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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST MISSION

Recommends Mr Campbell be informed his undertaking with regard to teaching natives that the seventh day is a day which work is not to be done, must be more definite or no facilities and land will be granted.

W. H. ...

This is all very well - but we certainly cannot refuse to let the mission resume work, altho' it is true that we can refuse them special facilities. ~~ungranted~~ Nevertheless they are not dangerous to peace & good order & we are bound to "protect & favour them without distinction of nationality or religion" with other missionaries, acc. to the new Convention - unless America does not join the League of Nations?

Copy & above & two attachments to Gov. T. T. Conf 16 Feb 1921 (m.A. 5352 J. 1)

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do not like the Governor's proposal very much, if the mission

Col. Amery

We now have, at the end of 1945, a definite statement. The action of these people may cause trouble (if the moral issue is successful) and I should like to exclude them altogether, but I don't see how.

I am inclined to convey to them that the future attitude of the post-war world will be ~~regulated~~ ^{dependent} on the answer to the question whether in practice this teaching does or does not cause too serious a threat among the nations.

PM 25/3

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L.A.P. Seventh Day Adventists - 321

19th March 1920

FR. CARLISLE MANSIONS,
14812 WESTMINSTER
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MAR 22 1920

In answer to your letter of the 20th 1920
of yesterday's date, I have the honor to
recommence that Mr. M. N. Campbell be
informed that his undertaking, with
regard to teaching Natures that the
seventh day viz Saturday, is a day on
which work is not to be done, must
be non-definite.

We cannot have natures working outside
the Seventh Day Adventist Mission taught
that they do work on Saturday as well
as Sunday.

If a satisfactory guarantee in this
matter is not forthcoming, I recommend
that we give the Mission no special
facilities, or support apart of land

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant

Edward Walling,
Mission. L.A.P.

Secretary
Voluntary
Dawning St. E. V. 1.

77, Carlisle Mansions
Westminster, S.W.

19th March, 1920.

Sir,

In answer to your letter No. 12053/1920 of yesterday's date, I have the honour to recommend that Mr. M. W. Campbell be informed that his undertaking with regard to teaching natives that the seventh day, viz Saturday, is a day on which work is not to be done, must be more definite.

2. We cannot have natives, working outside the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, taught that they do no work on Saturday as well as Sunday.

3. If a satisfactory guarantee on this matter is not forthcoming, I recommend that we give this Mission no special facilities, or support, or grant of land.

I have etc.,

Sd/-, EDMUND NORTHBY

Governor

East Africa Protectorate

SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES

DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

depend on the answer to the
question whether the practice
their teaching does or does not
cause trouble & unrest among
the natives.

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(Signed) H. J. REAGAN

CAMPBELL, President.

D. JACKSON, Secretary

H. D. CLARK, Treasurer

Mr Jeffries
attach me 12/4

British Union Conference
Seventh-Day Adventists.

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10 APR 1920
COL. OFFICE

Henborough Park, Watford, Herts

9th April, 1920.

Secretary of State for the Colonies,
WHITEHALL.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 7th inst. conveying to me the decision of Viscount Milner regarding the resumption of our missionary operations in the British East Africa Protectorate.

I can only express my appreciation of the attitude taken by His Majesty's Government, and repeat my previous assurance that we shall put forth every possible effort to make our Mission a blessing to the natives and a helpful contribution to the order and progress of the Protectorate.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. N. Campbell

PRESIDENT BRITISH UNION MISSIONS BOARD
of Seventh Day Adventists.

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14 April 1920

Sir,

(28640/19)

With ref. to Sir Edward
Northey's conf. desp. No. 62
of the 10th of April last,
I have to transmit to
you, for your info. and
guidance, the acc. copies

of correspon. regarding the
resumption of the activities
of the British Foreign
Mission Board of Seventh
Day Adventists in the
E.A.P.

2. You will observe that
after careful consid. of
the assurances given by
the

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H.P.
Conf.
A.G.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jeffries 12/4/20
- Mr. Bolton 12/4/20
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Road.
- Sir G. Pidda.
- Col. Amery.
- Lord Milner.

Wason, see
a dft. to
Campbell.

Encls.

the President of the Board,
 and after discussion with
 Sir Edward Northey, I have
 decided that the mission may
 be permitted to resume its
 operations, on the understanding
 that the future attitude of
 the Govt. towards it will depend
 on the answer to the question
 whether their teaching does or
 does not cause trouble and
 unrest among the natives.

I have

(Signed) MILNER

From Mr. M. N. Campbell
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To Sir E. Northey
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To Mr. Cant
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Wm. H. Lamb
Wm. B. Stronach

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Wm. Campbell called to get this
reply to (a letter of 11 March).

- (1) The mission must, as a matter of
conscience, teach that the 7th day
(i.e. Sat.) is the Sabbath & a day
of rest.
- (2) If however any nation under their
teaching prefers, in spite of such
teaching, to work on a Saturday,
that is no end of the matter
so far as the mission is concerned.
i.e. they will not attempt in any
way other than normal teaching
to prevent work on a Sat.
- (3) We cannot refuse the mission
the right to their own views as to
the Sabbath: nor can we
keep them out - see Convention
of 10 Sept 1919 - Article X;
Not yet
replied
to
- (4) I think we may be satisfied that
they are not to do good work
now in 2. a.g. Wm. Campbell
tells me that they have never had
any trouble elsewhere over this
set work question & he is

confident that with our new staff
going out there - say, he is
appreciating.

(5) They tactfully he suggested that
Col. letter of 11 March did not
mean what "some of us" (the
took it to mean (i.e. that it
said about Sat. work), as
it wd not be British policy to
interfere with freedom of religious
teaching.

? a receipt - promise further
Comm.

? copy to Sir E. Atley - with
substance of para. 1-4 of this
minute - say that we wd
propose, if he agrees, to
ack. this last letter & say
that S.P. is satisfied with the
statement wh. it contains
as to Saturday work -

act

He wd like it Sunday work 15.3.20.
is practically impossible, so that these
7th S.P. get it with 5 days a week &
there is discontent among the others. But

I cannot omit that 7th Division is
dangerous to security & good order. 327
I am not at all sure that the public
can expect more than G.C.S.
education. 16.3.20

ask: visit + promise further
Comm? - + the discuss
with Sir E. Atley

at once
+ J.R.
15/3/20

Act

British Union Conference

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Seventh-Day Adventists.

Stambridge Park, Watford, Herts

15th March, 1920.

The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
WHITEHALL.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., and to thank the Secretary of State and the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate for the careful and kindly consideration they are giving to the requests on behalf of our mission in East Africa.

I am wondering if the condition mentioned in your letter might not be interpreted in such a way as to prevent us from teaching the natives to obey the fourth precept of the Decalogue; but I feel sure that His Majesty's Ministers of State would not ask us to acknowledge any other authority in religious matters than the sacred Scriptures.

As stated in my previous communication, it is our aim to instruct the natives coming under our influence in the principles of the gospel, and inculcate obedience to the eternal and unchangeable Law of God. The Fourth Commandment requires rest from secular labour on the seventh day of the week, or Saturday, and in obeying this we are not following our own fancies but simply bowing to the sovereign will of Jehovah, as expressed in His Law, and following the example of Jesus our Lord. We regard obedience to the Ten Commandments as vital, and wherever our work is carried on (and it is now well established in practically every land, and our literature published in one hundred languages), we teach the binding obligation of the Fourth Commandment in common with the other nine precepts.

While we adhere to and teach the observance of the seventh day Sabbath, we endeavour to maintain a right proportion in our teaching, setting the gospel in the forefront and insisting on the importance of all round development of character.

I trust that this statement will prevent any misunderstanding as to what I wrote concerning our attitude on the question

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 of six days' work in the week. Wherever we deal with the subject of the sabbath we teach men that God asks them to keep the seventh day holy, but we lay equal emphasis on the necessity for putting away sin of every character, and try to hold before them the loftiest possible standard of character. It will always be our aim to develop industrious, temperate, law-abiding, practical Christians, and to co-operate in every possible way with the authorities in their efforts to uplift and enlighten these benighted peoples.

I sincerely hope that this statement will be satisfactory to the Secretary of State and to Sir Edward Northey, and that the missionaries we desire to send to the Protectorate will soon be permitted to be on their way.

Again expressing my thanks for the favours thus far extended, I am,
 Sir,

Faithfully yours,

W. V. Campbell

PRESIDENT FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
 of Seventh Day Adventists.

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