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In the opinion of the Council, therefore, while every HILLOURGEMENT should be given to the Club to develop as an organisation for the training of civil pilots, the revised proposals should be discouraged.

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Sir, Your obedient Servant,

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE NAIROBI.

KENYA

In continuation of my despatch No. 300 of the 20th of December, 1927, relative to the

Jac formation of the Aero Club of Kenya, I have the

honogr to transmit a copy of further correspond-

ence with the Club from which it will be seen

that this Government has been approached with a

proposal that the Glub should form a small Air Defence Force for the Colony. I also attach.

memoranda by Air Vice Marshal T. I. Webb-Bowen.

C.M.Q., Royal Air Porce and Mr. F. Tymms, Jacks

intendent, Air Ministry who have examined this proposal at my request.

2. In brief the proposals are :-

The request for the grant of an agroptane transmitted in my despatch No. 406 of the 20th of December, 1927, is cancelled. (a)

A grant of 27,500 is asked. If this is (b) archted:-

The Clar will purchase 5 De Eivilland "Moth" Aeroplanes fitted with machine gun ad gun ring and with bomt racks.

All Lachines belonging to the Club will · 2. be fitted with these accessories.

Permanent hangar accommodation will be provided.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
RECTEMENT COLONEL L.C.M.S.AMERY, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HIS COLONES,
DOWN NO STREET,
LC DON'S.W.

- Machines will be hired to members of the Glub:
- 3. Refresher courses will be instituted.
- 4. A Pilot Instructor, Riggs Mechanic and Secretary will be engaged and paid.
- Assistance in establishing aerodromes will be given.
- Service members of the Club will place their services at the disposal of Government in time of war or emergency.
- 7. The Club will organize an Air Medical Service for transporting dectors etc. in an emergency.
- The Club will organize a Government Descatch Service for official journeys and letters.
- The Club will experiment in photographic Surveys.
- 10. The Club will experiment in spraying orops.
- 3. The Scheme now osed is, I understand, based upon one which has received your approval in the Straits Settlements. The conditions in this Solony are not similar to those at that navel base, but before considering further the military aspect of the suggestions now made I should be glad if the advice of the Air Ministry could be taken.
- 4. In regard to the financial aspect of the present proposal, I desire to make it clear that as at present advised this Colony is not prepared to bear the whole cost, either of the grant or the subsidy asked and I am addressing you now in order to secure the best advice and suggestions which can be made before the proposal is put before Council or auscussed further locally.
- J. I wish further to emphasise the donditions as to insurance, made in par graph 6 of the despatch

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6. I need not, perhaps, at this junkture remind you of the assistance which the East African Governments generally have given to the cause of Civil and Military aviation in Africa, but I venture again to urge that, if the proposals now transmitted receive the approval of the Air Ministry a full proportionate contribution should be made to this and other similar Imperial aviation projects in Kenya by its Majesty's Government.

- Comies of this desperent have been sent to the devermeents of Uganda, the Tanganyika Territory and Zanzibar.

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Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

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GOTTRHOR'S DEFUTY.

NAIROBI.

January, 1928.

Hon The Colonial Secretary The Secretariat,

NAIROBI.

Dear Sir.

The Committee of the Aero Club of Kenya have the honour to submit the following proposals for Government aggletance to this Club, and for the formation . of a small Air Defence Force for the Colony.

The application made to Government by this Club for the grant of one "Moth" Light Aeroplane is withdrawn, and the following application substituted, provided that these proposals meet with the approval of the Government.

The Asro Club of Kenya hereby applies for a grant of 27,500 storling, to be used as nevelnattor specified and a Subsidy of 22,500 par annum for five years.

Mould the grant of 27,500 sterling be approved this Club will undertake: -

· Havilland "Moth" To purchase (a) Light serogi. .. each of which shall be fitted with the latest type of Machine Gun and Gun Ring, and also Racks to carry ten 20 lb. bombs, which shall be demountable.

These additional fitments will be purchased from such firm as the Air Ministry may prescribe, and will be fitted to the Machines before despatch from England.

All Machines belonging to the Culb from whatever source obtained will also be fitted with these accessories.

> To erect permanent hangar accommodation for the above mentioned aircraft.

Should the Subsidy of £2,500 sterling per annum for five years be granted by Government, this Club will undertake:

- To arrange for the training of members (a) of the Club as Pilots, Riggers and Mechanics at the lowest possible cost.
- To permit hire of machines by members (b) of the Club as the lowest possible cost.
- To provide Service Members, and such (o) Ordinary members as may be approved by Government, of the Club with a free Refresher Course of not more than 3 hours per annum to include instruction in bomb dropping and the use of Machine Gun.

- (d) To employ a fully qualified Pilot-Instructor, and a fully qualified Rigger Mechanic, and Becretary, who shall be the only paid gtaff of the Club, other than the necessary Auditors and Solicitors.
 - (e) To de everything possible to establish a complete system of Aerodromes and Landing Grounds throughout the Collony with the assistance of Government in the matter of the provision of suitable land where possible.

Should the foregoing proposals he acceptable to Government, this club is prepared to effect, if desired, an alteration to the Rules of the Club in order to make it a condition of Service Membership that all such members shall immediately place their services at the disposal of the Government of the Colony in time of war or other emergency, for service with the Air Defence Force.

(f) It is desired to point out that Service Membership of the Sigh is limited to persons who have served in one or other of the Phylica Flying Forces, and it therefore follows that all Service Members of this Club are either British born subjects or in a few cases such other person hose military service on befor the Empire has already when approved either by the British or a Colonial Government.

It is also desired to point out that from the foregoing proposal it will be seen that no free flying or instruction is available to any but Servise Members of the Club, or such Ordinary Members as may be approved by Government.

It is not considered advisable at present to limit ordinary membership of the Club to British born subjects, as one of the objects of the Club is to encourage aviation in the Colony in every posqible way, and as there is a considerable number of Non-British Nationals in the Colony, it has been considered desirable met to eliminate them from ordinary membership.

The Committee have the honour to enclose, herewith, a copy of the Rules of the Club, together with a list of the efficials of the Club. Attached is also an analysis of the Club Membership at the present moment, and it is desired to point out that a nucleus already exists in the Club Service Membership for a small but efficient personnel for the operation of the above mentioned aircraft as an Air Defence Force in case of emergency.

In this connection it is submitted that the above proposals will not only provide the same encouragement and facilities as have been afforded in other Colonies, but will also provide the Government of this Colony with a very valuable asset in time of emergency.

It is further desired to point out that the value of a small Air Defence Force will be considerably greater than in other Colonies owing to the fact that only a very small proportion of this Colony is served by Railway lines, and the rate of transportion on such railways does not exceed an average of 15 miles, per hour.

The read system of the Colony is also still in a very undeveloped state, and histofore the concentration of an effective Land Force of any kind, either militery or police in the more remote parts of the Colony is a proceeding likely to occupy many days if not weeks during which serious damage to life and property may occur.

In addition to the above, this Club will undertake, (1) to organise an Air Medical Service whereby doctors or nurses may be transported in case of emergency to outlying parts of the territory where landing grounds are available.

- 2. To organise a Government Despatch Service whereby Covernment Officially or despatches will be carried to sutlying parts of the Colony.
- 3. To carry out experiments in photographic curry ying an bobels of Government.
- 4. To undertake experiments with the Spraying of crops, to ascertain if this sorvice is likely to be of value to the Colony.

It is enticipated that a though there are only two organized herodromes in the Colony at the present moment, there are such large tracts of country where landing of the "Moth" type of aeroplane is entirely practicable, there is no doubt that these services will prove of immediate value.

With reference to flying conditions in the Colony, a Vice President of this Club - Commander L. Mansfield Robinson, her already flown 25 hours, and two other members of the Club have already flown a considerable time, in the vicinity of Nairobi and they have proved the conditions to the equally good if not superior to conditions in Europe, as the slight additional speed of landing and taking off on aerodromes situate 6,000 feet above sea-level, is counterbalanced by the consistently good conditions in the air, which obtain throughout the year.

The passenger carrying which has been carried out by the three machines at present operating in Nairobi has conclusively proved the extraordinary interest which is taken in aviation by the population of this Colony, in as much as over 250 passengers flights have been made since these machines have started operations, only a fortnight ago. This fact is also evidenced by the large crowd, sometimes consisting of 200 White people, which have collected at the Asrodrome during the last two week ends to watch the flying in progress.

We have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servants.

s/d. L.W. Robinson. VICE_PRESIDENT.

F.C.Bridle. HON: SECRETARY.

Enclosures: - Analysed Members List Copy of Rules and Byelaws.

ANALYSIS OF LEMBERSHIP.

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Total Membership	204.
Service Members	58
Ordinary "	145
Honorary "	* 1

Service Members qualification analysis:-

Pilots (Secute)	32	
" (Bombers)	12	
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Riggers	2	
Wireless	2.	
Observers	7	
Stores	2	
Medical	. 1	
Administration	1	

Note:-

Serveral Members are qualified in more than one branch and appear under each separate heading under which they may be prouped.

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Kalrobi. Kenya Colony. 7th March: 1928.

To: The Honourable. Officer Committee Troops

Reference Scoretariat Letter No.S/RV/13/1/49 of

I have read with groat interest the letters from
the Aero Club of Kenya, and Mr. Typen on the subject of
combining the activities of the Aero Club with Local Defends.
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involved that I do not feel competent to make any observation
thereon. I suggest that his Ex Yex the devernor refers

the whole question to the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Ministry, for his considered opinion.

Kenya, it is easy to see that there are here great possibility for aviation, whilst the Both type of Aeroplane is ideal for Glub work and pleasure flying. It is in my opinion by so means the type of aircraft which will ultimately become popular for general utility purposes, with the settire in Kenya. If armed and squipped as suggested by the Aero Club. It operformance would be so diminished that it would be of little value for military purposes.

should not concentrate upon one type of aircraft but should use its Covernment subsidy in testing as many as possible of the commorotal type medium size say 120-250 horse power.

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strong position to advise on what is suitable to prospective

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local temporary repairs, etc. the Olab will render magnificant persist to aylation and extend its score throughout the Colony.

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Your obedient servant,

Sd. T.L. WHEE-BONEN.
Air Vice Marchal.
Commanding Royal Air Porce, Middle East, Caire,
Egypt.

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and Commander Robinson. I cathi Ethern to my view, however, that serious military training which sould enable the force to be sent into the field, would require the services of the hoyal fir force instructors, in order to sentence results of value.

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