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INDIAN DELEGATION.

SECTION

3. Security

SUBJECT

POSITION OF INDIANS.

Encloses copies of circular letters which have been published by the European and African Traders Organisation. Asserts that a "commercial and economic boycott" of Indians is being arranged and makes allegations against Nairobi municipal authorities, and the Uganda Railway administration.

C.S.
29/5/23

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The enclosure is merely a page on which the delegation have the request for the resumption of the negotiations.

The Europeans have in an official letter from Lord Delandere asked for the same thing in a request form - i.e. the joint meeting etc. they regard as an essential preliminary.

This is poor stuff. I do not recollect the name of J. H. O. who said to be Treasurer of R. A. Turner, in Organisation. Turner who was at J. H. O. was a member during the E.A. campaign,

Subsequent Paper

be eager to do better than this.

The committee is reorganized all right; and it is doubtful whether it is being worked in spirit with the organization. The whole scheme is woolly - & how they can talk of importing African labour (as undertaken) it is well as European labour to meet the demand.

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The C. referred to in the 2nd para of W. Parkinson's minute was dated 17 May & 2 days after the interview which took place with the

Belmont & W. Sartin. It has been mislaid for the moment, but an effort will be made to find it out. It is not clear whether the joint meeting is to be arranged.

H. J. R.
29/5/23

Letter
Mr R. Cochrane at the request of Mr J. P. S. in connection with his views upon a possible situation in which a further extension is required from him very soon.

The J.P.S. will then wish to discuss their with Mr J. P. S. Dawson, and decide the programme of subsequent negotiations - including the question of the joint conference which D. Belmont seeks

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265, STRAND, LONDON, W.C. 2

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To
The Rt. Hon. The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
S.W.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the circular letters circulated by the European and African Traders' Organisation at Nairobi.

In addition to the political persecution the Europeans are arranging a commercial and economic boycott against the Indians in Kenya. It is most unfortunate that the Municipal Corporation in Nairobi and a Government Administration like the Uganda Railway have been forced under constant pressure by the above said Organisation and appear to have fallen into line with their views, with the result that the Indians are gradually but surely being squeezed out of the Country.

In view of the above, may I request you to expedite the matter and arrange for the negotiations as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

B. S. Varma

"EVERY EUROPEAN AND EVERY AFRICAN IS AN ASSET TO AFRICA
EVERYONE ELSE IS A LIABILITY"

OURSELVES.

At present we are an unpretentious and almost unknown body composed of individuals who realise the dangerous position that the European African communities of Africa are in today, but we hope, in fact we are convinced, that this will not be our position for long.

That our birth is some fifteen years late we realise, and it is our latest appearance that the European and African races in Kenya find themselves in the position that they are in today. The danger that in 1908 the Europeans in Kenya realised and struggled against today is, and had they then organised to secure for their race the maximum of business offering, the maximum of control of development and allowed them to educate the African natives to take his proper place in the commercial and industrial life of this country, there would have been no question confronting us today.

Instead, they are content to take what appeared to be the easy road. The result is, and always must be if we do not now make a supreme effort to prevent it, TROUBLE.

The objects of the organisation that we are now launching are to put right, ~~with the utmost~~ as quickly as possible, the mistakes of the past, but we cannot hope to do this without the cordial cooperation of a section of the European community.

Our experiences of recent years are that we built our castle step by step, with the sweat of our brows and the toil of heads and hands, only to find our edifices hurled to destruction by the unwarranted and demands of a section of the community with whom we ~~never~~ ~~had~~ ~~any~~ ~~business~~ ~~dealings~~ ~~of~~ ~~any~~ ~~kind~~ ~~whatsoever~~ have been ever-ready to co-operate.

Such a state of affair cannot continue; we can no longer face a course of the present and ever recurring position; the looking back upon a record of hard sterile of results, sterile of progress, every promise of a state crained to earth at the bidding of an organisation of an alien race which we should never have included in the economic life of our home-Kenya.

Ever long the task, however difficult the process, we must now at all time make up our minds to exclude this race definitely from the Commercial life.

For a few of those who are tired of building on quicksand, and believe that however costly or difficult the necessary re-orientation of sound and solid foundation must be obtained.

To include the Asiatic in our economic situation is to include an element whose only ideas are the making and removing from the country of monetary gains it is all to accumulate and our destruction.

Look at the history of the past years and see if this be not so. A person as the Asiatic gains any measure of control and becomes a factor in our daily life, so soon does he through his wild agitating and lying make further claims and threaten our very existence.

Like ants, we work, patiently and laboriously, over many years, only to find our structures are destroyed by Asiatic agitation.

Capital is frightened away, development is brought to a standstill, and all the results gained from the strenuous work done during the years intervening between one Indian crisis and the next are lost.

Like ants, we must start again, but, for the love of Kenya, let us at all time make a job of the matter once and for all and start our building on a sound foundation.

Help we shall require, and help we shall ask you for and expect to receive as we feel sure that if only every European in the Colony can be imbued with the right spirit regarding this struggle to keep Africa for the Europeans and African we shall win through.

In our subsequent letter we shall tell you in more detail what we want you to do, and how we want you to assist us to do it, and also ~~the~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~difficulties~~ that we shall have to overcome and we shall also tell you know very clearly in which directions you can assist us in this European and African movement.

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THIS LETTER TO YOUR EUROPEAN FRIENDS AND FAVOUR TO GET THEM INTERESTED IN THIS MOVEMENT AND TO REALISE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE POSITION OF THE EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS OF KENYA ARE IN. REMEMBER THAT "EVERY EUROPEAN AND EVERY AFRICAN IS AN ASSET TO AFRICA. EVERYONE ELSE IS A LIABILITY."

Ref No 2:

'OURSELVES AGAIN'

We must apologise for writing again to you about ourselves but we feel you should be kept informed of how we are growing and our general progress, as, on our general growth and strength depends our ultimate success.

Last week we were hardly born but we have made great progress during the intervening few days.

Today we have reached a stage when we begin to move our limbs, as growth is coming to us daily.

We have informed a General Committee representing all the Leading European Firms of Nairobi.

We have obtained the services of an Organising Secretary.

We have a willing, sound working Executive.

We have an office.

We have guarantees for funds sufficient to carry us on for a few months.

In fact we are down to work.

What we want now is the cordial co-operation of the whole European Community imbued with the right spirit, and given this and sound organisation, things will begin to happen.

At the present we are busy collecting data regarding the actual location of every business in the country. We are ascertaining their difficulties and the difficulties that each and every business in the country is faced in regard to the non-employment of Asiatic labour to take place of undesirable aliens. We are investigating the difficulties that those who tell that they cannot avoid dealing with Asiatics unless they shut down altogether.

Difficulties are appearing on every side, as we expected, but most are difficulties that only the right spirit and the right organisation can enable them to be overcome in time.

We have, one and all, to make up our minds that we must face some sacrifice, possibly also some temporary financial losses, but what else, if by facing them we are going to safeguard once and for all our Home, our Business and our children's future.

You will, no doubt, have begun to realise what some of the purposes of our Organisation are, but we think it will be well to tell you how we are set out to do.

Our main objects are:

- To encourage in every possible way the employment of Europeans and Africans in Kenya Colony.
- To encourage the introduction of European and African artisans, mechanics, clerks and etc.
- To encourage the opening of European and African stores throughout the Colony.
- To encourage Europeans and Africans to deal only with these two races.
- To enable us to carry out these objects it has been necessary to form a Labour and Information Bureau in Nairobi, and this Bureau will deal with.
- To ascertain the supply and demand of European and African labour. It will also ascertain the sources from which such labour can be obtained.
- To encourage the members of this Organisation to use their utmost endeavours to influence all European to support the objects and finances of this Organisation.
- To act as "Liasison" with District Organisations and neighbouring territories for the purpose of assuring that a common policy is adopted throughout East Africa in regard to the above objects.
- An ambitious programme you may think, and difficult to bring to effect, but it will influence the Indian menace that confront

We grant you that it is, but we are convinced and we think you will be convinced, if you consider the matter carefully, that it is not in any way an impossible one.

It entirely depends upon you and the rest of the Europeans who are being threatened with extinction. Give us your whole-hearted aid regarding the objects of this Organisation, and the aggregate pressure will thus be brought to bear will, in a short time, begin to show its good effect.

Do not throw this in the W.P.B., but show it your European friends and let them alike yourself to adopt the motto that we have taken as our

EVERY EUROPEAN AND EVERY AFRICAN IS AN ASSET TO AFRICA EVERYONE ELSE IS A LIABILITY!

Send in your names to the Organising Secretary for membership, and with any Donation to the funds that you are able to afford-but with your name.

NAIROBI HOUSE,
Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

As you are aware, one of the main objects of our Organisation is to encourage the introduction of European and African artisans, mechanics, clerks, and other employment wherever such is ~~unobtainable~~ possible and to make this object to be accomplished necessitates the importation of people from England and other parts of the Empire.

At the present time there is no organisation beyond this one to turn this most important movement towards the gradual elimination of undesirable aliens.

In this elimination of this undesirable element, which is troubling us all pecuniary losses and is generally upsetting the whole social and industrial life of the Colony, lies perhaps the ultimate solution to the Question of the Day.

If we can create a position that does not offer the attractions Kenya does today to the Indian artisans and trader, as we can do if we join in the movement according to our respective capacities, we can not only stop the present rapid increase in the number of the Asiatics but are now pouring into the country but we shall cause a very great decrease in the numbers that are already here.

To get this movement on to a really sound basis demands that funds be made available, and you are asked here and now to subscribe for amount you can afford to enable this organisation to be placed on a really sound lasting footing.

You may rest assured that your money will not be wasted in any way. It will be controlled by your own representatives, who are in the Executive Committee of which Capt W. Tyson is the Hon. Treasurer.

We ask you therefore to become a member of this Organisation and to fill up the enclosed form and at the same time to send in for such amount as you are able to subscribe.

If you are unable to subscribe towards the funds of the Organisation in any case enrol yourself as a member which will show that your sympathy with the movement and can be relied on to do everything towards furthering its objects, which are:-
1. Encourage in every way possible what the employment of the European Africans.

2. Encourage the opening of the European and African stores throughout the Colony.

3. Encourage the introduction of European and African artisans, mechanics etc.

4. Encourage European and Africans to deal ~~with~~ only with members of the two races.

Yours faithfully,
R.B. Turner,
ORGANISING SECRETARY.

APPLICATION FORM

I enrol me as a member of the above Organisation. I enclose for Shillings..... towards the funds of the Organisation.

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... prepared to subscribe the sum of Shillings.....per
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THE ORGANISING SECRETARY
EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN TRADES ORGANISATION, P.O. Box 124,
Nairobi.....

No 31
The past week has been perhaps the most momentous one in the
history of this Colony.
The Convention of Associations has been sitting and has discussed
a question it was considered desirable to take in connection with the
question.
An arrangement has been arranged between His Majesty's Government and
the European Community of Kenya - so far as the taking of direct action
concerned.
The most important of the Resolutions passed by the Convention, was the following:
"The Convention resolves to work unremittingly at the perfection of
the laws, economic and otherwise, calculated to ensure the safety of
the Colony."
The most important of the economic and industrial schemes at present
being considered by the Government, is that of this Organisation.
The possibility of a situation similar to that which has now arisen
between the promoters of this Organisation, and the "objects" of
this Organisation were, therefore, formed in such a way that they could
not proceed without hindrance, should a more difficult and
uncertain course, advocated by some, be found at any time to be inapplicable.

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way the employment of the Europeans and the Africans, and inter-trade
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We have received many inquiries, particularly from Up-country
firms, during the week and many of them have been on the subject of
purchasing Blankets, etc., can be purchased in small quantities
from European firms who would be prepared to give similar facilities to
those at present offered by Indian business houses.
The answer to this general query is that several of the European
Business Houses are seriously considering this matter, but it must be
remembered that it is not a business that can be entered into without considerable
thought and arrangements. The European business house has to consider
that it is necessarily involved in opening such a business.
Arrangements have to be made for procuring the necessary stock
of goods from the European Community if he emulates on this, to him, the
policy of Upcountry people starting CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASES direct from
the Overseas. As a general rule these sporadic Co-
operative efforts do not pay out financially successful, owing to the
fact that business of this nature requires experience which few who have
not been trained in commercial matters have. However, if such attempts
are to be made to discourage the establishment of the European
Business Firms, they must, naturally, give the matter considerable thought
in working on the same line of business. As stated above, however,
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EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN TRADES ORGANISATION.

... We have today on our "Seeking Employment" books, several very
valuable recommendations from the Seychellois Shamba Overseas, prepared to accept
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a washerwoman and housewife. We have also highly recommended
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that if their problems were being thrashed out within earshot. But now is your opportunity to prove sincerity in helping to keep Kenya as a free and African Colony.

Now is your opportunity to help to safeguard christianity and Western civilisation not only in Kenya but in the whole of Africa.

Now is your opportunity to help to shoulder the whitemen's burden which we are not prepared to share with any one.

On your efforts to do this, things will depend very largely the results of the conferences that will be taking place in London in the near future between your Representatives and His Majesty's Government.

As you know we are fighting for a great principle and we make a special appeal to the Women of Kenya who can be of enormous assistance in fact their enthusiasm will without doubt be needed to help the Menfolk to make such sacrifices as they must for the Common Cause and to keep their good deeds and intentions up to the necessary pitch.

There is always a tendency to slacken off when the issue of a case becomes protected but every effort must be made to prevent this happening on this occasion.

OUR NEGOTIATORS who are going to London on our behalf will need your inspiration when pleading your cause and your unanimous support to strengthen their hands.

Nothing will inspire them, nothing will strengthen them as much as the certain knowledge that every man and every woman in Kenya is united in doing their utmost to help them through.

Unity is the best and only weapon with which to fight this ongoing battle and it is upto each and every one of us to do WHAT WE CAN.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, JOIN THIS ORGANISATION AT ONCE AND ADOPT THIS MOTTO AS YOUR OWN.

UNEMPLOYED.

We have on our books to-day the following Europeans who are looking for work:-

- Book-Keepers, 4, Clerks, 1, 2 Carerers, 1, Grocers Assistant, 1, Hotel Manager, 1, Handymen, and overseers, 5, Secretaries, 2, Shorthand Typist, 1, Saw-Miller, 1, Carpenter and Joiner, 1, Taxi Driver, 1,

We have during the week been able to put several unemployed into touch with prospective employers and we shall welcome any enquiries that shall lead to the reemployment of the above.

We shall also be very glad if every one will notify us AT ONCE if they have either discharged or given notice to any Indians during the past few weeks or do so in the future.

It will be of interest to members to know that one Firm in Nairobi discharged three Indians ~~and~~ last month and gave notice ~~to~~ on March 1st to SEVEN MORE.

Where there is a will there is a way.

Letter No. 5.

There appears to be apprehension in the minds of some people regarding the proposed introduction of labour, from overseas, more particularly in regard to the possible importation of coloured and native artisans, mechanics etc. Apparently it is not altogether realised that there is not at the present time a sufficient number of semi-skilled and skilled Africans to supply the demand and that it is bound to take three or more years before the supply can be increased sufficiently to meet the demand.

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Further that in view of the many difficulties that at present exist in the way of coast of passages, it is unlikely that arrangements can be made at short notice to introduce large numbers of English artisans etc to take the place of Indian Fundis.

It is therefore possible that a cheap and more easily obtained class of artisan may have to be introduced as a temporary measure to fill the "gap" that is bound to occur between now and the time when the really trained Africans will be coming forward in sufficient numbers and in consequence industries are being made in various parts of the world as to the possibility of supply.

We would point out, however, that the ultimate decision regarding the introduction of labour from outside the Colony rests with the individual Employer, and this Organisation can only assist Employers, anyhow at the present, by anxiously ascertaining for them full particulars of every possible source of supply.

An other point. In spite of our advertising in the local press asking all Europeans unemployed to send their names and qualifications to us, only some fifty have done this up to day, but we are creditably informed that their are many more than this number of Europeans at present out of work we would ask you to endeavour to get these unemployed to communicate with us, or if they fail to do so we cannot help them.

We are at present meaning a number of entirely erroneous stories concerning what our Organisation is doing and wants to do and we would earnestly request all our members to listen to Dame Remours, but instead to refer any questions that you wish to have answered direct to our Organising Secretary at the above house.

Our OBJECTS have been very clearly stated in our previous letters and are detailed in the Application-for-Membership cards which have been distributed through out the town and country.

Put briefly, these OBJECTS are to ENCOURAGE IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY THE EMPLOYMENT OF EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS AND INTER)- TRADE BETWEEN THESE TWO RACES.

These are objects which we feel sure every European in the country will agree with and we hope that every European will by becoming a member of this Organisation adopt these "objects" as their own.

If you have not already joined this Organisation do so at once and if you have not got a "APPLICATION-FOR-MEMBERSHIP" form send a post-card to the Organising Secretary, P.O. Box 124, Nairobi giving your name and address.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUNDS TO ENABLE YOU YOURSELF TO BECOME A MEMBER.

It will be of interest to you to know that the encouragement of Europeans and African artisans is not being confined to members of the Organisation. For an instance, the Uganda Railway Work-Shop discharged 1000 ASIATIC WORKERS last month and replaced these with Europeans and ASIATICS.

The policy of training Africans in large numbers is being followed by the Government and it is hoped that a definite policy will be reached in the near future.

The number of Europeans Firms opening branches for the distribution of their products to Europeans Dukas is developing and one Firm has already started to say that they will be ready this class of work at the beginning of next month.

During the week we have been able to put a number of unemployed Europeans into touch with prospective Employers and we have respectively 1000 ASIATIC WORKERS having been replaced by either Europeans or ASIATICS.

ON THIS POINT WE SHOULD BE VERY GLAD IF EMPLOYERS WOULD NOTICE IF ANY ASIATICS THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REPLACE or are prepared to replace if they can obtain suitable substitutes.

Our membership is growing but not nearly fast enough to satisfy us. WE SHALL NOT BE CONTENTED UNTILL EVERY EUROPEAN IN THE COUNTRY HAS JOINED A MEMBER.

NOW is the Moment to join the Organisation, not to-morrow or the day after. Don't bring me for one moment that because we have an Organising Secretary P.T.O.

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"Aristice" that there is going to be no more fighting. The real battle has not yet begun. As far as the various opponents have been able to mobilize their forces and taking up their positions. The real battle will not commence until our Delegates reach London and if we can hold on to our delegates in a month's time and tell them that this or that is necessary 5000 members everyone of whom is out to further our "Objectives" in any possible way, it will be of tremendous assistance to them in the battle that they have to fight for us.

UNEMPLOYED.

We are daily receiving notifications of more Europeans who are out of work and we have on our books to-day:-
Architect, 1; Book-keepers, 5; Blakenith, 1; Butcher, 1; Carpenter, 3; Drapers, 3; Hitter, 1; Grocer Assistant, 1; Handyman, 1; Painter, 1; Business Manager, 3; Mechanics, 3; Nurses, 1; Overseers, 6; Publican, 1; Secretaries, 3; Saw-millers, 3; Shop Assistant, 1; Smith, 1; Storekeeper, 1. This man has experience of building cattle-dips as well as being a joiner. If you want someone we have not got on our books at the present time, to enable you to replace your Asiatic employees, let us know and we will endeavour to assist you to get what you want.

Letter No. 5

There are apparently still a few people who have not yet understood the "Object" of this Organisation and though no doubt a further repetition of these "Objects" will tend towards erasing those who do not understand them, it is essential to the "movement" that there should be no misunderstanding in the minds of any one.

Our objects are (1) To encourage in every possible way the employment of Europeans and Africans. (2) To encourage the introduction of European and African artisans, mechanics, Clerks etc. as well as "women" to fill the demands. (3) To encourage the opening of European and African stores throughout the Colony. (4) To encourage Europeans and Africans to deal with these stores.

With regard to "Objects" No. 1 we have been able to get to a fairly "Unemployed" into touch with employers who have applied to us for up to date and applications are coming in daily.

In this connection it does not mean the expenditure of much energy but it does mean much encouragement to those who are suffering our sins in the face of many difficulties, if every European customer before making purchases, ordering repairs, etc, took the pains to enquire from all firms concerned what progress they have been able to make towards employing European and Africans only and to impress upon the firm in question how much efforts towards these ends are appreciated by the country at large.

Re "Object" No. 2. The demands for European and African artisans, etc, is growing daily and it will be undoubtedly necessary to introduce artisans, etc, from outside the Colony in the near future, if this demand is to be kept supplied with suitable men, as those available locally are being rapidly absorbed.

We are in communication with various possible sources of supply, and we hope to have some of the necessary information in coming days. But this matter is unavailable for Employers in the course of a few weeks, that it must, of course, be realised that the collection of full information of this nature is bound to take on a considerable time, and we, however, doing every thing possible to expedite this matter.

Re "Object" No. 3. European enroled country stores are being opened in many parts of the country, but our great difficulty is still that of getting European firms to supply these stores with their requirements in small quantities, and at prices which will allow of competition with the existing "Dums".

Re "Object" No. 4. We are doing every thing we can to encourage this, but are inclined to think that we are not being taken into account fully supported by the European community as a whole, and that a great deal more could be done if every European in this country would only take

a little more trouble... the most important side of the movement... as the really serious...

There are a number of... are employing only European and Africans and... restricting their transactions to these two races... every possible way... on the part of their... to these and caused...

It is quite realistic that this movement as a whole must of necessity be a gradual one, but we also realise that it lies the most effective way... to put this Colony on a... foundation and free it once and for all from the threat of... that has been overshadowing it now for years.

But we have all got to play the game. It must be a case of "The Side and nothing but the side" and unless we are not prepared the game on these terms will sponsor of later kind themselves out of the Team. These must be no playing to the gallery by the individual.

There is no desire and no need to upset the "Economic" life of the Colony... the "Economic" life of the Colony... the deficit and needs... for every European in the country.

Every one has got to play the game, no matter how small, and PLAY THE GAME FOR THE SIDE ALL THE TIME. As an example of what is being done in this respect we will quote you a "chit" that was recently sent from the Indian Fundist.

"Jwala Singh worked for me as a carpenter for seven months and in all respects a first class workman and I have never come across a better carpenter either in India or this country. He is particularly good at furniture work and is moreover a very quick worker. He is an extremely pleasant man to deal with and I am genuinely sorry to part with him, but because of the fact that I consider it my duty to encourage indigenous labour I have no other course open to me. I hope that he gets a good job when he returns to India which I believe is his intention."

There is no desire and no need to upset the "Economic" life of the Colony, in the process of winning the Game, but the desire and need of winning the Game must be taken up and realised by every European in the country.

The best indication that all Europeans can give that they do realise the necessity is by becoming a member of the Organisation, adopting its Objects as their own and getting their friends and relations to do likewise, and supporting the movement in every way they can.

- We have still got the following on our UNEMPLOYED LIST:-
Architects, 2; Book-Binders, 2; Butchers, 1; Clerks (European), 3; Africans, 2; Engineers, 2; Electricians, 1; House-keepers, 3; Handymen, 2; Business Managers, 3; Madams (African), 1; Madams (European), 1; Nurses (Children), 2; Nurses, 14; Para Papi, 5; Secretaries, 3; Stenographers, 2; Typists (Ladies), 2; Millers, 3; Shop Assistants, 1; Tin Smiths, 1; Taxi Drivers, 3.

We should be very glad if any one knowing of good African carpenters, tinmiths, bookbinders, or other artisans, who are unemployed would give them a letter of recommendation and send them to our Head Office Nairobi House Nairobi.

REMEMBER OUR DELEGATES ARE NOW ON THE WAY TO THE BATTLE. THEY HAVE GOT A MOST DIFFICULT AND ARDUOUS TASK IN FRONT OF THEM. THE SUPPORT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE THEM FROM HERE WILL LARGELY DEPEND WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR US, OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

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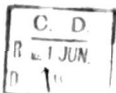
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