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## EARTHQUAKE IN NORTH JAPAN Hundreds of deaths feared TIDAL WAVES TAKE TOLL IN COASTAL VILLAGES

A powerful earthquake and a series of giant tidal waves yesterday in a day-long luricence in Northern Japan brought killing in their wake a mounting toll of death and destruction. By late afternoon over 100 deaths had been reported. Many hundreds more were reported.

It appears that Japan's northern island of Hokkaido was the scene of the disaster. One town, Kusiro, said its houses had been washed away and another village said that 40 houses had been destroyed and 100 killed. In Kusiro it is estimated that over 90 houses—14 flats were razed by late afternoon.

The people of Kusiro watched the earthquake make ground move and stone buildings sprawling in ruins. First reports from the city put the number of dead at 12. As yet, fifteen bodies have been recovered by 30-foot tidal waves.

As soon as the first shock was felt, American military authorities put into operation the emergency services to combat the disaster.

The disaster reportedly took place at communities along the southern coast of Hokkaido were most of the houses in some places were washed away in feet deep through streets.

A train report is reported to have stopped at Kusiro.

### Ten-foot waves

Columbia University seismic station has recorded the biggest tremor since the recent one in Chile. It occurred at 10.50 A.M. (local time) on August 15, 1951. Observers in Tokyo, Manila, and Hong Kong reported that the quake was comparable with the Asian tremor of 1908 which caused 100,000 deaths.

The U.S. Army unit throughout Japan were ordered in March to rush rescue and relief work to the stricken areas as soon as more information came in. American and air bases were damaged and some had been destroyed.

In Ushuaia, 150 miles southeast of Sapporo, 150 houses were destroyed and 100 seriously hurt. In the same area, 100 houses were destroyed, 40 seriously injured.

For hundred miles west away at Kirishima, 50 miles east of Sapporo, 100 houses were destroyed. A heavy death toll is reported.

### Often hit

Japan has had repeated earthquakes in the last few years, with its epicentre in the 300 miles north-east of Tokyo.

Two weeks nearly ten thousand people were killed in a tremor at Tsuruga, in Chiba Prefecture. Police reports say nearly 50,000 houses were destroyed or damaged.

Japan suffered its worst disaster in 1923 when an earthquake followed by a fire killed over 100,000 people.

A five-story dormitory building at the coast, reported to have cost £100,000, was destroyed by fire and collapsed.

Other disasters received from Rabbithole say that a railway

line between

Osaka

and

Kobe

## HOSPITAL TREATMENT RELIEF

### Wider claims possible soon

KENYA taxpayers who become ill and require hospital treatment while visiting other parts of Africa, Asia, or Zanzibar will soon have to make arrangements under the Hospital Treatment Relief (European) Ordinance, 1951.

The Kenya Hospital Fund Authority, with the approval of the Government, intends to extend the scheme to cover the rest of the Commonwealth.

The Kishino meteorological station collapsed and a country road was washed away by a tidal wave. The offices of the Kishino Shimbun newspaper were destroyed.

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## Finance and Commerce

BRITISH DEFICIT LAST MONTH WAS  
THE LOWEST SINCE JUNE

BRITAIN'S losses in gold and dollar reserves both to Europe and the United States have been cut sharply for the first time in several months.

Financial indications point to a further reduction in sterling area's deficit in the European Payments Union during the month of February, which will be reflected in the EPU's monthly statement on the whole sterling area.

The February deficit was the lowest since June last year. It compares well with the January figure of \$100 million.

Though rough estimates of the February deficit is payable at present, it is likely to be around \$100 million, dollars last month to \$20 million, and the month before with the EPU. In any event, the latest figures are better than those of the previous month.

For the whole of the current financial year, ending March 31, the EPU's deficit will be \$23 million, compared with \$26 million in the last quarter of last year and \$30 million in the third quarter.

Britain's gold payments to the EPU have been declining steadily in the recent quarters, and the latest figures show a further decline.

The inflow of gold and dollar reserves from the rest of the world, however, has been falling right up to February 7, fell to an average of only two million dollars a day.

In all the previous weeks of the current financial year, Britain's net inflow from all the rest of the world, averaged about four million dollars a day. Last night up to February 7, fell to an average of only two million dollars a day.

The Colonial Development Corporation's present project is to cover 16,000 square miles in the

## CROWNING COUNTRY NORTH BEACHES

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## THE PAYMENT OF SPORTSMEN

### Newport raises a thorny problem

A NEW viewpoint on the question of part-time payment, or wages and salary reimbursements for amateur athletes, was brought forward at Tuesday's meeting of the Newport (Monmouth) Education Committee.

The committee was asked to determine as to whether an amateur sportsman employed by Government or by a local authority, in this case the Ministry of Education, deserved to be taxed as a taxpayer when he allocated himself from work to represent his country.

The committee has been given the views of the Welsh Rugby Union internationalist, Malcolm Thomas and the Minister of Education, Mr. G. H. Griffiths, who was engaged at Twickenham on Tuesday, 11 March.

The committee was asked to consider the matter when sports men and Griffiths is a member.

### Not a sport-spouse

Appealing against the proposal to amend the Education Bill so as to pay certain people to educate our children, Mr. G. H. Griffiths said it would be a "sport-spouse" internationalist who would be entitled to tax relief if he were to receive part of the total profits made at the races.

He added that to pay the three men would be to condone gambling.

Opposing this view, Councillor G. J. Williams, who is a man who is to represent the constituency, said:

"Appealing to Councillor Griffiths, I say that the three men, Mr. A. E. Pugh, Mr. D. Williams and Mr. D. Jones, would make their own of New Zealand.

Councillor A. E. Pugh, refused to be drawn on the point, but the money had been definitely offered and the three schoolmasters will receive it.

### From settled

While it is believed to be the first time that such a proposal has been put forward, it is not the first time that a question of part-time payment for sportsmen has been raised.

Turner has athletes into virtual professionals by giving them a living wage while they play.

Others have turned their athletes into virtual professionals by giving them a living wage while they play.

Mr. D. Williams, who is a member of the AA, has suggested that the Olympic Committee should offer a £10,000-a-year grant to all professionals, as well as amateur.

Leading British sports authorities were almost unanimous in their support of Mr. D. Williams, who pointed out in his speech that since 1952, since the Soviet Union, whose

## £8,000 FOR CRIPPLED BOXER

### British 'hope' who won't fight again

JACK HOBBS, the 22-year-old British boxer, was awarded £8,000 damages in the High Court of the Colony, entrants for the Limelight Boxing Club, who was crippled after being involved in a road accident in September last year.

Hobbs, a bricklayer, claimed that the Limelight Club and the company's lorry in North London had been responsible for the injury of theerry driver.

Hobbs' case was upheld on criticism, as the lorry driver was described as "a rascal."

As a result of the accident, Hobbs has not fought again.

His manager, Mr. J. Holmes, said:

"We will not be satisfied

until all the costs are recovered."

(Reuters)

### Plan to live in County cricket

A plan to "put up" cricket was submitted to the County Cricket Association by the Surrey and England cricket clubs of the Dorset Rotary Club that hating of the place types in England's first-class teams in the County Cricket Association.

Holmes suggested that in addition to the county team, there should be a "Falling Time" table which would show the results of the first-class teams in the County Cricket Association.

He gave judgment for Hobbs, who was to be the first-class team.

Sir Ken has been invited to attend the meeting.

He gave judgment for Hobbs.









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WITH KENYA'S NATIONAL SERVICEMEN IN  
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**SCOTS Guards Company Sergeant-Major**  
Cameron who is in charge of the training of Kenya's young National Servicemen, was just a little surprised when he heard that some of the boys said that the boys were already the equal of Guards.

"They are not!" was his emphatic retort. But then he grinned and added a significant "yet."

The standard of the men's work has been high and C. S. M. Cameron says he would be prepared to take any one of them into his old Company of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards.

## In tip-top condition

But first, to relieve the anxieties of Kenya parents let us hear from the Army how the men are. All of our two thousand men complain that they are in tip-top condition. They have all put on weight, are between six and seven lb. and one man has gained 13 lb.!



And the gain is no fat, no solid bone and muscle. Food supplied to the men is fare-thee-well and Master Gunner John Allardice declares that he has rarely seen men eat so heartily.

"Quite up to battle standard," was the comment of one of the officers.

The men's quarters are good, stone buildings with each man having a single bed with good mattress and bedding and beside his bed a hot-cup cupboard.

Work is hard-drill, weapon training and P.T. with exercises half-days twice a week. The men play a great deal of hockey and basket-ball and Rugby is just

In the picture immediately below, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Huggins, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., who is a citizen of the Kenya National Service, receives instruction. Below right, one of the Kenya lads gets a lesson in the right way to play basket-ball.



beginning. They have also an athletic team which has already taken part in one competition though not very successfully as they did not know what they had. The Army staff are doing their best to help the Guardsmen to learn a great deal which, on their return, will be an asset to the Guards. The Guardsmen are enjoying themselves as the pictures on this page, taken by an Army photographer, show only too clearly. They are in full training at the moment in Nairobi. But mostly they are tired and ready enough to drop in to bed early.

It was on New Year's Day this year that the first National Service men entered Kenya. Since then porters and drivers have expect five days porters within a few days they have been flown in batches of 50 to Salisbury. They are youths in the 18 to 22 year age bracket and are training.

On the eve of their departure they were addressed by the Governor of Nairobi, Sir Godfrey Huggins, who, in his remarks, declared: "Goodbyes and God speed and good luck to you; and may your countrymen be as good as you are. I am sending you a short telegram and I may receive from Sir Godfrey Huggins, that great man, one short signal—triumph at the end."

Kenya parents are able to judge from the two groups above how well their sons fit in well their sons are in the new life they are experiencing in the Army. The picture on the left shows a basket-ball game in progress.

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