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KENYA

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FROM *14 one leaflet  
J. M. P.*

DATE *28<sup>th</sup> June, 1924*

FOR CIRCULATION -  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.  
Asst. U.S. of S.  
*Sir [Name]*  
*2/VII/24*  
Perm. U.S. of S.  
Env. U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State. ✓

*Indian Question*  
  
*Sends copy to from the  
Native National  
Congress protesting  
against treatment  
of all his departments  
suppressing journals of white people.*

Previous Paper  
*G. C. 24608 Sec. (Indians)*  
*G. C. 29403 (see case)*

MINUTES

*It is odd that the house  
had the tel. direct; its  
instance is presumably add  
to the U.S., & Mr. Hope Simpson  
has (as in the case of the other  
tel. marked A) merely been  
the recipient of one of the  
many copies which the Congress  
broadcast on these occasions.*

*Patty*

*SRSA*

Subsequent Paper  
*No. of P. 31286*  
*S. 31013 (Sec.)*

*The law on BP & Tax  
default is indicated in  
the reply on 22758. Was of  
course not passed as a weapon  
against*

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*has not "caught on" & I do not see that any action on this is required.*

*W.C.B.*  
*2.7.24.*  
*H. J. R.*  
*2/7/24*



It is said that we have not had this telegram to-substantially addressed to the... Simpson has (as in the... (marked A) merely been the... copies which the Congress... decisions.

The law... Poll Tax default is indicated... reply on H. of C. 22758. It was of course not... as a weapon against political demonstration, and... imprisonment seems very much to be... expensive method of distraint where only... involved.

As regards to the imprisonments, we know that many of the martyrs have been released through friends paying the 30/- for them - we do not know how many have been sent to or have remained in prison, but the movement, I believe, has not "caught on", and I do not see that any action on this is required.

(Intld.) W.C.B.  
 1.7.24  
 " H.J.R.  
 2.7.24.

*[Handwritten initials]*

Copy of telegram from East African Native National Congress dated 25th June 1924 to Indian Colonies Committee, India Office.

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Indian Nation in general and Colonial Indians in particular expect you to reverse Kenya decision July last and grant equal status to Kenya Indians as said decision founded on threats of rebellion. Local Government did not use long arm of Law when white settlers threatened rebellion last year. Indian Congress resolved refuse pay poll tax as tangible protest against White Paper Administrative and Judicial Officers using Law vindictively sending people jail instead attaching properties according civil procedure. Court sentenced Desai Chairman of Congress and several other Indian leaders and merchants six weeks imprisonment they now cheerfully undergoing. Respectfully request you declare reversal Kenya decision on day Colonial Office vote thus earning gratitude of Indian community and consolidating British Empire which cannot survive present colour bar much longer. Colour bar in Kenya great reality not imaginary complaint.

INDIAN CONGRESS.

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When Sarojini Haldu boarding lake steamer Sunday last at Kisumu accompanied these Indian Merchants wellknown steamer authorities they were held up gangway by African Sailors with stretched hands stating Captains production tickets before footing deck with passengers visitors not so favoured. Tickets only collected long after steamer called. They appealed to the Captain's superintendent who was seated on the gangway with the passenger Europeans. After standing several minutes Sarojini finally forced her way through the African sailors. Just then Sarojini and passenger gangway pushed aside and about three Indians and were allowed to go up deck without formal production ticket. It was Captain's special order assigned insult Sarojini to front Africans and several Europeans who were sailing at the time. About a hundred Indians present pier these feelings lead to a controlled great difficulty secured success. Incident is likely reported Governor for inquiry action.

CONGRESS.