

NEW STATUS FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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A change planned in the status of the Royal Technical College, now being built in Nairobi, will make it truly an East African and not a Kenya venture; it will place the administration of the college under the High Commission, instead of under the Kenya Government.

It has always been intended that the college should be inter-territorial, in that, although the initiative came from Kenya, contributions to the cost are being made by the governments of Uganda and Tanganyika, and students were to be freely accepted.

Now, however, the three governments are to put before their legislatures resolutions to enable the High Commission to pass a Bill giving the college statutory status as a "corporation sole."

This Act of the High Commission will replace the Charter of the Governor under which the college is administered at present. The contributions to capital cost will not be affected, and subsequent current expenditure will be shared by the three governments, possibly on the basis of the number of students each sends.

This information was announced after a recent meeting—the fourth—of the Governing Council of the College.

The council considered a progress report which indicates that the P.W.D. hopes to have drawings and bills of quantities sufficiently advanced for a contract for the building itself to be placed soon after completion of the foundations. This new contract is expected to involve about two years' work.

The council also announced that the motto adopted for the College will be "Progress through Effort," and a crest to embody this motif is to be designed.

Effective liaison is being arranged between the college and Makerere University College and the Mombasa Institute of Muslim Education.

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