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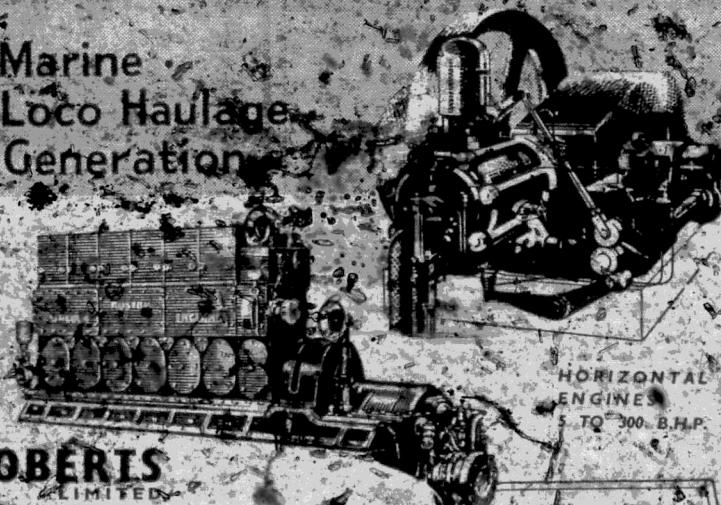
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

THESE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE PAGE OF PROGRESS in colonial territories generally that have finally accelerated in the post-war world has naturally tended, in recent years,

Soviet Russia and The Colonies. to ask themselves, and others, with increasing frequency whether there is something valuable to be learnt from the amazing transformations wrought in Russia, and particularly in the Central Asian republics which form the "Colonial Areas" of the Soviet Union. Facts on which to base a judgment have not been readily accessible, and many writers and speakers have revealed their prejudices so clearly that they could not easily be ascribed to reliable fitness. Indeed, though everything written about Soviet Russia has been either blindly complimentary or blindly condemnatory, as will be seen from the long article elsewhere in this issue, Colonel Charles Ponsonby, Chairman of the Joint East African Board, who was one of the Members of Parliament who visited Russia last winter, has now presented to a joint meeting of the Royal African Society and the Royal Empire Society a statement which says full tribute to Russian achievements but emphasizes the obstacles in the way of the application of similar principles of practice in the British Colonial Empire.

The British East and Central African Dependencies can win Colonel Ponsonby's

opinion, not applying methods which have been so outstandingly successful in Soviet Russia because the Africans constitute the overwhelming majority of the population.

The Good of the Colonies in East Africa. In view of the overwhelming majority of the population being Negro, national feeling had to wait until the tribesmen gave an outlook limited by their way of life, no pride in the country of their birth, and no conception of the "good" East Africa. There is no national outlook, tradition, or system on which to build. Nor can any one reasonably assert that there are still far too many Europeans, including even men in public life, who instead of thinking of themselves as good East Africans, still tend to take the view of Kenya, Uganda, or Tanganyika territory — both whispered that of the landlords or of a particular industry or locality. So general was this attitude twenty-one years ago that one of the two main reasons for the establishment of this newspaper was to help to destroy that obstinate and dangerous provincialism, for quite evidently, wise cause can be wisely served only if the people responsible for their implication, whether officials, non-officials, Europeans or non-Europeans, first satisfy themselves that the policies they intend to pursue are calculated to serve the good of East Africa as a whole. National advantages cannot be paramount, even to the section concerned. That is a truth which is today much more widely recognized among East Africans than among their rulers, who are

are more prone to make accusations which temporarily benefit the African or Indian section but do not improve the territories as a whole, the result will be general loss, not general gain.

There is no doubt that the Indian and African sections of colonial government, necessary as a means of impressing backward peoples with the idea that you must work for the good of all, have been successful, and with the con-

Kenya Information Office Action — Finally, one fact is beyond question, that there

is no civil government in East Africa throughout which the information service has been well organized. News bulletins, newsletters, and bulletins have been issued by the information offices. But we have calculated in these columns, that the offices have been so inefficiently staffed, so many opportunities which qualified men could and would have seized have been recklessly thrown away. During the war Kenya, for instance, lost something like one hundred thousand dollars of its information office, which results in great negligence in comparison both with the opportunity and with the responsibilities. Not less amazing than the continued impertinuity of the Government under this annual squandering of both money and occasion has been the indulgence of the elected members of the Legislature. Why they have not reacted against this scandal, so far as nothing less—passes our comprehension. But now there is hope. In writing last week of the decision of the Government in Uganda to reorganize the information office, it was pointed out that, well into the sixth year of war, we said that similar action, if taken in Kenya, there could be no suggestion that it was not long overdue. We have since received news which suggest that action is to be taken in that Colony. This step is in accordance with the expectation, for, when contemplating the appointment of Sir Philip Mitchell as Governor, we ventured the forecast that he would be unlikely to continue to tolerate the inefficiency which seemingly satisfied his predecessor, Sir H. G. Bond.

Whence might a spirit of East African patriotism have been created? First, of course, from the decision of a British Government to take the inevitable step of creating a Union of East

Opportunity for the African Governors' Conference — The cabinets

have prostrated in that matter, and to the disadvantage of East Africa as a whole, the East African

Governors' Conference might have done something in its twenty years of existence. So far as we know, there is no evidence that that various body has done anything in that direction; but, as we pointed out last week, it has worked so much in the dark, and so persistently, to take the public into its confidence, that those who are not fully up to the ways of East African happenings are inclined to regard that interterritorial conference as last it has apparently decided to be conservative thus being the result of the first meeting of the three new Governors of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika. This is to say that they have made a good beginning, and if this will go on and trust they can make a better, which has been so ineffective hitherto. It remains to be seen if past and performed proper due course there will be no one more worthy to take over the reins than EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA.

While the civil Government has conspicuously failed to do as has been done in India, the stage is set for the day when all the territories between British Somaliland in the north and

Army Creating Common Outlook — the south are fighting side by side today

Burma, as they fought in Ethiopia and Madagascar. They have, moreover, been in active service in the company's armies for other parts of the Empire and the Mother Country have used the same canteens, and been treated in the same hospitals. That experience has already created the embryo of a national outlook. The East Africa Command, furthermore, has recently decided to use English as its *lingua franca*, and that action, about which the local governments have debated so much, must progressively tend to consolidate common outlook among the African people concerned.

Twenty Years Ago

From our issue of July 14, 1893.

Kenya is now to have her Herald.

R. J. Cunningham, who has died suddenly in Scotland, could be named with that great and lamented hunter, W. G. Sebba, for the love of a venture which was the pioneer's, but his deep knowledge of science, logic, medicine, astronomy, and seafaring placed him in a class of his own.

Mr. M. F. O'Neill, better known as Consul O'Neill, has died at his home near Matlock. As a young naval officer he won his medal in the suppression of the slave trade then rampant in East African waters, mastered the Swahili language, and as the author of "A Day in Slave Land," a valuable volume on the subject, deserves an honoured place among the most interested men who in the interests of knowledge and in the spirit of adventure have opened up dark corners. And like the sun, never forgotten, the Africans are more than ever grateful.

Communism Seen Through East African Eyes

Conclusions of Colonel Charles Ponsonby, M.P., after Visiting Russia.

THE DAY OF INBETHEORETICAL APPROACH is past and we must face the problems of Colonial Administration - practical problems. During the last century we steadily drew the line between the theoretical and the practical, in political economy, blushed by economic needs, pulled at all strings of science and modern invention, came economies are on the edge of a new future. Is this to be gradual evolution or this sudden leap methods can find better and more rapid methods?

I am writing to you to let you know what I found in the Central Asian Republics. I thinkst the facts of any of us who have an opportunity to visit them, other than our own to see whether there are in them any methods of government or development which might be for the benefit of a colonial empire. I visited Turkestan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan, but would like Uzbekistan as an example.

Twenty-one years ago the United States passed a law which taxed poor people who owned only for the first time a house or land worth 20 or 30 thousand dollars. He lived in a small town where he was a schoolteacher. He became one of the first Negro mechanics, bookbinders and a former teacher in New York. Twenty-one years ago the Negroes in the Kingdom were not practically allowed to go to school. In the Middle schools there were very few women among them. There were no courses of vocational training, schemes of credit, no loans, no help for the Negroes to buy their plots of land. The Negroes had to pay 4,000 dollars for the education of the population. They had no technical institutions, 2,000 hospitals, large and efficient libraries, large irrigation schemes, electric power, electric plants, roads, amongst other things, a wonderful library and a great

'Leisure-Loving People Galvanized into Activity'

How have these literature-loving, quiet people been galvanized into activity, become teachers, engineers, technicians and, above all, become enthusiastic for their cause? Pakistan and ardent adherents of the U.S.S.R.

The answer is this: first, they have sold it; secondly, they realize the desirability of attacking it which has brought them material prosperity. I speak but the language of the wise sage when I say that "the world is a school." My advice to expert persons in the subjects and finance for his schemes, and the advice of

Never has a nation shown greater wisdom... It has enabled the people to leave the soil. It has desired and encouraged the blacks first, afterwards second, to go into the cities and towns, to become part of the population, to improve their condition, to find employment by means of a government which has given them a headwind into the world, and to become part of the nation's resources.

An instance, see what has been done in Turkmenia. In 1952, a boy from Semyonovka, from one oasis to the next. In 1954, he became a member of a collective farm, irrigated, and was invited to go to the municipal city to live in modern houses. But did he? Can you see that happening elsewhere? And so on.

I emphasize the nature and civilization of the people. This is the crux of the whole affair. Why did the Soviets pass so quickly from what we might call dark to light? In my view it's because through the ages they have been a particularly enlightened people. Their romantic history dates back to Alexander the Great in the 4th century B.C., Genghis Khan in the 13th, and Timur the Lame in the 14th. Places like Samarkand and Balkh, with their wonderful mosques and schools of blue mosaic art, had to be destroyed by the communists; they are still part of our history. These well-educated, but not so modernized people, who in mind with an old civilization, are proud of their

As stated in an Address to the Royal African Society
and the Royal Empire Society.

"Think now of East Africa. What is the possible exception of
the Higga? Is there any one innumerable tribe and past any
history, any tradition? Is the class of any one people
beyond the boundaries of their tribe? The answer is - very
few indeed."

National Pride, the *Journal of the American Revolution*, . . .

The first great difference that we find between the national and the nationalistic sense of belonging. The individual tribes in East Africa have no large, limited to their village or tribe, sense of belonging; the question whether they have pride or affection for the place of country is not raised by their leaders. Certainly the conception of being part of a nation is alien to them, as far as reached them.

The second difference arises from the methods adopted by the U.S. Government to recognize debts and to have them paid up in the U.S. dollars as far as possible in the world. This could be made up in the U.S. Government's work, and in their published Circular No. 11, points the following statement on this subject:

... H.S.P. work is a duty and a matter of honour which I shall not shirk. In accordance with the principles of the Order, nothing will be eaten but The Holy Table bread and the Unleavened Bread of Communion, which are to be had according to his Word.

where infinite pieces of work tasks are laid down in the interest of the collecting family (which are cooperative in principle), where the balance of production is divided, not usually but

According to you, would it be possible on
your part by coercive and other means to make the lethargic
African work on the "line" in Government factories or on collective farms, remembering that there is no national spirit
and that we have no Government controlled radio or newspapers
to impress on him that the work of each individual
is the business of the State?

Collective Farming

is another example of the difference between the two systems. In Germany, on the one hand, there are unsophisticated, backward, peasant farmers, and on the other, "in Central Africa," there are large-scale collective farms, with the exception of a small percentage for each farmer belonging to the collective farm, which is to be constituted as a number of farms owned through a committee of which the chairman is chairman. This committee practices a policy of protection, so far as the farmer is to what he has to sell. The committee keeps certain articles on the market, does not let them down, and at the end of the year, after deduction of expenses of the Government set a fixed price for all the products and trade in station in payment for services rendered, namely, education, to a community, care for the sick, old age pensions, etc., the amount of which is given to each farmer according to the size of his farm. The calculations in work day units are compared to the working hours of all the other farmers. The calculation is based on the cost of living in an authorized black market. Farmers are not free to sell in this way.

In East Africa the land is normally owned by the tribes respectively. But this comparison ends there. This illustrates the difference of civilization between these two communities and it makes us realize that the imposition of modern ideas on an unstable foundation can be a backward step. Impenetrable civilization is like building a wall on a sand. That is where the weaklings are built up. All the social problems begin with the instability of the foundations.

The edge is worn off, but the inner country we are taken nearly continually to build up our interests and our knowledge. Above with the imprints of modern science, we must explore how process of development from the outer to the inner parts were written upon the surface of the land.

It is really only on the higher level that there is some
importance in the Central Asian Republics and the Colonies of East
Asia. As a general rule to Moscow for mechanical
government, for technical advice, and for finance, for
the most part, Central Asia looks to Bolshevik government, in
the same way that the colonies look to either

from private sources from the British Government.

In methods of government at the present time much depends on us in this country. The African Native Council, the city soviet, the spirit of the local representative, the supreme soviet in Moscow correspond to our parish councils, rural district councils, county councils, and Parliament. Here and in the U.S.S.R. numberless people are giving their leisure and experience to help in the government of the people. In like cases a member of the lowest rank may become a member of the highest.

In Africa, however, there is a long way to go before these methods can be adopted. There is a great need to develop these methods after the example of the Native Councils. The institution of the latter many years ago gave us a good opportunity for the African to learn something of the business of government, but there is a great distance between the work of a local Native council and the responsibilities of a central government. With one exception in Kenya Mr. Mathu is a Native member of the legislative council, but it has not been found advisable to promote Native members of the highest councils for the simple reason that so very few of the former have command the confidence of their fellow Africans.

Importance of Continuity

This visit to Central Africa made me acutely aware what wish to emphasize now—first that each Colony must have its own coordinated plan of development, for not in 20 years, or all of them, but it must be based on the needs and civilization of the inhabitants; secondly once decided upon it must go through (with some modifications) as may be necessary.

Continuity is everything and it follows that there must be no change in office by a change of political parties at home, or by transfers of Governors or other officials, now far too frequent in the Colonies. Only a year or two ago a Governor in Africa said to me: "I know this long-term scheme of mine is right, but I have no guarantee that my successor will carry it on."

The same plan must continue with the same force even though it may be drastic. Perhaps some of the old Native customs will have to go during this period; perhaps modification may be necessary in the laws affecting land; alterations to promises they have been made, both to Europeans as regards their holdings and in respect of Native reserves. All these changes will require sound and skilful planning, strong leadership, unfeared by fact or favour, to put the plans into operation, and a certain amount of give-and-take among those who may be affected. Of course, much is being done already. It is only what within this country have been going through over a last century, and if through a gradual process we have had to put up with these changes in a civilized, closely settled country, it is surely not suggesting too much that it would be easier as part of a long-term plan to make changes now in Africa before the vested interests and ideas of the European and the Indian as well as of the few Europeans take too deep root.

Administration Coordinated with Committees

Is Whitehall administration as affecting the African Colonies up-to-date, alive, and active? Is it coagulated with committees? Has its work generally not grown so much that it could not well throw some of its burdens and some of the detail over to the local Government? It is well to emphasize again and again that no political adhesion can be made independently of economic and social betterment.

This is not the place to discuss whether the structure of the Colonial Office is adapted to carry out the present and future programme of welfare and development, or whether its character must change in any economic and industrial direction.

It has been suggested (and I fully endorse the suggestion) that some form of Economic Development Committee of the best brains and experience of the business world should not only assist in the formulation of the plans under the Colonial Development Act, but form part of the executive machine, its energetically supervising and carrying in carrying out the same.

The position in the Central African Colonies is complicated by the existence of Mandates and the Congo Basin Treaties, which many of my friends would like to see abrogated. In their place I would suggest an African Charter which would (a) incorporate all the desired subjects in the existing treaties, (b) apply to existing areas, but with a recognition of boundaries, and the inclusion of possible additional territories for now in the so-called Congo Basin area, and (c) provide for the establishment in some central place in Africa of a body to act as a pool for knowledge and research and a centre for consultation and co-operation on all African matters.

The last suggestion is on the lines of that made by Lord Kenyon, but he proposed ad hoc meetings, at any rate as a preliminary, and I propose the kind of permanent organization where the machinery for meetings would have to be ready, and would not limit the meetings themselves to the immediate interests of nations concerned.

The execution of policy must continue to emanate from Whitehall, but I think that the power should be given to local governments and it should be possible gradually to devolve power from Whitehall, especially in matters of local government in the future a Union of South Africa and a Union of West Africa. It may be that the creation of a post of Minister of State or Governor-General in East Africa would facilitate this process. If that is agreed, then the sooner the better.

Capital funds must continue to be supplied by Great Britain with ever-increasing assistance from the Empire, for research, and (ii) large developments, such as irrigation, mining, shipping, science, or transportation, such as would be required by Government or private enterprise, should be left to local governments as regards administration. Such schemes when completed should be owned and controlled by the state, or partly by the state and partly by shareholders, a matter for discussion in each individual case. It might be possible, for instance, to institute in Africa a large-scale scheme such as that of the Sudan Irrigation Scheme, where state, private enterprise, and the African should have co-operated and shared in the fruits.

Individual enterprises chances have to be taken, and a Government is averse to say the least, to "speculating with other people's money." That is where the difficulty lies.

The same applies to trade and commerce. A new organized co-operative scheme for marketing and distribution by the Government, or by existing traders, the most competent people, is the best scheme. Under such conditions and those whose lives and training have been spent in commercial commerce,

these two have aided the cause of development, and a lot of pioneers in farming and industry, including mining, know full well that these territories are not the happy hunting grounds of get-rich-quick experts. In fact, as Lord Hailey has indicated, the so-called capitalists from a financial point of view would have reaped as good a return on their capital if they had invested it in Government loans; and this takes no account of the fact that thousands of them have put their labour, their brains, and their intelligence into the pioneer work they have undertaken.

Progress Must Be Based on Education

It will be our aim (and I think mine), Mr. Finch-Jones will agree with me) gradually over the next 50 years or so to train the African and Indian in the methods, ethics, and honesty of local government, that from the local Native councils, the central advisory committee, or whatever it is called, more of the Africans and Indians will become government-minded, and be able to understand the wider implications of the local legislative assemblies, and the import of the other world in their particular Colony.

Burstious aspirations for making the African and Indian into the machinery of Government, are just so much claptrap and cannot have a virtuous end. Education and improvement of the health of these people. Without education and good health there can be no real advance in their wealth or standard of living; nor can their countries pay their way whatever the help of the British taxpayer.

I mean education in the widest sense, which aims at making these people citizens of a country—not a tribe—which they are proud. Teachers are the problem, but it should not be impossible for the Empire to provide an increase of teachers who would devote their lives to this work. White teachers are not enough. We must look to Makere and Achimota to train Native teachers, gradually to permeate these territories.

We must remember that the greater part of East and Central Africa is agricultural. The old methods—cutting trees, spoiling the country, eroding the soil—must be eliminated. This must gradually be taught to cultivate their piece of land without destroying it, or, if a tribe, to reduce its herds partly to improve the breed.

All this education cannot be achieved, as Lord Kenyon has demanded, by visits to Government farms. The best education is to work at some time for the European, who studies and shows the things, and we must pay a tribute to those agricultural pioneers who, through the last 30 or 40 years, by trial and error, have spent themselves and their all in practical and therefore expensive research into soil and disease of plant and beast.

To emphasize the necessity for including women at all stages in any education plan, for it is no good working for the education and status of the man if the woman is left behind. It was especially noticeable in Central Africa how practically all Moslem women have left off the yashmeh, and, thrown off isolation, they take a leading part in all efforts of the community, elected or otherwise, for the good of the country.

Again regard to health also the official past and agree on a health policy. Every kind of research is being done in this country, and the local Government have put forward administrative plans based on the needs of their particular problems. We are hampered again by the lack of money available. In the

next ten years there will be available many people from the Empire trained in medical welfare who will be prepared to form a nucleus who are then conducting and carrying on their profession. This is the establishment of one or two medical colleges in Africa will do a great deal to train the African and the Indian to insist upon their health and sanitation and their fellow-countrymen.

It is not so easy as the theorist make out. Except in time of plague, the inhabitants of a village are not likely to be readily accustomed if an official orders it to be burned down. We have seen such a voluntary visitation of thousands of natives to a brick or concrete house where a native chief has been given a grant of land with a title to it.

We know. We are still training at the same pace, though, in East and Central Africa. Healthy they can never remain in isolation, and without in many cases changing their methods of life. Though they might be fairly happy if left alone to develop under whatever represents the spirit of the day, they cannot progress unless they change the idea of lazy happiness. If these countries are to progress economically, every individual must learn the best method to contribute to his own wealth in the same way as happens in

Proposed Basis for a Common Programme

All political parties are agreed on the necessity in giving freedom from war and freedom from disease. All are agreed on teaching backward races gradually to advance in the management of their own affairs. All are agreed on the ideal of continuing to create contented nationalities within our Commonwealth—but where the Conservative and I think the Liberal Parties differ from the Socialists, is in the emphasis and speed with which these ideals can be attained. Speed is not everything.

Is it too much to ask that all parties could agree on a blue print or plan, and then put out brains in this country and Africa work it out individually? We can do this if we are not out for British party politics, or for a party score here and there.

Then if we agree in principle we must also undertake to give the scheme a chance. We must not pull up the plant every year to see if it has taken root. We must submit the institutions in Parliament, prompted by intelligent and experienced heads of all parties in this assembly, to a re-examination of consolidated nations in Africa. These nations are spreading in the savannas. We are not unwilling to co-operate with a civilization which yields a political philosophy or political methods which fit in with the conditions of life in this country.

To insure the success of the proposed experiment methods and processes of health services still elsewhere is to insure a steady, even, continuous development. In progressive plans spread over definite periods for the political and economic growth of the African, and these plans must be strictly governed by his capacity, his climate, his past history, and his present habits.

I have referred to the importance of African Chiefs, and a permanent Commission, to act for consultation and co-operation on behalf of the African people. I have arranged the need for training and educating in citizenship, and expanding the educational and health services, an economic policy which gives every individual both for large public utility schemes and encouragement to private enterprise, and above all, co-operation and good will.

The African Colonies are now on the swingboard of the future. Many of us have seen the statue of Physical Energy on the slope of Table Mountain above the house of Cecil Rhodes. (There is a replica in Kensington Gardens.) You will remember that fine figure with shaded eyes gazing into the future. Let us not much to ask again that we of all political parties should continually gaze into the future and with our minds unite in planning for those who are not yet in position to plan for themselves!

Royal Empire Society and The Colonies

Useful Brochure on the Political Future of the Empire

ONE OF THE COMMON INTERESTS AND PURPOSES OF THE COMMONWEALTH conflicts fundamentally with world interests. Thus the maintenance and strengthening of the British Commonwealth as the greatest experiment yet made in intimate co-operation between autonomous peoples, is an example and an important interest of the world-wide whole.

We are confident that the British Government and people wholeheartedly accept as basic the present authoritative statement of British Colonial policy—firstly, affirmed under Colonial Development and Welfare—and that the primary aim of British Colonial policy is to protect and advance the interests of the inhabitants of the Colonies. The doctrine of trusteeship has long been accepted and it is more than ever with the modern democratic spirit and with the development of British policy to look back on the relationship of the Mother Country and the Colonies today as that of senior and junior partners in a great undertaking.

The Colonial Empire is an historic development, and while there is room for criticism in its various connexions of the course of that development, it can be said that our Colonial record compares favourably with that of any other Colonial Power past or present; its justification may be found in the demonstrations of loyalty and self-sacrifice offered of service shown by the Colonies in this war.

Extracts from the report of a study group of the Royal Society published under the title "The Political Future of the British Commonwealth and Empire" (Longmans, 1918)

The British Colonial Empire represents a microcosm of the whole world, as there is hardly a race, colour, or religion which is not substantially represented. This wide differentiation makes the control and development of the Colonies a complicated business.

Foundations of Sound Progress

The close relationship between the political problems of the British Colonies and the economic and social conditions of those colonies has been since long realized. The abolition of poverty and squalor, decent housing, good medical services, steady employment, and, in general, freedom from fear and want, are the bases of any satisfactory and enduring political system. Nevertheless, progress in political development must go hand in hand with improvement in economic and social conditions, as it is essential for lasting success, and for the development of self-respect and capacity to dominate. It is true that the Colonies not only operate, but also themselves take an active part in the measures necessary to improve their environment and conditions.

In the Colonies not yet sufficiently developed for self-government on a national scale, local self-government institutions should be inaugurated or developed. These should be adapted to the circumstances of the various Colonies and not be stereotyped in one rigid form. Municipalities, district councils, education committees, and boards are all possible ways of training and developing the capacity of the inhabitants for managing their own affairs. Every community is devised some kind of social and economic organization, and the aims should be to develop this kind of organization into something more efficient and suitable for modern conditions. We consider that it has been a wise policy in Africa to adopt the method of indirect rule, the government through tribal and other community forms with their traditional powers and resources, financial and otherwise, undisturbed. It has been criticized as tending to stereotype forms of government which are out of date and unsuited to modern conditions. It is true that one of the problems of indirect rule is to enlist the co-operation in the system of the more

educated members of the community who could be induced to come from something they regard as out of their traditional environment and modern methods. It is therefore important that these international conventions should become more democratic, so as to render up-to-date and up-to-date members of the community, whose views are widely accessible. In this way, the international community in the Commonwealth might find its way to a better solution which would bring the reinforcement of democracy and the introduction of a new element into what might otherwise be a reactionary force, and one which is far removed from the principles of our whole Commonwealth.

The Development of Co-operative Organisations

From India we have seen a specialist committee of the Commonwealth Parliament, and the less developed areas of the Commonwealth, and thus should be encouraged and extended. This applies to all kinds of subjects, and especially to the field of health, agriculture, banking, etc., etc., as may be fit and purpose. The important consideration is to be不忘any and always to make available to the people of the Commonwealth, including trade and commerce, a field for the exercise of the people's political rights and interests, and to disperse the responsibility for the community among those affected by changes in opportunity to be made available for such research.

In these countries there always arises a question as to the self-government, the equivalent of which is self-government, and in the case of some of the former African territories, actually to give them a later designation. The subject of constitutional and political progress is one which affects our Colonial territories, and begins to solve in the course of the evolution of the Colonial Empire. Many of the attempted solutions have necessarily been by trial and error, due to a large extent the progress of the more advanced parts of the Colonial Empire toward self-government continues to be based on empirical lines.

It is clear, however, from the present Ceylon Constitution, the new Constitution for Jamaica, and from other evidence that serious thought is being given to the working out of some set of general principles of constitutional progress which can be applied with the local conditions of each country. We must stimulate our Colonies by giving them a sense of security that this process will continue, and that our Colonial Office and our Governments will not be afraid to take modern ideas into our Colonial constitutions, and, above all, will see that corresponding responsibility is given to the people with increase of power to elected members of the legislature.

Conditions in many Colonies make the final stage of self-government difficult. Where there are great differences of culture between sections of the population, where there are antagonisms of race or religion, there arise hindrances to political advancement; because the things necessary for the development of a national consciousness have a common cultural outlook, which are necessary to make self-government work with reasonable smoothness.

International Administration or International Cooperation?

We are now in a transition period. The post-war situation will no doubt decide some changes in the position of the Colonies. There have been suggestions of international collaboration of the resuscitation of the mandates Commission on a large scale and with increased powers, and of incorporation of the Colonies in regional schemes. And the question of the relationship to world needs of the Colonies mainly concerns us who are concerned with the supply of raw materials required by all countries, may also be raised.

Whatever the outcome of these questions we believe that the metropolitan country should retain the responsibility for the administration of their own colonial territories. Principles of trusteeship or partnership have largely indications than relationship to the metropolitan country, and this is particularly, even if not formally, recognized, but the fulfilment of such obligations is not incompatible with the continued responsibility of the metropolitan country for the progress and welfare of its own Colonial peoples.

It is unlikely that the British people, with the clear objective of developing their Colonies, the position of autonomous units, to a greater extent as possible, within the Empire and Commonwealth, would be willing to relinquish a task more than half accomplished, and which there is every reason to believe can be carried to a successful conclusion.

The participation of the Dominions in the working out of Colonial policy has been suggested. This raises questions of divided responsibility and of the attitude of the indigenous peoples, which are not easy to answer. For many reasons it would be desirable, but it is a matter which would require careful consideration. Greater participation by the Colonial peoples themselves in their own development is an obvious factor in the success of British policy, and we have no doubt that this principle should be kept in mind, and the results applied in the coming years.

In matters of defence, foreign affairs, etc., many Colonies cannot achieve complete sovereignty, indeed, complete autonomy is now seem unlikely to be fully enjoyed by any

country in a world which will threaten its survival on condition of co-operation between its people. It is possible, however, to maintain the institutions of the British Commonwealth to achieve the fundamental aims of the Atlantic Charter, and to be able to render the services to ourselves to our own communities in the best way as to minister to the welfare and happiness of all our inhabitants.

The Colonial Office has strengthened its resources by enlisting the service of experts in all matters affecting any important consideration in the furthering of the economic progress of the health and welfare of our Colonial peoples. Great care and regard was marked by the Colonial Development and Welfare Act of 1947, whose working out is resounding and commanding steps in political progress.

No Abdication of Responsibility

It is important that in the meantime Imperial authority should continue to be exercised over the political development of the British Empire, and that our trusteeship or partnership should not be too readily abandoned. We must not only be the founders of very enterprising sections of the community, but also endeavour to be the true under-tones of the masses. Any such abdication of trusteeship or dissolution of partnership might prove a betrayal and result in lawlessness or exploitation. The bona-fide establishment of democratic institutions depending in due course in improvement in the education and behaviour of the common people, must be assured, and increased from our responsibilities.

We recognize the successful efforts of the Colonial Medical Service (which in an average needs a great extent) and the provision of specialists in various subjects and of such funds as the Rockefeller Foundation. We are glad that the scope and resources of the Colonial Development Fund are to be considerably enlarged, and we believe that something on the lines of a Land Fund is necessary in order to secure the progress in these matters that is essential.

Science must be harnessed to the task of discharging our responsibilities to the Colonial peoples. More institutions like the Imperial College of Agriculture in India and the Amritani Institute in Tanganyika have been developed, and the welfare of the peasants in regard to questions of land tenure and the problems of soil erosion and other factors to ensure rural prosperity must be tackled in a big way.

Belgium regards her trusteeship as dynamic, not static, as tending towards the gradual emancipation of her wards. — M. De Bruyne, Belgian Colonial Minister.

"I used to think that we were going much too fast in our development of the African people, but I now feel that African leaders should be trained and encouraged to take an interest in their own welfare, so that eventually they may run their own affairs." — Mr. K. M. Kenyatta, Native Commissioner in Salisbury, and also on the African Section of the Salisbury and Native Welfare Society.

Let us fortify the buying power of the Colonies by exposing to them our higher standards of living. The policy of Imperial Preference was the sustenance of the whole structure of commerce in Great Britain and some of the Dominions during the years before the war. "It was the development of the man-power and financial resources of the Empire that made possible the defence of our own home field in 1940 and 1941." — Lord Beaverbrook.

The psychological necessities of Africans, causes of the climate, and extreme social circumstances call for the greatest constancy in the very difficult task of guiding them into the enlightened paths of existence. Even after being initiated into civilization they will, if left to themselves, revert to the law of the jungle. This is a problem of paramount importance that cannot be ignored either by missionary organizations or Colonial administrators. — Portugal, Lisbon.

Great Expansion of The Colonial Service.

At Least Four Thousand Recruits Needed.

AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND RECRUITS for the Colonial Service, including a limited number of women, will be required during the reconstruction period, and the Colonial Office has resumed recruitment.

Two pamphlets were published last Friday, one in regard to new opportunities in the colonies for the service for which recruitment is undertaken in the Colonial Office, and the other in regard to the technical and other posts filled by Colonial governments by the United Agents for the Colonies. In a foreword to the first pamphlet, Colonel Oliver Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, writes:

Task of Civil Servants in the Colonies

"...the task of over one of our first duties will be to guide the 60 million inhabitants of our Colonial territories—now at a most critical stage of their history—along the road to self-government within the British Empire. We must help them to build up their own political, social, and economic institutions and to develop their natural resources in which their welfare will depend."

To fulfil their task officers of the Colonial Service—whether they come from the Colonies themselves, the Colonies, or the Dominions—will need qualities of a very high order. They will chiefly fill the task of training, inspiring, and guiding the future leaders of the Colonial peoples. For, if self-government is to become a reality, such leaders—whether within or without the Government Service—must be drawn more and more from amongst these peoples themselves; although, even so, there will be ample room in most territories for large numbers of highly qualified officers for administrative and auxiliary appointments who for many years past, or as necessary, be drawn from the civil services of the Dominions.

The Colonial Service will need administrators and teachers, officers with scientific training for mining, agriculture, forestry, and the care of stocks; economists, and workers in the art of labour and social welfare; police and probation officers; engineers, architects, town-planners, geologists, surveyors and many others. It will need large numbers of young women. It will also find room for some older men and women with experience. In either walls of life, it will offer both permanent careers and shorter periods of service by secondment or on contract. What is needed above all is courage, a sense of responsibility, strong personality, and commonsense.

Special Consideration for Post-War Candidates

"Vacancies in the permanent and pensionable appointments will so far as circumstances allow be spread over the reconstruction period in such a way that every eligible candidate in the armed forces, the merchant navy, or who has been directed to some other form of national service shall have an equal chance of being considered, whether he is among the first or last to be released from such service. Official recruitment memoranda have therefore been distributed to Commands (in the case of the Royal Air Force to education officers) from whom any member of the forces may obtain them. Applications from intending candidates not in the forces should be made in writing to the Director of Recruitment (Colonial Service), 15 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

The pamphlet states, *inter alia*:

"It is intended that every candidate who would normally have been eligible to compete for the Colonial Service since the outbreak of war, and has been deprived, by reason of the war, of the opportunity of doing so, shall be allowed to compete during the reconstruction period, notwithstanding that he may be above the normal age-limits, provided that he has performed war service for a minimum period of 12 months continuous prior to the date when his application is considered."

Before the war the age limits varied for each class of appointment, but in general the principle was that for the majority of appointments candidates must be reached the age of 30 (reduced during the war to 28) on arrival for duty in the Colony selected, and must be under 35 in the case of technical appointments and under 30 in the case of non-technical appointments. There was a general preference for candidates of under 30 and under 26 respectively.

In technical appointments candidates must have been

born on or after January 1, 1905, for non-technical appointments candidates must have been born on or after January 1, 1910.

In the case of appointments to the ordinary junior grades of the principal branches of the Colonial Service, several Colonial Governments have agreed to allow credit for war service in fixing the initial point at which certain candidates will attain the entry scale. The intention of the commission is to meet the case of candidates who begin their service with the Colonial Service at a stage that is normal, and the scheme is based on the average pre-war age of entry into the principal branches. The general plan is that a man's war service will count in increments of three years, commencing with a grant of full towards increments to the entry

age. War service before the candidate has reached the average age of entry (pre-war) into the branch of the service concerned will count partially towards increments as follows: War service of less than two years will not count; service of two years or more but less than four years will count as one year; war service of three years or more but less than five years will count as two years; war service of five years or more will count as three years.

Entry into Tanganyika territory, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are among the Dependencies in which these arrangements will operate.

The following example is given: A candidate for the Colonial Administrative Service entitled for appointment to one of the East African Colonies (where the salary scale is £500 for two years, then £100 by step to £600, £720, £840, £960, rising by similar increments to £1,000) having had five years four months war service, of which three years two months were before his 22nd birthday, and two years two months after, will receive increments in respect of the former service and two increments in respect of the latter. He will thus enter the scale at £500. After he has served 10 months in the Colonial Service from the date of his arrival in the Colony he will be eligible to proceed to the next step (£525) in the scale.

Development Officers to be Appointed

Development officers are to be appointed in many territories. Their duties will include (1) office or field work in connexion with the local planning or execution of development schemes; (2) supervision in the field, under the general direction of the local administrative or technical officer, such schemes as road construction, water development, rural housing, and schemes for village improvement or agricultural development, etc.; (3) relieving members of the departments to which they are attached of as many of their day-to-day duties as possible so as to free them for other tasks, particularly in connexion with the preparation and execution of development schemes; (4) the training of local staff.

The period of contract will be two years in the first instance, renewable for three, five or eight years, with a maximum of 10 years in all. Selection will normally be restricted to men between the ages of 30 and 45. Posts as development officers have already been approved for Nigeria at an initial salary of £500, rising to £720. On satisfactory completion of the contract a gratuity of £125 for each completed period of three months, including apprenticeship, is to be paid.

The newly-written examination for entry into the Colonial Service, as in peace-time, candidates will be chosen by competitive selection based on record and personal interview as considered prima facie suitable. Account will be taken of general educational attainments, intellectual attainments, professional qualifications previous to employment (if any), war service and fitness from the standpoints of character and health.

The Public Works Departments of the Dependencies require quantity surveyors, draughtsmen, accountants, and managers. Colonial Railways require locomotive drivers, draughtsmen, trainmen, accountants, and tradesmen and there are vacancies for mechanics, marine engineers, sanitary superintendents, police constables, foresters, laboratory superintendents, etc. But vacancies for European clerks, very seldom occur.

Training Sudanese for Higher Posts

Major-General Sir Hubert Huddleston, Governor-General of the Sudan, announced when addressing the Northern Sudan Advisory Council last week that a five-year plan to prepare Sudanese for the highest posts under government would be launched. Education would, he said, be strengthened so that Sudanese might qualify for the highest posts as soon as possible.

The War

Rhodesia, Nyasaland Brigade Now in Burma

First Battalion from Southern Rhodesia in South-East Asia

A BRIGADE composed of troops from Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland is in action in Burma. The East African Division, with a total strength of 12,000, fought in Ethiopia, and in the campaign against Italy in North Africa, though the battalion from Southern Rhodesia speaks English. It is the only Southern Rhodesian Battalion in the South-East Asia Command.

The East Africa Command is believed to be the only one in the British Army which uses the finger-print method as a means of identification.

Major-General W. H. Bedford-Poole, commander of the East African Division, with whom many Rhodesians have been serving in India, arrived in London last week.

Major-General Geoffrey Charles Evans, D.S.O. (and son of Rev. Dr. Evans), who at the age of 21 has been appointed to command the 7th Indian Division in Burma, served in Ethiopia, with the 11th Indian Infantry Brigade, and went through the battles of El Alamein. He had such service in North Africa, and has been in the thick of the fighting in South-East Asia. He is one of our youngest divisional commanders.

Brigadier J. F. Durrell, D.F.C., who is now in command of an air group in South-East Asia, with the rank of major, gen. flt., served through the campaigns of Ethiopia and Madagascar with the South African Air Force, and then in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Sgt. Lieut. J. C. Ingleby Hooper, D.F.C., who was reported missing some months ago, and is now known to have lost his life on night operations over Normandy in August, last, was the younger son of Squadron Leader C. A. Hooper, East Africa Command, and Mr. Hooper of Hazelwells, Wiltshire. Burnt in Surrey in 1921, he was educated at Stowe School, enlisted in the R.A.F.V.R. in 1940, was commissioned in the following year, and awarded the D.F.C. in 1943 after he had been engaged on operational flying with No. 219 Squadron for two years. He had destroyed at least twenty enemy bombers at night, and was wounded in one engagement.

Mr. Tom F. Roberts, son of the Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Roberts of Mutambura, Rhodesia, is now known to have been killed in action early in March while serving with the United States Army in Burma.

Awards

Sgt. Major A. W. Ingall, The Gurkha Regiment, has been awarded the M.C. for service in Italy. Born in Nyasaland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ingall, he joined the Regular Army before the outbreak of this war, and won the King's Sword of Honour while at Sandhurst.

Lieutenant Ross Brownley Walker of Basavaya, who was in the Native Affairs Department of Southern Rhodesia before the war, has received the immediate award of the Military Cross for bravery under fire while commanding a fighting patrol in Burma.

Major Harry Bentwaite, the aristocrat who became a prisoner-of-war and serving with No. 12 Squadron of the South African Air Force, has been awarded the D.F.C. The citation in the "London Gazette" last week reads:

"Major Harry Bentwaite, M.C., who had passed record imprisonment during the German campaign in North Africa, and completed his first tour in the South African campaign, has thereafter for a period as a flying instructor, and again his second tour of operational duty in February, 1944. In the following month he was captain of an aircraft retained as

part of a formation of six, on an attack on Suda Bay, and the formation, which was unescorted, encountered a large number of anti-aircraft batteries backed by enemy fighters, and all the aircraft were shot down. Two days later, on another attack, the same formations of formation fought off sustained attacks by P-47s, P-51s, and P-38s, and a successful attack was made, the formation being materially costimined to the score of four from enemy fighters destroyed. His aircraft was severely damaged. More recently, on three occasions this officer had shown outstanding airmanship in flying his aircraft, and it had been badly damaged by enemy fighters. Throughout his operational career Major Bentwaite has displayed exemplary courage and devotion to duty."

Lieut. A. D. Harry and Sgt. B. W. Irwin, Rhodesians serving in the Royal Corps of Signals, have been mentioned in despatches in recognition of their distinguished services in Italy.

Four Africans from the Eldoret district were recently taken to Nairobi to be present in the Jubilee Council during the presentation of insignia and to receive from the hand of the Governor awards made to them for the gallant rescue of R.A.F. men trapped in a burning plane two years ago. Two of the men were clad in skins. They received the George Medal, being the first Africans in Kenya to win the decoration, and each of the four was handed a letter of appreciation from the Air Council.

From Northern Rhodesia to the Solomons

The Information Office of Northern Rhodesia has issued the following interesting story about Mr. H. Josselyn, who, after studying at the Royal School of Mines, arrived in Nkana as a student learner in 1936 and was an underground shift boss when he left three years later:

Among young administrators five officers in the Solomons who since the Protectorate became a battlefield have played a leading part in operations against the Japanese are Henry Josselyn. Although he spent many months at lonely Allied outposts, Josselyn rarely had to call for supplies for himself or his small band of Native scouts.

The Japanese provided him with all he needed. He made a particularly rich haul when a destroyer which had been afire by American bombers was beached near his headquarters. No sooner had the Japanese abandoned the vessel than Josselyn and his men were aboard. In a race against time, for fires burning in the stern were threatening to spread over other parts of the ship, they ransacked as much of the destroyer as they could safely reach and brought ashore enough stores to stock a depotment store.

Josselyn's one regret was that he didn't manage to get the ship's sick bay equipment, for soon afterwards he found himself acting as nurse to a New Zealand flight sergeant who was the survivor of a reconnaissance plane shot down by the Japanese. The New Zealand sergeant was too ill to be moved and was suffering multiple shrapnel wounds. Some of these looked so dangerous that Josselyn decided it would save his life to operate. Using a digging tool, a bayonet blade and a pair of piers, he extracted several pieces of shrapnel, probably saving the sergeant's life. The only thing he was able to administer to the patient by way of anaesthetic was a glass of brandy. The sergeant came through the ordeal in great style. Indeed, the operation troubled him far less than the fact that in the crash he lost his false teeth and was unable to share the luxurious rations Josselyn had acquired from the beached destroyer.

On another occasion Josselyn and a party of Native scouts penetrated deeply into enemy lines to transport of survivors from anken. After a long march they came across a Japanese camp containing 1,000 prisoners held at gunpoint along a 20-mile stretch of road. The Native scouts managed to contact all of the prisoners, who then ran in two improvised columns to the British lines. The Japanese had detected no movement in the distance, and the fact that they were strongly surrounded by the enemy who had implied who took the other prisoners into life until American forces arrived into the area and effected their rescue.

Rhodesian Squadrons in Europe

Flight Lieut. Leslie Edwards, D.F.C. (who has a longer period of service with No. 44 (Rhodesia) Bomber Squadron than any other Rhodesian now in this country) spoke in the "Cathedral of Rhodesia" programme of the B.B.C. last Saturday. He joined the Squadron in January 1942, has taken part in many big operations, and acted as navigator to 21st Wing Commander in the Squadron's final attack of the war in Europe. The raid on Berlin was carried out April 25, 1945, and had been delayed to 4.30 a.m. because of bad weather. Edwards' crew had to plot out Hitler's "Führerhauptquartier" in the Alps from the U.S. bombers' photographs, shoot a 12,000-lb. bomb exploding on the chalet and direct hits on the tanks. Since then the Squadron has brought back some 400 liberated prisoners of war. Flight Lieut. David Hughes, of No. 266 (Rhodesia) Squadron, gave a brief account of his work since arriving in Normandy shortly after D-Day. Then its task was that of close support with the Army, mainly with the 5th Parachute Division, and its biggest "kill" of tanks and other fighting vehicles and transport was in the Falaise Gap. Later came three successive attacks on enemy headquarters in Holland. The winter was spent in Antwerp, where the men went in for winter sports in a big way, wearing out our own form of sleigh, riding on the ice on the tanks towed behind Jeeps. The Squadron returned to England a week before Germany surrendered.

Recent promotions and transfers among Southern Rhodesians in the Air Force have included the following:

Acting Squadron Leader F. H. M. Davy to be temporary Acting Leader, Active Transport Squadron, continuing to be in charge of the Squadron's transport. A. M. Macrae to be temporary Leader, Active Transport Squadron Leader. A. H. C. P. D. G. D. G. and H. Hallam and Flying Officer J. A. G. L. to be transferred to the S.R.A.F. Reserve at Omagh, Northern Ireland.

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Major Lionel Rabindranath, recently returned to his home in Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, after serving five and a half years in West Africa and Burma.

T. Lieut. S.W. O. Hartland has been promoted temporary captain, and a Warrant Officer R.A. Gant a temporary Lieutenant in the Southern Rhodesia Permanent Staff Corps.

Lady Mitchell has accepted the office of Patron of the Young War Workers Club, Nairobi.

Mrs. M. Franklin, Information and Public Relations Officer in Southern Rhodesia, is on an official tour of Burma.

Brigadier G. C. M. Morris, C.B., M.C., who was in Eritrea, has resumed his duties after leave in this country.

Colonel W. V. D. Dickinson, who has been on the staff of the Royal West African Frontier Force throughout the war, has been transferred to other duties. He first saw service in East Africa, 1914-18, with the King's African Rifles, served with them in the campaigns in German East Africa until recalled in 1918, and after the end of the war was attached to the 5th King's African Rifles. On returning from East Africa he became a professor of white miners of Kenya and a teacher near Nairobi. In 1931, however, Major-General D. P. Dickinson, was appointed G.O.C. of Nigeria. Dickenson was a well-known and popular officer.

Undisciplined Co-operators

The behaviour of Italian co-operators in Kenya has become so unsatisfactory that the Commandant of No. 1 Camp, Nairobi, has issued for public information the following regulations to all employees in the Colony. It states that, with the exception of a small percentage, the appearance and behaviour of the public of the co-operatives has noticeably deteriorated, and that among the "faults requiring immediate correction" are the following: failure to salute British and Italian officers, fraternizing with civilians, shouting unseemly remarks from lorries, dangerously overcrowding lorries, slovenly deportment, truant members and visiting immigrant traders, and presence in areas declared out-of-bounds. There are some 9,500 co-operatives in the group, all but 2,000 being employed, and accommodated in different parts of the Colony. The statement concludes:

"There is a general lack of manners, which affects their self-respect and appears in a want of decent and orderly manner, but the number is not sufficiently large to excite the remainder. Therefore reflection must be cast on the whole."

The *Eritrean Daily News* states that upon news of the death of Mussolini was received, many Italians appeared in the streets of Asmara wearing black ties and other emblems of mourning.

Kenya War Bonds

The latest figures show that Kenyan purchases of East African War Loans have now passed £1,735,000.

The Government of the Belgian Congo had generously offered to defray all the expenses incurred for the settlement and maintenance of the Greek refugees who have found a temporary home in that Colony during the war. The sum involved is expected to reach £500,000 by the end of the present year.

The Tobacco Fund of the Overseas League has now passed the £100,000 mark.

The Royal Air Force Station at Heany, near Bulawayo, has raised £100,000 towards the rebuilding of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

The Royal Navy's leave camp at English Point, Mombasa, is now open to all naval personnel serving in the armed services. At this, the first camp of its kind, leave facilities on the Kenyan coast have been available to officers as well as other ranks.

British Empire Casualties.—The total casualties suffered by the armed forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire are reported from September 1, 1940, to the end of May, 1943, a total of 66 months, the number of which was 307,000, as follows: In the

war against Japan, for the 66 months we have been at war, there were 166,200 were deaths. It should however be borne in mind that this was the following additional losses have been inflicted upon the armed forces of the British Empire by enemy bombardment, namely, killed, 60,000; seriously injured, 60,000. I am unable to give the precise figure for the slightly injured, but these are upwards of 150,000. The Prime Minister.

The War with Japan.—Japan's heavy war industries are not in the islands but on the mainland in Manchuria and China. There are her Ruhr, Saar, and Upper Silesia. There are her iron and steel industry, her coal supplies, and her main source of synthetic oil. She has also built up a widespread system of shadow factories. No doubt, too, she has organized immense stocks of raw materials. So long as Japan can be supplied from Manchuria and China across the narrow Korea Strait the war is not likely to end. If Japan proper were to be overthrown, she might acknowledge defeat, but it does not seem. She might continue resistance from the mainland. There are so many unpredictable factors in the Far East that confident prophecy is a vain exercise. But we should be foolish to imagine that the defeat of Japan is going to be a walk-over—and wise to over-insure rather than under-insure the Far East campaign. —*Daily Mail.*

Bomb Tonnage.—The weight of bombs dropped by the Royal Air Force and the American Air Force respectively on Germany and German-occupied territory was as follows: R.A.F. Bomber Command and R.A.F. elements of the Allied Air Force in Italy: 1940, 18,000 tons; 1941, 32,000; 1942, 45,000; 1943, 157,500; 1944, 547,000; 1945, 191,000, a total of 986,000 tons. U.S. Army Forces based in England and Italy: 1940 and 1941, nil; 1942, 1,500 tons; 1943, 48,500; 1944, 578,500; and 1945, 263,000, a total of 893,500 tons. These figures exclude the weight of bombs dropped by the Tactical Air Forces. —The Secretary of State for Air.

Damascus' Affairs.—All the violence here in Damascus involves loss of head by the British command. Every arm they possessed appears to have been used indiscriminately and their subsequent losses have been due to terrorist would

be the chief factor. Their responsibility lies in the hands of the British Government. In a recent interview, which the British areas command conveyed at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, it was agreed that no more firing would be allowed and that his troops would be withdrawn from barracks. He recalled that he had waited General Sykes' orders from London. Invited to use British Army signals, he declined. Informing that these were the orders of the British East Order, he avowed that he did not accept orders from any Englishman. He broke out into a tirade against the British, charging them of being responsible for stirring up Syrian nationalism, and hinted at the possibility of a Franco-British war. On a Friday morning, when invited to restrain French troops from looting, he denied that there had been anything of the sort, although on the previous afternoon the French Minister, Mr. Terence Shorrock himself reported three instances, including the looting of a boot shop by Senegalese troops.

At 8 a.m. on Friday a wounded French officer was brought into British Headquarters with his pockets filled with loot. While the loss of life this week is impossible to ascertain, one credible British estimate suggests 500 to 600 Syrian dead and 600 wounded. There were two British dead. —Mr. Richard Capell, correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*.

German Prisoners Murder German.—One prisoner of war was murdered at P.O.W. Camp No. 21 in this country. The suspected culprit is being interrogated; so far four have been charged with the crime and will be brought to trial. A prisoner who was a witness in the case narrowly escaped being murdered, and other witnesses were attacked and injured. The camp has since been carefully searched and all known anti-Nazis removed. Ardent Nazis are segregated from other prisoners as soon as they are discovered. Nearly a third of the German prisoners in our hands in this country have so far been removed from the rest as ardent Nazis. —Sir James Grigg, M.P.

Mr. Churchill on Socialism.—I declare it to you from the bottom of my heart that no Socialist system can be established without a political police. They would have to take back in hand the control of certain of the industries very quickly directed in the first instance. This would stop criticism. They would be head and tail would gather all the power in the supreme party and the Party leaders, rising like mighty pinacles, and then vast bureaucracies, civil servants, would be the servants. No longer could Socialist policies, authoritarian, be carried on. Freedom is inseparably interwoven with totalitarianism and the Hitlerian way of life. The State must be to be the arch-employer, the arch-planner, the arch-administrator and ruler, and arch-caesar boss. Socialism is an attack upon the right of ordinary men and women to live freely without having a harsh, domineering and tyrannical hand laid across their shoulders. —Mr. Churchill broadcasting on May 1.

Russian Friendships for Britain.—Throughout my visit to Russia I was conscious of the wonderful kindliness of feeling towards us which the operation of the British Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund has evoked. At the Kremlin and among the crowds that affectionately mobbed us in Russian cities I found this emanation of friendship for Britain. In the relief of pain, the conquest of disease, the rebuilding of broken bodies and shattered minds, and the succour of the children who are among the saddest victims of this war, there resides a wonderful power to bind together men and women of diverse nations and traditions. I should dearly like to see the partnership of the British and Soviet Red Cross continued into the years of peace. —Mrs. Churchill.

Pampered Prisoners.—The 100,000 German prisoners in America described as the luckiest prisoners in the world have food equal to hotel menus. Film shows daily, and can even buy a bottle of beer and an ice cream every day. On a typical day breakfast consists of cooked cereal, coffee, marmalade, and bread; dinner of roast pork, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, cut bread, salad, fruit compote, and bread; and supper of cold ham, sausages, coffee, and bread. Prisoners working outside the camp have no dinner sent to them in vacuum containers. —*Daily Mirror*.

On the War News

Opinions Epitomized. — "The domestic purchasing power of the pound sterling, taking 1914 as 20s., was 12s. 10d. in 1938 and 8s. 4d. in 1944." — The Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"The Socialists are accustomed to pursue shadows at the expense of substance." — Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, M.P.

"If Labour wants to convert the country to a socialist nation it had better stop demanding big business." — Lord Selsdon.

"I am not surprised if people of Great Britain become pacifists in order to provide the Germans with food." — The nations of German prisoners of war have now been called to a service of God that their captors have imposed upon them. — Dr. E. C. Eddin, Minister of Food.

"The first-class grapes of the season, arriving from London from hot houses in Wiltshire, are selling easily in the West End at four guineas per pound." — *Daily Telegraph*.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, who criticized British motor manufacturers for about in a large foreign car during the war, — said to Thomas, Vice-Chairman of the British Organization.

"Anyone counting on Japan's unconditional surrender before June, 1945, is likely to be disappointed." — Sir Robert Legge, former British Ambassador to Japan.

"When the German battleship *Tirpitz* was sunk in a Norwegian fjord by British aircraft, about 2,000 men were trapped and drowned in the ship's capsized." — *Army News Service*.

"If the *Titanic* had been fitted with a wireless instrument in and during this war and still on the seacrests, she would not have hit an iceberg." — Admiral Sir Wemyss, Master of the Royal Navy.

"A new set of postage stamps are planned for 1945. The 'Bell' stamp—so called in use since 1935—will be the sole Victory commemoration in the United Kingdom postage stamps." — G. P. O. Office.

"About a dozen of the Ministers in Mr. Churchill's present Administration are almost certain to be defeated at the forthcoming general election." — Mr. John Cowell, political correspondent of the *London Daily Express*.

No British Government has ever altered the history of the world so powerfully and directly as the National Government under Mr. Churchill. It called for vast sacrifices from the people, and they responded without reservation." — *Daily Express*.

"Russia needs friendly Poles as much as Great Britain needs a friendly Northern Ireland." — Lord Beaverbrook.

"New Zealand casualties from the beginning of the war to the end of February last totalled 28,747, whom 2,544 were killed." — In the war of 1914-18 New Zealand casualties numbered 58,000, including 10,302 killed. — Mr. Keith Jackson, Prime Minister.

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Pastor Niemoller wrote to Hitler early in the war volunteers to serve as a naval commando with the full foreknowledge and approval of the leading personages of the Confessional Church. — Admiral Raeder refused the request violently. — *Telegraph*. — "Sir, O dear, in a letter to the *Telegraph*,

"...motor-car industry must make its contribution to the increase in our contributions to the tax on cars. This is a world-wide production more comfortable cars better for driving, manufacture and safety. Then there should be a jump straight to 25 h.p. for the export trade." — Mr. Ernest Bevin.

"There seems no difficulty at all that Pastor Niemoller never protested against the cruelty and tyranny of the Nazi régime. He was sent to a concentration camp simply because (in his opinion) he very courageously refused to admit the Nazi régime. Shall over 100,000,000 Germans be held responsible for the acts of a few?" — A. R. St. John Hope.

"...the first items in Germany's standard of living you lose the most will be taken away as slave labour and put into a concentration camp. Why was this necessary? Because the Germans knew perfectly the conditions of slave labour in their country and the conditions in the camps." — Earl St. John Hope.

"The overall strength of the Japanese air force was reduced by 13% by the losses inflicted on it in April alone. — The total Japanese aircraft losses in combat during April are estimated to have been in excess of 2,500—the highest monthly total since the beginning of the war." — Mr. James Forrestal, Secretary of the U.S. Navy.

"The number of war criminals already listed by the War Crimes Commission on charges brought by the various national offices totals 2,524 Germans, 110 Italians, 17 Bulgarians, two Albanians, two Hungarians, and two Romanians. In addition, 651 Germans in key positions have been listed on the general charge of systematic terrorism." — Lord Wright.

"It would have a steady and reassuring effect throughout the world if the three great political parties would issue an agreed statement on the foreign policy they propose to follow, whatever might be the result of the election." — Present-day nations should meet with one another and make a final national effort." — Dr. J. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

Between 1940 and 1945 a total of 2,300 Polish ecclesiastics and religious persons were interned at Dachau. — In last April there remained only 816. The others were two or three who were transferred to other camps, or that in one case the nuncios, in their regard of Christ, went solar as to the command of the executioner by fleecing an unfeasted priest, on which head they had placed a stormy crown made of barbed wire like a rope.

The Conservatives, a strong Imperial preference and a bias of British Empire countries to which they hope a number of smaller and weaker countries will adhere. This powerful bloc of nations will trade partly among themselves and partly by their strength against each other weaker nations the necessity of making some of their exports in return for imports. — Mr. Liberals say that this is dangerous and will not give us the resources we require. — Sir Archibald Sinclair, M.P.

"When General Georges, Commander of the 1st Polish Armoured Division, was about to visit Wilhelmshaven, the Suburbane, Colonel Grudzinski led his borzomaster at 3 p.m. what he expected him to have the whole town decorated with Polish flags, which must be hung, he explained, in the same way as swastikas on a Hitler visit. — a. n. next to the last row of Polish flags which the population had apparently made during the night." — "Peterborough," in the *Daily Telegraph*.

PERSONAL

A daughter has been born to the wife of Mr. Cecil De Stanchina.

Sir Charles Lockhart left England by air last week en route to Nairobi.

Mr. H. J. Miller has become the M.P.O. of LINDY Estate, Northern Rhodesia.

He has been born in Cape Town, the son of Mr. Harold Waugh, of Northern Rhodesia.

Lady Hatch-Powell has completed her tour of inspection of the Ginde units in Switzerland.

Mr. R. M. Price has been appointed a member of the Iron and Steel Commission in Southern Rhodesia.

A daughter was born last week at Tabora, Tanganyika, the wife of Mr. T. A. C. Blume.

Mr. T. P. Hitchcock, managing director of Associated Estates Ltd., is now in this country from his Native Territory.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. S. Davis, the wife of the General Secretary of Zanzibar.

Mr. J. S. Davis, the well-known Dar es Salaam merchant, will leave London by air next day to return to Tanganyika territory.

Mrs. Montague and Lady Barber have left Wantage, 52a, Weymouth Street, Portland, to go to Kenya (telephone, Welbeck, 0156).

Mr. A. Malcolm Robertson, M.P., chairman of the British Legation, intend resigning from the Foreign Office on account of the pressure of political duties.

An industry and labour census of Mombasa is being made by Mr. Arthur Phillips (Chairman), Mr. J. C. Campbell, and Mr. J. L. Riddoch.

Mr. J. A. Castle, M.P., has left the Sudan on retirement after 21 years' service, latterly as Commandant of Police in the Kassala Province.

Mrs. Marjorie A. G. Grove has been appointed to the Colonial Nursing Service in Northern Rhodesia, and Miss Vera E. M. Allen to Zanzibar.

Mr. H. C. Wilbourn recently arrived in Nairobi to take his duties as Postmaster-General of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika Territory.

Inspector L. A. S. Gibbs, of the Kenya Police, was recently mauled about the head face by a leopard which ran amok in the Nairobi Sheraton Apartments.

Mr. C. W. P. Harries has been elected Chairman of the Thika District Association, with Mr. V. V. Gant as Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. E. Davies as honorary secretary.

Miss S. R. Hogg, who has been elected Chairman of Associated Motor Cycles, Ltd., is Chairman of the London Coal Growers' Association and of Iawa Plantations, Ltd.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to preside at a meeting in the Central Hall, Westminster, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday next, at which addresses will be given on the colour-bar.

A daughter was born in Nairobi in the middle of last month to the wife of Captain G. H. W. Coode, The Queen's Royal Regiment, and The Rhodesian African Rifles.

Captain Trevor Griffith-Jones, The Queen's Royal Regiment, and The King's African Rifles, and Miss Margaret Patricia Cheshire of Nakuru, have been married in Kenya.

Mr. James Lawrie, the Australian Trade Commissioner in East Africa, recently visited the Sudan to discuss how the Commonwealth could best contribute towards the re-establishment of the Sudan.

Major J. Headlam has been elected Chairman of the Likanza Elephants' Association, with Sir Robert de V. Shaw as Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. H. J. Davies as honorary secretary. The first meeting of the association

Mr. J. R. Maclellan Ellis is acting as Provincial Commissioner of the Eastern Province of Uganda while Damcey Tongue is continuing his inquiries after the organization of the Information Office.

Mr. F. J. Couldry, M.L.C., Chairman of Pyrethrum Board of Kenya, who recently arrived by air from Nairobi, will leave London with Mr. Norton on Friday 25 to fly to New York.

Mr. S. H. Silver, President of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of East Africa, director of Messrs. Comptons, Ltd., has arrived in London by air last week-end.

Captain Robert Christopher Lantz, the Kenyan medical and naval officer, the commanding staff of the 11th East African Field Ambulance, Burma, and Miss Joanne Macmillan were married in Worcestershire a few days ago. Captain Lantz is a grandson of Lt.-Col. Ernesto von Merveldt, Mrs. E. F. Sandford of The Tunnel, Field, Worcester, and a native of Northern Rhodesia, and Mrs. Margaret Macmillan was born at Shirefield, Shire of Hold.

Mr. J. S. Davis has arrived in the country of pending retirement from the Civil Service Department of the Posts and Telegraphs Department of Kenya, and among his first errands, 41c is settling in Glasgow.

The engagement of another of his sons, a short time ago, took place between Captain John Campbell, 11th L.R.D., Kenya, and Mrs. Mary Foster, 11 A.A. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foster of Tonbridge and Banstead.

Miss E. S. H. Sandford, who has been accepted as Principals of the Unity High School for Girls in Khartoum, is the daughter of Charles Sandford of Kilmore, County Cork, Ireland. She expects to take up her duties in August.

Dr. M. B. Furse, former Bishop of St. Albans, who as Bishop of Johannesburg visited troops serving in East Africa during the last war, was in a motor-car collision near Peterborough on Friday night, through which he was badly damaged, he was uninjured.

The Native Township Committee for this year consists of the District Commissioner, Nyeri, Miss D. A. Hill-Williams, Mrs. R. Gaston, Mr. Colonel G. A. P. Lawrence, and Messrs. A. East, C. Fletcher, Ravabhai Motilal Patel and Kalinga Singh Virdi.

Professor J. B. Spearman, Leeds University, who for some considerable time has been engaged in sisal research on behalf of the industry, East Africa, has been invited by the Government of Kenya to go there to visit Australia with several other scientists to help in formulating plans for research on sisal.

Sir Edward Grigg, Minister of Finance and Assistant Minister in the Middle East, has been asked by the Government to remain at his post on account of the present political difficulties in his area, and will therefore not seek re-election to the House of Commons. Sir Edward was Governor of Kenya from 1929 to 1931.

Sir Alexander Maxwell, who has been a Foreign Commissioner in Great Britain since the inception of the post in 1941, has resigned with effect from June 30, but he will continue to advise the Board of Trade on its appointment, which he vacates will lapse. Sir Alexander has frequently visited East Africa and the Rhodesias, and, for many years before the war, was well known in the territories, especially to tobacco growers.

KENYA PERSONNEL IN THE R.A.F.	
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In Man Rhodesia of the B.B.C.

Career of Mr. Guy Belmore

MR. GUY BELMORE was a well-known listener in Africa as a news reader and narrator in the African services of the B.B.C., as Mr. Guy Howard worked in Rhodesia for 18 years in southern

Rhodesia to help in developing a new nation, and still as "last hope" became one of the mission stations at Bulawayo acting responsible in complete health. He remained in agriculture under the late N. W. Stratford, and subsequently employed by him as his farm manager.

Mr. Stratford explained that Agricultural Department's farm manager was an agricultural instructor at Matopos School for the sons of European farmers of the Colony, and of the formation of the Native Development Department he contributed to it and appointed him as an agricultural instructor at the Native School at Tzotzwa in the Gwai River, Mashonaland. Later he was transferred to the Pioneshawa School, near Salisbury, again as farm manager and agricultural instructor, with special duties in the training of Jeanes' tea board and for the organization of improved methods of agriculture in the native reserves. He was for a time Acting Principal of the whole institution at Lomposha.

Returning to England for family reasons, he followed the staff family profession of stage work, and played through the long run of T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral," and in the West End, the provinces, Scotland, and Ireland in various productions, and then appeared in several films, notably with Clive Brook in "Action for Slander." He died in Shakespeare's season in Stratford-on-Avon and another with the Oxford Repertory Company, always under the stage name of Belmore.

On the outbreak of war he joined the Surrey War Agricultural Committee as land draughtsman, but the link with Africa proved his stronger pull, and when the opportunity came of joining the Overseas Department of the B.B.C. he seized it eagerly, and, as he says, would willingly change his present occupation if similar work were to take him back to Rhodesia or South Africa.

He has used the family stage-name of Belmore in his broadcasting work because the name Sutton does not broadcast well.

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New Bishop of Masasi

The Rev. Leslie Edward Strachan, 36, of Alpine, Wandsworth, London, has accepted the Archbishop of Canterbury's offer of the bishopry of Masasi-Tanganyika Territory. Mr. Strachan was a scholar at Queen's College, Oxford, and graduated in 1926 with second-class honours in Biblical and Theology at Westcott House, Cambridge. He had spent five years as a curate of St. Anne, Wandsworth, and was then vicar of St. Luke, Camberwell, for a similar period. He has been at St. Anne's, Wandsworth, since September 1934. At the time of his appointment, the Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Lewis, the first Bishop of Masasi, resigned his office at the end of December, on account of ill-health, after holding the episcopate for 18 years.

Obituary

Mr. Charles T. Waller

We regret to report the death in his home last week at the age of 70 years of Charles Tillotson Watney, B.A., of Courtfield, 10, Courtfield Road, London, S.W. 3.

At the beginning of this century he was one of Lord Balfour's ablest assistants in the *Daily Mail*, and he was simultaneously news editor, design editor, and lobby correspondent. He afterwards held the same posts on the *Standard*, and subsequently he was one of the founders, with Edgar Wallace, of the short-lived *London Evening Times*. After its collapse he concentrated his attention upon Parliamentary affairs of which he had a vast knowledge.

He had long been connected as a lobby journalist, had been secretary to many politicians and organizations, had conducted the campaigns for public bodies, and served as London correspondent of various overseas newspapers including the *Standard* group in East Africa for 20 years, 1920 and 1921 as managing editor. All these facts indicate he had an insatiable appetite for work, was alert in mind, and was assisted by a hard-working staff.

He leaves two sons and two daughters.

Major Edward Bigsby Tapstick has died in Bulawayo at the age of 71.

Mr. George Frederick McConnel, of Thomson's Falls, has died in Kenya. He leaves a widow.

Mrs. Winifred Bone, wife of Mr. Gilbert James Bone, of Wildernesse Mount, Sevenoaks, and formerly of Kenya, died suddenly on Friday last.

Mr. Norman Rogers, whose sudden death in Kenya at the age of 50 is reported, had been farming in the Colony for nearly 20 years, latterly as manager of Twiga, Ltd., Ruiru. He leaves a widow and two young daughters.

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Parliament:**Italy's Former Colonies****Foreign Secretary Evades Challenge**

IN THE House of Commons last week, General Sir George Giffard asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he would make any statement on the future of Italy's former Italian East African colonies, and give an assurance that Italy would not be allowed again to encroach upon communications in the Mediterranean from Africa, or to interfere with British communications through the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

Mr. Giffard's question was made over-simplified by age and lack of knowledge of the United Nations, and I regret began in a spirit of impatience.

I would like to point out that my right hon. friend gave his assurance that it was not to be feared that a collaborator or a traitor would be allowed to dominate the new Government.

My hon. friends do not think it would be appropriate to go into the details of the new Government, but I can assure them that the new Government will be a coalition of all the anti-Fascist forces in Italy, and that those forces, I repeat, are a majority of the ex-Ally.

Mr. Ivor Hitchens: "Would not the people of Eritrea be irritated by the hon. and gallant Gentleman's cutting off our noses in spite of our faces?"

Future of Eritrea

Mr. Hynd asked the Minister of Information whether he was aware that at the branch of his Ministry in Asmara, the "Ethiopian Weekly," published in the local language, on 1 August 1944, had an editorial entitled "Plans for the Future of Eritrea," claiming that Great Britain, having assisted in the liberation of Ethiopia, must be compensated by the division of Eritrea into two parts, the lowlands to be joined to the Sudan and the highlands to be placed under British rule for 25 years, the free Province of Ethiopia to be joined with this new State, whether this represented His Majesty's Government's policy or not, and whether, in view of the assurances in the Article, whether he would take steps to terminate such propaganda in this area.

Mr. Geddes-Lloyd: "The article to which the hon. Member refers was not an editorial. It was a *Supplement* which was intended to come from an Eritrean, and was preceded by an editorial statement that the paper welcomed free expression of opinion but did not necessarily agree with the views published in its columns."

Mr. Hynd: "While that may be true, does the Minister realize that the impression given by the article is that this is in some way a representation of the Government's foreign policy?"

Mr. Lloyd: "No, sir, because another article in the paper exactly contrary view was published a few weeks later."

Mr. Hynd asked the Secretary of War if he would take action to terminate the racial and social discrimination now being exercised under the British military administration in Eritrea against the Native people of that country. Coloured Eritreans were posted to the best restaurants, hotels, and theatres, and the Native soldiers, owing to land, export licences, and permits to cut grass, and were refused, although such facilities were granted to Europeans.

Sir J. Grigg: "The hon. Member will send me the particulars on which his question is based; inquiries will be made. From what appears, it appears that nearly four times as many Europeans to cut wood have been granted to Eritreans as to Europeans."

Why Should Officials be Privileged?

The Convener of the Association of Civil Servants and Clerks has been informed by the Civil Service Commission that it had no power to prevent an official from retiring from its service if he insisted on exercising this right. He spoke of protest against this proposal, threatening to resign. They could, if it is envisaged, be compelled to remain in their posts, as non-official Europeans have been compelled to do. This point was made editorially by EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA in the early stages of the war.

No Quick Solution of Colour-Bar**Says President of the C.M.S.**

THE President of the Church Missionary Society, Mr. Leslie Gibb, writes in the C.M.S. *Outlook*:

"I found the colour-bar stands the widest issue of colour or race which, from which factor, is most easily explained, and which cannot be cured by legislation or administrative statuary. It can be mitigated, but it can never be entirely removed. The colour-bar creates an avoidance of mixed race, and mixed race breeds suspicion and fear, and there is a definite view among people throughout the world that the only solution of the racial problem is to bear upon it a wide, broad, and comprehensive view, and to demand that the colour-bar should be removed from all public life, and from the African majority, even in the Union of South Africa, is a considerable one. But they can never be removed from the African society, so long as they are there."

"The colour-bar is a social evil, and at least partly

the consequence of European influence. It is unfortunate that the colour-bar is more or less internationalised today, and that the European in colour is regarded as superior to the African, and here is immediate room for the African only to meet by practical demonstration that as far as African progress goes, not one African has equal rights to men, the position and reasonable rights of the European."

"What is the attitude of the African peoples towards the European? There are two extreme views about this, both wrong. One is that the African is constitutionally inferior to the European, and the other is that the African is

able to equal, to rise to the position of equality with the European. The truth is that the African is neither nor three him the reins and the whip."

"The truth is that the African has a long way to go,

but has a long way to go. That, however, is not good reason why this course should not be artificially turned into an obstacle race; he has plenty of natural ability, and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Organization of Water Supplies**Why Not Long-Distance Pipe Lines?**

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA.—The continual lack of water supply in certain parts of East Africa causes real inconvenience, and much hardship among the natives.

Now that others have carried some 400 miles in the U.S.A. and smaller distances in this country and off the Continent in continuous pipe-lines with booster stations, it would be well to state my logical reason why this should not be done with water in selected parts of East Africa, routing such line where possible along the coast so as to be of ready supervision and inspection.

One apprehension that the cost of such would be high and the amount of revenue from sales possibly insufficient. Nevertheless, if technically practicable, would it not be worth while, even if shortage of revenue necessitated a portion of the maintenance and sinking fund, in establishing an organization on the territorial basis? I am sure many persons are qualified to give their views and would enlighten us on this most important matter. If economic improvement in our colonies is to be accelerated, an organized water supply and adequate food supply seems to be priority ranking problems. East Africa and Rhodesia and neither seems likely to have come to be planned or even considered in a big enough way by the responsible authorities.

Yours faithfully,

London, S.W.1.

J. C. THOMAS

No Palaces for Kenya Pupils**Protests by the Public and Elected Members**

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA.—I agree entirely with Mr. Phamashagorwa's article in your issue of February 22 about Kenya's requiring places to live in.

However, if your correspondent should think that my protest has been made, may I say that during the debate on the Budget last November, after drawing attention to the fact that school accommodation was sadly lacking, I suggested that the temporary buildings at one school could well be extended in order to tide over the difficulty, not only for the children of Kenya children but also for those from Uganda and Tanganyika. I further said: "I think hon. members of this Council will agree that at this stage of the war nobody deserves places in which to educate other children."

Work on the new Central Secondary School has not yet started, nor has any definite figure been approved for its cost. Your correspondent can rest assured that his views are shared by both the public and the elected members in Kenya.

Kilimani,
Kenya Colony.

Yours faithfully,

With reference to your leading article on "Fever Charts of Commodity Prices," you may be interested to hear that a friend who spent many years in Southern Rhodesia (as I did) and is now in Jerusalem writes me that the current price of a suit of clothes there is from £10 to £12 10s. and of a pair of shoes £1 17s. 10s. A rabbit costs all a song, chicken 17s. 6d. and other meat about 10s. 4d.

Russia and Trusteeship

The Russian Delegation at the San Francisco Conference has put forward an amendment that in the plan for the government of dependent peoples the trusteeship should be stated to be not merely "independence or self-government," as had been provisionally agreed by the "Big Five," but that the phrase "in accordance with principles of self-government" should be included.

African Joins Civil Service Board

Mr. F. M. K. Muwanga, an African assistant medical officer in Kampala, and Mr. G. Vanillier, an Asst. who is acting chief-servt. in the Secretariat, have been appointed by the Governor of Uganda to be the first African and Asian member respectively of the Civil Service Board of the Protectorate. The latter Board is making a comprehensive review of the duties and general terms of service of the four Civil Services.

Standard Bank of South Africa

The Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd., has declared a final dividend of 7s. per share together with a bonus of 2s., again making a total of 11s. 7s. for the year. A further £50,000 is appropriated to writing down bank premises and £10,000 the same is added to the pension fund. The carry-forward is £198,004 against £194,157. Transfer from contingencies account to the reserve fund of £100,000 brings it to £3,500,000.

Long Rains Fail Again in Kenya

The long rains having again failed in Kenya, the Agricultural Production and Settlement Board urged all farmers to make the utmost effort to take advantage of the rains which may be expected in areas west of the Rift Valley in July and August. Practically no maize has yet been planted either in the settled areas or in the Native reserves, and this will hardly meet East African needs for only another five or six months. Wheat stocks will be used Jan. 1, 1916.

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A scheme of town planning has been put forward which would plan and build a first city in the Empire and planned with modern roads, facilities and road. The result of that would be that about a large proportion of the population would be able to live in houses of either four or five acres big enough to give a comfortable atmosphere of operations to an agricultural plot, the distance not being more than one-eighth of a mile from the centre of the city.

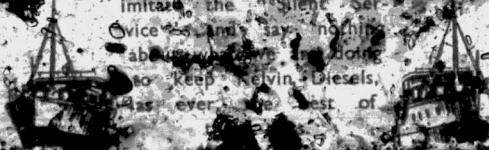
The dwellers in the new city would have areas reserved for golf, playing fields, camping grounds. Native reserves etc., within the city accessible and readily accessible, and much of the 1,250 square miles would still be reserved for intensive farming operations.

In a very few years so much unoccupied development will have taken place that it will be almost impossible to lay out the arterial and circular speedways on which will be a masterpiece of town planning, independent without paying costly compensation.

It is common with a white woman to say she would count the hygiene of a community by the number of three acres and upwards, and compare with her average size of family in the closely built up areas taking the age and potential fertility of the mothers into mind — an answer to the question of the survival of the white race might be found.

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Rhodesia-Nyasaland Air Service

Sir Ernest Gruen, Minister of Posts in Southern Rhodesia, announced in the Parliament of the Colony last week that a statutory committee is to be set up to consider the creation of a service between Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, which territories will share the profits or losses incurred. The Southern Rhodesian Air Service was, he said, the only one in the Empire which had expanded during the war, and this had been done without increasing the expenses or purposes of aviation. The two Rhodesias and Nyasaland, he declared, is one unit, that being an arrangement which would prove of the utmost value in the future. Suitable British machines were available, he averred, and he maintained with his present force, the Llandaff Dragons and Rapides.

Arresting Inflation

In the Sudan the cost of living index has varied in the following groups: (1) Sudanese with incomes over £1 per month; (2) Sudanese with incomes over £1 per month; and (3) British residents. Taking £1 as the basic price, the cost of living in those three cases at the end of last year was calculated to have risen 60.4%, 69.1% and 70.5% respectively. Considering that the cost of living of the lower middle class of the population in Egypt has almost trebled in the same period, it is evident that the problem of arresting inflation has been much more successfully handled in the Sudan.

Kenya Farms from South Africa

Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Marchant, Civil Commissioner in Kenya, and Messrs. C. G. Brown, R. J. Lamb, District Commissaries, were sent by the Union of South Africa to study soil conservation in the Union. The four main points which they hope to usefully learn are thus stated: (1) maintaining the vital importance of returning fertility to the soil as well as protecting it; (2) the need for relieving congestion on the land; (3) the importance of creating suitable non-agricultural settlements; and (4) a corollary, the need to raise the standard of living.

Kariba Gorge Scheme

Mr. L. B. Ferday, Minister of Mines in Southern Rhodesia, stated a few days ago that much more work would have to be done before any decision would be possible regarding the proposed hydro-electric scheme at the Kariba Gorge on the Zambezi River. The preliminary survey had been completed, and it was estimated that the next stage in the investigation would cost about £35,000. In view of the enormous possibilities of the scheme, that sum would be provided by the Government.

East African Power Company's Issue

The Treasury has granted its consent to the issue of 307,083 ordinary shares of £1 each by the East African Power and Lighting Co. Ltd., and the company will offer in the near future in the preference of the ordinary shareholders or in the markets of London and Nairobi. Pending settlement of certain formalities further details are not yet available.

Not Least Africans We Trust

An American in a London office ordered a second cup of coffee, and waited while the waiter took two lumps of sugar. When the waiter presented the coffee, the customer said, "What you can't understand is that I like my coffee black." The waiter replied, "I am afraid, Sir, that you like your coffee black in America, but not here in the London Exchange."

High Hopes for Nairobi

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Industry and British Africa

COLONEL PETER T. COOKE of Tanganyika Territory, and new Colonial adviser to the Economic League, said in last Sunday's "Calling East Africa," a programme of the BBC.C.:

"Well down the village level is the task of the Administration. The development of public utility involves the provision of such basic services, and of course by means of the highest standards. Between these high and difficult tasks there is a large and undeveloped area of time and space, where industry can take its place in the form of private enterprise. I mean the kind of soundly-based enterprise which is ready to take reasonable risks and make sound decisions. Its returns will depend on the ability of its executives and the extent of the risks it is prepared to take. These risks offer an opportunity for State to operate to be linked to private enterprise, because most of the public utility development will be carried out by important civil servants who when doing such work will act as officers of the Government.

"Industry, like industry, will not be able to start up to put up mills, establish tanneries, develop canneries—and at once, not after a long period of time and then as a dying gesture."

There is a great future for the industrial liaison investigator. He need not be highly technical, but he requires to be a man of alert and inquiring mind, able to meet and discuss matters with all types of mankind, a good mixer who can follow the amenities of Government House, and yet be equally at home in the jungle discussing the price of primaries with a village trader. He should be able to form an independent judgment and produce a report which definitely produces this type of man at a higher standard of pay and better conditions.

Two-Way Trade

Suppose a big concern thought of putting up a tannery in Africa. The first thing would be to find the right type of leather manufacturer. He would discuss the problem with all sorts and conditions of men, especially with the Colonial department more nearly concerned. There would be the subject of railway and shipping rates to be examined on the spot, and, most important of all, what two-way trade or trade could be initiated. If hides were the primaries to be bought and manufactured, he would find out what the locality would require in return. This might prove to be a boot factory, a shirt factory, or an umbrella factory.

In many cases where private enterprise seeks to establish industry, it will be at its disposal, but we must also see that finance is available for the right type of commercial concern whose numbers are not so fortunate as to have sufficient capital at hand but whose drive, energy, and knowledge necessary for success are.

Recently, Government has said that private enterprise will be welcome in the sphere of Colonial development. There is indeed no substitute for it, and if the traditional aloofness between Government and business can be broken down (after all, they are indispensable to each other), this will perhaps be the most important factor of all in these calculations, because it will create for men of enterprise the kind of atmosphere which is favourable to their undertaking.

Lord Hailey said in the House of Lords during the recent debate on the second reading of the new Colonial Development and Welfare Bill that what was needed indeed was not a new organization but a new fashion of thought at the Colonial Office. He also said that the State should take some part in controlling and stimulating both primary production and secondary industries. To that authoritative view should be added the far-reaching invitation made a few months ago by the then Minister of Reconstruction, Lord Woolton, who issued an open invitation to industrialists to say in good time what they need from Government. Lord Hailey and Lord Woolton have certainly thrown wide open the gates of industry leading to Colonial Africa; now it remains for industry boldly to march through them in step with Government co-operation.

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Report of Anti-Slavery Society

The annual report of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines' Protection Society for the year ended March 31st states:

"It is gratifying to know that His Majesty's Government do not contemplate yielding to a demand which was made publicly in 1941 by Sir Godfrey Huggins, the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, for the transfer of the control of the administration of Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia from the Colonial Office to the Government of Southern Rhodesia. Because that policy in Southern Rhodesia is based on the principle of segregating Africans from Europeans in different parts of the country (as it is in the Union of South Africa), while the policy of the colonial authorities in control of the Colonial Office is to accord to all races equality of rights in every part of the country."

"Following the demand made by Sir Godfrey Huggins (the Committee of the Society addressed a memorandum to the Secretary of State for the Colonies) the Colonial Office, making representations to him in regard to the demand, Lord Cranborne received representatives of the Society and informed them that His Majesty's Government did not contemplate such a course, but that it was still awaiting the outcome of negotiations with the Government of Southern Rhodesia and that a definite statement could not be made at that stage. Later Lord Cranborne visited the three territories and reported on Native policies there. His report has not yet been published. It would have been of interest if segregation had been extended to more of Southern Africa. And His Majesty's Government are to be congratulated on their decision."

Land in the Kenya Highlands

"The Colony has been bonded during the past year with the coming into force of a policy of the Government that native families, supported by the finding of more than one Land Commission, have shown that the African population of Kenya has not enough land. While the Africans lack land, over 1 million acres of land reserved for cattle by Europeans is unused, and they suggested making this land available to Africans on the same terms that it is offered to grant to European settlers."

"The Colonial Office is expressing itself unwilling to depart from a promise given to European settlers in 1938 that none of the land in the area reserved for Europeans would be alienated to Africans. But has stated that the programme of improving the fertility of land already reserved for Africans will be actively pursued to increase production of food."

The Roden Barton Memorial Library and now known as the library is to be placed in the Colonial Centre established at Collingham' Gardens, Ealing Court, London, for the use of peoples from the Colonies."

Sir Godfrey Huggins has to the best of our knowledge and belief never demanded the transfer of the control of the administration of Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia to the Government of Southern Rhodesia. He has repeatedly urged amalgamation of the three territories, which is an entirely different matter, and his views in that respect accord with those of the great majority of Europeans in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. ED.

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News Items in Brief

The K.M.A. African Boys' Regimental Scout Club has been formed at Nairobi.

There are now about 1,000,000 spinning wheels in the Indian district of Kenya.

The East African Cosmopolitan Trading Society Ltd., has opened a branch in Nairobi.

An estimated production of tobacco in Southern Rhodesia this year may amount to 1,000,000 lbs.

The Nyasaland tobacco crop is expected to be about 2,000,000 lbs. last year, all of them landed and graded.

Astapirr from Rhodesia saw another colonial land and are now between the British Committee and the Colonial Office.

Tobacco sales in Southern Rhodesia to the end of April amounted to 1,000,000 lbs. of leaf, which have realized £1,000,000.

The Cotton Federation of Ethiopia, Ltd., and the Flax Company, Ltd., have recently been formed in Addis Ababa.

From the 1st October, Southern Rhodesians are to do without butter as well as each month, owing to shortage of local supply.

An African Women's Institute has been started permanently at the Mungo Mission Station on the frontier of Southern Rhodesia.

The Governor of Portuguese East Africa is in Portugal for consultations with the Government in connexion with the affairs of Manica and Sofala.

Edmund D. Director of Proprietary recently arrived in Asmara to discuss mineral and mineral interests with the British Military Administration in Eritrea.

The Native Country Club has established a scholarship fund to give the benefit of European children in Kenya, wishing to complete their education outside the Colony.

The monthly trade report of Barclay Banks (D.C. & C.) states that European trade in Nyasaland has been brisk, although where Native trade has improved cotton piece goods are in short supply.

The Gatooma branch of the British Empire Service League urges that "no person who has been deprived of his civil rights should be allowed to take out any licence whatever or own immovable property in the Colony."

A committee recently appointed by the Sudan Board of Trade and Trade is working on a plan for the development of the Eastern Province. Based on the development of agriculture and certain industries using locally-grown raw materials, the scheme is to be run on co-operative lines at prices for 90% of the people to be literate within 30 years.

Cardinal Newman and the Princess Tschauder will be present and is to be held at King's College, London, on Saturday, 11th June. Prince Charles, younger son of the Emperor, was a pupil at the school, which the Emperor frequently visited while he was living in Bath.

The annual meeting of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society is to be held this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. in the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W. Mr. A. Creech-Jones, M.P., will speak on the topic of the International Aborigines.

An Ethiopian Government omnibus carrying 16 passengers from Addis Ababa to Asmara was held up by bandits near Quito last month. The passengers were robbed of their money and then allowed to continue on their journey. An Englishman, Mr. T. H. Dunn, of the British Ambulance Unit, was among the passengers.

Contracts have been placed by Government for the purchase for a war of 1,620,200 lb. of tea from India, and this being regarded as a probable figure of production. The latest crop reports indicate, however, that the duty is better than January, so it seems possible that the total may be well in excess of the estimate.

Gross receipts of Rhodesia Railways for March were £493,322, making £2,665,221 for the first six months of the current financial year, compared with £512,579 and £3,208,203 for the corresponding periods of 1941. The receipts of the P.R.O. Railway Company for the month and half-year were £77,111 and £463,719, compared with £74,111 and £60,880.

The total enrolment of European children in inspected schools in Northern Rhodesia last year was 2,400, compared with 2,182 in 1943. There are 17 schools under Government management and 12 under private management with enrolments of 1,767 and 633 respectively. On account of the war, no more than 19 of the 87 black boys in Government schools are men.

B.E.T.R.O.

The British Export Trade Research Organization has now been registered as a company limited by guarantee without share capital, by Board of Trade license. The word "limited" is omitted from the title. Its Council consists of Mr. Ivor Cooper (of Lever and Unilever) as Chairman, Mr. G. Gamage (General Electric Co.), Deputy Chairman, and Messrs. N. Moore, F. C. Burstall, W. H. E. Bennett, C. J. Harrison, G. Hartman, H. H. J. B. Monk, and G. M. Samuelson. The registered address is 10 Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1.

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Kenya Pyrethrum Industry

1944 Output an Early Record

The report for 1944 of the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya states that delivery for the year will be 6,547 tons, an early record since the industry was established in 1937 with an initial output of 21 tons. During the war other crops have been as follows: 1939—2,869 tons; 1940—1,940; 1941—5,763; 1942—5,189; 1943—5,300.

The industry is embarked upon developing mineral resources and a large range of products, the best known being linseed oil, about 1,000 tons annually for the last five years, half being contributed by the growers and the balance by the Government of Kenya. Various types of dries have been under further examination, but definite recommendations cannot yet be made. The most hopeful report so far concerns a dry used in tobacco companies in Tanganyika Territory.

A small refinery is erecting a pyrethrum extract plant in Nairobi for the requirements of the British Ministry of Supply, mainly to cater for military purposes. It is expected that the plant will be working at full capacity by the Pyrethrum Board in no time, connected with the development of a short oil factory as a war-time measure.

Kenya's most active competitor as a producer of pyrethrum is at present Prussia, with a total production of about 5,000 tons.

Kenya Pig Industry

Deliveries to the Pig Control of Kenya have averaged quadrupling during the last three years, in which there has been a large demand from the forces. As the requirements of the Royal Air Force, Army, and Service and other temporary contingents disappeared, it will be necessary to find export markets for about three-quarters of the present output, which was in excess of 21,000 pigs last year and rather more than 42,000 in 1944, compared with 11,413 in 1941. These figures ignoring low-grade animals. The Legislative Assembly of Kenya recently passed a Pig Industry Bill providing for the establishment of a statutory Control Board, and the Uplands Bacon Factory (Kenya) Ltd. Constitution Bill. It will be recalled that this factory was purchased by the Government of Kenya four years ago at a price of £100,000. Major F. W. G. French, M.P., stated in the Legislature that profits had since amounted to £42,000, from which neither income tax nor export profits tax had been deducted. The factory is to be transferred to the Pig Industry Control Board.

Tanganyika Totaquina

Sales of totaquina manufactured in Tanganyika in the last six months of 1944 showed a 20-fold increase over the amount sold during the corresponding period of 1942, in which year production began. The manufacturing process is relatively simple, and is carried out with plant made or acquired locally. The dried cinchona bark is powdered, treated with lime water, and extracted with gas-oil in the presence of caustic soda. The alkaloids are then extracted from the solution in oil by agitation with dilute acid and the common salt. The alkaloids are then precipitated by means of a salt, filtered off and dried.

Food rationing in Kenya

After a senior official had returned to South Africa from an investigation in Kenya, a spokesman for the Union Government stated that food rationing would continue in place, because it had been found that 15 per thousand of the population of Kenya was employed in administering the rationing scheme. The Central Commodity Distribution Board of Kenya has now pointed out that its staff at the time of the visit of Dr. van Rillon represented 0.03, or 3.5, per thousand, and that it has since been considerably reduced.

Tung Growing in Nyasaland

Great Confidence in Its Future

H. M. Blackwell, D.L.C., Chairman of the Nyasaland Tung Growers' Association, said at the recent annual meeting that no part of the Empire had shown greater promise as a producer of tung oil, and it was already established that 1,000 acres under the crop in 1944 had produced 1,000 tons, so that tung could be made the leading agricultural industry of the country within that period, and that in time it might even become the premier industry.

Last year's output had amounted to 1,000 tons of Almond Nut oil, and 1,000 tons of tung oil, representing an increase of 100 per cent. on the previous year's production. There were 1,000 acres under tung. Many more were planted, and approximately the same acreage of 1,000 acres, the crop now being harvested was estimated at 134,000 bushels of oil.

Nyasaland Railways had undertaken not to use the oil of the tree, i.e., on tung, at 93 10s. per ton, the current figure of 100 tons had been quoted, and would be increased if demanded of any quantity. In view of the present market price of the commodity in London in the previous calendar year, the industry and Mr. Blackwell were grateful to the Railways for stabilizing the rates in the development stage.

£100,000 for Lunghona Research

A grant of £100,000 for the development of a long-range lunghona research organisation has been made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act. At the head of the organisation will be the East African Research Institute at Arusha, its task being to advise on and co-ordinate work on cultivation in East and West Africa and keep in touch with similar work in other Colonial territories.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

NOW THAT THE POLITICAL PARTIES in this country are engaged in electioneering with the inevitable tendency to magnify differences, it is opportune to recall

Towards Agreement in Colonial Affairs.

that in Colonial affairs they are at present divided less by principles than by the question of the pace at which solutions of the main problems should be applied. Debates in both Houses of Parliament and the addresses recently delivered to joint meetings of the Royal African Society and the Royal Empire Society by representatives of the three parties have provided welcome evidence of the great measure of agreement which has been attained. Not many years ago there was the widest cleavage between the opinions of the average Conservative speaker and those of his opposite number on the Socialist benches; indeed, most of them could be counted upon to voice uncritically the current conceptions and misconceptions of their associates. This newspaper, which has always been independent of all parties, supporting any or all of them when it could do so unequivocally, and criticising any or all when that appeared necessary, has warmly welcomed the emergence of freer judgment. There have, of course, been many occasions on which Conservative speakers have shown their ignorance of East and Central African problems about which they nevertheless pontificated, with the consequence that it became our duty to expose their incomprehen-

sion; and there have been opportunities of commanding the opinions or proposals of knowledgeable Labour speakers. Often a member of one party has shown such a sense of responsibility and balance that his words gave no hint of his political attachments and we have always sought to record such utterances, since one of the greatest needs in Colonial affairs is to free policy out of the arena of party warfare. That is widely admitted to be desirable in the sphere of foreign policy, and it is assuredly not less necessary in the realm of Colonial affairs, which from the standpoint of the non-British world fall within the scope of foreign policy.

With few exceptions those who have pleaded for the urgent application of political solutions, as distinct from the development of machinery already in use in restricted degree, have been theorists who

Theorists are Dangerous Guides. have never lived and worked in Africa, and who therefore under-estimate the local complications, including the antipathy of the Africans to speedy change. Such well-intentioned but imperfectly informed zealots sometimes confess themselves irritated at the suggestion that those without first-hand knowledge of Africa should be more restrained in their comments and criticisms. Yet it is nonetheless true that knowledge of the African is a fundamental requirement of anyone who has to express an opinion on

and that experience makes all the difference—will often have heard when discussing matters with Africans. An Swahili proverb (or a tribal equivalent) "Haraka, haraka, haina muda," which means that no blessing is to be found in haste. To make the point that it is unwise to rush things in East and Central Africa is not to plead for complacency; it is merely to suggest that it is better to build on experience than to take a leap in the dark from some false analysis. Nobody would be in disagreement with a man equipped only by the reading of many text books. Why then should we risk disaster in Africa by following the proposals of mere theorists?

The large measure of agreement which exists between the members of the three political parties in Great Britain will certainly not suffice to produce that policy of continuity which is necessary unless there be created some organization in which

Special Study Circle Proposed.

in those parties who are interested in African affairs can meet frequently for the purpose of discussing trends and developments and trying to reach a basis of agreed action. We therefore venture to make the proposal that after the general election the Royal African Society should establish a special study circle consisting of members of all political parties in both Houses of Parliament, together with former residents in British Colonial Africa, whether as officials, agriculturists, traders, missionaries, or in some other capacity. The political members of such a body would need to be selected for their sympathetic interest and willingness to give their time to the work, not for their private ambitions or obstructionist abilities, and the others would need to be men of prudent judgment and with a record of service in public causes. Under the guidance of an independent chairman of wide humanity, such a study circle should prove of real Imperial value. How better could the Society perform its function of spreading knowledge of Africa? Under us agis men of all parties and no party should be able to work effectively in the interest of a continent which is destined to assume ever growing importance in world affairs.

DURING THESE YEARS OF WAR the Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours have accomplished what would previously have been declared impossible. With scarcely any increase in rolling-stock and despite the loss of some personnel to the armed forces, the system has somehow contrived to carry almost double the

tonnage of goods and nearly treble the number of passengers, in addition to those in the forces carried by special arrangement. This near miracle can have been achieved only by splendid team work between and through our staff departments, and for that East Africa and Rhodesia owe an innumerable debt to Sir John Robins and Mr. George Robins, the former and latter who have been in control during this period of stress and strain. A strong and capable staff with a sense of the importance of their work and an equal sense of duty towards the thousands of Europeans, Asians, and Africans on the staff of the system, have proved themselves to possess precisely the qualities needed in such an emergency. Both could be blunt when necessary in debate in the Legislature, for example, but both have marked powers of persuasion, tact, courtesy, and friendliness, and both have followed the wise practice of taking the public into their confidence.

No railway can be expected to continue to perform the incredible with inadequate rolling stock and staff, and Mr. Robins, the present general manager, has therefore been asked by the Railway Council to fly

Mr. Robins's Mission. of convincing the appropriate authorities that orders for the new equipment must be placed immediately. The Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours are to maintain their essential services until Japan is beaten. East Africa is still an important base for the war in the Far East, and will it appears so remain for a considerable period. Even if that were not the case, it would still be necessary to add rolling-stock for the carriage of the tens of thousands of Africans who are now in the Army in South-East Asia and will one day have to be repatriated. There can be no substitute for forethought and timely action in these matters. No railway equipment is not to be bought across the counter. Even before the war a period of about a year normally lapsed between the placing of orders and the arrival of locomotives, coaches, and other requirements in East Africa, and present shortages of labour and shipping make it probable that that time will now be increased. East Africans, who are justifiably proud of the war work of their railways, and this applies also to the Sudan, Tanganyika, Rhodesian, and Nyasaland systems, are naturally anxious that there should be no risk of decreased efficiency as an inevitable result of failure to provide the renewals of equipment which are now indispensable, and they are hoping for early news of the results of Mr. Robins's mission.

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Mr. W. K. H. Campbell's Report on Co-operation

Moment Peculiarly Suitable to Make a Start in Kenya*

CO-OPERATION IS A SYSTEM OF PRACTICAL EDUCATION in which the teachers are the committee members of the same community as the pupils and elected by them, so that instruction can be imparted painlessly.

No finer long-term investment could be made by any Government which desires to evoke latent capacities for leadership in a population, and enlist the best elements of the local population as channels of impact among non-official agents for the promotion of improvements in their own condition.

Not many Colonies have so far made a serious attempt to promote co-operative development, but in every single case the results speak for themselves. If anyone were now to suggest in Malaya, Ceylon, Palestine, Cyprus or Nigeria that co-operation should be abandoned, he would be greeted by a howl of indignation. For this and other reasons I say that no Government responsible for the welfare of people like those of Kenya can afford to omit to try to place at their disposal the advantages they could derive from co-operative organization with suitable guidance.

At present is a peculiarly suitable moment at which to make a start, both because so many established organizations have been uprooted and there will be gaps which can be filled by new and better ones, and because there will be many demobilized soldiers returning with improved education and widened outlook who should be useful as co-operative staff.

Impressed Opportunity in Kenya

In trying to arrive at a correct estimate of my visit to Kenya, I have to guard against the fact that I am a firm believer in the value of co-operation as an agency for evoking the latent capacity of people at a relative backward stage of development and administering to them in a palatable form a thoroughly practical education in everyday economics. My belief is founded on a good many years of practical experience among people not so violently dissimilar from the African inhabitants of Kenya. Hardly anyone in Kenya has had any opportunity of seeing co-operation at work against a similar background, and most of the pessimists visualize something like the English Co-operative Wholesale Society, and even then forget, if they ever knew, the very humble beginning from which that imposing organization grew.

No one in his senses would suppose that it will be possible in a few months or years to organize groups of backward cultivators, mostly illiterate, into business groups which could efficiently conduct operations on the scale of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, or collect, grade, bulk, and sell on the English or other markets all the cotton, coffee, maize, etc., grown by countless individual peasants scattered over a huge area. There is no force of virtue in co-operation which will enable it to succeed without the application of the same business methods which are necessary in other forms of organization.

I am not impressed by the argument that, because various previous attempts have ended in disaster, it is automatically to be assumed that no future attempts can succeed. It by no means follows that because a hundred attempts made without adequate preparation, carried on without help, guidance or supervision, with no proper constitution or system of accounts, a properly organized co-operative society will be equally unsuccessful. It is axiomatic that if Government is to attempt to place at the disposal of its people the advantages which can be derived from co-operation, there must be a fully trained registrar and a staff to help and guide the pioneers.

The registrar's first duty would presumably be to tour the

Being extracts from Mr. W. K. H. Campbell's Report on an investigation of Co-operative Possibilities in Kenya. (Government Printer, Nairobi)

country in search of enterprises of co-operative or semi-co-operative nature which could suitably be brought into the fold, and opportunities for fresh organizations. In either case he would begin on a selected group of people, more intelligent, enterprising, and trustworthy than the average. On formation of the society there would be a further process of selection by the members themselves, to choose the most intelligent and trustworthy, then member as the committee and office-bearers. The group would have been patiently taught that the society is their own, and profit or loss similarly theirs, and perhaps most important of all, that the money invested is their own, not that of the Government, or even of the Church; either of which some people are apt to regard as fair game for plunder.

At the same time a simple system of accounting will have been prescribed and a method within the capacity of the committee members devised and explained to them for checking the accounts of the office-bearers. Moreover, the Co-operative Ordinance imposes on Government the statutory obligation to audit the accounts of every registered society at least once a year. A newly-registered society will be inspected very much more often. In its early days it will take plenty of mistakes, and will probably be visited more than once a month.

Quick Results Not to be Expected

In the earliest stages priority must be given to the business of maintaining the co-operative movement. Co-operation is a long-term policy, and if there is to be no disappointment it must be recognized that early spectacular results cannot be expected, and the registrar will need to be protected from a demand that he should disburse large sums at a rate which is impossible with the human material on which he has to work. If the demand is allowed to become too insistent, there is a danger that the registrar may be driven to resign. Window-dressing is fairly easy; and he will have no difficulty in showing a rapid increase in the number of societies, share capital, etc. If he is asked for a certificate of results:

"An effort of faith is required at the start, and admittedly the position of Government is a difficult one. It cannot afford to maintain indefinitely a registrar and staff who organize nothing, and it is not easy to draw a correct line between him exercising so much pressure to produce results that societies are virtually forced on members who have no real understanding or desire for them. If the all-important position of registrar has been correctly filled, he will be in a position to show that this line is correctly drawn."

I have known cases where members of the staff were required to produce a certain number of societies in a certain time or one society per geographical unit of a certain size. I once saw a society the avowed object of which was the joint sale of fruit. The members told me that they only wanted to borrow money, and had no desire to sell their fruit jointly; the organizer told me that the society had been formed to enable them to do what they ought to want to do, and that unless they soon improved it would be cancelled. He was quite right as to what they ought to have wanted; but the co-operative procedure would have been first to teach them to want what they ought to want and then to frame a constitution which would enable them to do it. The job of registrar is not to turn things himself, which would often be fairly easy, but to imbue a group of backward and often illiterate people with a desire to improve their condition, and then teach them that by their own efforts with his help they are capable of doing so.

Co-operation Gathers Momentum Very Quickly

Though the first societies admittedly take a great deal of time and patience to start, as the idea is new and an early failure would have a discouraging effect, there is no price, propaganda like that of any society. Adjoining villages, which see a society being successfully run by people of better quality than themselves are filled with enthusiasm for imitation. The early pioneers survey their own achievement with almost incredulous delight, and are only too prone to beable to help and encourage their neighbours to do likewise. In this way co-operation gathers momentum very rapidly.

Soon the difficulty is not so much to create the demand but to find means of meeting the demands which come pouring in. Moreover, it is work, not money, which is required to organize and guide societies, and it is reasonable to count on a large amount of non-official assistance becoming available at an early date. A very modest payment for travelling expenses will often suffice to secure very valuable non-official assistance.

The right man for the post of registrar will be found, but his personal suitability is another matter that I strongly recommend that no attempt should be made unless

he can be found and government is prepared to make the sacrifice necessary to secure him. It is certain to be a man who can speak without difficulty in the necessary combination of English, French, German, and other languages, and capable of using practical, as well as theoretical, practical and human power without evading responsibility. He will like to be found in an administration of his own anywhere else. The secret of the relations the man will have with his colleagues in other departments, the fact that it must be made clear that selection by the Government has been made, that he does not involve himself so much in my opinion, prospects alone, not supposition of the stamp of a Provincial Commissioner, to which a man with the requisite qualities might reasonably look forward.

Planning of a State Tour

For the first time in history there will be a permanent British government within each of the "Protectorates" Cyprus, Ceylon, and the Punjab, and about 1000 or 1200 each in Central Africa, and these will have full exclusive governing rights. That will be convenient to the administration for foreign study. The registrar will have the same authority as the registrar in education and standing appointments. He cannot interfere with authority of his own subjects. He cannot

reasonably be expected to do more unless he is given sufficient time.

It is always well to begin with what is a matter of a certain amount of common sense, that a good cause, like a co-operation in a subject, will be successful if it is established at the states where business can be done, and the property of individuals who control them and will never let them go.

Co-operation will work well, but it will not do all that. The co-operatives must know their friends and their friends' friends, and they must know their enemies and their enemies' friends. More than that you have to do is to make his influence effective, and to speak the language of the men in which they are at work, and of a higher level of education, as far as possible.

The two countries where the highest points may be expected are the United States and Canada, and it is probable that the first series of 700 engineers will be sent to America to inspect these. It is to be hoped that they will be able to find many who are competent human material.

It is to be hoped to be able to locate some of the best institutions in America, and send as many students as possible, as many more of them are more advanced and they are more concentrated.

Royal Empire Society and Colour-Bar

Basic of such Restrictions Economic Not Racial

IT IS IMPORTANT TO ELIMINATE ANY COLOUR-BAR in our relations with our Colonial peoples.

While there is no official colour-bar, many educated Colonial people have complained that in administration there still exist some elements of discrimination. It is the British ideal that men and women, irrespective of race or colour, should have equal rights and opportunities. Coloured and white men have the same affinities which should be recognized by institutions. We must see that this important principle is fully applied, and that it is not merely given lip-service. We believe that a colour-bar, which began as a result of prejudice from racial or social snobbery and class stratification, will disappear as we move into a more adequate and more enlightened world. And we hope and trust that the British Empire will give a lead in this respect.

The Dominions must work out their own policy in these matters, and their decisions will have an importance for the whole Empire. Britain has her own responsibilities, and if she discharges these conscientiously and successfully we have no doubt that the results will be noted in other quarters.

Solution: Raise Standards of Living

One great difficulty has come with the subject, it is that of the right success of all parts of the Empire to any part of a demand made, particularly by Indians. It is obvious that restrictions in this regard will very much reduce the prestige of many of our Empire peoples. In our view the basis of these restrictions is economic, not racial. We therefore believe that, as the standard of life of these peoples is raised, and they have full access to educational facilities and cultural amenities, when, in fact, they will not be felt to be a menace to the standard of life already attained by white peoples of the Empire, and of the need for thus no restrictions will disappear.

Of course, deeper questions are involved, but we do not believe that in a world where the communities are going to be increasingly developed, when the whole world—in the Prime Minister's phrase—"will be mixed together," it will continue to be possible to pursue some sort of racial or racial policies for all time. We must therefore, when we are in a position to do so, make good statements for all the inhabitants of our Empire through good health, and through sound standards, and the cultivation of

young minds extracts from "The Political Future of the British Commonwealth and Empire," a booklet based on the work of a political study group of the Royal Empire Society and published by Longmans at £1. The Chairman of the group was Sir Drummond Shiels, the Vice-Chairman Sir Angus Gillan, and the Chairman of the drafting committee Colonel Herbert Boyce, Dr. W. E. Morrell, and Mr. C. E. A. Bedwell.

We believe while understanding the difficulties generally that we will need to associate with the idea that the best way of ensuring the permanence of this process is to increase self-respect and self-confidence so that there will be a greater and increasing assurance of equality of status for the individual and mankind throughout the world. Prejudice in this connection will not easily or quickly disappear, but as an Empire we should set our face steadfastly along the road which we have chosen, the desirable one for all humanity.

In Native Africans in Colonial Service

In this connection we would stress, the importance of incorporating into the personnel of our various Colonial Services the greatest possible number of qualified indigenous inhabitants. This presupposes opportunities for training, and these should be developed to the greatest possible extent. The operation of the Colonial peoples is essential to their own salvation; and it is important that they should take as full a part as increasing a part as possible in the actual administration of their own affairs, as well as in the making of the laws.

This process has been carried out in Ceylon to an almost complete degree, and is already in operation in other Colonies. We do not desire to see the pace of this procedure accelerated, and while the passing of the British administrator may stir mixed feelings, it should be looked at as the culmination and the achievement of British policy. There have been criticisms—justified or unjustified—of British administrators, but the example given is of the highest importance, and it will be part of their task to see that their indigenous successors are endowed with a desire and will to continue this fine tradition. The Colonial Service.

In considering the political future of the Colonies something more than merely local institutions, such as legislatures, should be encouraged. The functional approach to self-government is a fruitful idea, and this principle should be applied in our Colonies. It is great an event as possible. Public corporations, economic councils, and commissions for various purposes collaborating with similar bodies in adjacent territories (in addition to a wide distribution of local government bodies) are of great importance in giving coherence and stability to political progress.

Toward Harmonious Colonial Units

It would also seem that essential for the success of full self-government and development of a common purpose of action in respects of our Colonial units, it is necessary to reinforce the unity of outlook derived from tribal and village consciousness, to have a greatly decreased tension between the different religious communities, and to develop as a principle of settled policy that majority government does not confer a mandate to trample on the rights of minorities.

Indigenous peoples must learn that, while there is an admirable quality of nationalism in a self-respect for and even pride in the best characteristics of a particular group or community, as part of an harmonious world, there is also an evil quality of nationalism, which concentrates antagonism and ill-harmony. We wish the indigenous peoples of our Empire to have the opportunity of developing their own potentialities, both community and individual, in order that the

in the world, in its own particular contribution to the progress and welfare of the world, which adds variety and attractiveness to the human picture. And we anticipate with hope and enthusiasm the Rhodesian project, and more particularly the opportunity to co-operate alongside the British in the dual aim of consolidating the British Commonwealth and Empire.

The problems of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan are many and varied. It is a frontier state of the Empire, but the Administering State is divided in view of the division of sovereignty under the compact and the responsibility of the British administrators who have effective charge, to the Egyptian Oases. We can regard the condominium as merely a temporary state towards eventual self-government. This is a difficult situation, and it requires different treatment.

It is the duty of the Government of the Sudan to maintain the frontier, and to consider a scheme, similar to that proposed by the League, whereby the maintenance of the frontier would be left to the frontier states.

Another important problem is that of the consolidation of Africa to be treated as a whole. The movements of the people of Africa which have been caused during the war and the development of aerial transport have created new factors with unlimited possibilities of interaction, the distribution of population and the development of a community of interests. It is evident that international co-operation is coming to the rescue in solving the problems of Africa. It does not mean that we ignore the internal situation of Africa. On the contrary, the people of Africa must be enabled to make changes in their governments without hindrance and of progress must be secured. The development of institutions of international co-operation dealing with the practical affairs of everyday life such as health, education, and labour relations.

The Imperial Conference

We do not suggest any strengthening of the powers of the imperial Conference; it seems that the limitation of its powers inherent in its character as a conference of self-governing states which remain responsible to their own peoples, but it is questionable whether it is the principal organ of the Commonwealth. The Conference has been enlarged into something sufficiently representative. Should it not be an axiom of Commonwealth society that a fundamental change in the world situation will bring the structure of the Commonwealth into complete disarray?

The more frequently the Imperial Conference meets the shorter presumably would its sessions tend to be, and the increasing rapidity and safety of all communications further diminish the demands on a Home Minister's time. If the instance of general elections and other domestic circumstances make annual meetings of the Conference impracticable, could there not be standing committees meeting either annually or whenever desired by any of the Governments?

The Prime Minister of Australia has recently revived the suggestion that there should be at least a standing consultative body. It is not quite clear whether he meant this to include a permanent secretariat of some sort. We see no reason, even if a standing consultative body is not generally acceptable, why a permanent secretariat, emanated from the various Commonwealth Civil Services should not be an infringement upon the autonomy of the members of the Commonwealth. Furthermore, the permanent secretariats of the League of Nations was an infringement upon the autonomy of the State members of the League, though it seems doubtful whether, in view of the existing machinery for consultation and co-operation, such a secretariat was as necessary to the Commonwealth as it was to the League. The question seems to be one of expediency rather than principle.

More Empire Travel Necessary

The more urgent need is for a constant coming and going of leading statesmen, and of Parliamentarians between Great Britain and the Dominions and between the various Dominions themselves. It would be helpful also, and conducive to mutual understanding, if committees of the Imperial Conference, and possibly the Conference itself, could occasionally meet in Dominion capitals. London may be the greatest political, commercial, and financial centre, and the greatest repository of wisdom in the Commonwealth, and of course the centre of the Colonial Empire; there are, however, reasons why it should be the normal meeting place of most Commonwealth organisations. But it is impossible to over-emphasise the importance of London.

The essential reason for the recession of federal solutions is that they would limit too greatly and severely the spirit of liberty which is so dear to peoples of British stock. Under the influence of this spirit the British people have chosen, not a single, over-riding States but a multi-national, multi-centred Commonwealth. Meetings in the South Seas took time to bring about a clearer perception of this truth.

Italian Crimes in Ethiopia

Evidence for War Crimes Commission

A SCORE OF GHASTLY PHOTOGRAPHS of惨无人道的行径 taken by Italians for their own amusement and that of their friends at home, are published in a booklet entitled "Italy's War Crimes in Ethiopia," issued by *Al-Jarrah and Ethiopia News*, which gives the pamphlet the subtitle "Evidence for the War Crimes Commission."

Many of the photographs show Italians gloating over the decapitated heads of patriots, and others testifying to the mutilation of bodies, the use of torture and torturing for the purpose of extracting information, great piles of skulls and skeletons scattered around the illustrations.

An eye-witness account written by a Hungarian physician Dr. Ladis Sava of the massacre of Gondar, 1924, after a bomb had been thrown at Graziani, the Viceroy, estimates that 80,000 innocent Ethiopians perished in those three days.

According to the pamphlet, 300,000 were condemned to death by Graziani's orders. In a population of 35,000 persons of both sexes there were concentration camps from privation and maltreatment nearly 1,000 children born and died before they were killed by Italian bombs. Of 500 patriots who were killed in action during the first years of occupation, and about 25,000 were killed by poison gas, making a total of some 40,000 exclusive of military casualties during the campaign.

The Emperor's Charge

The Emperor is represented by the Emperor's statement of July 21, 1923, reading:

"I am deeply grieved with the news of the massacre in Addis Ababa last night."

The number of victims in times and places of hundreds of men, women and children, individual and collective, who were wantonly slaughtered by the Italian troops, is incalculable. In such many of the inhabitants were shot in sight of account of the presence of fear and despair. Incidents in the vicinity of the visit of General Graziani at Lekempti, where 600 innocent inhabitants were shot, the execution at the hands of thousands of persons and summary trial by court martial for alleged offences, such as possessing arms, inciting to difficulties, the torture of prisoners and the burning alive in a jar full of persons who defied the Italian authority; the execution of Ras Desta and many other officers of my army taken prisoner on the field of battle.

The forcing of thousands of immature women and young widows in Addis Ababa and other towns into concentration camps and licensed brothels as prostitutes, and the examination for which purpose blind doctors may enter any house in the presence of priests and Muslim sheiks when after the torture on the life of General Graziani all Ethiopians present were surrounded and subjected to desecration of Christian burial to the victims of the executions and general massacre of February 10 to 12, their bodies being burned like rags in flames with the aid of incendiary materials which were prohibited from removing them.

The desecration of the ancient Church of the Monastery of St. Simon Lazarus and other churches by indiscriminately setting them on fire as way of reprisal, the public execution of the Abyssinian Peasants in Addis Ababa in July last year by refusing to sign an act of submission to the Italian authorities and refusal to renounce the communication of Ethiopia, who declined to make submission to the invaders.

The pamphlet is obtainable for 5s. from 3rd Charters Road, Woodford, Essex.

Twenty Years Ago

From volume of June 1925

The League of Chamber of Commerce has formed an East Africa Section.

The time has come when a Legislative Council should be established in Tanganyika Territory. The non-officials should be individuals nominated without regard to representation of particular classes, interests, or political bodies, and should be selected as those most likely to be of assistance to the Government in the exercise of the responsibilities of the League of Chamber of Commerce.

The War

Decorations for Gallant Airmen

Tribute to Southern Rhodesian Training School

Acting Squadron Leader Ronald Edmund, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., No. 206 Squadron, has been awarded a Bar to the D.F.C. for leadership and dogged determination in the face of intense enemy opposition, setting an inspiring example to all the members of his squadron. He was trained in operations against Berlin from May to August 1944. He (Ronald Edmund) was trained in Southern Rhodesia, and was commissioned in 1942.

Flight-Lieut. Austin Gurin Miller, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., No. 608 Squadron, who received his D.F.C. two years ago, this year received a Bar to his decoration. The citation states:

"A pilot and operational navigator, Flight-Lieut. Miller has completed numerous operational flights and demonstrated outstanding skill and leadership in the operational school. He has also completed the D.F.C. with excellent results. As a navigator, showing great resource and cheerful conduct, he never won the admiration of his crew. He has always kept his courage and resolution during the heaviest fire."

Acting Flight-Lieut. David Arnott Shaw, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., No. 319 Squadron, who was also trained in Southern Rhodesia, commissioned in 1942, and received the D.F.C. in February of this year, has now received a Bar. The citation reads:

"Throughout an extended tour of operations, he proved himself a skilled pilot and gallant captain of aircraft. He has taken part in attacks on a wide variety of targets, ranging from heavily defended industrial areas in Germany to coastal shipping in the Bay of Biscay. In each case he has set a fine example of his coolness, initiative and courage."

Distinguished Flying Crosses

Squadron Leader Robert Gurney Knight, who has been awarded the D.F.C., was born in Kitale, Kenya. The citation reads:

"This officer has completed a large number of operations, including anti-submarine and anti-submarine patrols. On May 10, 1944, he attacked an enemy submarine west of Sicily, and after the attack quantities of oil were seen on the surface of the water; the submarine was undoubtedly damaged. Squadron Leader Knight has also taken part in massive night attacks, bombing an airfield, and oil installations in the Gulf of Suez. Both in the air and on the ground he has set a fine example of his coolness, initiative and courage."

Acting Flight-Lieut. Peter Alfred Thomas, R.A.F.V.R., No. 142 Squadron, who was trained in Rhodesia, has been simultaneously awarded the D.F.C. The citation states:

"As a pilot and captain of aircraft, this officer completed numerous operations against the enemy, on the course of which he invariably displayed the utmost skill, courage, and devotion to duty."

Acting Flight-Lieut. William Hutchinson, R.A.F.V.R., No. 110 Squadron, a Yorkshire man, enlisted in 1940, was trained in Southern Rhodesia, and commissioned in May of this year, has been awarded the D.F.C. He has operated against many strongly defended German targets, it is stated to have shown "cool courage in the face of danger," together with cheerfulness and skill, setting an excellent example to all members of his squadron.

Acting Flight-Lieut. Edgar Jack Francis, R.A.F.V.R., No. 102 Squadron, who was also trained in Southern Rhodesia, has received the same decoration.

Flying Officer Noel V. Bolland, of Nkana, has been reported missing from air operations, and the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to his twin brother, Flight-Lieut. Douglas C. Bolland is announced. Both had been serving in the Northern Rhodesian Transport

Squadron of the R.A.F. (No. 206). The citation for Flight-Lieut. D. C. Bolland's award reads:

"This officer has led eight or more successive attacks against enemy communications, transport and military installations. His fine leadership, tenacity of purpose, and great keenness of mind, in score or nearly the enemy fighting vehicle destroyed or damaged in action since D-Day."

Flying Officer John Simkin, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., No. 612 Squadron, who was trained in Southern Rhodesia, receives the D.F.C. with the following citation:

"Since becoming the D.F.C. this officer has completed many night and day attacks against strongly defended targets in Germany, including nine attacks against Berlin and a low-level attack on a railway tunnel. By his outstanding navigational skill, high courage and devotion to duty, he played a large part in the successful completion of many operations."

Flying Officer William Edwin Anthony, R.A.F.V.R., No. 142 Squadron, who was trained in Southern Rhodesia and commissioned in November 1944, has been awarded the D.F.C. after completing two tours of operational duty as an air gunner. The citation states:

"Throughout all his missions, he has displayed a high standard of operational efficiency, and his cool fighting spirit has been a source of confidence to his crew. While he was flying as a rear gunner against Stuttgart, his aircraft was attacked by two enemy fighters; acting promptly and coolly, he kept his captain informed of the enemy's movements and successfully failed to shoot down one of the fighters and by a fortunate hit on the other, the coolness and skill have given him distinction, commendation."

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Among officers awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for having completed in various capacities numerous operations against the enemy, in the course of which they invariably displayed the utmost courage and devotion to duty, were Acting Squadron Leader Woodward, H.M.V.R., No. 625 Squadron, who was born in Gwelo and was transferred to the R.A.F. from the Army in 1940; Flying Officers Frank Clayton, R.A.F.V.R., No. 162 Squadron; Edward Abbott, Bernard Sanford, R.A.F.V.R., No. 107 Squadron, and George Stenhouse, R.A.F.V.R., No. 107 Squadron, who were all trained in Rhodesia; and Flying Officer Frank Bruce, Gabriel Glorie, R.A.F.V.R., No. 403 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force, who was born in the Seychelles in 1920.

Captain Neville M. C. Cook, of Lubungan, Kenya, has received the immediate award of a Military Cross. Lieut. J. L. Elvy, who was granted leave from Rhodesia by the B.S.A.P. in order to join the Army, has been promoted to the rank of M.C.

Lieut. Percival Vivian Hulme, a Southern Rhodesian who joined the South African Forces and has been serving with the Royal Tank Regiment, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallant and distinguished service in Italy.

Captain Brownie Atley, of Liverpool, who is home on leave from Ethiopia, is quoted by the *Daily Express* to have said that about 30,000 well-armed Tigre tribesmen recently attacked Dessie, and that a British colonel and other troops were killed. He added that a British veterinary officer was later killed by a sniper near Odosa.

Captain A. G. Dickson, who so successfully organised the tours of the Mobile Propaganda Unit of the East Africa Command, has arrived in this country on leave.

N. Rhodesia's New Legislators

Four Non-Officials Nominated by Governor

EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA learns by cablegram from Lusaka that the Governor of Northern Rhodesia has nominated as additional non-official members of the Legislative Council Mr. Geoffrey Bernard Beckett and Mr. Alfred Roden Harrison. He has also nominated Dr. Alfred Charles Fisher and the Rev. Rev. Robert Selby Taylor, Bishop of Northern Rhodesia, to be additional members of Council representing Native interests which are represented by Miss Colocasia Stewart-Green-Brown, who continues as that office.

Colonial Economic Affairs

Professorship Established at Oxford

Thanks to the generosity of the United Africa Co. Ltd., which has earmarked for the study of Colonial economic questions a sum of money sufficient for the maintenance for seven years of a Professorship of Colonial Economic Affairs, the University of Oxford has established such a professorship, with a salary of £1,000 a year.

The professor is to be elected by a Board consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, a representative of the United Africa Company, the Reader in Colonial Administration, a person appointed by the Hebdomadal Council, two persons appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies, at least one of whom shall be an economist, and a person appointed by the Committee for Colonial Studies.

It is stipulated that the professor shall normally reside within the University during at least six months in each academic year, and lecture or give informal instruction not less than twice a week in 21 weeks of each year.

Peerage for Sir Edward Grigg

LIEUT. COLONEL THE RT. HON. SIR EDWARD WILLIAM MACLERY GRIGG, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.Q., M.C., Minister Resident in the Middle East, has been created a baron in the Dissolution Honours List, which was published last Thursday. He was M.P. for Oldham from 1922 to 1925, when he went to Kenya as Governor, retiring in 1931. Since 1933 he has been Conservative M.P. for Altringham. Last week we reported that, on account of the need for his presence in the Middle East, he had been asked by the Government not to return to contest his seat at the general election.

Captain the H.C. Hon. Harold Harrington Balmer, M.C., M.P., Minister Resident in West Africa, was also raised to the peerage in the same list. He visited East Africa and Rhodesia while Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Africa from May, 1938, until last year.

Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare, Bt., M.P., who was Chairman of the Parliamentary Delegation which visited East, Central, and South Africa some months ago, was made a Privy Councillor for his political and public services. He has been M.P. for Warwick since 1924.

Another general, Lord Croft, C.M.G., F.D.A., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War since 1940, is also made a Privy Councillor. He has been interested in East African affairs for many years.

Captain Peter Macdonald M.P. for the Isle of Wight since 1924, who is made K.B.E. for his political and public services, has shown considerable interest in Colonial affairs, and is Chairman of the Empire Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party.

Native Development in S. Rhodesia

The Commission which has been inquiring into Native trade and production in Southern Rhodesia issued its report a few days ago. It comments on the failure of Native leadership and recommends the abolition of the present system of succession, reduction in the number of chieftainships, and better education of chiefs. The report states:

"There is no short cut to Native prosperity. Whether its achievement be early or late will in the end depend on the Natives themselves. We can only give them the tools; they must do the job." An unsatisfactory feature of much of the Native evidence was a regrettable failure to submit any concrete proposals for a contribution of their own to their development. They frequently made charges of unfair treatment, and seemed to regard the Commission as a repository for every conceivable form of complaint and the Government as an inexhaustible source of remedies.

Mr. Churchill and the Empire

In his manifesto issued to the nation at the beginning of the war, the Prime Minister stated:

"More and more of men and women within the Empire must be made equal. A two-way traffic should grow. Those who wish to leave their homes should be enabled to carry their National Insurance rights with them wherever they go. Imperial ties should be knit together by closer personal contact and understanding. Our responsibility to the Colonies is to assist them forward to self-governing institutions; to help them to raise their standards of life, by agricultural advance, the application of science, and the building up of local industries, to increase the opportunities of labour and of housing, spread education, stamp out disease, and sustain health, vigour and happiness."

Russia and Mandates

Meetings of the Trusteeship Committee of the San Francisco conference were interrupted last week in consequence of a demand by the Soviet delegation for withdrawal of an earlier decision that existing rights in mandated territories should not be changed. Russia has announced her intention to take "a full share of responsibility" in the Trusteeship Council to be set up under the World Security Organization. The Soviet government is anxious that that body should control existing mandates as well as those which may be created as a result of this war.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**The R.A.F. in East Africa.**
Air Commodore Sowrey Corresponding Headquarters

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA
Sir.—May I draw your attention to gross inaccuracies in an article entitled "The Royal Air Force in East Africa" in your issue of May 1?

The attribution stated that the East African Air Force command worked under Army control. The writer vaguely did not say which service trouble so much said that no such thing. An Army Co-operation Squadron worked under the direct control of the Division to which they were allotted. The other five squadrons, together with maintenance units and all ancillary personnel, were under the command of Air Headquarters, which worked in the closest union with Army Headquarters but not under it.

Further, it is stated that "after the end of the Italian campaign the R.A.F. took over the South African Air Force, and established Headquarters in Kenya." That is sheer nonsense. The R.A.F. was established as a separate service in Kenya before the outbreak of war, with Headquarters at Nairobi Aerodrome.

On the arrival of the S.A.A.F. squadrons, it became necessary to expand and as yet Headquarters East Africa was formed. This consisted of approximately equal numbers of R.A.F. and S.A.A.F. personnel. I was Air Officer Commanding S.A.A.F. I had as my senior staff officer Brigadier Daniel S.A.A.F. This arrangement continued, with the exception that S.A.A.F. personnel gradually relinquished their duties in the Union of Egypt, and replaced by R.A.F. personnel.

At least two S.A.A.F. units remained in East Africa for a year after the conclusion of the campaign. No R.A.F. units took over from those S.A.A.F. units which withdrew.

As all squadrons in Aden and the Sudan have been mentioned by name or in this article, it seems only fair to the S.A.A.F. to mention their squadrons operating from Kenya. They were Nos. 2 and 4 Fighter, Nos. 12, Bomber, 31 and 41 Army Co-operation, Survey Flight, Special Strategic Reconnaissance Flight, and Communication Squadron, R.A.F.

Yours faithfully,

Thornerton,

Devon.

W. SOWREY
Air Commodore

[Air Commodore Sowrey was Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief in East Africa from 1940 to 1942, and therefore speaks from the closest personal knowledge.]
Ed.

For Permanent Reference**Story of the War in Eastern Africa**

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA

Sir.—Your VE Number is admirable. It is indeed a fine performance to have been able to collect into this one issue all the vital features and elements of the story of the war as it has affected the eastern half of Africa. EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA has done a very valuable public service in making the whole story available for all to read and know. I shall always keep the issue for reference, and it will be refreshing to be able to turn again from time to time to so grand a story.

Yours faithfully,

London, W.1.

E. N. CORBYN.

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The Crowning Crested Cobra**Pros and Cons of Its Existence**

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA

SIR.—The article on this subject by Dr. J. O. Shircore, published in the Royal African Society's journal and quoted by you has revived interest in the question of the existence of a snake deserving this description. From the portions which Dr. Shircore states he has collected he is able to reconstruct this reptile it will be a great feat and will put an end to a controversy which has lasted for a number of years.

Having a residence for some years in the Shire area (now Kenya) and Northern Rhodesia, I have always been keenly interested in snakes, and numerous publications have been published on the South African snakes. Also as a corresponding secretary of the London Geological Society I have always tried to go to England made a point of calling on the curator of the Reptile House for the purpose of talking over "snaky" matters, with him I can't remember reading any definite opinion expressed in regard to the size of such a snake.

Wherever I have been interested in snakes, I have also heard a number of stories of the crowning snake held by the Natives, and these are the same tales as to its habits, and predilections, the crowning living in trees, striking its victim, etc., as I have passed below, and the method of counteracting its attack by porridge carried on the head, etc. It is certainly remarkable that practically the same accounts should persist throughout countries extending for hundreds of miles in every direction, and should be believed by the tribes of so many tribes differing in so many ways and speaking different dialects.

On the other hand, the arguments against the existence of this snake appear to be almost conclusive, for from my inquiries it would appear:

(1) That it has apparently never been seen by any European. I have tramped for very many hundred of miles through country where it is said to be found but have never had the fortune to encounter it.

(2) Of the Natives I have questioned (and they must have numbered many hundreds) not one has been able to state that he has seen it. It has always been his father or his brother who had done so.

(3) I have known Natives declare that they have heard it crowing, but when asked how they knew it was the snake that uttered the note since they had not seen it, they would explain that they had been told so.

(4) In all my travels in company with Natives they have never called my attention to this crowing, nor have I met any European who could say he had heard it and been told it was the cry of a snake.

(5) No Native has ever been able to tell me that he had killed, or seen one of these snakes killed, either by Native or European. It would be interesting to hear by whom of those of which Dr. Shircore has fragments were killed.

The name range used by Dr. Shircore for this snake is not known in this part of Africa, its name in the various dialects being as follows: in the Asoli, Ilala, Kaonde, Mankoya and Walensi dialects it is *kokolo*; in Awisa and Wemba *ngozt*; in Angoni and Achewa, *hobo*; and in Mlozi *mulala*.

Lusaka,
Northern Rhodesia. Yours faithfully,
E. A. CORBYN.

Every African has the right to a full, free and compulsory education; even though the fulfilment of that goal would seem today impossible immediately. The application of education and instruction to the masses are essential to true democracy. — The Rt. Rev. E. G. Paget, Bishop of Southern Rhodesia.

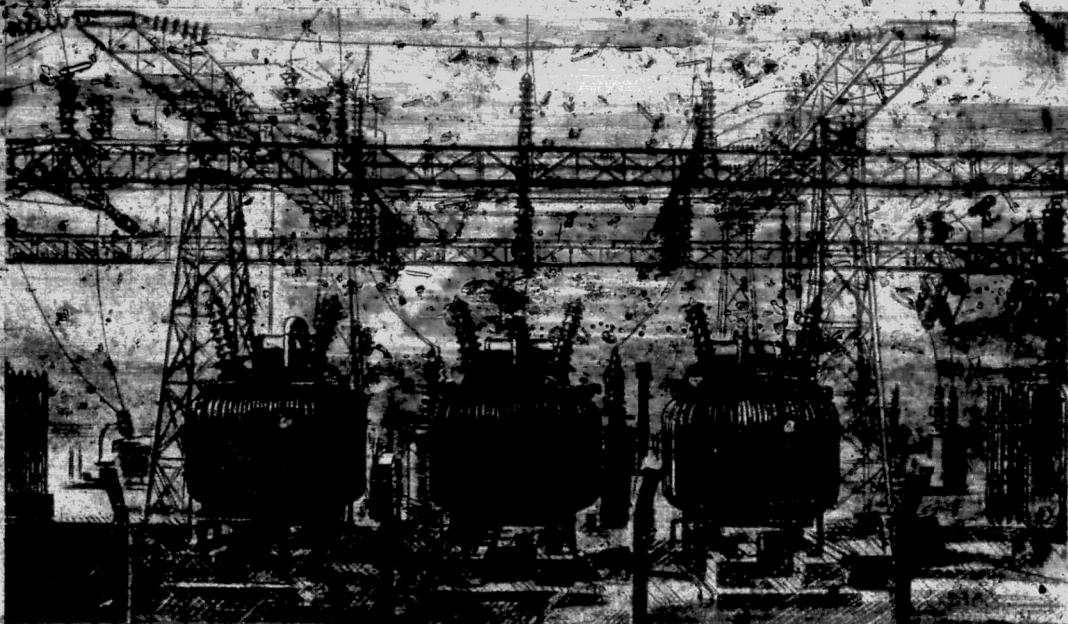
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Continuity in Foreign Policy

Prestige is to nations what credit is to business. It can be more powerful than material possessions, but it is a very sensitive and elusive asset, which can vanish in a night if confidence is shaken in a country's stability and good faith. Every effort should be made to remove foreign and defence questions from the field of party controversy. The fundamental condition is a regular interchange of information between the Government and the Opposition. Between the two lack of information, in several instances creates prejudices and difficulties on both sides. There was a tendency to bring the Opposition leaders into full evidence of the two phenomena which crisis had shown. They should be fully informed upon the larger issues of foreign and defence policy from the very start—while papers should be issued more frequently and very widely circulated. It may also be necessary to have more regular Press conferences at the Foreign Office, some on the highest possible level. If the facts are accurately known, British men and women will immediately come to much the same conclusions upon these big issues.—Lord Templewood.

Freedom to Adventure—The desired goal is freedom—freedom from all controls not essential for the prosecution of the war or the transition from war to peace; freedom to adventure your resources, skill, cash, and initiative as free men, not as obedient myrmeces of a totalitarian State. British industry believes that private enterprise provides the best basis for a prosperous national economy. If expanding world trade is to be achieved, then creditor nations and nations wishing to export must be prepared to accept goods and services in exchange. This is most vital importance to the United Kingdom as a result of the reduction in her overseas investments. If the nations fail to establish fair and reciprocal conditions for the reactivation of a world trading system, then we should inevitably be driven back to the bilateralism of pre-war days, with their whole paraphernalia of high tariffs, import emergency quotas, Government subsidies and foreign exchange restrictions. Therefore welcome the Congressional developments in the U.S.A. in connection with the reciprocal trade agreement with the Sherton Woods plan. Government and private enterprise are complementary and I believe that the British people everywhere once they see the issue would never allow the might stream of British freedom to perish in Socialism and bureaucratic control.—Sir G. C. M. Bell.

Day to VE Day.—Alleged nations excluding the Air Forces in the 337 days' fighting from D-Day, June 6, 1944, to VE Day, May 8, 1945, were American, 50,000 killed, 161,100 wounded, 37,871 missing, totaling 218,771; British and Canadian, 11,000 killed, 43,200 wounded, 18,083 missing, totaling 72,283; French, 11,090 killed, 43,200 wounded, 12,261 missing, totaling 66,551; Belgian, 1,000 killed, 4,024 wounded, 945 missing, totaling 5,969; Czech, 170 killed, 406 wounded, 14 missing, totaling 516; Belgian, 55 killed, 224 wounded, 46 missing, totaling 325; Dutch, 20 killed, 104 wounded, three missing, totaling 127; S.M.A.L.P., announced.

Westminster Casualties.—In Westminster, 2,100 people were killed, 2,192 seriously injured, and 2,741 less seriously injured by enemy action. The mayor and one councillor were killed, together with 20 members of the civil Defence force. From August 1940, to April 1945, 1,047 high explosive bombs, 180 unexploded bombs, 55 oil bombs, 16 parachute mines, and many thousands of incendiaries fell on Westminster, causing 1,620 fatal and 1,738 serious casualties. In the flying bombs attack from June to August, 1944, 27 V1 bombs fell in Westminster; the casualties were 267 killed, 600 seriously injured, and about 900 slightly injured.—Westminster City Librarian.

London and V Weapons.—We have been warned very often—Julius Caesar, William the Conqueror, the Armada, Napoleon, Hitler—all made London the objective. Each succeeding generation has made London larger and more vulnerable. In the interests of Londoners and of the whole country no further development should take place in that area. Establishments of every kind should be moved to other parts of the island. A beginning should be made with the defence services. In Scotland there is abundant opportunity for naval, Army and Air Force establishments, but where the soldiers go civilian follows. No scientific device in the future can guarantee immunity from automatic weapons, what can be guaranteed is that where the missiles fall is the persons likely to be killed are few or many. Distribution is the keynote of national safety, and it might well be the life blood of industrial revival.—Sir William Darling, in a letter to *The Times*.

Benefits of Private Enterprise

I have had for more than 40 years exceptional opportunities of studying the operations of Government departments and public organizations of all types. My admiration for the work of the civil service is unfeigned, but I am equally convinced that the spirit of enterprise which pervades the civil service leads me to think that any organization or any scheme has yet been developed inside the machinery of government equal to dealing with all the normal hazards of trade and industry. Therefore I say, let us pin our faith to free enterprise, which has served us well in the past, on which our prosperity has been built, and which has inspired our spirit of adventure. Do not be led astray by the prejudicial use of such words as "capitalism," "profit" or "monopoly." The State has always the right to check abuse. There are certain activities—I would be the first to admit it—that wholly lie largely in private hands which may well require a large measure of public control. But with great respect to my friend, Mr. Attlee, I entirely disagree with him that you can have under public control a spirit of enterprise which is lacking today, and I equally decline to follow him in the suggestion that we can look to what it has been possible to do under the stress of war as a guide to our policy in time of peace. It is unquestionably to private enterprise that we must look to see us through the problems of the next few years. It would be the height of folly to deny private enterprise the most favourable conditions for its development. It would be a betrayal of the interests of the nation to sacrifice the worst of every possible world by encouraging a wholly delusive belief in the speedy extension of national control and thereby obscuring the absolute necessity of giving to private enterprise the conditions necessary to its success. These conditions involve, in my opinion, freedom from all controls, not absolutely necessary, and a progressive reduction of the present intolerable burden of taxation. In the domestic sphere I was convinced that our hopes for the future must rest mainly on free enterprise which alone can develop the spirit of progress, adventure, self-reliance and energy which have been the salvation of our country in the past and given her the strength to again set her on the path to prosperity and happiness.—Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer in a broadcast speech.

of the War News

Opinions Epitomized.

Press is one of the finest examples of successful private enterprise.—Sir Miles Thomas.

"Stalin doesn't care a damn what lives on nuts and soda water." — Mr. Moss.

"A democratic people lack in palm oil and responsible leaders." — Captain Outram Hogg, M.P.

The employment of Germans in British coal mines would not be desirable. — Major Lloyd George, M.P., Minister of Fuel.

"Foodstuffs will be given to the German people in extreme emergency." — Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P.

Syria and the Lebanon are the most lonely and most fertile of the States of the Middle East." — Mr. John Gaunt, in the *Daily Express*.

General de Gaulle's statement that British agents fomented the Syrian crisis is in direct contradiction of the facts. — Sir Edward Grigg.

U-boats were being constructed in secret under Hitler. That is, before Hitler came into power. — Walter Blohm, of the shipbuilding firm of Blohm and Voss.

Between September 3, 1939, and May 8, 1945, the Royal Navy has lost 730 ships, excluding light coastal craft, landing ships, and landing craft. — The Admiralty.

I laid 212 bricks in 58 minutes to demonstrate that a target of 800 bricks in eight hours on a carriage building is quite a modest day's work. — Sir H. R. Selby, M.P.

When Mr. Churchill talks of the danger of Labour mismanaging finance, he forgets his own disastrous record at the Exchequer over the gold standard. — Mr. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Party.

General Eisenhower used 31 Allied divisions to defeat Germany. They included 14 British, five Canadian, 60 United States, 11 French, and one Polish. — Mr. Stimson, U.S. Secretary for War.

You know that I am a political adviser to Mr. Churchill, Political adviser to the Prime Minister! You might as well describe me as a missionary to the Archdeacon of Canterbury. — Mr. Brendan Bracken, M.P.

No member of the Cabinet has been more widely esteemed than Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for India. Yet when history comes to be written it will be found that among the ill-fated remnants of that once noble and a keenly intelligent or a more commonly progressive mind. — The Earl of Listowel.

Provision for taxation absorbs 7% of our profits. During the last six years we have reserved £5,000,000 for United Kingdom taxation. — Sir George Schuster, Chairman of Home and Colonial Stores, Ltd.

It was told me the other day that when the war ended the Germans were on the verge of perfecting a four-jet bomber capable of bombing the eastern coast of the United States and returning. — Major Alexander de Seversky.

The number of fatal casualties in Europe suffered by the armed forces of the United Kingdom as reported between August 1, 1943, and April 30, 1945, was Army, 66,552; Royal Air Force, 20,326. Of the total casualties suffered by the Royal Air Force, 13,320 were officers and men of Bomber Command. — Lord Woolton.

It is curious that officers of the Allied Military Government in Germany employ German women as personal secretaries, typists, interpreters, and mess waitresses, and that I have not seen one who wasn't both young and attractive in figure and dress. — Mr. Edward J. Hart, *Sunday Express* correspondent with the 12th American Army Group.

Of the 713 U-boats sunk during the war, 462 were accounted for by British Empire Forces and Allied Forces (except U.S.) under British control. U.S. Forces and other Allied Forces (except British Empire) under U.S. control sank 251. The remaining 100 were accounted for by mining by Bomber Command, and other means. — The Admiralty.

The Commissioner of Police has reported that the behaviour of London crowds during the VE celebrations was without a single ugly incident. Many experienced police officers have never seen such large assemblies of good-natured and well-behaved people. The charges for drunkenness were fewer than on an ordinary Saturday night. — Sir Donald Somerville.

Among the major Allies misunderstandings, suspicions, and cross purposes are rife — to the encouragement of Japanese fanaticism and the dreams of underground Nazis. In this respect the state of world affairs is incalculable. After the hot quarrel with Marshal Tito on Trieste and Corfu, we have been astounded by the corruption in Syria and the sudden name of French chauvinism to British intervention. — Mr. J. L. Gwynn, in the *Daily Telegraph*.

There was never a better opportunity (or necessity) for putting the British case to the world — not aggressively but factually, not propagandistic but informative. — Mr. E. D. O'Brien.

One atomic bomb as large as a man's hand would have destroyed London. The war of the future may last only a few minutes. Sixty seconds being a third of a minute, — them all who die of their death in military action. — The *Evening Standard*.

Public ownership of the Bank of England is a dangerous suggestion. It would add nothing to the State's control of financial policy, while it would remove what is now an admirably devised link between the Treasury and all the variety of private initiative in finance. — *Times*.

From D-Day to V-E Day the British casualties in the 1st Army Group totalled 144,000, including 80,349 killed, 94,551 wounded, and 14,004 missing. The American figures for Canadian ground force casualties during the same period total 41,058, including 10,307 killed, 31,120 wounded, and 2,531 missing. — Announcement from 1st Army Group Headquarters.

United States casualties from the outbreak of war have totalled 1,012,049, including 290,173 dead, 613,611 wounded, 118,372 missing, and 118,818 prisoners. Army casualties number 205,834, including 185,672 killed, of the wounded 317,626 have already returned to duty. Naval casualties number 146,215, including 41,508 dead. — Washington announcement.

Losses from U-boat attacks have been heavy both in lives and materials; at the peak in 1941 and 1942 the issue of the struggle hung in the balance. On the other hand, more than 400 U-boats have been sunk and many others have been destroyed by the Germans themselves in the final stages. — President Truman and the Prime Minister, in their last joint statement on the U-boat war.

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PERSONALIA

Mr. T. R. Lawrence has been elected President of the Nyasaland Amzing Society.

The Rt. Rev. J. H. Grimley, Bishop of Egypt and the Sudan, was at Mombasa on Monday.

Dr. E. H. Storer, of the East African Industrial Research Institute, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Mr. G. W. L. Groom, formerly of the Colonial Training Service, has been appointed to the staff of the Southern Rhodesia and Uganda Development Commission.

The Rt. Rev. A. M. Geelhaar, Assistant Bishop of Uganda and the Sudan, has arrived in the country.

Mr. Max Nurock, who is acting as Financial Secretary in Uganda, has also been acting as Financial Secretary in Kenya.

Councillor M. E. A. Tordoff has been elected Mayor of Ndola, with Councillor Albertson as Deputy Mayor.

Lieut.-Colonel Robert R.N.V.R., has arrived from England to assist the public relations branch at the Admiralty.

Major G. D. Grindly, a former hon. member of the Legislative Council of Tanganyika Territory, is staying in Nairobi.

Miss Ethel Ma Joyce, M.L.C., was appointed to the Development Committee of Kenya on the resignation of Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Joyce.

Miss R. J. Doran has been appointed a nursing sister in Tanganyika Territory, and Miss Patricia Kathleen Allen to a similar post in Northern Rhodesia.

Dr. R. K. S. of the University Medical Service in Tanganyika is about to leave pending retirement. His address henceforth will be P.O. Box 50, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

Mr. Richard Eric Williams, M.P., is now at Gwenlochaine, Blomley, O.A.L.M.S.R., who married in Nairobi last month. Their present address is Makal Estate, Kisumu.

Mr. C. G. S. Miller, Administrative Secretary, is acting as Chief Secretary in Northern Rhodesia, and Mr. P. F. Branigan, Solicitor-General, is acting as Attorney-General.

Lieut.-Colonel L. M. Ley has been nominated by the Governor of Tanganyika to be President of the Dar es Salaam Township Authority. Mr. B. Bataik is the Deputy President.

Mr. J. R. P. Kosethiwala, formerly a Probation Commissioner in Uganda, has resigned his appointment in U.N.T.A.E. He was Food Controller for London during most of the war.

Colonel William Sansom, until recently chief secretary of the Salvation Army in the Union of South Africa, has been appointed to control the work of the Army in Kenya and Uganda.

Dr. R. W. Stevenson, who is retiring from the Sudan Medical Service, was stationed in Juba and Malakal from 1932 to 1939, then served for four years in Kordonfand, and for the last three years in the Blue Nile Province.

Lord Pendennis has retired from active participation in the Cable and Wireless group of companies after completing 46 years of service in the telegraph industry. His son, the Hon. Jocelyn Denison-Pendennis has joined the board of each company in the group, and has been elected joint managing director of the operating company, Cable and Wireless, Ltd.

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Mr. Malcolm Bryce McRoy and Miss Margaret Constance Hepple, daughter of Major and Mrs. J. W. Horobin, M.C., have been married last week in the King's Chapel of the Savoy.

Mr. Harold Howes, C.M.G., M.A., F.C.A., who was recently appointed by the Imperial Government to visit Southern Africa to advise on the future of Rhodesia Railways, has been elected President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The Governor of Tanganyika has approved the nomination as members of the sisal Board by the Tanganyika Sisal Growers' Association, Mr. M. A. Karimji and Mr. N. N. Houry, and the recommendation of Mr. M. A. Karimji, M.L.C.

The political correspondent of the London Daily Mail a few days ago that if a Labour Government were returned as the result of the general election, the offices of Secretary of State for the Dominions and Secretary of State for the Colonies would be combined, with Mr. Shrewsbury as Minister.

The engagement is announced between Captain G. W. L. Groom, M.C., R.A.F., and Miss Dorothy Palmer of London, and Mr. R. S. Monroe of Kisumu, Kenya. Captain Groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groom, of Kendal, Morecambe, Lancashire, and Miss Dorothy Palmer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hedges, of Kendal, Morecambe, Lancashire.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Empire Society is to be held in London next Wednesday at 4 p.m. Lord Hailey, Lord Bledisloe, Lord Croft, and Sir John Marks, C.B., the Vice-Presidents offering themselves for re-election, and Commissioner Dr. G. Lamb, Mr. Edward Salmonson and Mr. A. Wigglesworth are among the retiring members of the Council who are not eligible for re-election. Mr. A. E. L. F. Martin has been nominated to fill one of the vacancies. The membership of the Society at the end of last year was 15,904.

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Mr. J. E. Hough, who has been appointed regulations superintendent of British Overseas Airways Corporation, was in Uganda for Imperial Airways about 10 years ago, in connexion with the preparations for the opening of the African air route so far as Victoria Nyanza.

The marriage of Mr. Andrew James Blackett Orth, The Scots Guards, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackett Orth, of Whitfield Hall, Northumberland, and Miss Rosemary Dovill, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bowles of Little Lever Hall, Harlow, Essex, took place yesterday at the King's Chapel, in the Savoy.

Among recent callers at H.M. Eastern African Dependencies' Trade and Information Office in London have been Lieut.-Colonel E. H. de Bretton, African Pioneer Corps of Kenya; Scout Colonel G. K. Pink, C.A., of Chelmsford; Lieutenant F. D. Bingham, of Kenya; Lieut. Commander F. A. R. M. Jessop, of Nairobi; Major N. C. Beck, Kenya-Uganda Railways; Uganda Commissioner Davies Makonyi; Major C. Steele, of Kenya; Captain R. T. Criddle, Kenya; Captain W. G. Brown, R.A.R.; Captain G. Belgrave, R.A.R.; Captain Captain J. H. Schreiber, K.N.C.; Captain Captain G. C. Parker, of Tanganyika; Captain H. C. L. Fisher; Captain L. S. West, formerly of Kenya; Captain W. H. Williamson, 5th R.A.R.; of Timau; Flying Officer R. S. Alexander, of Nairobi; Flying Officer G. Haynes; Lieut. L. E. L. Sims, R.N.V.R., Kenya; Sub-Lieut. R. P. Lloyd Davies, Fleet Air Arm; Sub-Lieut. R. J. C. G. Long, R.N., of Kenya; Subaltern F. S. M. Badgeley, A.F.S., of Turi, and Sergeant E. Cotton, of Tanganyika.

Mr. W. R. Balch

MR. W. R. BALCH, who was assistant editor of the *Egyptian Gazette* from 1919 to 1923, engaged in plant-in for the next two years, then for five years editor and managing director of the *Uganda Herald*, afterwards editor of *Advertiser's Weekly*, and since 1940 a director, and latterly joint managing director of one of the leading advertising agencies in London, has been appointed publicity manager of *The Times*, and will enter on his new duties on July 1.

Messrs. Colman, Prentis and Varley Ltd., the agents in question, write: "It is with the greatest regret that we have accepted Mr. Balch's resignation, but in view of the important nature of the work he is taking up, we feel that we could not do otherwise. We wish him the greatest possible success in his new task."

In his writings and addresses to advertising committees and clubs Mr. Balch has done his best to make manufacturers and advertising agents in this country more conscious of their opportunities in British overseas markets.

Mr. Alasdair Loch

Mr. Alasdair Loch, lately on the staff of the B.B.C., for whom he has done special talks in the "Calling Southern Rhodesia" programme, is on the point of leaving this country for Australia via the U.S.A. An Australian, he came to England early in the war to join the R.A.F., but was repeatedly rejected owing to the after-effects of malaria and dysentery contracted and re-contracted in West Africa and along the headwaters of the Amazon. He made a broadcast from Salisbury, Wiltshire, to Salisbury, Rhodesia, and then began his lecture or interviewing Rhodesians on leave in London. Before the war he had traversed a great deal on the Continent and lived for some time in Egypt and Yugoslavia. He has played Rugby football for Cornwall and once swam 100 yards in three seconds over a world's amateur record. His hope is to get into the Australian Air Force, or to fight the war in the Pacific.

Obituary

Mr. James McGuffog

Mr. James Wales McGuffog, who has died in Southern Rhodesia at the age of 65, was one of the best-known and best-liked gardeners in Southern Africa. As park superintendent of Bulawayo, he had transformed its public gardens, and had gone a long way towards fulfilling his ambition of making it a city of roses. His love for roses was, however, not an obsession, and he was always introducing new flowers, experimenting in cross-breeding, and encouraging other gardeners. One of his hopes was that the capital of Southern Rhodesia would lead the way in planning shrubs and trees in the middle of its wide streets, so that there might be cool shade for pedestrians in the heat of the day. Mr. McGuffog was President of the Association of Park Superintendents of Southern Africa two years ago.

Mr. E. L. Gay-Roberts

Mr. Edmund Lionel Gay-Roberts, M.A., who died in Johannesburg on Saturday, was born in Southern Rhodesia in 1900, a manager of the Bushick Mine, and last year was appointed assistant mining engineer of African Associated Mines, Ltd., Bulawayo. He won his Blue at Oxford as a long-distance runner, was twice runner-up in the gold championship of the Transvaal, was a keen shot, a member of the selection board for Rhodesian Rhodes Scholars, and had taken a keen interest in the Southern Rhodesian National War Fund. He leaves a widow now in England and two daughters, Mrs. John Uffling, of Soweto, Southern Rhodesia, and Mrs. Henry Gardner, in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. His only son was killed during the campaign in Ethiopia.

The Earl of Onslow

The fifth Earl of Onslow, who died in London on Saturday, aged 65, had a long career of high public service. He was best known to East Africans as Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on East Africa following the death of Lord Stanley of Alderley, as President of the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire and the Royal Geographical Society, and for the able way in which he presided over the international conferences held in London in 1933 and 1938 in regard to the preservation of the fauna in Africa. His chief hobby was the observation of wild life.

Mr. Arthur James Radford, whose death in Bulawayo is reported, had been Chairman of the Rhodesia Temperance Alliance.

Mr. A. C. Wallace, who had been engaged in tobacco growing in different parts of Nyasaland since shortly before the end of the last war, has died near Choko.

Sir John Murray, who died at Sandringham, Wells last week at the age of 86, was a prolific writer on Empire subjects. He was the author of many books, including "Evolution of the British Empire and Commonwealth," published in 1939.

Miss Gurdstone, who has died in Southern Rhodesia, had taken an active part in public life, especially in causes in the interest of children and women. She was the wife of Mr. Gell Gurdstone, chairman of the Town Management Board of Fort Victoria.

Mr. J. B. Dougherty, who has died in Bulawayo at the age of 47, served in East Africa in the 1st Battalion the 2nd Battalion The Gloucester Regiment, and shortly after the outbreak of this war joined the East Africa Army Service Corps as a warrant officer.

New Colonial Research Committee

On Agriculture, Animal Health and Forestry

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has created a Research Committee on Agriculture, Animal Health, and Forestry of the Colonial Empire under the chairmanship of Mr. J. C. H. H. SPARRE, M.A., secretary of the Colonial Office Council, with Dr. E. J. S. SMITH, D.Sc., D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of the Royal Veterinary College, as Vice-Chairman.

The other members of the new Bureau will be Dr. G. R. B. Balfour, Director of the Colonial Entomological Research Council; Dr. Insect Pathology, Prof. H. G. Champion, C.B.E., M.A., F.R.S., of Emery, Oxford University; Mr. T. Dalling, M.A., F.R.C.V.S., Director of the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Research Laboratory; Dr. C. D. Dallington, B.Sc., F.R.S., Director of the John Innes Horticultural Institute; Dr. L. D. Dugdale, M.G., M.A., B.Sc., Professor of Entomology, Birmingham University; Prof. J. W. Huuro, M.A., D.Sc., Professor of General and Applied Entomology, University of London; and Director of the Biological Research Station at the Imperial College of Science and Technology; Dr. W. G. Ogg, M.A., Ph.D., B.Sc., Director of the Rothamsted Experimental Station; Prof. J. L. Simonsen, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director of Research of the Colonial Prisons Research Council; Mr. J. A. Scott Watson, M.C., M.A., Chief Education and Advisory Officer to the Minister of Agriculture; and Dr. S. P. Wiltshire, M.A., D.Sc., Director of the Imperial Mycological Institute.

New Head for Prince of Wales School

Mr. P. P. Fletcher, M.A., who for the past 11 years has been second master at Cheltenham College, has been appointed headmaster of the Prince of Wales School, Nairobi, and is expected to arrive in Kenya late in October. After graduating at Cambridge with first-class honours in both parts of the mathematics tripos, he spent a year at Princeton University, was then at Marlborough College as mathematics master for six years, and afterwards held a similar appointment in Australia. Mr. Fletcher is 42 years of age.

Official Sentenced

Lionel John Morris, an official in the War Supply Department of the Sudan Government, was sentenced a few days ago to five years' imprisonment and a fine of £5,000 on eight charges of unlawfully receiving money from the public. He was found not guilty on five charges, including one of criminal breach of trust.

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Building Under Difficulties

Tribute to Canon Norrish

A recent issue of the monthly magazine of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa contains an interesting account of the establishment and work of St. Peter's College, Funyula, the theological college of the Mikasi diocese.

Choosing any site is a very important point in the work supply. In ~~Kenya~~ it is not good to be too near the water or water is the breeding place of mosquitoes, and mosquitoes bring fever. On the other hand, one is too far away from water, the trouble and trouble of carrying it is proportional to distance. The nearest stream of the river Kagera is about half a mile away, and there is no well within half-an-hour's walk away. This was rather disappointing, for the one objective of the otherwise excellent site, but Canon Reuben Namuwere suggested that if a well was dug higher up the valley, 10 minutes nearer the college, water supply would be found.

A Prophecy Fulfilled

The local inhabitants taught him to search. Was it not obvious that the valley was dry? Would they have bothered to walk the extra distance all these years if water had been abundant? They were right. Canon Easton was talking nonsense. Canon Reuben was right again. But it was not till some time later that the truth was carried half an hour to the college. There being little boy labour available, one morning it was found that the goats had scraped a hole in the dry valley with their hoofs and the water was welling into the hole. Now that dry valley is watered by a good stream of excellent spring water only 30 minutes from the college. You see, Canon Reuben had foretold it.

Having chosen the site, the next thing was to build the college. This task was entrusted to Canon Norrish, and in May 1930 he pitched his tent on the site and set to work with a small army of workmen. There was much to be done and little time in which to do it, for it was intended to open the college in September. It is impossible to imagine the difficulty that Canon Norrish had. Both the plan of the college buildings and the execution of the plan were excellent. To do all that he had to do in so short a time and so little disposal was amazing indeed. Father Easton took care of Canon Norrish for the last month or so of the work.

Both these master-builders will forgive me if one small defect is mentioned. They cleared a patch of forest—they needed to build up the floors of the houses; to dig and pile up earth for this purpose would be a long and costly business; why not save time and money by making the floors of the timber they had cut covered by a layer of earth? Excellent plan—for the first two years.

Then the vipers began to roar and venomous holes appeared under the floors; then every snake for miles around got news that those Europeans had built a perfectly wonderful home for snakes. It was not so bad in the dry weather, but when the rains came and water flowed into the holes that were now nests of snakes, there was trouble on a large scale. One year in a few weeks no fewer than 60 snakes were killed—and there were many killed that nobody bothered to count. It was no easy thing to set a student free up in the middle of Madieni. Hit his stool, and smite a coiling snake with its stout end—so on with the Office as if nothing had happened. The floors all had to come up and be replaced by solid earth, then there was some peace.

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Cotton Growing in Eastern Africa

Empire Research to be Done in Uganda

THE EMPIRE COTTON GROWING CORPORATION.—It is submitted by a week to the tenth annual general meeting of shareholders for the new annual research statement that has been made in Uganda after negotiations extending over two years. The Corporation has made it clear that throughout the work of the station it must be borne steadily in mind that cotton is one of the systems of peasant agriculture and that its problems must be studied from that point of view.

Experiments in Uganda

The following facts are given concerning the experiments stations in East Africa:

UGANDA.—There are two cotton experiment stations in Uganda, the long-grass area, and the valley of the River Nile. Both are under the Department of Agriculture.

The agricultural practices differ. In the long-grass areas, whereas the principal food crop is cassava, bananas, in the valley of the Nile it is millet. The former cultivation is under annual rotation, as coffee, manioc, cassava, and millet, and the latter under a system of shifting cultivation, but both are practised. At the stations of both areas experiments in rotation, and the effect of manuring on fertility are being

done. One of the main objectives in the cross-breeding work is the production by hybridization methods of varieties possessing resistance to blackarm disease. This programme is employed at Jassid in the Sudan, and at the Corporation's station in the Shire. In Buganda, however, resistance to this disease is also needed; so far no established fact there are differences between families in this respect, but this work is still in its early stages.

All work that depends for its results on differences in yield is severely hampered by the attacks of an insect known as the small jassid, which causes damage. This pest is a serious pest in all countries where cotton is grown, and is otherwise shared by themselves. The possibility of obtaining resistant varieties has been investigated, but, as yet, no satisfactory method is solved, though this pest is receiving attention from the Department's investigation. Should this difficult problem not be solved when it starts, it must undoubtedly become one of the earliest investigations undertaken by the Corporation's research station when it starts work.

EGYPT.—The Corporation maintains three plant breeders in the Sudan. The main objectives of their work on Egyptian-type cottons are the introduction of resistance to blackarm disease into the principal commercial varieties, the selection of varieties which mature early, and the improvement of yield, staple, quality, and quality.

Huge Hope of Important Success

Numerous progress has been made in the first of these objectives by crossing the commercial types with an American Upland from Uganda possessing the quality of resistance to this disease, and subsequently back-crossing repeatedly to the Egyptian type. Two principal Egyptian types of cotton are in commercial cultivation, known respectively as X. 1730 and Domains Sakel. Work on breeding a derivative of the former which retains the lint characters of its Sackville parent unimpaired and in addition shows high resistance to blackarm is now nearing completion. More recently a pure bulk of selected Domains Sakel has also been produced, and is being used as a parent in a hybridization programme, designed to transfer the property of blackarm resistance to that type also. If this work achieves the success which is hoped, it will have solved one of the principal problems of cotton growing in the Gezira.

In some areas jassid is a serious pest, and work is in progress to determine whether resistance to this insect can be transferred without loss in quality to types already possessing blackarm resistance.

American-type cotton is grown under rainfall by Native cultivators whose methods are primitive. They grow the crop only to pay their taxes, and buy themselves a few necessities; there is no cash cropping, and their cotton is planted when they please and on any land that they find most convenient. These facts enter as a difficult problem for the cotton breeder, and possibly the best effective method which he can aim is a higher ginning outturn for it that can be achieved by a cultivator, no matter when or how he grows his cotton, should obtain more lint than he would have done from the same area of a cotton having a higher proportion by weight of seed to lint.

Valuable work has also been done by the members of the Corporation's staff on the improvement of dura, the principal cereal crop of the country.

For the future, however, the Government and the Corporation have decided upon a rearrangement of the cotton breeding work. The whole of the work connected with cotton breeding will be entrusted by the Government to the staff of the Corporation, and each cotton breeder will be appointed to the Corporation's charge of the work in the Lake Victoria Murchison area, and they will work under the leadership of Mr. Anson. The Government plan to take charge of all breeding work on cotton other than dura, which has unfortunately been discontinued during the cotton work.

TANZANYA.—There are three cotton experiment stations in the territory, each staffed by a member of the Corporation's staff. The principal one, Kiriguru, serves the areas bordering the southern end of Lake Victoria; the station at Lubaga, further south, but also in the Lake Province, serves the Shinyanga district; and the third, Nyanza, is still in progress of construction in the Kagera Province. It is intended, probably, to concentrate all the Lake Province work in Lubaga, leaving cultivation only at Nyanza.

The work at Lubaga is directed mainly towards carrying out methods of conserving soil fertility in a rotation which includes cotton. This is especially necessary on the lighter hill soils, and local experiments with various rotations, both figure prominently in the programme, and such work, which aims at assimilating cotton-growing into the local economy, is of greater importance at present than the breeding of improved strains of cotton. Breeding by selective means will receive full attention at the same time.

It has become evident that jassid resistance is necessary in the district, and the problem of combining this character with good yields and satisfactory lint quality is being examined.

The Shinyanga district, served by Lubaga, shares largely its problems with Ulonga, the insect pest attack is more severe, stink虫 and bollworm causing serious crop loss, in addition to jassid. Much experimental work is being done on soil fertility and improving local methods of cultivation.

The station at Longa is not yet completed, as there was formerly a station for the area of Kingoloma, but it is now unsuitable for cotton work, partly owing to infestation of insect pests, but equally because it was situated in those parts of the Eastern Province in which the climate is not so dry.

Jassid or Troublesome Pest

Eastern Province cotton is of rather better quality than that grown in the Lake Province, and breeding work is being carried out at the experiment station with a view to help towards the production of a type in which the quality is maintained, but which shows improvement in yield or plant活力.

In one respect the Eastern Province has an advantage over the Lake Province: jassid damage is troublesome, but resistance is not therefore so essential. Since jassid damage is usually found to be difficult to "combine" with lint quality, the task of the plant breeder is to that extent simplified. Other insect pests caused damage, however, varying degree, particularly American bollworm, and one of the principal tasks of the Longa station during the next few years will be to assess the importance and investigate possible methods of control.

NYASALAND.—The cotton experiment station is situated in the central area, which is potentially the largest cotton-producing part of the country. It may, however, never become so, owing to competition from maize. The local agricultural system is still one of shifting cultivation and bush fallowing, and one of the principal difficulties connected with agriculture is a regulated form of this system, including the investigation of the best resting crops to follow a failed crop of cotton, with a view to conserving soil fertility.

The Lower River area, where by far the largest proportion of the Empire's present cotton crop is grown, suffers from severe pressure of population on arable land, cultivation is almost continuous, and there is very little bush fallowing. These circumstances, coupled with the fact that the climate makes the growing season for cotton a very long one, have created problems of which the solution is extremely difficult. Red bollworm is a serious pest, and owing largely to the length of the growing season, there is no really effective pest control such as have proved successful in other nations.

A thorough investigation of the red bollworm problems has occupied the Corporation's two entomologists fully during the past few years. They have now prepared their report to the Government, and have indicated alternative methods by which, in their opinion, the damage caused by this pest could be greatly reduced. Unfortunately these involve a radical change in agricultural practice as regards dates of planting and harvesting of cotton, and considerations other than purely technological factors will necessarily influence Government in reaching their decision.

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the cotton crop was good, but the rainfall was very unevenly distributed, and the production of cotton was small and not very valuable.

Ouping Division - W.A.U.S.

After an interval of three years the output of Empire cotton crops (including Sudan, British East Africa and India) appears once more in the report. From the following statistics are taken:

1939/40	1940/41	1941/42
1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales
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Rhodesia

The cotton production improved relatively, starting at 1,000 bales in 1939/40. In the 1940/41 season planting was good, but the autumn rains failed. Still, any cotton planted after mid-July was only very few yards. The acreage showed a considerable increase on that of the previous season, so the production amounted to 1,000 bales, and this fell considerably short of expectations at the beginning of the season.

In the 1941/42 season there was serious food shortage, and a maximum food crop acreage was the prime interest of the cultivators. These factors probably affected the area planted to cotton. The acreage increase was not much reduced, and planting was well on the way, as for a crop of such quantity and quality as was sown in the previous season. The U.D.P. has set up a committee to advise on the disposal of the surplus land from the controlled areas by distribution to the cultivators, so that they must be assured for the time being of the producing areas.

SUDAN.—After the bumper season of 1940/41 in Gezira, the Gash, and at Tokar, 1941/42 showed a heavy drop, and the total output of Egyptian long cotton for the country was smaller by nearly 10%. The amount of American-type was about the same, but the crop was again a very small one in comparison with some earlier years, on account of the prevalence that it has been necessary to grow food crops in the marginal areas. The latest figure for the current season indicates a total crop not far below that of 1940/41.

Unfavorable Conditions in Kenya

KENYA.—In the season 1940/41 the output of cotton which amounted to 6,330 bales, was somewhat larger than that of the previous year. About three-quarters of the crop was grown in the Nyanza Province and the remainder in the Coast Province.

Writing at the end of last year the Director of Agriculture reported that in the season 1941/42 a reduced acreage had been planted in the southern parts of the Nyanza Province, and the crop theretofore had suffered from dry weather in the early stages. Elsewhere, sowing and growing conditions were favourable, but the prospects of obtaining a good crop were jeopardized at an early stage by continued旱灾. The Coast Province also there had been some reduction in acreage and damage from dry weather in October. It was estimated that the crop was likely to approximate to that of the previous season.

TANGANYIKA.—In Lake Province, where most of the cotton is grown, there was a drastic reduction in acreage in 1940/41. Following on the previous very dry season, there was a fear of a food shortage, though as a result of good April rains the millet harvest was good. The small acreage of cotton that was planted in the south and south of the Province was sown late and gave poor results. Around the lake, the harvest was good.

In the Eastern Province the rainfall for the season 1941/42 was generally well distributed and the planting of all crops was late. A campaign was carried out to increase food production, and this naturally led to a further reduction in cotton acreage. There was a partial failure of the dry season, notwithstanding a drought which necessitated much reworking of the cotton strips after the long rains started in March, and much of the acreage was planted very late. Insect pest attack on cotton was very heavy, and the crop was the lowest in many districts.

Northern Rhodesia.—The total output of cotton in the season 1940/41 is not known, as no record was prepared, but it was estimated to approach 1,000 bales. In those parts of the country in which both tobacco and cotton are grown, the former has lost ground, because the price of tobacco has not increased, and has risen considerably whereas the price of cotton has been held at a figure which is considerably less than that of tobacco. In these areas cotton is a secondary crop, because it is most critical, and its cultivation is as competitive directly with food crops for labour and tools. The last two planting seasons have been very bad, and cotton has naturally been relegated to a third place, so that the output has dropped considerably in the northern districts. Much cotton is now obtained from the Shire River area, than from the various districts.

Supplies for Local Spinners

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—The acreage sown in 1940/41 showed little gain on the figure of the previous year, and also a decrease in the crop harvested. The main factor in the cotton production, on the other hand, was the acreage sown. The grade and colour of the crop were considered to be good, though there was a marked trend in favour of planting seed which has been delinted by acid or steaming, and it is believed that there will be a steady increase in this demand as the advantages of delinted seed become better known.

The stabilization of cotton by Government guarantee is expected to ensure that enough cotton is grown to supply the requirements of the local spinning mill, but none is likely to be exported. So far no special difficulty has been encountered in spinning cotton in Southern Rhodesia, even in the driest months of the year. The spinning mill is at Matatina, near the cotton experimental station, and this has the advantage of using the cotton breeding staff to maintain close liaison with the brokers and spinners of their product.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.—Production was again confined to the Sankhambo area of the Lusaka Valley. Planting conditions were difficult, and owing to other demands for man-power, the acreage of growers declined. The crop was clean and seed was sown in time to avoid difficulties.

Library for Gordon Memorial College

Dr. J. D. T. T. Principal of the Gordon Memorial College, Kigoma, appeals for books for the Library, particularly literature relating to the Sudan, Egypt, Iran, Spain, Africa, the Near East, and Arab and Moslem culture.

Aldermen for Nairobi

Mr. S. V. Foster, M.P., Attorney-General for Kenya, and Mr. C. M. Monteith, Commissioner for Land Settlement Lands and Settlement, has been appointed Commissioner to inquire into the advisability of amending the law so as to provide for the creation of a bench of aldermen and the addition of one or more African members to the Nairobi Municipal Council.

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The main thoroughfare in the new residential area of Muntala, also called Churchill Avenue,

Except in the case of gold, all restrictions on Ethiopian exports to Egypt have been removed.

Northern Rhodesia exported 107 tons of rubutu in 1944, compared with 31 tons in the previous year.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Geographical Society is to be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 13.

Six Boy scouts belonging to an Indian troupe in Mbasa recently cycled 1,000 miles to Nairobi in four days.

Limited series of motor cycles have become available in the Amakulu Territory, where further supplies are expected shortly.

The present European population of Northern Rhodesia is approximately 10,000, and the African population about 1,367,000.

Loans made by the Colonies to the Imperial Treasury during April and May totalled £360,000, of which £240,000 was free of interest.

The memorandum and articles of association of the Uganda Beacon Factory (Kenya) Ltd. appear in the official Gazette of Kenya dated April 17.

During the last month or two immigration returns are available to Tanganyika, Nyasaland, 10 passing through in transit, and 200 arrived to take up residence.

An exclusive sealing licence in respect of all Native-owned land in the area has been granted to Messrs. du Toit and de L'Isle, of Chongoni Estate, Dedza, Nyasaland.

The Church Missionary Society diocese of Uganda has, or will shortly have, 20 posts requiring to be filled by volunteers from this country. Apart from personnel needed for extension of the work of the Mission.

Liebig's Extract of Meat Co. Ltd., which has extensive interests in East Africa and Rhodesia, has declared an interim dividend of 2% tax free, which rate is the same as that paid last year. The total distribution was 8s.

In the Kisii district of Kenya 285 African members of a co-operative society have 173 acres under coffee. The society, over which the local European agricultural officer presides, was financed at first by the Local Native Council, which paid for buildings, the erection of pulpits, and inspection fees. Now the society has a cash balance of about £1,000.

South Rhodesia's former Immigration and Development Department of Rhodesia, showing such progress that it is proposed to be held in August, it is expected that there will be a million tourists or 40 branches.

A new visual aid now from the estates Tanganyika, Uganda and East African Railways and Harbours, Ltd., amounted to £1,000 in May, bringing the total for the 14 months to the start financial year to 1,790 tons.

The Native population of Southern Rhodesia, which at the end of June, 1944, was 1,184,000, had risen to 1,367,000 at the end of June last year. The European population during the same 11 years increased from 10,000 to 22,100.

On February 1 we reported Major L. D. J. Lewis stating: "A large dam at Kirui, which is only 9 ft. deep at high water level, has cost the Departmental Public Works of Kenya £1,100." The figure should be revised £1,100.

An exhibition of paintings by Belgian Congo artists was opened last week in the galleries of the Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours, 26 Conduit Street, London, W.1., by the Belgian Ambassador, Baron de Gartner de Marchant.

An Indian clerk employed by the government of Tanganyika was recently awarded £150 damages and costs against a medical officer whom he alleged to have left a gas-tube in the body of his wife after an operation. The swab was removed three months later during a further operation.

Nairobi Municipal Council plans to provide a central eating house for some 400 Africans who live outside the city and do not earn enough to pay for a mid-day meal in an ordinary eating-house. Meals would be provided at as near cost as possible. Large employers of labour support the movement.

Mr. John Grimwade, who has been working with the Friends' Ambulance Unit in Ethiopia, said in the course of a broadcast in Sunday "Calling East Africa" programme of the B.B.C. that there are fewer than 50 doctors in the whole country. He described Addis Ababa as a garden city, a city of suburbs with no definite centre but with an indefinable charm.

Forestation Land Report.

THE FORESTATION LAND, TIMBER AND RAILWAY CO. LTD., which has interests in the timber industry of Kenya, reports a profit for the calendar year 1944 of £484,286, compared with £105,000 in the previous year. Ordinary dividends totalled 1%. The issued capital is £1,865,852 in 6% cumulative preference shares and £8,000,887 in ordinary shares. The general reserve is £2,000,000. Interests in subsidiary companies amount in the balance sheet at £6,079,119, investments in Government securities at £9,238,059, and cash at £71,6302. Mr. John D. Sullivan is Chairman and managing director, Mr. Louis H. Kirk Vice-Chairman, and the other members of the board are Commodore Gerard J. R. L. D'Erlanger, the Hon. Maurice F. P. Lubbock, the Hon. W. J. Palmer, Mr. Alberto Fontana, Sir Esmond Ovey and Harold Shagger.

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Gold miners have had to meet initially higher costs of production, including and for more severe taxation, and, on the plea that advances had been allowed by their Governments in the price level of all other commodities, they have from time to time asked for some advance in the price paid for gold. Treasury resisted against any increase until Germany had been beaten. Now this advance of 3% is granted, mainly because the authorities can sell the metal in the market more advantageously on account of reduction in

gold taxes. Industrial shares have doubled or trebled in value during the war, it is estimated that gold shares of the best class have on the whole fallen about 25%. The industry has, therefore, suffered less than its durable treatment.

The average costs of realization will be passed down from the beginning of this year, at least in the case of the Union of South Africa, and that presumably means that similar action will be taken elsewhere in Africa and in Australia, the other main producers within the sterling area. Gold, though theoretically included, has not been a seller of gold to Great Britain for some time, since the local rate is much higher than that obtainable by exports.

There is no question of the return to the gold standard, even a modified form, and no intention to reapply free market in gold. On the contrary, it is visualized that the balance regulations compelling all holders of gold to the authorities remain in force.

**London and Rhodesian Mining
Good News from Vubachikwe Property**

THE LONDON AND RHODESIAN MINES AND LAND CO. LTD., reports greatly improved prospects for its Vubachikwe mine, which until just before the outbreak of war had been tributary for 10 years to the mines taken over and worked by the company's own account. A plant with an initial capacity of 1,500 tons of ore a month was erected and crushing started early in 1940. The refractory nature of the ore caused considerable difficulties, and there were shortages of labour and spare parts. Now the metallurgical troubles have been overcome and an extraction of 20% has been reached.

In 1942 the plant was expanded to a capacity of 3,000 tons monthly, and the first year ended June 30, 1943, saw tonnage treated rise to 15,200 tons, the average treated per oz. and according price of £188.00 per oz. The cumulative crushings have averaged 2,190 tons monthly, for an average production of 1,120 tons, and the average mine profit about £235 per month. Gold reserves in the open pit, 1100 ft. deep, average 1.2%.

A vein of highly mineralized ore has recently been struck in the same level, the lowest point in the working section of

the mine. A cross cut from the main drive into the hanging wall has 20 ft. 6 in. dia. over 800 inches, and a drive northwards to the present day is over 22 inches. It is not yet fully explored.

The directors expect the mine to become an important source when cooled and unskilled labour again become readily available.

Selection Trust Report

THE SELECTION TRUST LTD. announces that the report and accounts for the year ending March 31, 1941, will be posted to shareholders on or about June 25 and that the annual general meeting will be held in London on July 1. The directors recommend payment of a dividend of 10/- per share ordinary and 10/- per share at the FIFTY PER CENT.

The gross revenue amounted to £331,510. (£171,160) profits from realization of investments included interest of £12,000, resulting from a previous listing of the values by Analysts from reserve. Taxation requires the sum of £70,000 (£30,000 (£20,000) due to shareholders) to be paid on the same in the next six months. The net factory revenue will be £178,321 (£87,226). The company has large interests in copper mining in Northern Rhodesia.

Company Progress Report

Wankie Colliery—New sales in May totalled 114,000 tons of coke.

Bushwick—17,000 tons mined last month, yield gold and a working profit of £2,393.

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The estimated population of more than 5,000,000 is mainly engaged in agriculture. The chief and usual plantations in the North produce the staple exports—cotton and ground-nuts. Hide and oil seed are also exported.

The average annual value of Tanganyika's external trade for the year 1913/14 was about £18,000,000. The Bank has branches at Dar-es-Salaam, Mombasa, Ilimba, Mbeya, Moshi, Mwanza and Tanga. Those concerned with trade in Africa, the Mediterranean or the West Indies are invited to communicate with



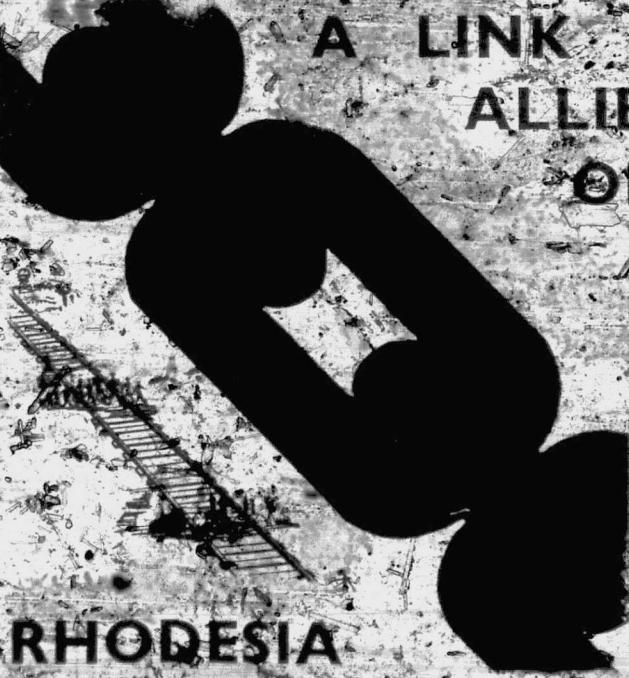
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