retention at all costs of multiple individuality. I should like to see the same realization here as elsewhere of the necessity of diversifying production and trade, each of which has a promotional function which needs the support of the other."

## Afro-Asian Conference Convened

### Socialism and Colonialism To Be Studied

FIVE AFRICAN STATES — the Central African Federation, Ethiopia, the Gold Coast, Liberia, and the Sudan — have been invited by the Prime Ministers of India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, and Indonesia to send delegations to an Afro-Asian Conference to be held at the end of April in Indonesia, probably in Bandung.

At the end of last week's conference of those five Prime Ministers in Bogor, near Jakarta, a long statement was issued. It said, *inter alia*:

"The Prime Ministers agreed that an Afro-Asian Conference will be held under their sponsorship, and have reached agreement on all consequent matters."

"The purposes of the Afro-Asian Conference should be:

(a) To promote good will and co-operation among the nations of Asia and Africa; to explore and advance their mutual as well as common interests; and to establish and further friendship and neighbourly relations.

(b) To consider social, economic, and cultural problems and relations of the countries represented.

(c) To consider problems of special interest to Asian and African peoples — for example, problems affecting national sovereignty and of racism and colonialism.

(d) To view the position of Asia and Africa and their peoples in the world of today and the contribution they can make to the promotion of world peace and co-operation.

"The conference will meet in Indonesia in the last week of April, 1955. The Government of Indonesia have agreed to make the necessary arrangements for this conference on behalf of the sponsoring countries. A conference secretariat representing the sponsoring countries will be set up in Indonesia."

The Prime Ministers agreed that the conference will have a broad and geographical basis. All countries in Asia which have independent Governments will be invited, and with minor variations and modifications of this basic principle they decided to invite the following 25 countries: Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Central African Federation, People's Republic of China, Egypt, Ethiopia, the Gold Coast, Persia, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Nepal, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Syria, Siam, Turkey, north and south Viet Nam, and the Yemen.

Representation at the conference will be at ministerial level, and it is hoped that each country invited will be represented by her Prime Minister and/or Foreign Minister, together with such other representatives as each Government might wish to include in its delegation.

"Acceptance of the invitation by any country would in no way involve or even imply any change in its view of the status of any other country. It would imply only that the country invited was in general agreement with the purpose of the conference."

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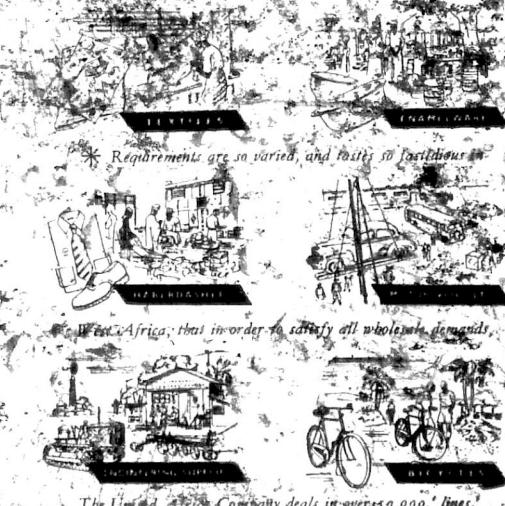
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### Spraying Machinery

A pool of spraying and dusting machinery which will contain equipment suitable or potentially suitable for use in the Colonial territories is being established at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, Queen's Station, Silwood Park, Sunninghill, Berks. It is the Colonial Office in co-operation with the Imperial College of Science and Technology and the machinery manufacturers.

A transport pool of lorries is to be established for the Kisii (South Nyanza) African Farmers' Union, Kenya, which has bought two new five-ton diesel trucks at about £2,250 each. Three new coffee factories have been built during the past year, and it is planned to build four annually.

Import into Tanganyika of a very limited number of wheeled tractor vehicles from North American countries is to be discontinued. The vehicles will be slightly modified to fit the local needs.

There are about 3,800 wheeled and 5,080 trailer tractors on private farms in the Kenya Highlands, and some 400 self-propelled and 700 trailer and auxiliary-engined combine harvesters.

Southern Rhodesia produced 120,351,036 lb. of tobacco in 1954, more than 15m. lb. above the record 1953 figures. Britain imported 69,652,641 lb. about 10m. lb. more than in 1953. The outstanding feature of the crop was the considerable improvement in quality.

Uganda's consumption of sugar, which has risen from 12,720 tons in 1945 to about 55,000 tons in 1954, is computed at 60,000 tons for 1955. Local production is now approximately 35,000 tons a year.

Revaluation of the city of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, has shown the total value of land and buildings in the rateable area to be about £70m. In 1947 it was computed at £18m.

The Safari air services of Airwork, Ltd., will henceforth be operated to East and Central Africa from London Airport, and no longer from Blackbushe, near Camberley.

Messrs. Hecht, Lewis and Kahn, Ltd., report gross current assets at £5,575,844 (£5,596,244) and current liabilities and provisions at £7,860,644 (£7,749,255).

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The manufacture of Meerschaum pipes from material found in the Taveta area is one of East Africa's newest industries.

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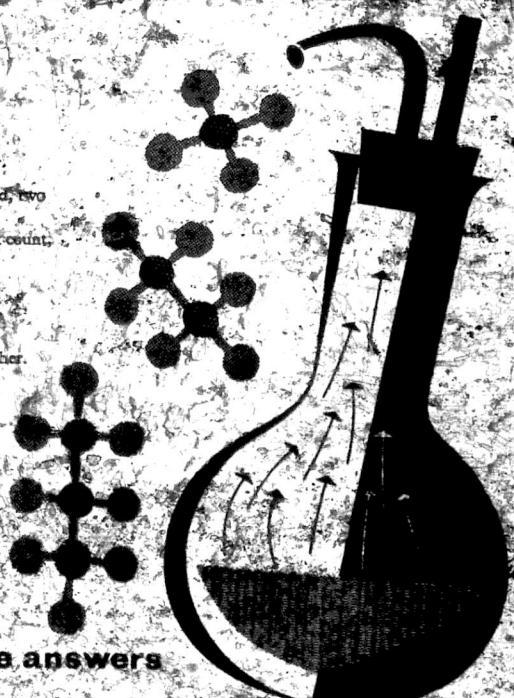
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The Government of Northern Rhodesia, owners of the company, have agreed to convert their holding into 5% redeemable preference shares.

The annual report for the year ended September 26 shows a marked improvement in the position. Trade revenue, which had been £211,572 in 1952, rose by 38% to £444,116 in 1953, and by a further 38% to £593,187 in 1954, when the net operating surplus after charging all current expenditure on vehicles, maintenance, and depreciation of assets was £82,921, an improvement of no less than 25.5% on the result of the previous year.

Trade revenue, £100,000 for vehicle maintenance and £5,000 for general overheads, the net profit was £60,679, compared with £24,631 in 1953, and a loss of £55,502 in 1952. In the past year the company spent £247,322 on fixed assets, all but £50,000 of which was raised from its own resources. The book value of fixed assets increased from £244,249 to £686,911 at the end of the financial year.

### Balance-Sheet

Passenger vehicles appear in the balance sheet at £256,762, freight vehicles at £123,814, depots, workshops, and offices at £100,000, plant and fixtures at £1,000,000, stock at £8,084, trade debtors at £100,000, and other current liabilities at ordinary £56,147, and bank overdrafts at £10,000. The ordinary share capital of £1,000,000 is held entirely by the British South Africa Company, and there are 1,000,000 shares in circulation in Northern Rhodesia.

Passenger carried on normal services numbered 464,451, a great increase on the total of 145,711 in the previous year.

## Service for Visitors

The East Africa Tourist Travel Association is a public service organization supported by local private enterprise, transportation companies, and the Governments of Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, and Zanzibar. The Association exists to assist visitors to these territories, and to give advice. It maintains Visitors' Information Bureaux in Dar es Salaam, Kampala, Mombasa, and Nairobi. Their addresses are:

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and there was also a sharp rise in the number of school children and passengers by local service (from 560,145 to 817,583), the weight of freight carried rose from 25,122 tons to 26,623 tons, and of mail from 945 to 1,624 lbs.

### Trade Revenue

Vehicles operate over routes totalling 3,779 miles from Salisbury and Livingstone in the south to Mafeta (in Tanganyika Territory) and Mpulungu in the north. Revenue miles covered rose from 2,692,448 to 3,580,007. The traffic revenue has risen in the past three years from £41,000 to £39,01d., and ended, and in the same period the standard expenditure per mile has fallen from 29.93d. to 16.35d. and 5.62d. The operating surplus per mile last year was 7.7d., compared with 3.1d. in 1953, an operating deficit in 1952 of 17d.

The directors are Mr. H. S. E. Grenfell (chairman), Mr. H. C. Ballingall (Deputy Financial Secretary to the Government of Northern Rhodesia), Mr. H. R. Finn, and Major H. G. Mackie, with Mr. A. J. Austin (Accountant) and Mr. W. C. Krogh as alternate directors. The general manager is Mr. W. E. Bielby, the secretary-chief accountant Mr. H. Harry, and the chief engineer Mr. H. M. Tozer.

## Baumann & Co., Ltd. Higher Trading and Net Profit

A. BAUMANN & CO., LTD., a company registered in Kenya, reports that trading profits for the year ended June 30 last, after charging directors and audit fees and depreciation, totalled £96,394, compared with £71,647 in the previous year. Gross dividends from subsidiary companies added £128,952 (£12,118), and taxation in East Africa and the United Kingdom amounted to £6,654 (£1,236). Profit after taxation was £159,739 (£14,706), and after other adjustments the amount available for appropriation was £159,739 (£14,706).

The six pence per share dividend required £12,164, and a distribution of the ordinary shares £56,410. The general revenue reserve was increased by £1,550,000, and a £1,000 was retained unappropriated £168,066.

The subsidiary companies are A. Baumann & Co. (Uganda) Ltd., A. Baumann & Co. (Uganda Coffee Mills) Ltd., A. Baumann & Co. (Gambia) Ltd., A. Baumann & Co. (East Africa) Ltd., and Steimlemp & General Agencies, Ltd.

Trading profits of the group were up from £120,389 to £260,582 (net, including any contribution from the Clinton company since its first financial year did not end until September 31, 1954), taxation in East Africa and the United Kingdom £6,654 (£1,236), and after various other charges and adjustments the consolidated profit available for appropriation came to £195,343 (£153,760).

### Capital and Reserves

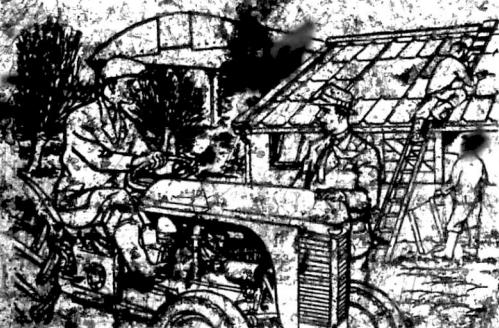
The issued capital of the parent company is £127,052 in ordinary shares of 5s. and £82,092 in 6% redeemable cumulative preference shares of £1 each. General reserve stands at £300,000—this is an internal insurance reserve of £100,000 (£8,787), and capital and revenue reserves amount to £1,017,865 (£901,688). A loan to a subsidiary company amounts to £305,195 (£216,077), less the par value of shares in such companies and trade institutions at cost, less amounts written off, total £31,900 (£318,753). Current liabilities, including provision for income tax and dividends, amount to £466,694 (£576,360), fixed assets to £221,128 (£197,043), and current assets to £1,217,726 (£1,178,202).

The consolidated balance-sheet shows current assets at £1,499,146 (£1,519,481), fixed assets at £412,292 (£415,519), trade investments at £71,834, and current liabilities and provisions at £262,356 (£94,030). Revenue reserves and unappropriated profits to the parent company amount to £552,010 (£411,064).

The directors of A. Baumann & Co., Ltd. are Messrs. E. Baumann (chairman) and managing director, R. P. Archer (vice-chairman and managing director), C. E. Collinson and J. H. Gandy (managing directors), and H. E. Fraser and J. K. Michie.

Mr. Michie, chairman of the National Bank of India and of Steel Brothers & Co. Ltd., accepted nomination to the board last May, and confirmation of his appointment is to be sought at the annual meeting in Nairobi on January 11.

The name of Pest Control, Ltd., which has East and Central African subsidiaries, has been changed to Fisons Pest Control, Ltd. The headquarters are at Bourn, Cambridge.



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Mines**Africans Strike at Copperbelt****Increase of 10s. 8d. per Shift Demanded**

THE NORTHERN RHODESIAN AFRICAN MINE WORKERS UNION officially notified the Chamber of Mines on December 29 that a strike to enforce its demand for a wage increase of 10s. 8d. per shift would start at 2 a.m. on Monday, January 3, when practical. All African labour withdrawn from work. Telegrams reaching London state the union described the strike as 95% effective.

There has been strong opposition to strike action by many Africans, especially those from Tanganyika, and about half the African labour force are not members of the union, which has lost strength in recent months. When a ballot in regard to the strike was taken, 18,000 voted in favour and 3,500 against, but the African labour strength on the mines is said to be approximately 40,000.

Opposition to the strike has been strongest at the New Group and Bencraft mines. According to a statement issued on Sunday, the Chamber of Mines, hospital, power, sanitation and pumping services are inadequately manned on some of the properties, although an agreement between the companies and the union had provided for these essential services to be maintained in case of dispute.

**Many Africans Not Supporting the Strike**

The statement adds: "At unusual at the beginning of a strike of this nature, it is not easy to review the Copperbelt situation as a whole, but it is already apparent that many Africans are not supporting the strike. It is the firm intention of the management to provide maximum assistance to the present difficulties."

Proposals to build new separate buildings were submitted by the Chamber of Mines during the weekend to assist African shareholders that, on account of the suspending strike, the earlier offer to go to arbitration on the union claim for a wage increase for its members had been withdrawn. The document states that the companies had told the leaders of the union that there would be no increase in wages for union members only, because the wage paid to all Africans was for the work done irrespective of whether they joined a union.

The European Mine Workers' Union decided on Monday that during the strike none of its members should do any work normally done by Africans. On the previous day meetings of the Southern branch of the union had decided that members should do any work which the companies wished so long as it was not directly productive.

Some Africans have reported for work at the Roan Antelope, Mwana, Mufulira, and Nchanga mines. At Roan Antelope, tramming and hoisting have continued and four mills were still working on Monday.

Members of the African Staff Association continue at work.

At the Broken Hill mine all Africans reported for work in the usual manner.

**Kansanshi Mine To Work Again**

SHAREHOLDERS OF RHODESIAN KATANGA CO. LTD., have informed that the consulting engineers, Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd., advised the opinion that the Kansanshi mine in Northern Rhodesia should be equipped to mine and concentrate 2,000 tons of ore monthly, a rate sufficiently high to produce reasonable working costs while at the same time keeping capital expenditure as low as possible.

The estimate of the necessary capital is £1,000,000. It is proposed that the concentrate should be sent by road to a smelter on the Copperbelt for refining, preferably electrolytically, in order to recover the gold content.

Kansanshi Copper Mine Co. Ltd., decided recently to exercise its option to purchase the property from the Rhodesian Katanga Company and manganese mine, Ltd.

Kansanshi's capital is to be increased to £1,000,000 in 100 shares, of which 250,000 and 68,750 will be allotted to the vendor companies. Original subscribers to Kansanshi will subscribe for 376,750 shares at par, out of the proceeds of which £125,000 will go to Rhodesian-Katanga; this sum will be used in taking up 250,000 shares in Kansanshi to be offered to shareholders at par. Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, Tanganyika Holdings and Rhodesian-Katanga will subscribe for or find subscribers for any shares not taken up.

**Rosetman Gold Mines**

CAPTAIN A. H. MORRISON told the annual meeting of Rosetman Gold Mines, Ltd., that assets standing in the books at the written-down value of £27,414 had remained steady. The bank overdraft had been repaid and cash in hand was now about £30,000. It would not be in the interest of the shareholders to liquidate the company until the examination of the wolfram property by the Geological Survey of Uganda had been completed. Though the graphite property in Kenya was an attractive one, it had not been possible to find buyers for a sufficient quantity to justify developing and equipping the mine.

**Anglo American Investment Trust**

ANGLO AMERICAN INVESTMENT TRUST, LTD., will hold an extraordinary general meeting in Johannesburg on January 25 to consider resolutions to increase the capital from £24m. to £30m. by the creation of £24m. of 6% cumulative preference shares of £1 each, and, if passed, to capitalize £24m. in a special capital bonus to be applied to the allotment to share-holders of one 6% cumulative preference share for every ordinary share held on February 11 next.

**Mining Personalia**

Mr. ROGER F. POWELL ASSISTANT MANAGER of the Cape Abrahams and Prince mines, S. Africa, has been appointed as managing metallurgist to Transvaal Zinc and Products, Ltd., Transvaal.

Mr. W. H. A. LAWRENCE has resigned his directorship of General Mining and Finance Corporation, Ltd., and P. H. ANDERSON has been elected to fill the vacancy.

**No Oil in S. Rhodesia**

IT IS VERY UNLIKELY that oil exists in Southern Rhodesia in commercial quantities, said the Minister of Mines, Mr. G. Davenport, recently. This had been shown by geological work and drilling. There had been an approach by one oil company interested in the Chinhoyi prospect, but the negotiations were unsuccessful.

**Enterprising Africans**

THE NORTHERN RHODESIAN AFRICAN, Mr. Jack Dzamala, has produced more than 10,000 weight of beryllium. His claims in a block of claims known as Tengwe, near Mbala, the mining being one of the country's leading beryllium producers. He intends to extend his prospecting to Northern Rhodesia.

**S. Rhodesia's Mineral Output**

MINERAL OUTPUT in Southern Rhodesia for the first nine months of last year was valued at £12,899,503, a drop of £912,327 compared with the same period of 1953. The decline in base minerals production amounted to more than £1m. Gold output rose by £159,506 to nearly £5m.

**Bechuanaland Exploration**

BECHUANALAND EXPLORATION CO., LTD., announced that the offer of Glazer Brothers, of Johannesburg, to acquire the whole of the £300,886 of issued share capital at £1 for each 10s. share has been accepted by 98.14% of the holders.

**Tanganyika Mineral Exports**

MINERAL EXPORTS FROM TANGANYIKA in the first nine months of last year were valued at £5,278,387, compared with £2,573,990 in the corresponding period of the previous year. September exports were £368,346 (£293,004).

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Company Report

# Thatcher Hobson and Company, Limited

## Encouraging Results of Standardizing Fleet of Vehicles

**Year's Profit Raised from £15,655 to £75,379 after Meeting All Charges**

### MR. HARRY S. L. GRENFELL'S ANNUAL STATEMENT

MR. H. S. L. GRENFELL, C.B.E., M.C., the chairman of Thatcher Hobson and Company Limited, Northern Rhodesia, has circulated the following statement with the directors' report and accounts for the year ended September 30, 1954:

"Last year I was able to report that, despite a rather heavy loss, the company had turned the corner and was operating again at a profit. It is with pleasure that I can report that that improvement has been continued. In the financial year ending September 30, 1954, the company made a profit after all charges but before appropriations of £75,379 compared with £13,655 in the previous year.

#### Standardization To Be Completed This Year

"These encouraging results have been brought about by turning the board's attention to modernizing its vehicles and, as a result, it has standardized virtually the whole of its fleet this coming year.

"The company had more units in operation during the past year and was thereby able to reduce costs by spreading its overheads over a larger area. Traffic revenue increased again by 38%. It is now in reasonable proportion to the capital invested in the business. But, as further heavy capital expenditure is essential over the next two years, it is no less important to increase traffic revenue in the future.

"Arrangements were made with the Northern Rhodesia Government to provide for development during 1954 and 1955 up to £100,000 by way of unsecured loans bearing interest at 5% per annum. At September 30, 1954, only £50,000 had been drawn despite a total expenditure on capital account during the year of £27,332. The balance was found from depreciation charges, reduction in the cost of stores held, and savings retained in the business. It is unlikely that the amount of capital locked up in stores can be further reduced, as the figure of £48,000 represents a reduction of approximately 20% compared with the figure two years ago.

#### Workshops and Maintenance

"I must repeat again, what I emphasized in my report last year, that this projected capital expenditure of £300,000, for which financial provision has been made, does not cover the cost of rebuilding the company's head offices or main workshops. The need for main workshops is evidenced by the board's decision to appropriate £10,000 in each of the last two years for vehicle maintenance. This is not a reserve in the ordinary sense. It is a provision made partly because the board is aware that, owing to lack of facilities at the main workshops, less has been spent on vehicle maintenance than would have been spent had the facilities existed, and partly because the large number of new units purchased in the last two years will be due for major overhaul in the third year of their life.

"Owing to the initial allowances during this period of heavy expenditure on the purchase of new vehicles, the charges permissible under the Federal Income Tax

as a deduction from earnings are considerably greater than normal depreciation charges charged in the company's operating accounts. Thus it is that, whereas the company shows in its accounts a substantial operating profit, it has simultaneously accumulated a large income tax loss. There is no liability for corporation tax in respect of the profits shown in the accounts, nor will there be either of the next two years unless the income exceeds above those shown in these accounts."

#### Expansion

"This has assisted and will in the future further assist the company to carry forward development out of its own resources. But such advantages will be limited in point of time, and any assessment of future earnings of the capital invested in the business must take into consideration that income tax will soon be repayable and that provision is not being made for that possibility.

"The board's aim is to secure a profit after all charges payable on the assets shown in these accounts of 5% and, in so far as the period is relatively short, the surplus available for the reward of capital, as well as for developing the business out of earnings, would have been just under 6% on the capital invested in the business. Any business which wishes to improve its rate of service to its public must plough back into the business a considerable proportion of its net profit after tax. Unless road transport operators can botch to that and provide a reward sufficient to attract capital for development, the public cannot expect the benefits of more numerous and better services."

#### Fares and Traffic

"It is clear from the above that, if the present level of rates and fares are to remain, the volume of traffic must increase to provide for these two reasons. It is only in the belief that, as the territory develops, so will the volume of road traffic increase, that one is justified in advocating the investment of further large sums of capital in this business.

"During the past year the company has increased the route mileage, the total mileage run, the number of passengers and the volume of mail and freight carried, and has reduced the accident rate. It can thus claim to have given the public better service in every respect. The standard of comfort in the company's buses has been considerably improved. The increase in passenger revenue is proof that the African travelling public appreciates these improvements.

"Much remains to be done. A new depot at Ndola is urgently required. And at the end of the current financial year it is hoped that a decision will be taken regarding the rebuilding of the company's head offices and main workshops.

#### Improved Staff Conditions

"With the greater prosperity which the company is enjoying, it has been able to improve conditions for both its European and African employees. Revised

European salary scales, incorporating the major part of cost-of-living allowances, were introduced during the year. And partly as a result of the changes affecting the investment of pension funds, and partly by making a high contribution itself, pension benefits as from April 1, 1955, will be improved by approximately one-third. With more European housing constructed, problem of accommodating staff has eased and the turnover of staff has decreased.

African employees have been given more generous family allowances, and an improved non-contributory pension and gratuity scheme has been introduced.

Negotiations have been carried on for some months for the formation of an African Thatcher Hobson employees' trade union. No labour trouble has been experienced, and it is hoped that by providing machinery for the hearing of complaints it may be avoided in the future.

African Rivers

An African drivers' school has been re-organized if they wish to earn higher monetary rewards, must recognize that a driver of a public service vehicle must display character and responsibility as well as the ability to drive his vehicle.

In conclusion, I wish to pay tribute to the management for the results achieved in the past year. And I would draw your attention in particular to the remarkable achievement of the secretary-chief accountant in having the accounts of this scattered organization ready for audit within one month of the end of the financial year. But the thanks of the Board go out to the whole staff. Furthermore, I can, for good work throughout

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O.K. BAZAARS (1929) LTD., which has branches in Salisbury and Bulawayo, after providing £424,406 for taxation earned a consolidated profit of £934,879 in the year ended June 30 last, compared with £901,496 in the previous year. Reducing profit attributable to outside shareholders of subsidiary companies and debenture issue expenses of a subsidiary, and applying £3,255,842 of unappropriated profits, the sum for appropriation is £1,060,522. Capital reserve receives £1,181,782, and reserves of subsidiaries £15,974. Dividends on the preference shares above £7.40 and dividends on the ordinary shares totalling 30% and a cash bonus of 10% require £4,444, leaving a carry-forward of £2,475,449.

The issued capital of the parent company consists of £240,000 in 6% cumulative preference shares £1,000,000 in 6% cumulative preference shares £500,000 in 5% cumulative preference shares (all of £1 denomination), £193,525 in ordinary shares, £100,000 in A ordinary shares, and £35,100 in B ordinary shares (all of £1). Capital reserve stands at £34m, revenue reserves at £2,114,168, replacements at £153,250, subsidiary companies at £415,494 and carried liabilities at £186. Fixed assets are valued at £1,000,000, goodwill at £5,000,000, and current assets at £1,000,000.

The directors are Messrs. M. Miller, L. H. Cohen (deputy chairman), who are joint managing directors, and J. Cranko, J. M. Miller, L. Hoffman, S. Cohen, and A. Schwartz. The secretary is Mr. V. J. Hughes.

The 21st annual general meeting was held in Johannesburg on December 11.

Building plans valued at £5,155,149 were submitted to Salisbury City Council during the first half of 1954. Other South African cities - Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Durban, and Pretoria - exceeded the figure.



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