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MATTERS OF MOMENT

EGYPTIAN DESIGNS on the Sudan will fail for two reasons. The first is that not even the present British Government could escape from the obligation to protect the Sudan, by force if necessary, until its peoples can govern themselves and decide upon their future. The second is that Sudanese participation in central and local government is now so firmly established, that public sentiment would not tolerate dictation from Cairo (and that is implicit in the Egyptian proposals). The Ashura Party would prefer Egyptian to British control, but Egyptian money has had a potent influence in the movement. The growing Umma Party stands for genuine independence of both Britain and Egypt, and freedom thereafter to negotiate treaties with either, neither, or both. When a new constitution was introduced in 1949—with an Executive Council half of whose members were Sudanese and a Legislature almost entirely Sudanese—the Umma cooperated readily, realizing that their leaders would acquire invaluable experience. By boycotting the new constitution, the Ashura lost their opportunity of learning by doing.

Unhappily for the Sudan, the pace which would have satisfied moderate men has been accelerated by external events. When the

United Nations declared in its unwise manner that the former Italian Colony of Somalia was to be granted self-government within ten years, political elements in the Sudan, which are immensely more experienced than any in Somalia, not unnaturally demanded a timetable for their country. When, after years of wrangling and wrangling, the United Nations further agreed that the other former Italian Colony of Eritrea should rule itself under Ethiopian suzerainty, many voices in the Sudan said with undeniable justification that the Sudanese were far better fitted than the Eritreans to govern themselves. Evidently the preparations for independence in Libya next year have again increased impatience in the Sudan, where the process of entrusting administrative, judicial, legislative, and economic responsibility to the Sudanese has been developing with

But in the last few years much responsibility has been shown by some politicians in Sudan, by young trade union leaders, and by large numbers of students infected with liberal political ideas. There has been a series of strikes in Government and private organizations and in the schools. Splendid

continued to be done by the administration, Civil Service, which, recruited in time of war with exceptional discrimination, has set up the highest possible standards, which an increasing number of Sudanese are creditably emulating. To allow such an administration to degenerate to the level of Egyptian corruption would be unthinkable. Some British administrators of long service consider that Sudanization has proceeded with a rapidity which involves undue risks; others hold that a slower pace would alienate support and play into the hands of the extremists who hope to obtain lucrative offices for themselves, however inadequately equipped they may be for the discharge of the responsibilities involved.

No two men at the head of the Government could have acted more liberally than Sir Robert Howe and Sir James Robertson, who have maintained both their faith and

Unselfish and Selfish Aims. much provocation. Their aim is not to put obstacles in the path to self-government, but so to prepare the peoples of the country for autonomy that when the day comes they will be capable of successfully conducting both the internal and external affairs of the State. The British goal is the surrender of power at the earliest moment safe for the Sudan. The Egyptian aim is to gain power in the Sudan not now possessed. Those are the stark alternatives. The one offers the Sudan freedom through patience; the other a pretence of immediate self-government which can be frustrated at the will of Cairo.

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TOO FEW POLITICIANS can forget party considerations when referring to the Colonies, but senior Ministers ought to set a good example. Yet even Mr. Griffiths,

Secretary of State for the Colonies, fell sadly from grace in his broadcast talk.

At election times the public does not expect impartial opinion, but it should not need to discount statements which are given as facts. Mr. Griffiths must have misled a high proportion of the millions who heard him running steadily through the address—and it was a prefaced typescript, not an alternative commentary—was the implication that next to nothing had been done in the Colonies until the Socialists attained power. Every reader of this newspaper knows that to be untrue.

groundnut scheme, said Mr. Griffiths, was that the failure had deprived the hungry peoples of Africa of much-needed food.

Strange Ideas of Groundnut Scheme. but the Labour Government launched the scheme to provide fats for this country, not for Africa. It was not fair to blame Conservative and other critics, with having opposed the scheme. That is precisely what they did not do; their condemnation being focused on the incompetence and extravagance which characterized its administration. The Minister suggested that the alternative to "too much of a hurry over groundnuts" was "to leave the Colonies" not until they drifted to Communism—as if vast outpourings of Government money would alone check Communism in the Colonies. That is wholly unrealistic. Though full statistics are lacking, far more private capital has almost certainly been invested in British Africa in the past six years than the sum total of expenditure by the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund, the Overseas Food Corporation, and the Colonial Development Corporation. So if money were the main agent against Communism—which we do not believe—the chief credit should be given to private enterprise, not Government action.

Government expenditure in the Colonies was described as "one of the best investments this country ever made, an investment in partnership."

Party Politics Dragged In. Surely nobody, whatever his politics, grudges the expenditure of public money in Africa. Mr. Griffiths knows and should

have said, that it was a Conservative Secretary of State who introduced the first Colonial Development and Welfare Act, and that it was a Coalition Government with a large Conservative majority which later authorized the greatly increased rate of expenditure. Listeners must have gathered that his references were to Socialist initiative. But both the establishment of the principle and its extension were Conservative achievements if there must be an assessment on party grounds.

The Secretary of State also claimed that it was the politicians and the Colonial Service who had fought a great fight against malaria, or that it was the Labour Minister, Joseph

Private Finance Minister, who, be-

Impressive successes were obtained as far back as 1910 a great campaign started in Malaya, and in ten years the death-rate from the disease was reduced by almost three-quarters. That was the result of the devoted work of many men under fine leadership, work which had nothing whatever to do with party politics, least of all Socialist politics. Sir Malcolm Watson, who knows as much as any man alive about campaigns against tropical diseases, has said that malaria was beaten in Malaya primarily by private enterprise, and that the private enterprise which created Northern Rhodesia's great copper industry, there challenged and defeated "most of the diseases of the Middle Ages."

The only effective answer to Communism in Africa and Asia, said the Secretary of State, was the World Plan for Mutual Aid. But Mr. Truman, not the Attlee Administration, proposed that plan—as a Nationalism inflamed. development of the Colonial Plan initiated by Australia's Liberal-Conservative Government under Mr. Menzies. Doubtless many of

our troubles have their roots in a Tory past, as Mr. Griffiths claimed; but what of the Socialist blunders since the end of the war? In Colonial affairs one of the gravest has been that of encouraging Colonial peoples to expect premature self-government. Disregarding the general ignorance of the mass of the people, the low standards of health, hygiene, and living, the almost complete absence of experienced leaders, and other fundamental facts, Labour spokesmen have recklessly prompted a few literate but often semi-educated and wholly inexperienced African leaders to see themselves as responsible Ministers, though the Governors in East or Central Africa could have told them, and must have told them, of the present incapacity of almost all the Africans in whom these optimists were stimulating inordinate ambitions. Nothing has so much inflamed African nationalism, the unrestrained aspirations of which may be seen in retrospect as the worst disservice done to Africa by the Socialist Government.

Notes By The Way

Mr. Gorell Barnes

No BETTER APPOINTMENT than that of Mr. Gorell Barnes to succeed Mr. Cohen as head of the African Division of the Colonial Office could, I think, have been made. For a considerable period they have worked closely together. Mr. Cohen's promotion to be Governor of Uganda placed the Secretary of State in the difficulty of finding a successor to a man of exceptional capacity and power of work. Those are qualities also possessed by Mr. Barnes, whom many of the leaders of East and Central Africa have met there and in London. He will, I am sure, enter upon his new duties with their good-will and confidence.

Wide Experience

BORN in 1909, the son of the late Sir Frederick Gorell Barnes and of Lady Barnes, he was educated at Marlborough and Pembroke College, Cambridge, and entered the Foreign Office in 1932. After serving in Berlin and Lisbon, he returned to the Foreign Office in 1938, was soon afterwards seconded to The War Cabinet Office, became personal assistant to the Lord President of the Council in 1942, was transferred to the Treasury in 1945, and made personal assistant to the George Minister in 1946. Three years ago he was seconded to the Colonial Office, for a year only, to the charge of a new economic intelligence and planning department, but he had made himself so useful in that period that the C.O. obtained his transfer to the permanent staff.

New Rail Link

Very shortly the Government of Southern Rhodesia will decide whether to build a new railway with an outlet to the sea through Lourenço Marques in Portuguese East Africa or a line through Beitbridge to the South African port of Durban. Though that

favour of Lourenço Marques' Cabinet Ministers in Southern Rhodesia and the general manager of Rhodesia Railways have said repeatedly that they do not expect Beira, even after completion of the improved port facilities, to be able to cope with the Colony's full requirements after 1954-55, and that some other outlet must therefore soon be made ready.

Unenviable Choice

TO HAVE TO CHOOSE between disappointing the Union of South Africa and the Portuguese Colony of Mozambique, with both of which Southern Rhodesia has the closest commercial connexion, is the unenviable predicament of Sir Godfrey Huggins and his colleagues, who may be especially glad in such circumstances that the search on alternative rail routes on which they will have to adjudicate will be the work of American technicians. If the United States team should strongly favour the P.E.A. route, as I predict, South African opinion may be less annoyed than it would have been if the same recommendation had been British, for in that event there would assuredly have been widespread suspicion that the judgment had some political content.

Maiden Voyage

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The Abrogates Sudan Condominium Agreement

But Britain Will Stand Firm, Says Foreign Secretary

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT issued a statement just after our last issue had been sent to press, announcing "the strongest exception to the actions of the Egyptian Government in introducing legislation seeking to abrogate the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of alliance of 1936 and the 1899 Anglo-Egyptian Condominium Agreement relating to the Sudan."

The communiqué added that the Egyptian Government were aware that new and far-reaching proposals were about to be presented to them which would have a direct bearing on the improvement of Anglo-Egyptian relations and on the security of the Middle East; and concluded with declarations that H.M. Government did not recognize the legality of unilateral denunciation, and maintained their full rights under the treaties "pending a satisfactory agreement with Egypt on the basis of the new proposals."

The mention of Middle East security had reference to an international defence system for the protection of Egypt in particular and the Middle East in general. The principle of a Middle East Command had been accepted during the recent meeting in Ottawa of the North Atlantic Council, which felt that withdrawal of British troops from Egypt might then be made without prejudice to Middle East security.

The plan was for an international army in which Egypt would be represented equally with the United Kingdom, the United States, France, Turkey, and other participating countries, and the British, American, French, and Turkish Ambassadors in Cairo were to have invited the Egyptian Government to participate in the new command from the outset.

New Plan Fore stalled

Nahas Pasha, knowing that these proposals were on the point of official submission, fore stalled their presentation by the measures reported in our last issue. His action was strongly supported by the Egyptian Press. Typical headlines were "Farouk—King of Egypt and the Sudan," "King Assumes His Powers in South through His Sudanese Ministers," and "New Constitution for Sudan Establishing Sudanese Peoples' Rights to Democratic Representative Regime."

Stress was laid in various newspapers on the fact that the proposed new constitution would place the Sudanese Army under the Egyptian Army and the finances of the Sudan under the Finance Ministry in Egypt, and that the King of Egypt could dismiss the Sudan Parliament and appoint and dismiss Sudanese Ministers at will.

Yet it was apparently left in Egyptian Government circles that the bait of immediate self-government would be too tempting to Sudanese Nationalists for them to resist the plan, despite such drawbacks. It was generally understood that there had been prior consultations with leaders in the Sudan.

Ismail el-Azhari Bey, a leader of the Sudanese unionists who was in Cairo when the Egyptian *disparce* was made, described, at the beginning of a new phase in the liberation from imperialism of the people of the Nile Valley, he alleged that the Sudanese fully supported the Egyptian Government and accepted in their struggle for British withdrawal.

Khalil Bey, secretary-general of the Sudanese Umma Party simultaneously declared in Khartoum that he would welcome abrogation of the treaty because the Sudanese would then be left to regulate themselves; but he described the Egyptian proposals for a Sudanese constitution as "sheer talk" and a breach of democratic rights, since the Sudanese had not been allowed to discuss the matter.

The general public impression was reported to assume that abrogation of the Condominium Agreement would be followed by the early withdrawal of the British from the Sudan, as they had withdrawn from Aden.

The Acting Governor-General of the Sudan issued the following statement on the night of October 9:

"The Royal Egyptian Government yesterday presented legislation to the Egyptian Parliament to provide for the abrogation of the 1936 Treaty of Alliance with Great Britain and the 1899 Condominium Agreements. His Majesty's Government maintain that the treaty and agreements must be abrogated by an international and world-wide arrangement."

In this connection the Sudan Government under the authority of the Governor-General would continue to defend the country, maintain law and order, and pass on its declared policy of assisting the Sudanese people towards the attainment of full self-government.

Steps towards self-government have been already taken by the Constitutional Amendment Committee, which is preparing a constitution acceptable to the people of the Sudan. The attainment of full self-government can be said to be the right of the Sudanese to decide and determine their future, which they cannot in justice be denied."

In Washington, Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State said:

"None of the European countries has proposed to abolish the United States' Condominium over the Sudan, but that respect for international negotiations requires that it be altered by mutual agreement rather than by unilateral action of one of the parties. Furthermore, the Sudanese should accord with such respect to international agreements as have already been set in motion."

"During the past months few proposals have been made in Egypt have been under consideration by the Egyptian Government. This was informed when the proposals were presented to us within the past month. We believe it is in the best interest of the United States that a solution be found in the Sudan which can be found through these negotiations, which should serve as a sound basis for an agreement which will not only satisfy the interest of all parties concerned but also contribute to the defence of the free world, in which the Middle East plays such an important role."

French Government circles were not surprised by the actions of Nahas Pasha, for in Paris the example of Persia had been immediately recognized as contagious. According to the Paris representative of The Times, "It is felt that if British policy follows the same course in Egypt as it did in Persia, the example will be followed throughout the Middle East. French diplomatic circles have been at a loss for some time to understand this policy, and they hope that this last and more serious challenge will reawaken the British."

Denunciation Not Recognized

His Majesty's Government issued a further statement on October 11, reading:

"H.M. Government have already affirmed that they do not recognize the legality of a unilateral denunciation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936 and the Condominium Agreement of 1899, regarding the Sudan."

"They reaffirm the two fundamental principles of their policy as regard to the Sudan—namely, that they will agree to no change in the status of the Sudan without consultation with the Sudanese, and that they will maintain the rights of the Sudanese freely to choose their ultimate status."

"Meanwhile, H.M. Government intend to give the fullest support to the Governor-General of the Sudan in continuing to administer the government of the Sudan in accordance with the Condominium Agreement of 1899 and in his aim of assisting the Sudanese towards the attainment of self-government at the earliest possible moment."

On the previous evening Mr. Eden (one of the signatories of the 1936 treaty) said in Warwick:

"The Egyptians have announced that the Sudanese would in effect become a subject race of the Egyptians. The Sudanese Army would come under the Egyptian Army. The country's finances would be controlled by an Egyptian Finance Minister. More不堪able still, the King of Egypt could appoint and dismiss Sudanese Ministers and dissolve its Parliament."

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such an arrangement would be preferable to the Sudan's independence, which would be furnished by the League of Nations, or some special arrangement.

Dec. 10.—(Continued from page 1) duty relating to the Sudan, to which it will have a special constitution, to be drawn up by a body representing the inhabitants of the Sudan as soon as sanctioned and approved by the constituent assembly. It will also

be in the power of the Sudan to make its own constitution, to be drawn up by a body representing the inhabitants of the Sudan as soon as sanctioned and approved by the constituent assembly. It will also

(a) establish a separate legislative, executive, and judicial authority.

(b) To establish a Cabinet composed of Sudanese. The King and his ministers will be responsible to the Sudanese Ministers, and they will be entirely elective. The King will be the head of the parliament, and the King will be the head of the executive, consisting of two Houses.

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will be able to do this. It is a threat to us to be Sudanese, which stands as the common enemy of Sudan from both Britain and Egypt.

Sir Muhammad Ali Mahfouz, Governor of the Sudan, in this connection, has been asked to consult the Foreign Secretary, who has replied that the Egyptian Government was considering the possibility of the Gold Coast, whose

Government has suggested the abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement.

"I am firm," says Mr. Morris.

Following the first Egyptian declaration, Mr. H. R. Harwood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said that he had sent a telegram to Mr. Vyner, the Foreign Secretary, stating that "the present government will stand firm on present policy." Much depends on what is done in

the Sudan to the people in the rural areas until the Sudanese themselves are able to form an independent government, he said. "A great deal has been done in the last few years helping to develop a government in the Sudan. The setting up of a Legislative Council was planned for this purpose."

"My friendship with them has been over the years, and my visit there has strengthened my desire to visit this country of a delegation."

"They were keen to learn more about methods of assimilating knowledge. They realized that they also had a common interest, especially in the Suez Canal section. Our interests are bound up one with another."

"We must remain in the Sudan until they are able to take over self-government. Any interference in the development by Egypt would mean that the imaginative, growing enterprise in the Gezira would be purged back to feudal times. Three-quarters of the population of Egypt owns 90% of the wealth of that country."

Throughout the Foreign Secretary's statement that British troops would remain in Egypt until new agreements were made, in particular to resist by force any attempt to evict them, Mr. Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Dauvergne, appeared to qualify that assurance.

In an address speech he said that it would be wrong to use force to insist on the maintenance of rights in the territories of foreign Powers which wished to terminate these rights. But he added: "In this connexion the position as regards Egypt and Persia differs. In the one case the troops are already in Egypt and we share, in the administration of the Sudan, agreements and treaties. Our troops are there by right in the case of Persia; the use of force, except to protect British subjects, could not be similarly justified."

Umma Party's Declaration

Cables from Khartoum on Thursday reported that the Umma Party had telegraphed to the Foreign Secretaries of Great Britain, and Egypt, and to the United Nations:

"The Sudan is not a party to the Anglo-Egyptian agreements, and we renounce them. We take the opportunity of Egypt's abrogation move to declare to the world that we have regained our sovereignty, and we accept nothing short of an independent Sudan."

Egypt's efforts to impose on the Sudan the Egyptian crown and constitution without consulting the Sudanese is the greatest insult Egypt ever offered to the Sudanese. The Sudanese are the sole means to resist this Egyptian move, which is a threat to the peace of the Sudan."

On the following day an Egyptian Government spokesman announced a proposal to build a winter palace for King Farouk in Khartoum.

The committee of the Umma unanimously approved the Bill to abrogate the 1936 treaty. It recorded that the British had persistently tried to separate the Sudan from Egypt.

A Muslim Brotherhood conference in Cairo agreed:

(1) The Government should declare Egypt a state of war with Britain, and Britain's forces in Egypt and the Sudan should be considered aggressors. (2) Anglo-Egyptian economic, commercial, and cultural relations should be severed. All Egyptians should be allowed to carry arms without licence, and results of British should not be punishable under the

informed the British base in the Canal zone to Egypt, indicating that it would simultaneously become an independent state.

A separate British memorandum on the Sudan (see below) was presented to the Ambassador at the time.

The proposals were published in Tel in the United Kingdom last Monday.

The representatives of the Four Powers had asked Saïd Pasha, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, to receive them and he had agreed, and they therefore called on him at his residence.

The memorandum stated that Australia, New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa had been invited to form part of the new Allied Middle East command.

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Proposals for Sudan Self-Government

International Commission, Guarantee, and Agreed Date for Autonomy

THE GOVERNMENT have now made their proposals to the Government of Egypt and the Sudan. They were divided into two parts, as follows:

"(a) reads as follows:— His Majesty's Government agree that the independence of the Middle East and Sudan are in no way connected. Nevertheless, they give full consideration to the possibility of the views of the Egyptian Government on the matter, and are now prepared to make suggestions which

His Majesty's Government would be glad if the Egyptian Government would give most careful consideration to these suggestions with a view to discussing them fully with His Majesty's Government, in order that the two governments may examine together their detailed aims."

"It is plain that not only do these suggestions represent a desire on the part of His Majesty's Government to understand and meet the Egyptian point of view, but also they appear to be the only way to provide adequate safeguard for Egyptian interests in the Sudan."

Committee of Nile Agreements

Proposals are:

(a) An international commission to reside in Sudan to advise over constitutional developments of the country and tendering advice to the co-dominium;

(b) An Anglo-Egyptian statement of common principles in regard to the Sudan;

(c) International guarantee of the Nile waters agreement;

(d) Establishment of a Nile waters development authority to develop the Nile, possibly with assistance from the International Bank;

(e) An agreed date to be fixed for attainment of self-government by the Sudanese as a first step on the way to choice by the Sudanese of their final status."

To these will be attached a draft statement of principles to which it is hoped to attain the Egyptian Government's agreement. The object is to attempt to formulate a common statement of objectives in regard to the future political development of the Sudan.

(f) In view of the dependence of both Egypt and the Sudan on the waters of the Nile, and in order to ensure the fullest co-operation in expanding the supplies available and in sharing them, it is essential that the frontier relations should link the two peoples.

"(g) It is the common aim of Egypt and Great Britain to enable the people of the Sudan to attain full self-government as soon as practicable and thereafter choose freely for themselves their form of government and the relationship with Egypt that will best meet their needs as they then exist."

(h) In view of the wide differences of culture, race, religion, and political development existing among the

Sudanese, the process of attaining full self-government requires the co-operation of Egypt and the United Kingdom with the Sudanese.

"(d) The two Governments therefore propose to set up an international commission to reside in the Sudan in order to watch over the constitutional development of the country and to tender advice to the co-dominium."

Part II was a second written memorandum, which made the following points:

"(1) The exact composition of the international commission would be a matter for discussion between the Egyptian Government and the British Government. Both governments should participate, and, if they so wished to do so, the United States Government. Sudanese participation would have to be obtained in due course to the setting up of such a commission and Sudanese participation would not be excluded."

"(2) As regards the fixing of the date for Sudanese self-government, it is suggested that a report of the Constitutional Commission now serving in the Sudan should be submitted on the basis of that report the co-dominium should try to reach agreement on a date for self-government. There would be a further phase, between the achievement of self-government and the determination of the Sudan's place in affairs and relationship with Egypt, during which all political factors would have an opportunity to influence the future of the Sudan by normal democratic means."

"(3) The memorandum would also explain that in light of the new participation of the Ashigga Party, the Constitutional Commission may be taken to be broadly representative of political thought in the Sudan."

Governor-General's Firm Statement

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Sudan at the beginning of this week, Sir Robert Bowes, the Governor-General, who had arrived by air from London only a few hours earlier, sat down with the Civil Secretary, Sir James Hobson.

"As the head of state with the co-dominium, I cannot recognize the independence of the 1899 condominium agreement by which the United Kingdom administered the government of the Sudan in accordance with the 1899 agreement, and I shall continue to do so."

"Any attempt by me to interfere with the administration of the Sudan as laid down in that agreement would be illegal, and I should take such steps as might be necessary to see that resistance was made effective."

In my decision as to the Sudanese towards self-government at the earliest possible moment, I appointed a Constitutional Commission, which is at present actively engaged in preparing the steps to this end. This commission, which includes members of the majority of the political parties in the Sudan, will present its report very shortly.

"When that report has been published and I have ascertained the wishes of the Sudanese in regard to it, I hope I shall be able to recommend a definite date for the attainment of self-government by the Sudanese people."

of State's Party Political Broadcast

James Griffiths on Labour's Colonial Achievements

AM GOING TO TALK about the coal and our Colonies, and the Colonies are even more important than coal.

Mr. Churchill is worried about the value of the groundnut scheme. I am worried too. He is worried because it costs £30m. At which a part—and remember it's only a part—had to be written off as a loss. Well, I don't like to see us losing 20 or 30 million pounds either. But it isn't the loss of our money, but as that is that troublemost post. It's what it means to Africa, with her people dying of starvation. If only this scheme had succeeded we should have earned the way to the creation of a continuous yield of food for the hungry people.

The Tories can laugh about groundnuts but that won't feed the starving people of Africa. Growing food for Africa is one of the biggest jobs we have been doing. While some people were gloating over the bad news about groundnuts have been getting on with 50 different schemes for bringing new life to 10 different countries.

The Tories say that we have been in too much of a hurry over groundnuts. But it's better to be impatient than to leave the Colonies to rot until they drift into Communism. Ever since I have been in this job I have had the feeling that we were fighting against time.

Investment in Partnership

Before the war, when the Tories were boasting about the Empire, all they spent on helping the Colonies was £1m. a year. Over the past six years the Labour Government has been spending at a rate of five times that amount each year on helping the Colonies. And already it is proving one of the best investments this country ever made. It's an investment in Partnership.

While the Tories have been laughing about groundnuts, heroic men and women from Britain have been fighting the battle against poverty, ignorance and disease.

Three months ago in Uganda I talked to a young doctor who is devoting his life to work among lepers. And he's curing leprosy—curing that dreadful disease that since Biblical times has been the symbol of slow, incurable decay. When I saw what that young man was doing, I thought of the verse in the Old Book: "Go your way and tell John what things I have seen and heard: how that the blind see the light, walk, and the lepers are cleansed."

We are waging war against malaria too, and in three of the Colonies—Ceylon, Mauritius, and Trinidad—we are well on the way to victory. The latest reports seem to show that we have already won in Ceylon, and in Mauritius we have cut the death-rate from malaria to an eighth of what it used to be.

Some people will tell you that it was Baldwin, not politicians, that beat malaria. What were meant was a tribute to the patient research workers who invented the drug, or to the brave men and women who gave their lives in the fight against malaria, without job in upholding them. But it was the politicians and the Colonial Service who organized that fight, and without them malaria would still be killing thousands every year in our Colonies.

If the Tories are going to leave the sick and health to penicillin and malaria, and the world turns back and fold their arms, then you will know what to do on October 25.

(Being extracts from the political broadcast made on behalf of the Labour Party by James Griffiths, Secretary to the State for the Colonies.)

There is the other battle against poverty and colonies. I do not believe that anybody who has been with his own eyes can begin to imagine the physical misery of many of our fellow citizens of the Commonwealth as compared to the misery I live. It is not only the mud huts with no chimney and no light. It is the lack of proper nutrition on nearly half with never any meat and seldom any milk. It is putting babies straight on to adult diet after eating because there is no milk—that's why Africans sometimes starve to death. We do an ordinary day's work. I don't believe that anyone who has seen African poverty for himself, as I have, can in his heart remain until the election his present course.

Battle Against Ignorance

Finally there is the most important battle of all—the battle against ignorance. When we have been in the Colonies we have asked their people what was the single biggest thing we could do to help them, and they answered one and all: "Give more schools; we want education."

In all the Colonies schools, colleges, and universities are being built. Everywhere there is a passion for education. The people are determined that their children shall side by side with our children as equal partners in a free Commonwealth.

This three-fold battle in the Colonies has to go on, because it is our duty and our privilege, the duty of the strong to help the weak. It has to go on because so much of our own future and so much of the world's future depends on how we forge the links of friendship that are to bind together the British Commonwealth nations.

Indeed we cannot afford our own Commonwealth. Everywhere there is a great awakening, to consciousness of manhood and nationality. That is true all over the world, and I know it is true in our Colonies. That is why the Labour Party attaches so much importance to the World Plan for Mutual Aid. That is the only effective answer to Communism in Asia and Africa.

This great awakening began years ago under the very eyes of the Tories, but they could not or would not see it. If we had seen what they created we should have lost our last links of friendly co-operation with the peoples of Asia.

I am not going to be caught about Egypt and the Sudan. Except to add that every member of the Government stands firmly behind Mrs. M. Morrison has said: "But I do want to remind you that many of our troubles to-day have their roots in Tory past, and that most of them need never have happened if the Tories had learnt in time to treat other people as equals."

Already in India, in the Gold Coast, with their own African Ministers, are working the basis of Parliamentary government. The West Indies are moving towards a federal union, and in the short time that I have been Colonial Secretary as many as 15 Colonies have had new constitutions.

There is only one way to lepro Democracy, by practising it. Our job is to do in a few short years what our forefathers learnt in the hard struggle of centuries. Is there any liberal minded man or woman in this country who believes that you can trust that, when the Tories

Building Racial Friendship

Is there any man or woman who does not realize that the supreme task of our generation and the next is to build the friendship of common white people that will make the world into one world? There is no young man or woman who is not thrilled by the great adventure of a task like this, and who is not willing and anxious to put his shoulder behind this great effort that Labour has begun?

There are black people in the Colonies. They do not have separate representation. It is you, by your vote, who decide what happens to them. It is as if you had two votes each—one for yourself and one for them. When you vote on October 25 remember the millions in Asia and Africa to whom your vote will mean so much.

I have just come home from Africa. I have been to Nyasaland, beautiful Nyasaland, the land of David Livingstone. What a great man he was! The Africans used to tell of him as if he were still alive, and in truth he still lives in memory and in influence. To them David Livingstone is the man who freed them from slavery, who taught them to turn to be their deliverers, to free them from poverty, disease, ignorance. Yes, they look to you, to you and me. We must not fail them. We must stand up on polling day.

[Editorial comment appears under *Matters of Moment*.]

Education in Tanganyika and African Makerere Students

The question of education, including the establishment of our new schools in the Territory, were among the subjects discussed at a meeting of the Tanganyika European Education Authority held in Dar es Salaam, under the chairmanship of the Acting Director of Education. The other members present were Mrs. Barbara M. Blackley, the Rev. C. D. Maling, Major E. G. Tait, M.L.C., Mr. Messis, T. C. W. Bayldon, M.L.C., Rev. Eustace, W. H. Lewis, A. N. MacLean, and E. C. Bewes, M.L.C.

The new projects include a junior school in Dar es Salaam, a school in Arusha, and primary and secondary vocational schools.

The authority, despite criticism received from some parents, confirmed its decision and reiterated its belief that the two-year tax would be the most satisfactory arrangement for European school children in the Territory. Many parents were not opposed to the idea, which would make the tax some £1 million, or about £20,000 a year.

Though the two-year tax was accepted only with reluctance, most of the recommendations of the Lamb Committee were supported, including the recommendation of grants of £35 a year to parents of children attending certain private primary schools in Kenya and £50 a year in respect of pupils in secondary schools in Kenya or elsewhere outside Africa.

In regard to the six vacancies for non-African students at Makerere College next year, it was understood that the fee would be approximately £530 per annum. It was suggested no financial assistance towards the cost of education at Makerere should be made, since the authority considered that most non-African parents would prefer to send their children to the United Kingdom for post-secondary education.

The increase in education tax and the economies made possible by the two-term policy enabled the authority to prepare a budget for 1952 with an estimated deficit of £10,000.

Groundnuts Success

NORTHERN RHODESIA's pilot groundnut scheme has had a highly successful first season. In December of last year and January, 1951, 400 acres were planted; these have now yielded between 1,100 and 2,000 lb. of kernels an acre by complete mechanical harvesting and shelling. Mr. W. Halcrow, Acting Director of Agriculture, said that from the first crop 90,000 lb. of groundnut kernels had already been delivered to the Department of Civil Supplies at £1.50 a ton. A further 200 acres will be sown at the end of this year, and the same area of old-ground will be put back to grass. Mr. Halcrow explained that the object had been to see if the Government could run a 1,200-acre mixed farm with groundnuts as the main cash crop and horticultural crops as a cash crop. He believed that local farmers would grow groundnuts using their existing equipment with little or no initial attachments. The crop should provide a good rotation with maize and tobacco.

Money Reallocted

THE CHIEF FINANCIAL Commissioner of Transvaal has given the South Africa Central Legislative Assembly permission to reallocate £100,000 of the 1951-52 budget.

Under the original budget, £100,000 was allocated for the payment of debts on the 1950-51 financial year.

Under the revised budget, £100,000 is to be used for the payment of debts on the 1951-52 financial year.

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Letter to the Editor

Missionaries and Education

Statement of Canon T. F. C. Bewes

AS THE EDITOR OF EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA, Sir, I quote the heading "How to Improve African Conditions" of the report on education from the proposals of the Colonial Economic Conference held in Cambridge in 1949. In the report there was a note to the effect on missionary co-operation which read as follows:

"Missionaries ought, it was considered, to be encouraged to take an even more active part than at present in the work of colonial committees, education boards, and other organizations in the local authorities areas."

I think it should be made known that missionaries speaking at any rate to my own society, and in fact co-operate, as far as may be possible. All the educational bodies in Kenya—or indeed in Kenya to which you made particular reference—contain missionary members. The constitutions of the boards provide for representation of the authorities concerned in the aided schools, and I do not think you would find any criticism in the Colony that missionaries do not take their full part in all efforts to improve African conditions of life in the local authority areas.

Yours faithfully,
T. F. C. BEWES,
Chairman, Sub-Committee on Africa Secretary,
London, E.C.4.

NORTHERN RHODESIA's exports for the first six months of this year totalled £32,125,064, an increase of over £10m. on the corresponding half of 1949. Imports totalled £74,826, a rise of over £4m.



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Governor-Designate of Uganda

By GUY DE MURVILLE

A VERY GOOD picture of Mr. Andrew Cohen—whose appointment as Governor of Uganda at the age of 42 will make him the youngest man of that rank in the Colonial Service—has been published by *West Africa*. The following passage is quoted from that source:

"A few years ago there might have been head-shaking at the idea of this energetic young man being a governor—he rushed around too much; he was impulsive; he had a disfigured raincoat, one spattered a dumb-coat; he has even seen to cover his hat in his teeth to free his hands for their burden of books and briefcases."

"And so he was a snarler. This van defect he has unashamedly repaid. Government House, Entebbe, will have a very popular hostess. It is easy, certainly, to picture Andrew Cohen who loves the coats—*as a host in a Governor's formal attire?* But being over six foot talk with broad shoulders and a large head should help."

Impatient Energy

"He is seldom in repose; the whole impression is one of impatient energy. He talks to you as though he was wrestling with a deep problem—as he probably is, since he is not only talking but is thinking far beyond the conversation. He is good at small talk, and, in an age when people are so busy, that they seldom find time to think about what they are doing or why they are doing it, he is most welcome to be seen just looking."

"At a conference he often seems uneasy, and you suppose his thoughts are far away. In fact, he is looking for answers to the questions and now infrequently finds them. For all his apparent impatience he is an excellent chairman, and can with equal ease extract the matter from a discussion or from a document. Above all, he is never tired of finding out."

"If there were in Kenya a zeal comparable with the zeal of Southern Rhodesians for the development of their country, there would quickly be radical changes in the countryside of the Highlands."—Mr. Mervyn F. Hill.

Colonial Development Corporation

East and Central African Changes

THE DANES SALAAM OFFICE of the Colonial Development Corporation was closed recently, and Mr. E. Hood, who has had charge of it, is to take up a senior appointment in the Far East. Mr. Roger Norton, who recently became controller in East Africa, is now responsible for all Tanganyika business, as well as that in Kenya, Uganda, and Zanzibar.

In view of the numerous changes recently made in East and Central Africa by the corporation EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA gives these up-to-date facts.

In Nairobi are stationed Mr. Roger Norton as controller and Mr. R. L. Dempster as finance director. Mr. A. W. Hall is to join the staff.

In Lusaka Mr. D. Mortley-Fletcher is "Colony representative in Central Africa." A controller for Central Africa is, we understand, to be appointed.

In Blantyre Mr. Henley Priest has been Colony representative for Nyasaland; he will shortly retire, and probably not be replaced.

Mr. H. W. Howell, who has had special responsibilities in connexion with East African Industries Ltd., has retired and is settling in Kenya.

Mr. D. J. Rogers is manager of the Maclander-Nyanza mine; Mr. H. N. Lightfoot of Murongo tin mines; Dr. C. S. Hitchen of the Tanganyika coalfields investigations; Mr. F. J. Mustill of Tanganyika wattie estates; Mr. G. W. T. de Mattos of the Vipya tung estates, and Mr. E. N. Carrall-Wilcock of the Kasungu tobacco project.

In Bechuanaland the cattle ranch and Lobatsi abattoir scheme are under Mr. R. L. Robinson as stock manager, Mr. C. Challis as manager of the holding ranch, Mr. D. Sturgeon as accountant and Mr. H. Calvert as resident engineer.

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The East Africa High Commission and the Annual Report

STEADY PROGRESS is claimed by the East Africa High Commission in its report for 1950, from which the following extracts and information are taken.

"The amalgamation of the East African Railways and Harbours system was completed, except for the common tariff. A north-south link survey was embarked upon.

"Extensive improvements took place in the posts, telegraphs, and telephones services, while rates continued to increase. The first phase of the development programme of the Posts and Telegraphs Department was entered when a £2m. loan was raised on the London market.

"Construction of the East African Agriculture and Forestry Research Organization buildings at Mvugwa was nearing completion by the end of the year. Buildings including housing and laboratory accommodation of the East African Fisheries Research Organization at Jinja, were completed and progress was made in providing housing and office accommodation for the medical research services.

"Work of non-self-contained services such as the Customs and Excise Department, the Income Tax Department, the Directorate of Civil Aviation, the Meteorological Department, the Statistical Department, the Literature Bureau, and the Production and Supply Bureau generally expanded to meet the demands made upon them, whilst the work of the research services is showing definite results."

More Than £54 m. in Income Tax

Approximate figures for income tax collection for the year were: Kenya £3,108,851, Tanganyika £1,207,751, Uganda £660,841, and Zanzibar £39,115.

The first three territories received respectively from customs import duties £1,193,000, £927,000, and £1,062,000; and from excise £1,087,500, £676,000, and £649,000.

The final trade figures showed commercial imports at £63,349,000, Government imports at £7,845,000, domestic exports at £69,601,000, and re-exports at £3,931,000.

The Industrial Research Board continued investigations in the production of higher grade refractory bricks, phosphate fertilisers, fired clay products, storage of pyrethrum, the extraction of soda ash, and clay-baking techniques.

There was an increase of 50% in the number of aeroplanes required from the Meteorological Department mainly on account of greater demands for scientific forecasting, but also to accommodate demands for agricultural purposes. Compre-

hensive examination was made of the possibilities of producing rain artificially.

The Statistical Department had special emphasis on agricultural information and price indices, and much work was done by the Desert Locust Survey and the Desert Locust Control.

The medical survey undertook the collection of vital statistics. With certain reservations, it has been concluded that the current gross reproduction rate in East Africa is 2.5 to 2.75, with a net reproduction rate of between 1.3 and 1.7, which gives a net annual increase between 1% and 2%. The infant mortality rate is 20%.

The Research Institute concentrated mainly on investigations into yellow fever and rickettsial infections, especially the latter.

Dr Reginald Innes, international leprologist, visited Uganda, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland, and completed his survey in Southern Tanganyika. In his work in East Africa since 1947 he has examined 661,943 persons and diagnosed 6,107 cases of leprosy, giving an incidence of 16.8 per 10,000, with an estimated number of existing leprosy cases of 215,210.

In spite of the threat of locusts, the locust pool found it necessary to import in the second half of the year 30,000 tons of maize and 16,000 tons of wheat owing to inadequate storage. Government storage has, however, been considerably improved, and bag storage in Kenya and Tanganyika will shortly accommodate 1,200,000 and 700,000 bags respectively. In Uganda a 12,000-ton conditioning and silo unit is under construction.

Surplus Government Stores

The Stores Disposal Board, having practically completed its work on surplus stores, has undertaken to deal with the surplus stores of the Overseas Food Corporation in Tanganyika.

The Literature Bureau added to its volumes of general literature and school textbooks. Final approval by the Secretary of State was awaited for a projected weekly magazine in two editions—Swahili-English and Uganda-English. The *"East African Teacher's Journal"* appeared in September.

In association with commercial firms, 45 titles have now been published, giving an approximate total in volumes of 200,000. Under its own imprint, the Eagle Press, the bureau has published 66 titles, a total of 350,000 volumes. In addition, there were at the end of the year 125 manuscripts in the press.

Fishermen's licences in Lake Victoria rose from £2 to 50/- and boat registrations from 86 to 91. The Lake Victoria Fisheries Service reported after experiments with a nylon gill net that its durability, resistance to rot, and catching powers render it ideal for use in tropical waters, and that it had caught approximately 20% more fish than other nets fished with it.

Housing and laboratory accommodation for the Marine Fisheries Research Service were undertaken by the Zanzibar Government, and the motor fishing vessel *ZANIBAR* was recommissioned. Drs. Wheeler and Simmancey, having completed the fisheries survey for the Seychelles and Mauritius, were appointed director and principal scientific officer respectively.

Hospital fees charged to employers under the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance in Tanganyika, which were nearly double those levied in Uganda and Kenya, have been reduced for the lower wage groups. There is no change in the rates for employees earning more than £20 per month, but only half the former scale will be charged for those whose wages are between £3 1/2s. and £20 per month, and only one-quarter for those earning less than 75s.

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In South Africa

THE SOUTH African (GOVERNMENT) Party has issued to the Press a statement declaring that "as a result of their own attitude and actions the Indians in South Africa are not looked upon as a permanent population group in the Union." Before the Nationalist policy was compulsory repatriation As this could be achieved only in co-operation with Governments of countries to which Indians could be repatriated, Indians in the meanwhile, like other racial groups, would be placed in separate residential areas. In those areas Indians would control their own local affairs, but, as they were not considered a permanent race group, they would not be granted representation on municipal or provincial councils or in Parliament. Because this statement is policy may have repercussions in territories north of the Union, it is recorded in a journal which is not concerned with the domestic affairs of South Africa.

No Colour Bar

"THE CONGO KNOWS NO COLOUR BAR," said M. Jurgens, Governor General of the Belgian Congo, when welcoming for the first time African delegates representing Native interests in the Government Council's General Assembly in Leopoldville. He added that forms of discrimination still existing were intended to protect the Congolese from their own weakness, and that it was proposed to establish an identification system for Africans with a compulsory identification card with photograph and fingerprints and a central fingerprint organization.

A ground survey of the Katue Gorge area, one of the possible sites for hydro-electric schemes, has been started.

Survey Muddle

MR CLARENCE M. JACKSON and Mr Edgar E. Foster, two American engineers of F.C.A., who arrived in Northern Rhodesia last March to advise the Government on the harnessing and control of the Kariba Flats, flood water, have now left the territory. They had intended to stay for 18 months, but the Central African Survey attributes their early departure to a huddled briefing between the Northern Rhodesian Government and the Colonial Office. According to Mr G. B. Beckett, Member for Agriculture, the Americans had arrived expecting to find that the land had been surveyed; the Government, on the other hand, had expected them to do their own surveying. Now, said Mr Beckett, the Survey Department would have to call in outside men to complete that task, which would probably take two years. Before leaving, the American engineers indicated that they believed it would be possible for them to resume work in the territory in about a year.

Transport Advisory Council

EXPENDITURE of £211,000 to increase the oil storage capacity of the East African railway system, and of £190,000 for the conversion of locomotives on the Tanganyika-Central Line from coal to oil fuel, was recommended at a recent meeting of the East African Transport Advisory Council. Among the more important new works recommended were: cranes at Mombasa (£46,000), stage II of the development of the port of Mombasa (£112,000); staff quarters for contractors (£24,000); additional lighters (£22,000); upper-class rolling stock (£23,000); reconditioning of s.s. LITEMBA on Lakes Tanganyika (£15,938); additional crossing stations (£8,375); remodelling Mombasa station yard (£40,000); and water supplies from the Tsimbi River (£360,000).

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PERSONALIA

Mrs MICHAEL MOSTIS has arrived in London from Uganda.

LADY GURNEY, of Mlalaya by air, is in London on Monday.

THE HON. ANNE CHOLMONDLEY has returned to London from Kenya.

MR. SPYRIDON MONIAS has been appointed senior consul for Greece in Nairobi.

SIR JOHN RAMSDEN is returning from Kenya to his home at Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

MR. H. C. BUSK, who has been home on leave for some time, has left again for Kenya.

DR. H. WOODMAN has retired after 14 years' service in the Equatoria Province of the Sudan.

MR. S. T. TAYLOR left London by air yesterday for a fortnight's stay in Tanganyika Territory.

DR. R. S. TENNISON has been elected president of the Entebbe Musical and Dramatic Society in Uganda.

MR. J. LAURENCE, a Canadian engineer, is making a survey for a network of dams in the Somaliland Protectorate.

The partnership between Messrs. J. J. BROUGHT, J. H. BERGER, and P. KING, of Mau Summit, Kenya, is being dissolved.

MR. ARTHUR C. BRUGHNOT and **MR. N. J. ROBSON** have been granted the full procription of Messrs. Arburghot, Letham & Co.

MRS. R. EARLIER, COLONEL K. N. McFARLANE, and **MR. J. S. VIBANA** have been appointed members of the township authority in Jinja, Uganda.

MR. SERETSI KHAMA has denied suggestions that he will speak publicly on behalf of **MR. FERNER BROOKLYN**, Labour candidate for Eton and Slough.

CAPTAIN E. K. BIGGS, who has not been in this country since 1923, left Dar es Salaam by sea last week for London via South Africa. He is accompanied by **MRS. BIGGS**.

MR. H. H. STOREY, Deputy Director of the East African Agriculture and Forestry Organization, has written a brief history of research at Amani, Tanganyika, from 1928 to 1947.

MR. A. D. CHATAWAY, High Commissioner in South Africa for Southern Rhodesia, and **Mrs. CHATAWAY** sailed in the **BLOEMFONTEIN CASTLE** last week after a holiday in this country.

MR. JOHN DUDDLES, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, who is Labour candidate at West Bromwich, is in hospital there with ear trouble and has had to suspend his election campaign.

MR. GOSFORTH follows former Administrative Secretary in Northern Rhodesia, has returned to that territory to assume temporarily the appointment of Road Transport Commissioner.

MR. RALPH TACKAYER, former editor of the **Tanganyika Chronicle**, has been appointed editor in succession to **MR. E. M. O'DONOGHUE**, whose distinguished services in medical advice.

MR. A. D. MCKILLOP, member of the production committee of the International Festival Board in the Sudan, has had the opportunity of visiting Kenya, Tanganyika, and Rhodesia, but found

no time for relaxation. The Rev. A. T. GOWRAY, Bishop of Central Tanganyika, died at 4,000 feet in his church in Mount Meru. He expects to move country residence to Arusha.

MR. T. GIBSON, chairman of the chairman of the Dominion Trade Commission, was elected a director of that commission's subsidiary, a subsidiary

of Mr. A. V. VISAGIE and Mr. W. F. WILLETTS have been elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the newly formed Fort Jameson branch of the Settlers' Association of Northern Rhodesia.

DR. MALCOLM MCNAULY, who has been appointed a medical officer in Nyasaland, was educated at Glasgow University, and since 1949 has been house officer at the Craig Dunain Mental Hospital, Inverness.

Just before his departure for a short visit to Addis Ababa, the **ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR** in London gave a luncheon party in honour of the **AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO ETHIOPIA**, Mr. D. J. BUSK, and **MRS. BUSK**.

The Rev. ROBERT SELBY TAYLOR, lately Bishop of Northern Rhodesia, who has been in England on leave, has flown to the Union of South Africa, where he is to be enthroned as Bishop of Pretoria on Saturday.

The Rev. ANDREW BI DOGO, a nominated non-official member of the Legislative Council of Nyasaland, who has been home on leave since the beginning of the year, sailed a few days ago with Mrs. DOGO on their way back to Blantyre.

MR. C. H. BOWEN DAVIES, Comptroller and Auditor General of Southern Rhodesia, is the Colony's delegate to the conference of Commonwealth auditors-general, which opened in London on Monday, and is due to close to-morrow.

MISS ROSEMARIE SMYTH, aged 20, who has been prominent in Southern Rhodesia as a horsewoman, was reported at the weekend to be in a critical condition in a hospital in Cape Town following a shooting incident in a house in which she was staying.

MR. J. A. C. REED, who has come to London to complete his studies for the Bar, was the founder of the Muhanga Association, and until recently its chairman. He is the son of **MR. G. C. REED**, secretary of the East African Power and Lighting Co. Ltd.

MR. GEORGE LEEDAM, who has been appointed to the Colonial Geological Service in Tanganyika, is a Yorkshireman who was educated at Leeds University. Earlier this year he took part in the Leeds University expedition to explore the Ruwenzori range in Uganda.

MR. AMANT J. PANDYA, a director and secretary of the Pandya Business Group in East Africa, left London by air yesterday for Mombasa after a tour to Europe of almost six months. He studied at the London School of Economics before the war, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn.

A committee composed of **MR. JUSTICE CONNELL** (chairman) and Messrs. J. J. K. ARAP CHEMALLAN, M.L.C., G. V. COOKE, M.P., B. DONALD, B. W. MATHU, M.L.C., A. PRITAM, M.L.C., and C. W. SALTER, M.L.C., Dr. M. A. RANA, and SHERIFF ABDULLAH SALIM, with **MR. G. J. ELLERTON** as secretary, has been established in Kenya to inquire into the law and practice of corporal punishment.

MR. CHARLES MATHEW, since 1947 Attorney-General in Tanganyika, who has been appointed Chief Justice in Malaya, entered the Colonial Service in 1929. He first went to East Africa in 1933 as a magistrate in Uganda, and was appointed Crown counsel three years later. He became judicial adviser in Buganda in 1939, was seconded as legal adviser to the Ethiopian Government in 1942, and in 1944 became Attorney-General in Nyasaland.

MR. EDWARD MUNDAY, who has been in the Administration Service of Northern Rhodesia since 1919, latterly as provincial commissioner, retires this month, and will live in Kloof, Natal. One of his sisters married Sir Donald Mackenzie Kennedy, who was Chief Secretary in Northern Rhodesia, and later Governor of Nyasaland and Mauritius; another, now dead, married Mr. G. A. Rennie, lately a provincial commissioner in Northern Rhodesia; and his brother, **MR. JOHN THOMAS MUNJAWA**, was chairman in charge of Bechuanaland.

Sir Henry Gurney

A Warm Tribute

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, Mr. James Griffiths, has paid the following tribute to the late Sir Henry Gurney, whose death we reported last week, when reference was made to his 20 years in East Africa:

"Shortly after taking office as Colonial Secretary, I visited Malaya, where I learnt at first-hand of the affection and regard which the High Commissioner had inspired after less than 18 months in the country. Sir Henry's deep understanding of the aspirations of the people made him a person whose sincerity and integrity were beyond question. In him the Malaysians had found, and know, they had found a true friend."

"Without detracting from the immediate and supreme task of quelling Communist banditry, Sir Henry was able to see the development of the country and the welfare of its peoples in wider perspective and to insist that the emergency only heightened the importance of improving the standards of living of the people and of associating the people more closely with the activities and responsibilities of Government. Sir Henry's initiative in these matters proved beyond doubt to leaders of all communities that here was a man who was whole-heartedly devoted to the mission of assisting all the communities to sink their differences and emerge as a united nation."

The brutal murder of this great public servant will pose a challenge to us all to see that the policies so resolutely pursued under his leadership are continued until their realization is assured, and the abhorrence which this crime has inspired will rally all right-thinking people in a great effort to break the power of the Communists in Malaya."

Mr. Raymond Gordon

MR. RAYMOND GORDON, until lately chairman of the Rhodesian board of Barclays Bank (D.C. & C.), has retired after 50 years of banking service. He first arrived in the Colony in 1928 as manager of the Salisbury branch, was appointed chief agent in 1932, and six years later became chairman of the Rhodesian board. A member of the Colony's Currency Board from its inception in January, 1939, he was also the first chairman of the Industrial Development Advisory Committee, constituted in the following year, and a member of the Plewman Commission. He was a director of the Central African Building Society. Mr. Gordon will spend his retirement at Heemans, Cape. As we recently reported, he has been succeeded by Mr. S. M. Peechey.

Methodist Jubilee

THE METHODIST CHURCH in Southern Rhodesia has just celebrated a diamond jubilee. Exhibitions and an evangelist week were held in the 22 Methodist circuits in the Colony. Sixty years ago the Rev. Owen Watkins, the Rev. Isaac Shimmin, Michael Bowen, an evangelist, and two Africans arrived by ox-wagon at Fort Salisbury, where the first Methodist service was held with a congregation of four men. The first church was completed in Salisbury on June 10, 1892. The Methodist Church and school community now number 60,000 Europeans and Africans; on the former staff there are 42 Europeans, 147 ministers, and more than 850 Native teachers; and pastoral work is undertaken by nearly 1,700 Church leaders.

Judge William James Lockhart-Smith, of the East African Court of Appeal, a former Attorney-General of Nyasaland, was arrested last week by the Kedya police on charges of conspiracy and official corruption on a warrant issued in Nyasaland. After appearing before a magistrate, he is being sent under police custody to that territory. Joining the Colonial Service in 1924, he had, except for a short period in Gibraltar and as temporary assistant legal adviser in the Colonial Office, worked in Africa since 1938, when he was appointed registrar of the High Court in Tanganyika.

"Where No Vultures Fly"

Film Version of National Parks

AS STATED LAST WEEK, the new Ealing Studio film, "Where No Vultures Fly," has been selected for this year's Royal Film Performance at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square, London, on November 5.

According to the Studios, Mr. Harry Watt, the director who directed the war film "Target for Tonight" — found plenty of subjects whilst visiting East Africa two years ago, but not the story that was really wanted.

"He travelled from one end of Africa to another, and then found his story through a casual remark made by a game warden in Tanganyika, who spoke about Colonel Mervyn Cowie. The story of Cowie, the man who by sheer perseverance and belief created the national parks of Kenya, provided the basis for 'Where No Vultures Fly.'

"It is an adventure of present-day Africa, telling the story of a man who becomes sickened and horrified by the waste of wild life, and, revolting, sets out to find a sanctuary before it is too late. With no money and little help, he sets off with his wife and young child to live in the jungle for a year."

From time immemorial, the country has been the hunting-ground of the fierce Kikuyu tribe. As a result some of the largest herds of elephant left in Africa, and ivory poachers, both black and white, are continually hunting them. Set-back after set-back has to be faced, but the first national park is eventually founded.

Written by a Baboon

"A full film unit was taken to Africa with headquarters at Amboseli, 200 miles south of Nairobi and just under Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. Two camera units were at work, one concentrating on obtaining shots of wild game. Life was a constant adventure. The second unit calculated that they were charged at times by rhinos."

"Shooting was held up on the main unit one day when five elephants strode into the middle of the set. Denah Sheridan was bitten by a baboon. One cameraman had a narrow escape when he had to run, with all his equipment, from a rogue elephant which was shot dead only a few yards from him."

Ealing Studios describe Colonel Cowie as "a third-generation Kenyan, the son of a famous hunter." He himself had shot practically every species of African animal before he was 20, but already the mighty herds had begun to disappear, and many species of animals were extinct.

Cowie put his rifle away and began to talk of sanctuaries for Africa's animals before it was too late. No one would listen; the slaughter continued. But Cowie worked on his plan, interrupted by the war, but returning to the campaign with renewed vigour later. It was through writing a series of letters to the Press under pseudonyms proposing that the Army and Air Force should eliminate animals in order to facilitate various Government projects that public indignation was raised.

"Army protests joined in, committees were formed, and within a year the first of Kenya's national parks had been formed."

[All of which proves yet again that the history taught to film-goers may have little relation to the real facts. So modest a sportsman as Mr. Cowie will probably be more annoyed by this travesty than anyone else. Africa had begun to demarcate its national parks many years before he could interest himself in the matter, probably while he was still at school, or perhaps even before that, and in Kenya a considerable number of enthusiasts, including in particular Captain A. T. A. Ritchie and Captain Keith Caldwell, pleaded persistently for national parks long before Mr. Cowie was old enough to join in the movement. This note of correction is due to him no less than to others, for it is inconceivable that he could have known in advance that the makers of the film would broadcast such a statement as that quoted above. — Ed. E. & R.]

The number of registered co-operative societies in Uganda, almost all of them African, has increased by more than 100 within the past year.

The Sudan Treaties

(See page 165.)

By Sir Herbert Chapman, Department of External Affairs

The Union Government have followed with interest, concern over the recent grave deteriorations in Anglo-Egyptian relations.

The Egyptian Government's announcement of its intention to abrogate unilaterally the 1926 treaty raises issues no less than the defence of the African continent which are indirectly of major importance to the Union. As is generally known, the Union Government have undertaken to co-operate to the fullest extent compatible with their domestic resources and commitments in maintaining the security of Africa and the Middle East in the event of war against aggressive Communism.

The Union Government have consistently stated that the Government of Egypt would be willing to co-operate with other interested Powers in the defence of this vital region. The Union Government have participated in negotiations with interested Powers to establish a sound basis for the co-operative security of this area, and would welcome whole-hearted collaboration in the plans which are at present being formulated by the western Powers.

British Guarantee to Sudan

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Under-Secretary of State for War, said in Malden that it was nonsense to suggest that the British Government would hand the Sudan over to Egypt. To take British troops away from the defence system of the Middle East would endanger the peace of the world. Moreover, the Sudanese had the right to determine their own future, and the British Government would guarantee them that right.

Saturday brought news from Khartoum that the Umma Party had called their chief provincial supporters to the capital so that they might be present when the party declared the Sudan to be an independent sovereign State, which they would do as soon as Egypt passed the Bill ending the condominium.

The Economist commented:

"Egypt's claims—which conflict with Britain's promises that the Sudanese should, on achieving political maturity, choose for themselves either independence or some form of voluntary association with Egypt—rest primarily on the conquest of the Sudan in 1821 by Mohamed Ali, the Ottoman viceroy of Egypt."

"The 60 years of subjection which followed brought the Sudan nothing but brutal oppression and a highly organized slave trade run by Egyptian merchants and officials. The Mahdist revolt of 1882 was basically an outburst of resentment against this exploitation, and it was not until 1898 that the Sudan was reconquered by Lord Kitchener's British and Egyptian forces."

"The Anglo-Egyptian Convention of 1899, which created the condominium, made no reference to Ottoman or Egyptian sovereignty, confining itself to administrative arrangements and the proviso that both the British and Egyptian flags should be flown in the territory. The treaty of 1926 merely confirmed these arrangements."

Claim with Flimsy Foundations

Egypt's claim that the Sudan has always been Egyptian territory rests on the flimsy foundations of conquest by the Ottoman Empire, 60 years of exploitation from Cairo at a time when Egypt itself was a Turkish dependency, reconquest by Anglo-Egyptian forces on British initiative, and the fact that the 1899 convention did not specifically terminate Ottoman sovereignty.

"On historical grounds of this kind Portugal could make out a better claim to Brazil; India to Burma; or Turkey to Egypt itself; and if Egypt itself abrogates the convention of 1899, it will help destroy its only shred of a legal case."

There are two main political parties in African society. The Umma Party, which demands complete independence for the Sudan, is not, as the Egyptians suggest, the tool of Whitchall, but a powerful political movement led by educated men and supported by successful traders and cultivators among many of the pagan tribes in the south who have reason to fear Egyptian domination.

The Ashigga Party, which favours Mahas Pasha's proposal for unity of the Nile Valley, has long received both money and inspiration from Cairo. Its chief supporters are the chieftains who have failed to receive well-paid posts in the administration, such as a large number of the Moslem tribesmen who hope too important positions in the civil service. Once the Ashigga Party will

The Manchester Guardian wrote editorially:

"There is a difference of opinion about what the position of the Sudanese would be if the 1899 agreement was done away with. The Egyptians believe that the Sudan would then revert to the undivided sovereignty of the Egyptian crown. Some Sudanese believe that the disappearance of the condominium would leave them without any sovereign over them at all, and that the Sudan would automatically become an independent country, and they have supported abrogation of the agreement on that ground. The question of international law ought to be cleared up as quickly as possible. Could the Hague Court be asked to advise on it?"

"Our obligation is clear. We can agree to no change in the status of the Sudan until the Sudanese themselves have been effectively consulted, and nothing done which may prejudice this ultimate right of choice. The objection of Mahas Pasha's draft decree is that it leaves them no choice. It gives them by law not only autonomy but also a constitution on which they have had no chance to make known their views."

That appeared to be the general opinion of U.K. newspapers, irrespective of their party views:

In Cairo Al Zaman wrote of "the imminent collapse of the British Empire," which had, it alleged hopefully, "entered upon a phase of final disintegration."

Governor-General "Now Egyptian Official"

Early on Monday Ibrahim Farag Pasha, the Minister responsible for Sudan affairs, told journalists in Cairo that the Governor-General of the Sudan had no right to question the legitimacy of the Egyptian abrogation of the condominium agreements. He said:

"By making that statement the Governor-General has revealed that he is working for the interests of British policy only."

The Governor-General was appointed by a decree issued by King Farouk, and is thus administering Sudan affairs on behalf of the Egyptian and British Governments. But once the condominium has been abrogated he no longer represents the British Government, and has now become an official of the 'Egyptian Government' by virtue of the decree appointing him."

"The Governor-General has exceeded his authority by making these statements, and has also acted contrary to the loyalty which his post calls for, in accordance with the provisions of the decree appointing him. The Egyptian Government will take such measures as are necessitated."

"The statements and conduct of the Governor-General whereby he has announced his disobedience to the Egyptian Government 'and to the laws and legislation issued by Parliament' will not have any effect on the plans which we have drawn up for regulating relations between the two parts of the Nile Valley."

That evening the Foreign Minister notified the British Ambassador that Egypt could not consider any proposals on the Sudan or defence of the Canal area "while there are British forces of occupation in Egypt and the Sudan." He said that the proposals submitted on Saturday "differed hardly at all in substance" from proposals submitted by Britain on April 14 and June 8.

Shortly afterwards the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate unanimously approved the decree abrogating the Anglo-Egyptian treaties and the Sudan agreements.

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Mr. Sadiq, former Prime Minister, told the Sudanese that abolition of the treaty conformed with the principles of the 1936 convention concerning abolition of the 1899 convention concerning the rights of the Sudan. He considered the Bill general to the Sudan, maintaining her prestige.

While this issue is being distributed the Lower House will be adjourned, "a constitutional Government for Egypt and the Sudan's time to" King of Egypt and of the Sudan, and approve a draft electoral law.

The Egyptian Press writes of warlike acts against Britain. The Cairo correspondent of *The Times* reported on Monday night:

"The Government is being most powerfully urged to implement the abrogation through a series of measures that can succeed only if it is prepared to overthrow British military resistance to them, and to overthrow the present administration of the Sudan by force."

"Such measures include complete isolation of land held by British forces in the Canal zone and the abolition of the present Sudanese administration in favour of Sudanese Ministers appointed by King Farouk. If the first violent of the extremists is reached to, the steps will also include murderous attacks on British subjects in Egypt and on such Egyptian citizens as are thought not to be sufficiently patriotic."

Cairo Street Re-Named

Cairo Municipal Council decided that Sharia Malika (Queen Street, in memory of Queen Victoria) should be renamed Sharia Malek Misr wal Sudan (King of Egypt and Sudan Street).

Just after Egypt had formally rejected the proposals, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, said in a speech in Greenwich:

"The Government have always been ready to apply to the Sudan those principles of foreign policy already applied to many eastern countries, including Egypt—namely, attainment of self-government as fast as practicable and the right of the people freely to determine the ultimate status of their country."

The Egyptians must realize that this principle, when applied to the Sudan, does not necessarily mean handing the Sudan over to the Egyptians.

The Egyptians can have their own independence, wherever they loudly demand independence and freedom from foreign occupation. But in the case of the Sudan, the view is different. The Sudan may have independence, they say, but only under the Egyptian crown. The key questions of foreign affairs, currency and defence must all be referred to the Egyptian government.

This is a very important point of independence. The Egyptians would be highly indignant if it were suggested that their own independence should be limited because way to judge from the language they are now using about the 1936 treaty. And that treaty, I need hardly say, gives H.M. Government no power of course, whatever governs the Egyptian Ministry of Finance, War or Foreign Affairs.

Misstatement of Fact

In response to these unanswerable arguments the Egyptians say that Egypt and the Sudan are one country and the Egyptians and the Sudanese one people. This is a plain misstatement of fact. The Egyptians and some of the northern Sudanese speak the same language and have the same religion. But so do the Saudi Arabians and the Iraqis, and many other independent peoples once part of the Ottoman Empire.

"Nevertheless, in the Sudanese people want union with Egypt. H.M. Government will put no obstacle in their way. All that we insist upon is that the decision upon the ultimate status of the Sudan must be one freely taken by the Sudanese people themselves."

The Foreign Secretary concluded emphatically: "So far as H.M. Government are concerned, I make it perfectly clear that we are not in any circumstances prepared to sell the Sudan, against the will of the Sudanese, as the price of a satisfactory agreement defence."

In the course of normal Army movements, the 1st Bn. The South Lancashire Regiment will sail from Trieste next week for Khartoum to relieve another unit. The troops were to have been accompanied by their families, but on Monday it was announced that their families would be sent home from Trieste.

(Editorial comment appears under Matters of Moment.)

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Legislative

Equal Representation Accepted Principle

EQUAL RACE-REPRESENTATION on the non-official side of the Legislative Council of Tanganyika was accepted as a principle by a well-attended public meeting recently held in Arusha under the auspices of the local regional committee of the Commonwealth European Council, with Mr. F. E. Bartholomew in the chair.

Mr. A. B. P. Smith proposed, and Mr. A. D. Connell seconded, a resolution reading:

"That this meeting supports the proposal for equal distribution of seats on the Legislative Council between the main racial communities for the two terms remaining; the solution the most practical, equitable, and capable of obviating feelings of distrust and lack of confidence. Early inquiry into the basis of election and nomination and the question of a non-official majority is, however, desirable."

Speaking to the motion, Mr. Bartholomew said that the constitutional obligations of Tanganyika as a trusteeship territory not to discriminate on grounds of race, and in view of the experience gained by years of residence in the colony, made any proposal for advantage by one community unthinkable, entirely ineffective politically, and unworkable.

Equal Distribution Premised

Mr. A. Ramsey held that equal distribution of seats would be premature until all the Asian should and can be put on the same political level as either the Europeans or the Africans.

Mr. W. P. Hodder thought there was no use for the proposal in the circumstances, but hoped that a new constitution would emerge on merit and look forward finally to a common electoral roll.

It was on the proposal of Mr. R. Barker that the words "for the time being" were inserted in the resolution after "racial communities."

On the proposal of Major H. G. Faulkner the meeting resolved: "That, unless Swahili be admitted as a second language for purposes of debate in the central and local assemblies, freedom of expression will be denied to the majority of the population; and that the proposal on the Constitutional Committee's report concerning Swahili language is frustrating and unacceptable and should therefore be reconsidered."

The meeting supported the views of the Committee, not those of the Constitutional Committee, on the subject of regional councils, which would, it was felt, impose undue expense, duplication of work and function, inflation, and eventual failure.

Mr. Hitchcock said that according to his information the report of the committee on each draft bill had been prepared exclusively by officials, a fact which could hardly be sufficiently clear to the public in Africa or overseas. On a variety of issues the report was vague, inconclusive, and even contradictory.

Independence

He should be pleased to see the report of the committee on the constitution, and he hoped that the report could give their reasons for the recommendations. Such explanations had been given to him, and he wanted an informed public discussion of the matter before any vote should be made on the constitution.

Mr. Hodder proposed, and Mr. A. D. Connell seconded, that the African members of the Legislative Council through the regional committee should be given a free hand in the preparation of their report.

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Why Africans Suspend Teacher Training

Need of More Rooms in Institutions

AFRICAN SCHOOLS in Nyasaland numbered 4,184, when the 1950 report of the Education Department was written. There are five schools for Europeans, eleven for Asians, and one for Europeans, Europeans numbered 34,931, Africans 181, Europeans 163, Asians 160, Euro-Africans 13, and Africans 172 (including only three girls) were at these secondary schools, and 192 (including 21 girls) at teacher training centres. There were 267 African teachers, of whom 14 held university degrees. 547 had been trained, half to degree, but had completed secondary school courses, and 1,920 others had not completed secondary school courses.

Total expenditure on education in Nyasaland last year totalled £1,61,771, an increase of £17,507 over 1949. In 1950, the first year of the new five-year plan, most of the objects of the first five-year plan were achieved, but there had not been success in producing Africans capable of replacing the European superiors at the end of the period.

The position remained virtually the same. A proportion of the African inhabitants of Nyasaland obtained some sort of education, though not to the same extent as in other African territories. The proportion of those attending school at the right age and remaining sufficiently long at school really to benefit by the course was still depressingly low in comparison with corresponding figures elsewhere.

Second Five-Year Plan

The Director of Education points out that the second five-year plan provides for an increase in the number of central junior primary schools from 200 to 400 and of senior primary schools from 1,000 to 500 and onwards.

"Teaching is a vocation to as great a degree as any other profession; it is one, moreover, in which at present the African possibly has to face single-handed far more difficulties than almost any other."

"In the best will in the world it is seldom possible for a teacher in an assisted school away from a mission station to be visited more than twice a year by his school mistress and perhaps once, or at the most twice, by an officer of the Education Department; as a result he all too easily feels isolated in his task and has often to contend in addition with jealousy on the part of the local population."

The intending teacher is often invited to friends and relatives for assistance in paying for his education. Once he has passed standard VI they are apt to expect him to find remunerative work at once in order to repay their assistance. If, however, he is to become a teacher he has to spend two further years at a training school, during which he cannot expect to earn more than a minimum of pocket-money. This fact, not unimportantly, in many cases discourages him from further training.

"Much propaganda is still necessary to popularize the profession, and it should perhaps be directed at least as much towards parents, and friends as towards possible teacher-candidates themselves."

Rhodesia Railways Defended

Mr. George M. MOOGINS, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, received a memorandum signed by all the railway officials in the Bulawayo headquarters office, strongly repudiating charges that there is chaos on the railways. They affirm complete faith in the administrative ability of Mr. J. G. C. Gifford, the general manager. Answering local Press attacks on Sir Godfrey, including those in the magazine of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Rhodesia Tobacco Journal, the Prime Minister said: "We are all trying to keep the country moving, and that depends on our railways. Anything that is done to impede the movement of people or who are doing their business in this country in this Colony is the momentous. At any rate, high authority is invested with the general manager."



SUGAR is, according to the old Polynesian legend, the creator of the human race originally sprung from a sugar cane plant and it may well be that the South Pacific is indeed the place of origin of the first族 of mankind. In the 18th century Captain Bligh, after visiting the Solomon Islands, brought back some specimens of the 'othelite' variety which were planted in the East Botanical Gardens in Jamaica and formed part of the parent stock of the cane which for a hundred years supplied sugar to most of the New World as well as to a considerable proportion of the Old.

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The political matters which, if they continue, correctly imparative, will be readily satisfied with a minimum of time, often of a political nature.

So writes Dr. R. G. Tuckin, of the Royal Service, in an article on health conditions reproduced in the *Community Development* of the University of London Institute of Education.

"In recent years we have created certain rumours which have achieved wide circulation to the detriment of the reputation of the Uganda Government."

Typhoid Distributed by Water Pipes

We have had typhoid being manufactured in the Lakeside water pumping station and distributed by the water mains. beyond the town distribution of piped water we have had elephantiasis, walking on pasturum anti-erosion grass, we have had sleeping sickness spread by medical officers, two cases of flies on islands in Lake Victoria, and, of course, for many years we have been told that the gas plant in the laboratory is worked by the spirits of the departed pried all the way from the pentecostal room.

It is my belief that these rumours depend only in a vacuum, a vacuum which must be filled by carefully considered methods of mass education."

Uganda has had for many years a team of assistant health inspectors responsible for rural hygiene work, but the system of individual approach has drawbacks in such a country as Buganda.

It is only by a group approach towards health education that we can hope to create a fashion of hygienic improvements. The rumours that have flourished in Buganda in the past, and the rumours that will undoubtedly arise in the future in all parts of Africa, can be dispelled only by getting together a selection of representatives from the people of all tribes and convincing them jointly of the truth.

Again, the successful application of penal sanctions against the infringement of any sanitary code demands the general approval of the majority of the population for that sanitary code.

The natural groups of the population towards which health education must be directed should correspond to units of local government. A useful technique was that of "Health Weeks" based on the rasa, or county, an area which in Buganda holds between 50,000 and 250,000 people.

The persons invited to such a health week are not only chiefs, but also men of African of all types, officials of other Government departments, shopkeepers, hand traders, school teachers, landowners, clergymen; in fact, a cross-section of the natural leaders of the community in all spheres of activity.

Of publicity campaigns Dr. Tuckin writes:—

"Perhaps you are undoubtedly likely to be surprised to find that our African friends, as long as any European, appreciate the value of scientific education, and always do their best to promote it. We ourselves are not so far to begin a lecture that may appear to belong on a low plane of scientific knowledge without a very considerable acquaintance with the subject because the standard of question is often remarkably high. There need never be any fear of talking over the heads of the audience, especially if a well-trained and experienced interpreter is available."

Personal Contact Essential

"A lecture is a far more personal method of approach than the showing of a film or a poster, and personal contact is essential with Africans. You cannot ask questions, and pose, which therefore may be an attempt by Government to mislead, but a lecture is there in front of you, and there has been less after a barrage of questions, then you will probably convinced."

The dissemination of information is important in its own right, the writer concludes, a science which has unfortunately been prostituted for commercial purposes and for the political designs of villainous States.

He adds: "The most effective method of reaching the African people is through the personal contact method, and although this may be the most difficult method, it can be mentioned, the same can be done in a much more positive than other methods, and with a much greater result of medicine in East Africa."

The shareholders of Sudan Salt, Ltd., have notified the shareholders that they have received a firm offer from Sudanese interests for the company's salt concession and assets in Port Sudan, and that the prospective purchasers have paid a substantial deposit as evidence of good faith.

An offer of £55,000 has also been received from the Sudan Gezira Board for the company's two warehouses in Port Sudan; these warehouses have no connexion with the salt concession.

The permission of H.M. Treasury for the transfer of the company's assets to residents abroad has been secured, and subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions, the Sudan Government is prepared to give formal consent to the assignment of the company's concession to a company to be incorporated in the Sudan by the prospective purchasers.

The company would receive an sterling in London £257,500 for the concession and all the fixed assets excluding the two warehouses, and a further sum in payment for the following effects as at the date of take-over: (a) stocks of salt and gypsum and stores, valued on the basis normally used in the annual balance-sheet, and (b) payments in advance, including expenditure on ungathered crops of salt.

The company would meet the outstanding debts, pay off the creditors, retain the rents earned up to the date of take-over, and settle all taxation liabilities arising up to that date. Cash and bank balances and investments are excluded from the offer.

If these offers are accepted, the directors will recommend that the company should go into voluntary liquidation. They estimate that the distribution in that event would amount to approximately £1.25 per £1. unit of stock. In view of the universal uncertainty now prevailing, they strongly recommend acceptance of the offers.

An extraordinary general meeting will be held on October 24 to authorise the directors to conclude the sales.

The directors are Mr. R. Y. Rule (Chairman) and Mr. E. F. Bourne. The late chairman, Sir Harold Wooding, who died recently, had taken a leading part in the negotiations which have resulted in the above offers.

Loan to Belgian Congo

"THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR Reconstruction and Development has announced a 25-year loan of \$40m. to aid in carrying out the 10-year development plan of the Belgian Congo. The news bulletin of the International Monetary Fund states that the Congo, now producing more than half the world's cobalt and industrial diamonds, ranks fourth among the countries producing iron, produces one-fourth as much copper as the United States, and is a leading producer of uranium. Total exports have nearly trebled in tonnage and increased six times in value in 10 years, reaching a record value of \$330m. last year. The loan, bearing 4½% interest, will be authorized by 40 equal half-annual payments, the first to be made in March, 1952."

Growing Rhodesian Towns

THE EUROPEAN POPULATIONS of Southern Rhodesia towns have increased rapidly in the last five years, according to figures just published by the Central African Statistical Office. Salisbury, the capital, now has 40,510 inhabitants, compared with 21,294 in 1946. Other increases are Bulawayo, 32,389 (17,544); Umtali, 5,762 (2,011); Gwelo, 4,975 (2,049); Que Que, 1,761 (1,081); Gatooma, 1,536 (1,171); Shabeni, 1,379 (1,016), and Wankie, 1,121 (844). There are a few "towns" in the list, one of these being the site of the iron and steel works, where there are 2,200 Europeans. The others are Mutapa (2,357), Umissati (1,76), Concessions Mine (144), Chinhoyi (1,181) and Turk Mine (101).



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Immigrating Britons to Africa

Widening Interest

MR. CHRISTIE LAWRENCE spoke in last Friday's "Calling the Rhodesias and Nyasaland" programme of the B.B.C. on migration to British African territories. Discounting the criticism often made abroad that the Englishman has lost his spirit of adventure, his liking for independence, and his drive, he said that if the Colonies wanted immigrants they must offer something more attractive than the improved way of life prevalent in the United Kingdom.

Prospects of getting good immigrants, if they were needed, were all very good, he thought; for there was an immensely increased interest in Africa, to which much more space at time were being given by the newspapers and the B.B.C.

It would, said Mr. Christie Lawrence, need a comparatively small effort by the British African territories to divert this interest and staff Englishmen thinking about the opportunities offered in Africa.

All more who thought about life and conditions in Central and East Africa were really convinced that it would be not to bad immigrants of the right kind. There should from those thousands who would apply."

Higher Post Office Charges

INCREASES averaging about 50% above pre-war rates in telephone charges in East Africa will operate from the beginning of next year, but the telephone service is still expected to show a deficit for some years. Telegraph charges will go up to 1.50s. for 10 words, with 13 cents of a shilling for each additional word; this should make the service almost self-supporting. An inland post-parcel service also loses money, the rates will be increased on November 1 from 75 cents to 45s. for parcels up to 1 lb., from 1.50s. to 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. from 3s. to 3.50s. up to 7 lb. and from 4.50s. to 5s. up to 11 lb. Parcels for the United Kingdom will cost 4.30s. up to 3 lb., instead of 2.30s.

Cement in N. Rhodesia

£12.8s. A Ton

A PRICE increase in Northern Rhodesia has been raised to £12.8s. a ton. This was announced last week by Mr. B. Lewis, Deputy Director of Trade, Transport and Industry, who said:

"The public will naturally be disappointed to find that it is once more necessary to raise the price of cement. The former price of £10 10s. a ton was based upon a forecast of supplies which would be available over a period, from various sources and the prices at which these supplies could be delivered in the territory."

Shortly after this forecast was made the situation changed for the worse, and the first place a substantial rise in the prices of cement from overseas exporting countries took place, coupled with an increase in ocean freight rates. This affected about one-third of the anticipated supplies. A further third was affected by the rise in South African cement prices, about £7.6d. per ton and the imposition by the Southern Rhodesian Government of a surcharge of £2 per ton on the small quantities of cement we obtained from their Colony.

About 40,000 tons of cement during the next 12 months are expected to be obtained from Colonia, at the factory's price of £12.8s., about 18,000 tons can be obtained from the Union, and about 7,000 tons from Southern Rhodesia at the increased price now ruling in those countries. The balance of some 30,000 tons must be obtained from overseas, and it is to be hoped that the landed cost of overseas cement supplies at points in the territory will change about £12 10s."

The price at which the Department sells is arrived at by averaging the prices of cement from various sources. It is now necessary, in order to cover the cost of supplies from all sources, to fix the current price at £12.8s. per ton. Should it be possible to reduce these costs, by obtaining cheaper shipments from overseas, the economy would be passed on straight away to the consumers."

licences by the Railways Transport Licensing Board in respect of vehicles of 1½ tons, tare weight, and over will be issued and renewed only on the production of inspection report by an authorized garage.

GOVERNMENT OF TANGANYIKA

LEASE OF SITE FOR CEMENT WORKS

The Government of Tanganyika invites applications for the lease of a site near Tanga for the erection of a cement works with an annual output of 60,000 tons or more.

The site, which is approximately four miles from the port of Tanga, contains existing and ready for use suitable cement making plant, labour, information and other facilities available to enable a working cement works to be established. Government is offering a site of 100 acres, subject to suitable payment of rent, to the highest bidder under the Tenders Board's Scheme. Every bidder, however, must be registered with the Rent Officer.

Railways and Harbours Administration for the provision of a railway siding.

The terms and conditions under which the quarrying rights and a right of occupancy over the land would be granted will be subject to negotiations with Government in the light of proposals put forward by the applicant.

Interested persons should apply for further particulars from the MEMBER FOR FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMICS, THE SECRETARIAT, DAR ES SALAAM, TANGANYIKA.

Movement in Rhodesia and Growth in Last Two Years

THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT in Northern Rhodesia amongst both Europeans and Africans has become more firmly based, states the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in his report for 1950. "In the rural areas crop marketing combined with co-operation has increased production and opened the way to a general improvement in agricultural techniques."

The Registrar cites the Midland Co-operative Society Ltd., Lusaka, as an example of what can be done when members "and, I suppose, realize the advantages of starting in a small way and developing gradually. Registered in 1945 with 196 members and paid-up share capital of only £1,633, it began by concentrating on the more essential household goods. By the end of last year membership had risen to 613, paid-up share capital to £14,215 and turnover to £60,000."

The number of co-operative societies has risen from 23 in 1948 (membership 1,054, paid-up share capital £847) to 65 last year (membership 10,504, capital £18,429). European societies now number 31 (membership 4,438, capital £1,040,527) compared with eight in 1947 (membership 1,144, capital £97,588).

Consumer Societies

Of consumer societies the report states that the grant of credit facilities to members, which should be unnecessary, is unavoidable "because the bulk of the members do not yet appreciate the vital importance of the members of a co-operative supporting their own society." While other traders allow almost unrestricted credit, members insist upon receiving credit from their own societies, and do not appear to realize that this imposes a strain on their financial structures.

Some societies are trying to reduce credit by the introduction of a discount for cash, which at present averages 10 per cent. The Co-operative Committee, an advisory body composed of five delegates from the five European consumer societies in the urban areas, is endeavouring to persuade the Co-operative Wholesale Society of England to open a wholesale department in Northern Rhodesia, or at least to extend credit facilities.

"There still exists a certain amount of misapprehension of the department's policy in regard to African societies," the Registrar comments. "It should again be emphasized that the policy of teaching the African to do something for himself instead of doing it for him is adhered to very firmly."

In some of the older societies committee members are beginning to show signs of independence and are less inclined to follow slavishly the advice given them. Although this attitude might be inclined to lead to trouble, it is a healthy development, and if it means that windows must be closed in the hard way through experience so much the better in the long run."

Shipping Problems

THE EAST AFRICAN SECTION of the London Chamber of Commerce last week discussed in committee the problems of shippers in East Africa. It was the largest meeting for many years. Consideration was given to *inter alia* on the existing loading registers maintained by the shipping lines and the possibility of conversion to the war-time expedient of one central register; the problems in the United Kingdom and especially in London; congestion at the port of Mombasa, where the average time of waiting before a cargo ship is berthed for discharge was said to be 10 or 12 days; and the difficulties otherwise of the long-range planning of port and railway extensions in East Africa.

Livingstone as Federal Capital

THE CLAIMANTS to Livingstone as the capital of a future Central African Federation are supported by the *Bulawayo Chronicle*, which says: "By its comparative isolation from the main activities of Northern Rhodesia, Livingstone fits well into the picture. It is becoming established as the most appropriate capital of Central Africa. Access is easy. Its services bring the most remote parts within a few hours' travelling time. Its scenic and holiday attractions are a lure in themselves, being an inducement to transit business in a pleasant atmosphere. Finally, it was once a capital, and deserves compensation for its loss to Lusaka."

Misuse of African Farm Labour Overtime Payments and Training

WILL OVER HALF of Southern Rhodesia's tobacco farmers have surplus labour, according to Mr. W. H. Wadsworth, chief economist to the Department of Agriculture. In a study of the Native who is employed in farming he discloses that in the tobacco group 63% of farmers showed surplus workers; in the maize group the figure was 52%, and in the mixed farming group 50%.

Declaring that the farmer himself is responsible for much of the waste, the report adds that managerial standards leave a good deal to be desired. Natives work better under the master's eye, "and better still if they know he (the manager) can't do the job himself." The heavy dependence on labour drawn from outside the Colony is serious: on tobacco farms only 31% of the labour was indigenous, on maize farms 28%, and in the mixed group 48%. The report suggests that these high proportions of imported workers represent one cause of prevailing instability.

Solutions include better housing, encouragement of African family life, and acceptance of social responsibility for a community which is denied the amenities of the towns. Housing for Native farm workers is described as generally poor.

Maize farms are apparently not attracting much new labour. It is emphasized that proposals by the Rhodesia National Farmers' Union for a national minimum wage involve a higher figure than many farmers now pay, and will necessitate more careful use of labour. Rationing of labour would involve excessive regimentation and constant inspection.

The report concludes that there should be a definite working day, with overtime rates, and greater rudimentary and specialist training in agriculture for Africans. Even then trained Natives will not respond "to Max managerial practice and dog-and-stick discipline."

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TAXES ON TOBACCO Nyasaland's Industry

THE 1951 EXPORT TAX CHARTERACTORY is believed by Nyasaland Tobacco Exporters' Association and the Nyasaland Tobacco Association to threaten the existence of the country's major industry, and joint representations have therefore been made to the Governor and the Secretary of State for the abolition of the tax of 1d. per lb. on unstripped leaf and 3d. per lb. on stripped leaf.

While all locally-grown tobacco sold readily, the tax was at present thought dished, and the subject of protest from time to time. Now sales in the United Kingdom outlets are failing, and sales in some other markets are diminished by the tax.

Supply Overtaking Demand

The letter making representations to the Government of Nyasaland contained the following passages:

"...simply as rapidly overtaking demand, sales resistance is evident, and buyers are reluctant, with the result that prices have fallen. The market in the United Kingdom for dark-fired tobacco has for some time been dwindling, and big stocks have been accumulated by manufacturers and leaf merchants."

Entirely owing to private enterprise, Nyasaland tobacco has been going into the market channels through the United Kingdom outlets, where there are unmistakable signs of resistance. A few days ago, a very important buyer in one of these markets came to Nyasaland and attended the auction sales. He left without purchasing a single order, even at the lower prices now current. It is believed that he is holding his hand in view of the substantial African crop (estimated at between 50m. and 60m. lbs.) which will probably soon come into direct competition with Nyasaland tobacco on the continental market."

The independent leaf merchants in the U.K. who were responsible for the development of sales of Nyasaland tobacco in foreign markets are making great efforts to increase those sales. These are markets in which a price difference of 1d., let alone 3d. or 3d. can nullify sales, which have been more than halved because of the poor quality of the 1951 crop. In the countries of the continent, Nyasaland for the moment is the best new market, and since the dwindling

market in the U.K. is still there.

With the ever-increasing rise in costs of labour and materials, the situation has worsened when price is the most important factor. Whilst in effect a tax of 2d. or even 3d. may not seriously prejudice sales when demand is strong, it becomes an insuperable burden in a soundly-fabricated industry, where labour and freight rates when demand weakens, so undermine the fact that sales cannot be effected at a price which gives a reasonable gross return to the producer. The situation therefore is that there is imminent danger of Nyasaland losing the valuable foreign markets which are absorbing substantial proportions of the crop."

From the Nyasaland's point of view, the Bureau of Navigation is becoming interested in taking dark-fired tobacco, as an instance, the 1951 crop receives a flat present price, a gross return of about 10s. per lb. if Government gets a little over 2d. in export tax, and the producer 2d. to import duty. That is to say, every home-produced crop. Government revenue loss is much the problem, and the new ground is becoming increasingly attractive. The industry regards as the doldrums Nyasaland with its present and nothing more than a breeding ground for misery.

China is the main foreign consumer of pipe tobacco, and Nyasaland tobacco is in direct competition with Rhodesian tobacco, and the commercial outlets at present are an indication of the position. Nyasaland has a good crop and its tobacco is selling for about 10s. per lb. in Southern Rhodesia, with the world crop on record as averaging 9d.

Air Advisory Board

AT THE latest meeting of the East African Air Advisory Council, held at Nairobi, it was agreed that very high frequency radio should be adopted as the basis of international communications and air navigation facilities. The advantages claimed by this method are freedom from atmospheric noise, low power requirements, simplicity of operation, and cheapness of the necessary equipment. Expenditure of £50,000 was recommended for installations in 1952. High frequency is to be retained for long-range needs.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

A South African polo team is visiting Kenya. Northern Rhodesia's budget this year is likely to exceed £20m. for the first time.

The next session of the Northern Rhodesian Legislative Council will open on November 10.

Rhodesian Homes and Gardens is a new monthly magazine published by *The Rhodesian Farmer*.

The Transvaal Nationalist Party in South Africa have approved the proposed merger of the Nationalist and Afrikaner Parties.

A special service for cricketers and their friends was held in Nairobi Cathedral in connexion with the local cricket festival. Players were invited to attend in flannels.

Up to the end of June 1951 applications had been received by the European Settlement Board in Kenya for the 10,000 tenant farms which will be available this year.

Rhodesian Airmen

For the first time since the end of the war, airmen trained by the Southern Rhodesian Air Force have received their wings. The presentation was made by Sir Godfrey Puggins, M.P.

Entrance fees are to be waived by the Royal East African Automobile Association in respect of members of the Forces whose tour of duty in the territories does not exceed six months.

The following additional telephone trunk lines have been installed in Northern Rhodesia: Livingstone-Ndola (two); Livingstone-Lusaka; Lusaka-Broken Hill; Broken Hill-Ndola; Ndola-Mufulira.

A new motorship, CHAKDRRA, built on the Clyde for the British India Line's eastern service, has completed her trials. She is the 60th vessel built or bought by the company since the outbreak of war in 1939.

More than 600 square miles of new country was opened up for Native occupation at Mbulu, Tanganika, last year by the installation of water supplies and the construction of selective leprosy cures. Africans from the overpopulated highlands have now moved into this area.

Modernization of the Sudan's post and telegraph services will involve the use of teleprinters at most of the larger offices, the creation of additional offices and agencies, and mobile post and telegraph offices. There have been recent increases in charges in order to redress last year's adverse balance of £115,000.

New Aerodromes

There are now 45 aerodromes in Northern Rhodesia, including 12 precautionary landing grounds. At Abercorn the runway is now 6,000 ft. and can take

Viking aircraft; the Broken Hill runway has been similarly extended; new airfields are being constructed at Fort Rosebery and Mongu; and sites are being investigated at Solwezi, Kabompo, and Petauke.

A special performance of Mr. Noel Coward's "Relative Values" will be given on Wednesday December 5, in aid of the Rhodesia War Memorial College Appeal, of which Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, is president. Tickets are obtainable from Gwen Lady Matchett, 39 Grosvenor Square, London, W.1, or Lady (Beddoe) Ross, 24a Curzon Street, W.1.

"A vision to girdle the world by two routes serviced by all-British aircraft" was mentioned in a recent speech by Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of the B.O.A.C. He said that the Bristol 175 aircraft now on order incorporated lessons learned in building the Brabazon; the new plane would be larger and lower than the Comet, and would carry between 90 and 100 people. Comets would start a regular London-Johannesburg run next May.

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Commercial Concern

A measure limiting dividends to apply to companies domiciled in Northern Rhodesia, the provisions of which measure limiting dividends would might become operative in Great Britain if to be introduced at the next session of the legislature by Mr. Roy Welensky, leader of the non-officials. Any such control of dividends would, he said, seriously hamper the influx of new capital and check the present rapid development of companies upon the prosperity of which the country so largely depended.

The application by Pan African Airways, Ltd., South African company, to the East African Transport Licensing Board to operate passenger and freight services between East Africa and Europe via Rome, Athens, and Lyons, at rates 25% below those charged by the regular airlines, has been opposed by B.O.A.C., South African Airways, Scandinavian Airways, and Israel National Lines.

Uganda Cotton Proposals

Complaint that the proposals for the reorganization of the cotton industry in Uganda restrict the participation of African societies to those registered under the Cooperative Registrar's Department has been made by Mr. J. K. Musazi, president-general of the general assembly of the Federation of Partnerships of Uganda farmers.

The retail selling price of maize meal in Kenya has increased to 46s. per bag of 200 lb., an increase of 10s., following rises in the price of maize from 24.50s. to 30.39s. per bag last July, in gunny bags from 12.20s. to 15s. and in transport costs.

A mission of two or three members is shortly expected in Southern Rhodesia to study the situation in connexion with the possibility of a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The Cold Storage Commission in Southern Rhodesia is to buy all surplus fresh meat of first-grade quality in a dozen until the end of August, 1952. This is one measure being taken to stabilize the poultry market.

North Charterland Exploration Co. (1937), Ltd., had a tobacco crop in Northern Rhodesia in the past season of 203,587 lb., against 307,074 lb. in the previous year, the shortfall being due to adverse weather.

A public meeting called in Nairobi by Councillor F. Harris adopted by 130 votes to 46 a resolution instructing the City Council to cease expenditure on the proposed City Hall.

Time-table for S. Rhodesia

The 400,000 bags of maize recently sent from South Africa to Southern Rhodesia will probably be followed by a further 200,000 bags. The price of maize is to be fixed at 26s. per ton, to be applicable to the Northern Rhodesian Government by the maize fertilizer known as "Citrafertilizer Phosphate."

The European Coffee Merchants' Association have moved their headquarters from Amsterdam to London for the next two years.

Car Hire (East Africa) Ltd., has been registered in Uganda by Mr. A. Neil Vincent and Colonel H. D. Armstrong.

At last week's auctions in London 479 packages of African tea were sold at an average of 3s. 5.1d. per lb.

A new disease, gambling Paroxysmal disease, is attacking banana trees on the slopes of Kilimanjaro.

Selling prices in Great Britain of Sidas K.K. types of raw cotton were cut by 3d. per lb. last week.

The number of European firms in the Belgian Congo is now over 200.

Mining

Mining Gold in Southern Tanganyika

Mineralizable Gold in One Area

THE INVESTIGATIONS in the Ruhuhu River area for south-western Tanganyika made by the Colonial Development Corporation at a cost so far of about £220,000 have met with great success, diamond drilling having indicated that in one area there are more than 40 m. extractable tons of coal with possibilities of considerable extension to the west.

The greatest richness of coal is found in veins 200 m. tens, though most of it fails to reach economic thickness.

The area explored by the corporation is 1,000 sq. miles.

No coal field existed in the remote semi-explored area of Tanganyika bordering Lake Nyasa was known in the later years of the 19th century, but, it was not until recently that the extent of the field was suspected through the work and discoveries of Mr. G. M. Stockley, Director of the Geological Survey Department of Tanganyika, who in 1939 traced coal deposits in the Ruhuhu River basin.

Dr. C. S. Stansfield Hutchins, the corporation's resident geologist, is in charge of the investigation. Assisted by an expert staff, he has continued the survey in the Mbala-Mwala area, a few miles south of the previously known exposures in the Nyaka coalfield, to discover further substantial coal deposits.

Remote Area

The area explored by the geologists is remote and difficult of access; 66 miles of tracks have been made through forested, unmapped territory beyond the existing Lindi-Copper road, which is open only in the dry season.

"No money was spent on bridges and permanent roads," every rainy season the temporary bush-track bridges were washed away and the investigating team completely cut off for five months. With such communications the organization of the supply of the many tons of stores and equipment was a hard task. Now that the capabilities of the field have been assessed, more permanent communications are justified.

Begin two years ago, the investigation has proved results five months ahead of schedule, a tribute to the geologists and mining engineers concerned, to the diamond-drillers of "Caelius East Africa Drilling Co.," Ltd., who are, as they are, and to the several hundred African workers who have to be specially trained for the job.

The main investigation was made in the Ngaka River drainage basin, bounded on the north by the Ruhuhu River. The investigation has now been extended to the Kitewa area, 10 miles south of Ruhuhu and west of the Kitewa river.

In the Ngaka region, 430 sq. miles have been topographically surveyed and maps made. Of square miles of geological mapping has been carried out, and 19 boreholes have been completed, involving about 19,000 ft. of drilling. In the Kitewa area, 10 sq. miles have been surveyed and 2,000 ft. of diamond-drilling done. Borehole depths range from 200 to 1,900 ft.

Good Quality Coal

More than 500 coal analyses have been made. The coal is generally, with most South African and Rhodesian coal, good, especially at Mbala-Mwala is better than any previously known in Tanganyika. The seams range from a few feet to over 20 ft. in thickness.

The investigation has so far cost some £230,000. How and what conflict has developed? They obviously possess important strategic value. Two different schemes appear possible; both would require close collaboration with the Tanganyika Government.

One is a small colliery with a production of, say, some half million tons a year, for East African consumption, the other more ambitious, possibly a large colliery with an output of perhaps 2,000,000 tons a year, three-quarters of which might be used for processing petro-chemicals. These schemes will involve careful planning and in any case cannot come to fruition without railways.

Iron ore deposits are known to exist not far away.

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metallurgical and refining industries have been overcome it may become of great importance to the area to increase every year.

The Governor of Tanganyika will shortly leave Dar es Salaam to discuss with the Governor of Rhodesia the development of these discoveries on the development of the Southern Province.

Premium Sales of Rhodesian Gold

Strictly Limited Under Control

To dealers in Southern Rhodesia gold producers from the specified altitude of the International Monetary Fund to sales of gold above the official price will be less than had been hoped, and even expected.

Premium sales are to be limited to 10,000 fine oz monthly, whereas the last time the Bank had control of official consent to sell gold of over 20,000 oz.

All premium sales must be for account which may be surrendered to the dollar pool of the mining area.

The Southern Rhodesian Treasury announced Monday:

"The decision to market only 14,000 oz of gold a month which represents about 40% of production, has been taken in view of growing 'speculations' by the United Kingdom Government that Southern Rhodesia should keep its share of the Union of South Africa and other producers in the sterling area in not selling more than this proportion of their production on the foreign market."

"The Southern Rhodesian Government will nevertheless decide should action be taken by other gold-producing countries to increase their supplies."

It was immediately made known that the South African Treasury had agreed to permit Southern Rhodesia to use channels and machinery already in existence in the Union.

On the basis of 10,000 oz of gold produced per month, the following conditions of the agreement are:

- (1) No foreign trader may act only as processors and agents for Southern Rhodesian owners of gold, which must not be sold outside of Southern Rhodesia; and (2) Southern Rhodesian gold producers and gold smelters agreed to submit to the same regulations as those which govern the production and sale of Southern Rhodesian gold.

The arrangement has been made possible by the Bank of Rhodesia, on representations by the Government of Southern Rhodesia, agreeing to modify the existing agreement whereby the whole of Southern Rhodesia's gold production is sold through the Bank of Rhodesia.

One estimate indicates that the mining industry will benefit by a net benefit to Southern Rhodesia of no more than £1,500 a ton of ore treated, per ton of ore sold, when £1,500 a ton of ore is sold.

Progress Reports for September

Wanda Colliery—196,421 tons of coal and 8,359 tons of coke were sold in September.

Motoma.—A working profit of £1,201 was earned from the crushing of 23,300 tons of ore for 2,380 oz gold.

Gibson & Phoenix—3,094 oz gold were recovered in September from treating 6,100 tons of ore. The working profit was £19,254.

Rhodesian Corporation.—Output of Fins mine in September was 1,140 oz gold from 3,750 tons of ore. The working profit was £238.

Lupita & Rhodesian—3,155 tons of ore were treated in September at the Vulindlela mine for a working profit of £1,24. At the Coomnaught mine a working profit of £1,024 was earned from crushing 773 tons of ore.

Grinding & Calcination Production

Southern Rhodesian tungsten is being processed at Gibson's mine near the Phalaborwa District of Northern Rhodesia. After the closing of the month, the miners worked on regularized individual claims employing hand breaking, hand loading and washing the ore. This has resulted in a reduction of a month for his output.

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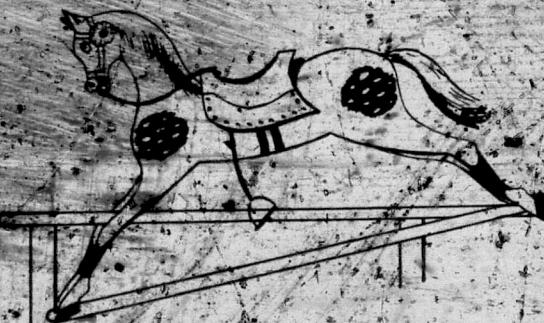
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

A IMMENSELY IMPORTANT ISSUE is about to be debated in (but we must not voted upon) in Tanganyika Territory, namely, the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional De-

No Safety in Parity. development that the non-official side of the Legislature should within five years consist of equal numbers of Europeans, Africans, and Asians. This numerical equality is known for convenience as "parity," and those who support the principle argue, in the words of the committee, that it is "the only solution which is equitable and capable of obviating feelings of distrust and lack of confidence and of laying a sound foundation for the political development of the Territory." The principle has been accepted by all the non-official members of all races in the present Legislative Council, and recently, and somewhat surprisingly, a public meeting held in Tanga under the auspices of the local regional committee of the Tanganyika European Council. That council and some of its other regional committees are, however, strongly opposed to parity.

The Tanga resolution held that the proposal was "unable of obviating feelings of distrust and lack of confidence, but, with

singular failure to understand the grave implications involved, the Tanga Meeting meeting agreed to add to Exposes the Idea the original phrasology the words "for the time being." By thus supporting the proposal for parity between the main racial communities merely "for the time being," the meeting admitted that parity would in its opinion be no more than a temporary expedient. This is the view which EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA has taken throughout, and is emphatically not the opinion of the Constitutional Committee or of any other organizations for the principle with whom it has ever discussed it. Indeed, the main basis of the case for parity has been the assumption, at least in the public mind, that it would bring a real reduction of a most controversial issue.

Doubtless unconsciously, the Tanga Tanga has now exposed the weakness of parity, which probably has a use. It cannot have continuing validity has nothing — the strength which is called Why? — for if and when it does, it will give rise to problems which would indeed obviate feelings of distrust and lack of confidence.

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the Committee, those who met in Tanganyika would have been unanimous in their approval. It could certainly not have been unanimous at the time of the meeting. That meeting can have accepted the idea only because the motion would not otherwise have commended itself to those present. Yet the limitation frustrates the whole purpose of the idea by emphasizing that even the few Europeans outside active political life who have accepted parity as a principle do not expect it to prevail. Neither do we; but we are opponents of the idea, not advocates of it. Theoretically it has manifest attractions, but it could not endure in practice for any length of time because African nationalist leaders would be certain to campaign against it, and an outcry shows that the extremists would win.

The Constitutional Committee's plea for parity was examined on August 30 in a long leading article in which we argued that there ought on practical and psychological grounds

Government's Plea and Africans on the Case Invalid.

A quarter has that reasoning been attacked, but as will be seen from an official statement on another page, the Government of Tanganyika now sells by new statistics to uphold its claim that the principle of non-racial representation has already been adopted and operates. But if that statement is closely examined, it will be found to support the case which EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA has made, not that of the Administration! On the showing of the Government, there is to-day parity on three bodies only, the Dar es Salaam Municipal Council, the Tanga Township Authority, and the Immigration Control Board. Would any responsible person of any race, in or connected with Tanganyika object to parity in those three special cases? Presumably not, for very obvious reasons. Those three cases therefore prove nothing. Much more appropriate to the arguments are the provincial councils in the Lake and the Southern Highlands provinces. In the first, there are two Asians, four Europeans, and six Africans, and in the second, one Asian, two Europeans, and four Africans. These bodies are in the provincial setting analogous to the legislative bodies of our former times, and the Committee, in its wisdom, has given the African opinion the benefit of what it has done so far. It has not been unbalanced, and it would have been unbalanced if the unbalanced provinces would, we may say, be equally so.

There would, of course, be fair Asian representation, but it should be fair, not

certainly. Where Asians have substantial interests, as they have in the towns and some rural areas, there would grow up a real

Fair Representation and in the Law of Not Artificiality.

immigration, they have a valid claim to adequate representation. That was presumably the reason for granting them parity in the two leading municipalities and for refusing it elsewhere. Some day the Legislative Council (as in other territories) will be constituted mainly on a basis of locality, its members being elected by constituencies (together no doubt with some nominated by the Governor). When that time comes the Dar es Salaam area might well return the same number of Europeans, Africans and Asians, and the same arrangement might be equitable in the case of the Tanga area. But it would not be reasonable to suggest that the principle should operate in, for instance, the Southern Highlands, the Western Province, or a new constituency covering the great new industrial area which will develop about the Rungwa coalfield, in all of which localities Asian interest may be confined to township and village stores. There might then be a good case for parity in particular electorates, but we see none for parity in the Territory as a whole.

It is claimed that parity has the great advantage of breaking with the system of racial representation by necessarily unsatisfactory astronomical calculations. It does nothing of the sort.

Mere Outspan on Constitutional Road.

In the case of Tanganyika, the parity proposed would express itself as seven Europeans, seven Africans, and seven Asians. Does anyone imagine that that ratio would be regarded as sacrosanct by politically ambitious Africans—or by the Fabian and other busy-bodies in this country and elsewhere who, disregarding the risk that it would give Africans too much too soon, and perhaps to their own hurt, now support parity? If it were introduced, they would promptly propose to attack it. They would be recognising that there are more than one European in the community, a strong sense which a plural society must travel. It may not be mistaken for a Shanghailese in their care, may be shed without thought of ever having to bear them again. II for these reasons parity is not to be treated as a political measure. It is equally vulnerable similarly. Taking in the long view, only safe view, all East and Central Africa will be brought we are conducted to the formula of racial rights in the civilization which East Rhodesia recommended half a century ago.

Notes

Imperial Disputation.

I HAVE seen no reference anywhere to the unhappy pathology in which the two joint proposals to Egypt and Iraq to their Sudan were described by H.M. Government as "the only way of finding adequate safeguards for Egyptian interests." Did the Foreign Office really understand what these words could easily be read to mean? They could not trust, or be expected to trust, British interests and British interests in fulfilment of their mandate under the International Convention, which the Foreign Secretary may be satisfied with his application, but it would be ingenuently rejected by the overwhelming majority of the people if they were given it. However, the vote of the League of Nations was still not across the Suez Canal, so there was no reason why it could not be trusted to tell the League honestly that harmony and good-will flow automatically from international co-operation, and that no one in tenacity of view can be expected to know nothing.

Foreign Office Blunder.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT were such a commission to sit in the Sudan to advise on constitutional developments and render advice to the Sudanese? Of what advantage would that be to the Sudanese? Who will believe that counsel of a committee could be expected from a commission appointed by the Distinctive Nations as a result of the wrangling by which such bodies are always constituted? The Civil Service in the Sudan can stand comparison with any in the world, and it is fantastic to assume that it is worse to declare publicly to the prejudice of all that a good name—that heterogeneous collection of experts—could make practical proposals which the present administration has not already considered.

Easy Formula of Shared Duty.

SUCH a commission would greatly please the local politicians because they would feel that they had got off "our Government's hook" because they could not say that this was an important step in the direction of independence; but if the United Nations did not dooming real problems in the Sudan to be solved by the service of reference, then the Sudanese would come to know and care for their subjects, the British, and the British would never have thought of this "kind of democracy." Elsewhere the idea will be warmly commended by international politicians and by those who have come up with a new formula than in the "way of the League." The formula than in the "way of the League" is surely preferable to the "formula of the non-performance."

Unashamed Motives.

THAT BRITISH MOTIVES in regard to the Sudan are other than those of self-interest should be evident from the long list of public comment, in the Press, on the platform, and over the air, has been substantial, for the fact that the country's importance in relation to the cotton trade has been a factor that dictated its policy. The British, in their responsible editorials, have indicated that they are for the most part emphatic, and many of the journals have not even mentioned cotton in their editorial columns. They have concerned themselves with the future of the Sudan, of the Sudanese, to achieve autonomy, and they decide for themselves what the future of their country should be.

Notes

THE SUDAN. The Sudan is destined for independence in 1962, but is still unaware that its foreign trade is about two-fifths of its output. The white Commonwealth tea is produced in 10,000 bales, of which it was bought by the Raw Cotton Corporation or United Kingdom, and in the last 12 months arrivals have totalled 12,000 bales. Owing to the fact that the Sudan is still not across the Suez Canal, the Sudanese are to that of the Tea Board, and in the opinion of Mr. A. G. Gaskill, is the best country to buy tea because of the low cost of labour. The tea business has not yet reached its commercial peak, so far as

Tea in the Market.

Dr. Gaskill has taken a great deal of trouble to be unusually good to his readers, and I am so considerable a portion of the tea market that I am bound to give him some space. He first grants that he has done a sume of readers to undertake the task because of his devotion. He has almost guaranteed their satisfaction. Dr. Edward F. Griffin has put the public in the eye with "Doctor by Themselves," a 614-page collection of the writings of a medical man from the practice of ancient times to the great physician and surgeon of this generation. While the volume will have an appeal to all members of the Colonial Medical Services, and to all regular readers of this paper, it will also attract large numbers of general readers. Patients and potential patients will here find abundant evidence of the subject of disease, which have been due to posterior noble writings which Dr. Griffin has done. Many tried under tribute. "Gossips have published a series of book which many laymen, and I among them, will want to keep."

Heavy Losses.

LARGE SUMS OF MONEY have recently been lost by Uganda Asians who sold substantial quantities of locally grown cotton to German subjects to the amount of import licences for the commodity. The selling at high prices for the cotton in auction on the rate assumption that permits would be issued by the Colonial authorities for the entry of a raw material which was badly needed. Now there are buyers indeed, much poorer men who have paid the unwise price, and are discovering that not only do colonial visitors to Germany could procure the essential item, but while time they waited in queues, pleading, cotton, cotton fell, and the holders had to sell at prices which caused them losses of from 25% to 30% on the transaction. From one source where I have learned that the aggregate loss must be much more than £100,000 from those under the estimate was about double that figure.

Kongwa to Westminster.

SETH KALUMA, whose long-standing friendship with Dr. Nkrumah earned him a nod from the President of the Republic of Ghana, has been invited to speak at the meeting of the African Party for Self-Determination and Independence in London on November 10. The speaker is thus invited to the House of Commons. It will be interesting to study his participation in the discussion of African affairs.

THE MARCH ON KHARTOUM
BY SIR RONALD HARRIS
The author, who has been in the Sudan since 1936, describes the present situation in the country, the rôle of the British Government, and the rôle of the Sudanese political parties.

In the course of the last year, the political situation in the Sudan has changed greatly. The pro-Egyptian party has lost its support mainly to a new group of tribal members in the Legislative Assembly who represent the tribes of the northern Nubians and from the eastern Sudan. The tribal members from the centre, south and west of the country are almost solidly behind the pro-independence party.

TWO GROUPS

The main political parties form two groups—those working for a union with Egypt and those working for independence. No one knows which group is the stronger, number of supporters among the politically minded urban populations in the several areas of the northern Sudan the pro-independence group has a considerable majority, and the very few southerners who have any views about the future of their country are strongly opposed to everything for which the pro-Egyptian group stands.

Both groups—for very different reasons—desire and demand the end of condominium rule.

Since the constitutional changes of 1948 the pro-Egyptian group have boycotted the elections and taken no part in the government of the country, although rural areas in the northern Sudan which tend to support these parties have elected their representatives who have no regular place in the legislative Assembly.

The pro-independence group and the peoples in the rural areas of north and south who support them have cooperated fully in the machinery of government, and have a majority in the Executive Council over the British members and a large majority in the Legislative Assembly.

Constitutional Committee

Last March the Governor-General set up a commission to draft the enabling constitutions and the plebiscite law and to make recommendations between and also among such other matters in the field of Government as might increase the value and enhance the status of the Legislative Assembly and Councils. A practical agreement, by a popular government with a full measure of autonomy control within that framework, of the existing constitutional agreements.

This commission, presided over by a Jewish judge of the High Court, is composed entirely of Sudanese with representatives from each political group, from within both groups except the Arabists, and also of representatives from the three areas of the southern and eastern Sudan.

The commission is expected to report soon after the Legislative Assembly meets on November 2nd, notwithstanding the failure of the Governor-General to issue the writs of summons to his members in view of the widespread dissatisfaction expressed by the members of the commission over the conditions of their appointment. The question in the commission's terms of reference is Amendment Commission, the constitutional subsection by Egypt of the 1929 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty which would necessitate legislation where the time for the acceptance of the work of the commission has passed, and the date of the first meeting is not early in November.

The commission is to consist of 12 members, the extreme left being represented by the complete autonomy group.

Also on the extreme left is the People's Party, which came in London to negotiate with the Foreign Office for the transfer of the Sudan to Egypt, which was agreed, but which has not yet come into effect.

Between the extreme left and the right is the party known as the "moderates," which is the largest and most influential party in the Sudan. It is supported mainly by the tribal members from the centre, south and west of the country, and has recently remodelled, following the departure of its followers of the old aristocratic and military backgrounds, into a political party. They stand for a federal state.

(Modem politicians) This party, small in numbers, is the heart of the group. It stands for dominion status under one Egyptian crown but will give the right to govern its affairs to local civil servants, albeit as a representative state, and in some instances actual control from Cairo. The foreign affairs, defence and economy are provided by dominion status. There is no room for a dominion state to secede from the crown or to rejoin it.

A considerable element of the party recognises the ultimate status of the Sudan as that of a dominion within the commonwealth of Egypt rather than as an entity under Egyptian crown.

The party has few colourless personalities, and no appearance of power outside the urban areas of the northern Sudan. As its name implies, it stands for dominion status of the Nile Valley.

El Gabra el Wadaria (National Front), the tribal party. It is probably the largest and most organised pro-Egyptian group. It is an offshoot of the group with large numbers of civil servants, or descendants of civil servants, or beyond the limits of the earlier urban centres of the northern Sudan.

Most of its members are adherents of the Khalidie sect, and the party is believed to have, if not majority, from at least the substantial support of Sayyid Abd al-Maghribi, one of the most noted personalities in the Sudan.

The party stands for dominion status under the crown. It is probable, however, that its readers in the Egyptian Crown is based more on fear and suspicion of the national position of Sayyid Abd al-Rahman El Mahdi and his National Party than on any affection for Egypt and her king.

It is believed that it would not be prepared to accept a dominion without complete autonomy for the Sudan, and control of Khartoum of finance, foreign affairs, and communications.

It welcomes the Egyptian cultural mission to the Sudan, but it deplores the fact that it is necessary to reject the imposition of a "crown" on which will be based a dominion status and hence once again imperialism, the defence cause in the Egyptian Parliament.

It is almost certain to refuse the party's suggestion for the Council of Ministers and the members of the Sudan Parliament to be subject to dismissal by the king, while the idea of Sudan legislation being subject to the sanction of the Egyptian Parliament and the veto of the Egyptian organs of government, contrary to its political principles.

The Two Left-hand Groups

Umma (People's Party) is the largest, most influential and most progressive in the country. It is adhered to by almost a million people. Well over 90 per cent of the Sudanese who demand immediate dominion status and complete autonomy for the Sudan stand on the side of the Umma.

The Umma demands a future status either in alliance with Great Britain or with Egypt, or with both, however, to be determined by the Sudanese.

It would be in the best interest of the Sudan to have a constitution which would give the people a real say in their government. The Egyptian government has been instrumental in the formation of the Sudanese constitution, and it is evident that they are trying to impose their will upon the Sudan. This is unacceptable.

Greatest Fault to Sudan

It considers Egypt's suggested imposed constitution for the Sudan to be the greatest insult the country has ever received from the Egyptian government.

The party is actively supported, financed, and directed by Sir Seif Eddin Ramman's government, the most powerful personality in the Sudan.

The party is a British-African-Arabian-Egyptian coalition at the start, being completely free and independent, to follow its own course, its own aims, in its own friends' view among the countries of the world, and its own form and method of government.

During the course of the existence of eight or nine years, it has co-operated with the Sudan Government on its constitu-

tional commission, and unless they are fought on the ground, they will be lost.

Egyptian influence, as represented by Egypt's Minister of Finance, control as far as possible, an interference in the internal affairs of the Sudan.

There have been from time to time other small parties, but even if they still exist, they can hardly be classified as "main" parties, and may have separate representation on the Amending Commission. The AHIRAR (liberals) hoped for independence after persuading Egypt to grant a voluntary union.

The GAWMIYIN (the Popular Party) wanted independence after a period of transition under international trusteeship.

The REPUBLICANS (Republicans) had already decided to support a republican regime when independence had been achieved.

These small subsidiary parties, if they have any separate identity, will probably sink their differences completely and be prepared to merge with the Umma in the hope that such a move will accelerate the day of independence.

Lessons of the Dink wa Msambowa Affray

Official Report on the Incident at Kololo

TWO LESSONS are to be learnt from the affray at Kololo in the Baringo district of Kenya in which three Europeans and an African policeman were killed by natives of the *Dink wa Msambowa* in May last year, according to the report of the commission of inquiry on the incident.

First and foremost, the possibility of attack—even in a remote one—should never be lost sight of, and the movements and dispositions of the police force should be made as carefully and an attack not actually going to be made.

Secondly, administrative and police officers must be given clear instructions as to their respective responsibilities in case where the police are called upon to assist administrative action.

How Movement Started

The report traces the *Dink wa Msambowa* movement to an African named Samuel Masisi, an adherent of the Friends Africa Mission, who was obliged to give up church membership when he took a second wife, and who started the sect in 1942. He was certified insane two years later, but was discharged from the mental home in 1947.

Lukes Kiech, a pupil at Government school and now a trained tailor and blacksmith, was converted by Masisi in 1946, and two years later was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment with hard labour for being a member of an unlawful society. On less than a year he was released.

An history of the movement, written at a sort of conference held at Nairobi during September, and signed by the author, Mr. J. C. Simpson, states that he was present at the meeting, and that he was present at the time of the affray. He claims that he had a frank and frank deal with the natives, and that he had no desire to make any

tribal police reported that they were prevented from arresting the leader of a party of about 200 by the threatening attitude of the followers.

Request for Reinforcement

Mr. Simpson then requested police reinforcements of at least 30, led by a European, and the next day Mr. Cameron and Mr. G. M. Taylor arrived with 25 men. Taylor orders Mr. Taylor wrote: "Send convey ahead to meet our leader unarmed." If party should become armed to be told when they reach a certain distance to lay down their arms; if they were coming on armed, then fire order."

Mr. Simpson agreed with the orders, but told him if there was to be any shooting he would give the order to fire. Mr. Taylor agreed. The provincial commander approved the orders.

A party comprising Messrs. Simpson, Taylor, Cameron, and Stevens, one interpreter, two drivers, 15 Kenya police, five tribal police, two chiefs, and five other followers started at 3 a.m. in two lorries. Stevens, Taylor and Cameron had revolvers. Stevens a rifle, and Simpson a shot gun. The Kenya police had 20 rounds of ammunition, and the tribal police 10 rounds, five of the magazine in each case. There were 1,200 rounds in all loaded.

At about 5 p.m. near Kololo the party stopped, hearing drums about 200 yards away. The chiefs and their followers walked forward to meet the police and the lorries retired to a clearing in the bush about 100 paces between men. Orders were given to fire. In about 20 minutes the chiefs returned with what unimelligible order from Lukes Kiech saying "No bullet, only kill." When the district officer came forward and the tribe swarmed around him, he told the bullet he would not fire. The tribesmen then began to shoot, and he had to take cover.

with one of the Europeans. Mr. Taylor helped the chief to get up and they all started to run. Finally it was decided to call for help. An interpreter, Pkitch, who was kept in touch with the Europeans, Mr. Simpson, was drawn a letter to him. When there was no answer from the police line that the Suk were coming.

District Officer's Report

This is Mr. Simpson's account of the afternoon of the 12th.

He was sitting at the rear of the lorry and saw a number of Suk in a bunch, with their heads down and moving diagonally from right to left and forward, dancing and shuffling their feet. He says that in his experience this is just the way the Suk approach when attacking a bazaar and he has no reason to think that they intended to attack. He saw that the two chiefs and four or three of their followers were already running towards the advancing Suk; he himself was then in the police line. At this moment Mr. Taylor gave the order to fire, but immediately Mr. Simpson countermanded it, saying "No, you."

He was conscious at that time that the intention of the Suk was not to run, but to run forward with his interpreters calling in Swahili for the Suk to put down their arms. As he was moving forward Taylor again gave the order to fire, but Simpson shouted "Stop" (not yet).

The Suk stopped coming forward but continued dancing and shuffling their feet. Then one with a shield moved forward and the others of the group began to fan out to the sides and to the back. Mr. Simpson took no immediate action until he called to his interpreter to tell the chiefs to get out of the way, shoted to Taylor to open fire, had himself run back with his interpreter into the police line. A tribal policeman named him his shot gun and he loaded it. His position in the police line was near the extreme left.

Mr. Simpson estimates that when he saw the Suk he was in a bunch emerging from the thick bushes onto the thin path, their numbers about 150, but whereas he can hardly see them more plainly, and these were beginning to fan out, he put the number at 200 to 300. When he gave the order to fire they were 90 to 100 yards away. Mr. Taylor immediately repeated the order and fire was opened; a large number of Suk began to fall, although some of them must have received only trifling cover. Some of the police were running but most were standing.

Tribal Police Bottled

Mr. Simpson heard six shots of ammunition coming from the right. After this he saw about 45 Suk coming towards him. One policeman, who had been in front of him, turned and ran past him; he shouted to him to stop, but he took no notice; firing to the right seemed to be coming from the back of him; the Suk were then 25 to 35 yards away, although two of them were considerably nearer; he saw no spears thrown; he looked to his right, the police were in a police, although he cannot say that they were, they also seemed that he must run forward, he did so as fast as he could until he fell into a ditch which turned out to be a dry river bed and about 100 yards back from the river.

In the river bed he saw three or four Kenya Police fighting with three Suk with their bayonets; he climbed out of the river bed on the far side, ran a few yards and turned round; he found a Suk about eight paces away, who seized his staff with a spear, fired one bullet at him and saw him drop. Then he saw a Suk and a policeman fighting hand-to-hand, fired at the Suk, and he also dropped; both those men were seen in hospital suffering from gun-shot wounds.

After this he heard one or three policemen run further back to a position from which the sound of desultory shooting was coming, which was about 150 yards from the river bed; then he found Sergeant Kipoi and a number of police officers, about and firing. The sergeant was trying to get the men to stop firing, he called round him. Mr. Simpson joined him in this. All the others suggested that they should take up a defensive position, run a long to the river bank, the river being about 100 yards away, and that they were nearly out of ammunition.

They decided, therefore, to try to walk their way back to the lorries (where there was plenty of ammunition) by a circuitous route, so that they did, seeing no Suk on the way, only dead bodies. Ammunition was sorted out, and a party was detailed to search for the other Europeans and also to look for Pkitch.

Mr. Taylor's body was found 100 yards behind the Junes' shop on the river bank, and Mr. Cameron's and Mr. Cameron's clothes were found only a few yards away, nearly in the river bed, together with the body of a tribal policeman. Mr. Simpson's body was found 15 yards in front of the police line. He had been shot through the mouth and the dome of his skull was fractured. He was identified by chief Lobos.

Reportable news of the massacre. Three Europeans and two policemen were among the casualties of the police side, steps to the Kenyan Parliament included in a spear.

Conflicting Accounts

Other accounts are hard to come by, and concerned, but no clear picture could be obtained as how the police line fought away. It seemed that each man fired as many rounds as he could and then, seeing that the Suk were still advancing, decided to retreat. No one could tell what happened to the three Europeans who were killed. They were probably unarmed to leave, and that was how they were caught. The bodies were not mutilated.

Accounts differ as to the distance between the Suk and the police line at different stages of the fight. Available information estimates are considerably more than those of Sergeant Kipoi. There was also disparity in describing the retreat.

Mr. Simpson, the two chiefs, and the interpreter say that they ran (only Mr. Simpson was armed), while the police say they backed away, facing the Suk, and firing from time to time. The commissioners cannot believe this to be true as, had they done so, the attack would have been beaten off or they would have shared the fate of Mr. Taylor.

What the Europeans failed to realize was the complete ascendancy which Pkitch had secured over his followers. The police suffered from the disadvantage of not expecting to be attacked and choosing a less than unsuitable position. They were also handicapped by having only five rounds in their magazines.

Attack Not Expected

Both the chiefs shared Mr. Simpson's opinion that the Suk did not intend to attack, and they would hardly have come out to meet them had they thought otherwise. Lewis Pkitch who urged his followers forward.

We are satisfied that the commissioners write, that both Simpson and the chiefs did not think that the attack was impending, and that was why Mr. Simpson countermanded the order to fire, and in these circumstances he was entitled to do so. If it had not been countermanded we think it possible, even likely, that the attack would have been beaten off successfully. The same applies to the second order to fire, although by the time it was given the Suk had advanced somewhat, thereby reducing the chances of breaking up the attack before the enemy came to close quarters.

Mr. Simpson, both naturally and rightly did not want to be unkind, but he was convinced that it was necessary to do so, to failed to take into account how much the delay was amending the position of the police.

He also, he believes, this had the police stood firm they would have succeeded in beating off the attack, and perhaps they would have done so had they been mounted troops, but as was too many to expect, a composite force of police collected from here and there, a moment's notice, who found themselves suddenly in a situation to which they were unaccustomed. They did well up to a point—the number of wounded bears that out—29 killed and 50 estimated to be buried—but when they were about to be overwhelmed they took to their heels and ran, which is not surprising in the circumstances.

Among the measures advocated by witnesses which are recommended for consideration by Government are: (a) better intelligence services; (b) collective dues on locations where meetings of subversive movements take place; (c) diplomatic assistance of every description between the Administration and the Africans employed on European farms and in towns and trading centres; frequent parades with all types of Africans for the dissemination of information in regard to Government action; (d) policy; improved supervision of certain mission churches and schools; increase of district sum and official travelling facilities; and the need of local government to fill adequately their place as secondary district administrations.

The commissioners were Mr. G. E. Scott, at the time his Justice of Nyasaland and later of Fiji, and now president of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal in London; Mr. F. R. Hossack, a member of Native Commissioners' Army.

SUDAN: by R. D. STONE

Organic Law

WE have been asked in the previous article in the *Review* by the Committee on Constitutional Development in Uganda that the principle of equal representation among the three main races should be accepted in the new constitution. We suggested that the report which maintained merely that that principle had been accepted by a number of public and quasi-public bodies might have given the facts.

From an authoritative source we have now received a statement from which the following passages are taken:

"In some of the examples quoted hereunder the 'quality' is approximate rather than mathematical; this accords with the Governor's statement that it is the 'principle' of equal representation which has been accepted, and with his further remark that 'the Committee's recommendation represents a logical development of existing practice.'

"To take the East African basis, the Legislative Assembly of the East African Commission consists of the Speaker, 10 official members, and 17 non-official members; the latter are made up of three persons who must be Europeans, three who must be Asians, three who must be Africans, and one who must be an Arab, plus one person from each of the Legislative Councils of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, who is elected in each case by his colleagues, and may be of any race.

"In the organically-totaled territory the inter-racial body which at the moment has the widest executive powers, apart from the central Government, is the Dar es Salaam Municipal Council.¹ This contains two Government representatives, and, apart from them, six European councillors, six Indians, six Africans, and one Arab.

"The African element of the Tanga Township Authority consists of the four officials administering the township's public services being all Europeans. The 15 non-official members are divided equally among the three main races.

The Lake Province Council consists of 12 official and 12 non-official members, with the provincial commissioners as chairman. The officials are European; of the non-officials four are European, two Asian, and six African.

The Southern Highlands Provincial Council has a similar over-all representation, but the non-officials are made up roughly differently, being three Europeans, two Indians, and four Africans.

The Uplands Area Planning and Development Committee, which is charged with the division and development of land in Dar es Salaam, and which was established in 1949, consists of four official and one non-official professional adviser (at present European), and four other non-officials, made up of one European, two Asians, and one African.

The Immigration Control Board consists of two officials, one non-official, the latter made up of two Europeans, no Asians, and two Africans.

The Rent Control Board has a similar make-up of the members of the committee and 27 non-official members, made up of nine Europeans, 13 Asians and five Africans. The membership changes frequently, and retiring members are not necessarily replaced by others of the same race.

The Joint Civil Service Advisory Council consists of four official members, one non-official member of the Executive

and two members on each of the three national civil service boards, the equivalent of the Government Service Board, the Administrative and Technical Services, and the Technical Services in the European, and Asian, and two African, territories.

There are also three boards, councils, and committees, of which we need not consider the first; the most important of which are probably the township authorities and the local government authorities dispersed throughout the territory.

There are other boards associated with ministerial Government which though inter-racial in character do not contain the races in equal proportions, as a rule, would be inappropriate.

Examples of this are the Advisory Board on African Education, the representative members of which number 10 Europeans (6) but one of the 10 is half Asian; and eight Africans; the Coffee Board, with seven official members are six Europeans and only one African; and the Tea Board which has one Asian and three European members.

[Editorial comment appears under 'Matters of Mankind'.]

Communism: Getting a Cold Shoulder

SAYED MOHAMMED SAIEH SHINGELI, Speaker of the Sudan Legislative Assembly, told the Press in Cairo on his way back from his visits to England, France, Switzerland, and Italy, that Communism had penetrated the Sudan through Native students who on returning from studying abroad infiltrated the various classes of workers and students and tried to incite them against each other.

Neither law nor religion alone, he continued, is capable of checking Communism. The starting point in combating it should be to raise the living standards of the people, thus attacking this by calling upon them to stick to the principles of their religion.

The Communists do not openly propagate their ideas. If this were the case, the Sudanese would have them down. The difficulty is that they get around clandestinely and try to incite the classes against each other.

Advanced Labour Laws

Sudanese workers, realizing that their own labour laws were amongst the most advanced in the world, were beginning to give the Communists the cold shoulder.

Hegad, he said, made a clean breast of Sudan's aims to both British and Egyptian officials and asked for assistance in achieving them. He had been reassured of the spirit of good-will in both countries.

While completely independent of all political parties, the own views corresponded with those who sought complete independence. Regional alliances were important in the world to-day. The Sudan and Egypt were linked by common interests which should favour an agreement between the two countries. With good will a solution should be found.

He invited Britain and Egypt to help the Sudan to achieve a higher standard of living, to develop more of the Nile valley, and to seek British expert advice on the rationalization of natural resources. The country also wanted international help. The Sudan would be ready to form a government in two years.



OCTOBER 25, 1951

SUDAN Sudanese Condominium Reacts to Egyptian Treaty

THE SUDAN GOVERNMENT has filed a protestive action following its unilateral abrogation of the Sudan-Egyptian Treaty of Friendship and the Sudan-Egyptian Trade Agreement.

Conventional measures were taken last week in the Sudan and zone by the British military authorities who have received reinforcements from Britain, including the whole of the 16th Parachute Brigade. Airdrops from the United Kingdom of 160 presents and strategic materials reinforcements have arrived.

Canal boats and tugs and warships and other public utilities were placed under British military control after Egyptian mobs had caused damage in Ismailia estimated at £500,000 and wounded British sailors. This strong show of force was suppressed by the Egyptian police.

The Ambassador of the British command said afterwards that the police arbitrating Sudanese and Egyptians were commanded to show their loyalty.

Mr. Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, told the Press in Washington last week:

"The United States Government just reaffirms its belief in the continuation of the British Government with respect to the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936 and the agreements of 1949. The Sudan is in accord with people's respect for international obligations. The United States Government considers this action an Egyptian Government without validity."

On the same day the Egyptian Government announced that it had decided to dispense with the services of all British consultant engineers working on the Aswan High Hydro-electric scheme. One of them is Sir Murdoch Macdonald, who was in the Sudan service for many years and has lately been engaged in designing four large works for the control of the Nile.

Constitution Commission

The Khartoum "correspondent" of *The Times* telegraphed:

"Members of the Constitutional Committee which was set up by the Governor-General to consider the next step towards self-government have reviewed their recommendations in the light of developments. It is officially learned that they are going to propose immediate and full self-government to be followed within fixed period by self-determination. They are also understood to have agreed that no question has rendered sovereignty over the Sudan to the Sudan."

The Umma Party has announced that it considers condominium rule to have gone ended, but that it considers the present Government a transition-period Government until the country practises self-determination. The party has announced that it has a scheme for devolving the Sudan into an independent, sovereign confederacy within a short time, but that the details are secret, as they are now being considered by other parties and organisations sharing the Umma Party views.

The local Press has generally welcomed the British move for the Sudan. Now of Sudan (the Khartoum one) sets no objection to an international commission, so long as its members are not allies or supporters of Britain or Egypt. The majority Sudanese of Khartoum would like the Sudan to be controlled among themselves, in accordance with tribal and tribal matters.

According to the Governor-General, the various provinces of the Sudan issued an order barring meetings, processions, and assemblies until the end of October. This measure was made while the Sudanese were gathered in Cairo for the negotiations which were also still continuing in the same city.

Interviews with the Governor-General showed that he had had no talk with the leaders of the pro-Egyptian Ashigga party, and that the leaders of the pro-British Umma party remained aloof from the discussions.

On Saturday night, the Sudanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Ali Mirmahamed Pasha, and his wife, Mrs. Ali Mirmahamed Pasha, one of the two great religious leaders of the Sudan, and one of the main supporters of the pro-Egyptian Ashigga party, is officially quoted to have told the Governor-General that he accepted the Sudan Government's representations in regard to constitutionalism and the actions of the Sudan Government since it repudiated the condominium agreements. In truth, Ali had been a powerful mukhter of "unity of the Nile Valley," and his views may have great influence.

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Mr. Mirmahamed Pasha, nevertheless left his air for Cairo, and was awaiting his arrival at the airport, and our line he was on his way back to Egypt in another plane.

General Sir John C. J. Bishop, Bey, chief staff officer, who is at the moment in the Sudan, who is in Egypt, has also been asked not to return. It is reported by Cairo newspapers that Egypt has had a liaison in the Sudan.

A number of students at the Fuad II University sent a series of resolutions to the Egyptian Government, one asking that British troops in the Sudan should be declared enemy forces, and another that Egyptian recognition of the Governor-General would be withdrawn.

Anti-British Demonstration

On Sunday the police in Khartoum had to use tear-gas to disperse students who had staged an anti-British demonstration, the first organised in the Sudan since the present tension began. Eleven arrests were made.

The Legislative Assembly of the Sudan, which was not to have met again until November 5, has been summoned to meet today.

Sir Herbert Wilkins said in a speech at Dartford: "If it had not been for the British, Egypt would today be a Turkish province as it used to be. If it had not been for the British, the Sudan would probably already be conquered by us. In the 1811-15 war, if it had not been for the British, the Turks would have reconquered Egypt. In the last war, if it had not been for the British Mission, which now is established in the Royal Palace in Cairo,

The Daily Telegraph has drawn attention to the fact that its editor since 1947, Mr. H. G. Rawlinson, has described King Farouk as "King of Egypt, Sovereign of Nubia, despot of Kordofan and of Darfur," these titles having been supplied by the British Embassy in Cairo. Henceforth the entry will read "Emperor, King of Egypt."

The Sudan Constitutional Commission telegraphed to the United Nations on Tuesday asking that an international commission should be appointed to govern the Sudan until its future status could be decided by a constitutional assembly formed not later than December 1953. Copies of the telegram were sent to the Foreign Offices of Great Britain and Egypt, and H.M. Government in the United Kingdom were asked to support the Sudanese application.

It was suggested that the international commission should reside in the Sudan and supervise the implantation of the new constitution which is now being prepared by the Constitutional Committee whose chairman is a High Court judge, Mr. Stanley Baker.

Whether the commission consider that arbitration over the condominium agreements by Egypt has nullified the condominium rules and left the way open for the Sudan to achieve full independence immediately under the proposed United Nations commission, Mohammed Nur al-Din, leader of one section of the pro-Egyptian Ashigga Party, has cabled to the United Nations claiming that the Constitutional Commission lost its legal status with the abrogation and that its representations and therefore to be disregarded.

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closed by order of the Egyptian Government. He instructed the Agent to leave the office, and the Vice-War to press the office was still open.

The port of Aden, seven miles south of Suez which was captured by the British during the last war, had long been used for British military traffic, is now being operated largely by recently recruited Sudanese.

The 1st Battalion The South Lancashire Regiment, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Estone, sailed from Trieste on Tuesday for Port Sudan to relieve the 1st Battalion The Loyals Regiment.

Challenge to Youth of Kenya Empty Delusion of Materialism

SIR PHILIP MITCHELL, Governor of Kenya, addressed the Prince of Wales's School, Nairobi, on King's Day, October 12, with emphasis on the importance of discipline and purposeful life.

Twice in the last 30 years, he said, the German Army had been responsible for plunging the world into misery and slaughter by leading the rest of Germany to the lunacy of attempting world conquest. Real loyalty and discipline did not mean blind obedience to any order given by a superior, but the cheerful observance of rules and orders given within the law and constitution for the protection of the realm and the maintenance of order and justice.

"Deep and staunch loyalty and true tradition did not, of course, require boys to be plasters at all times; for it was necessary to keep headmasters and house-masters in a proper state of activity, alertness, and even anxiety for the good of their pupils. High spirits and risk-taking would, Sir Philip hoped, always be an important part of the make-up of the young of the race."

"I do not let anything make you continue in a career in trade or profession which you dislike, and in which you cannot give whole-hearted service," he continued. "Only a poor fish likes a job just because it is a job and goes on with it while having it all the time. Otherwise we all like work and the wits to work with every man has at least that freedom of choice."

Quality and Dependability

"In such a country as this others are able to produce men in many callings, professions and crafts who are able and willing to do good work. As it is now, present, prepared to accept substantially lower pay. If you work to earn your living in those occupations and at the same time receive higher pay, you can do it only by giving higher service, of a higher quality and a higher dependability. That is a hard economic fact, from which there is no escape."

There is a Temptation in the world to-day which is destined to lead to great results for good or evil. It derives its name from the world's primeness from spiritual sources. From growing recognition that the ultimate failure of the industrial age and the confidence of so many men that they could do without God, they reliance on force, have all proved empty, useless delusions, and that the world has to be remade again in other forms.

"A world fit to live in, Kenya will live in, will be built out of fear or envy, hatred and malice, or out of self-interest."

Optimistic

SIR JOHN WADDINGTON, a former Governor of Northern Rhodesia, who served for many years in Kenya as chairman of the British Guiana Constitutional Committee, which was now re-commissioned under adult suffrage, a non-official majority, and that any reference to the race of any candidate for election to the Legislature should be made a statutory offence. The comment in *The Times* is that it is altogether too optimistic an assumption that the electors will vote in racial differences did not exist. Sir John Waddington's colleagues on the committee were Dr Rita Hindoo and Professor Vincent Harlowe.

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PERSONAL

MR. H. S. PATERSON ACTING Governor of Uganda. Mr. G. P. SAUNDERS is on business visit to this country from Uganda.

SIR THEODORE CHAMBERS has returned from Scotland to St. James's Court, London, S.W.1.

Mrs. and MRS. H. A. C. SMITH are outward-bound for the Gap in the ARUNDEL CASTLE.

Mrs. F. M. BAYLES will leave early in November for the Khyber district of South Africa.

MR. JOHN DUODALE, Minister of State for the Colonies, was discharged from hospital on Friday.

MR. V. ST. G. GIFFARD, who recently joined the Northern Rhodesia Police, has resigned to return to Kenya.

MR. BEVAN LEAN, a well-known expert on locust extermination, will leave London by air on Sunday for East Africa.

The Governor of the Somaliland Protectorate and ADY REED have recently visited Mogadishu, capital of Somalia.

MR. GILBERT PRIESTLEY BURDETT has been appointed a member of the Maize Control Board in Northern Rhodesia.

MR. DALE H. EVANS, public relations officer for the Sudan, has visited Uganda to study that public relations organization.

MR. D. W. PARSON, clerk to the East African Central Legislative Assembly since its inception, is being transferred to Hong Kong.

MESSRS. JOACHIM ARISOLI and N. P. F. BONNATARD, who have been nominated by the Governor to the Legislative Council of the Seychelles, are not to be regarded Government members.

LADY GULST, wife of Sir Ernest Guest, is outward-bound in the RHODESIA CASTLE on her return from a holiday in this country.

MR. D. L. YOUNG, who joined Messrs. Bovill Matheson & Co. Ltd., on its formation in 1936, has been appointed to the board.

MR. STEWART ADDIS MILLER and **MISS CRAIG BAIRD**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Baird, have announced their engagement.

LORD MANDEVILLE, son of the Duke of Manchester, will shortly leave this country for Kenya, travelling overland via Gibraltar and Tangier.

THE EARL OF PORTSMOUTH, who recently returned from Kenya, has been speaking in various constituencies in support of Conservative candidates.

LORD AND LADY CLARMORRIS and **SIR HAROLD** and **LADY GLOVER** are among the passengers in the RHODESIA CASTLE on her maiden voyage.

DR. AUDREY RICHARDS will address the Royal Anthropological Society in London at 5.30 p.m. next Tuesday on "Tribal Admixture in Uganda."

MR. L. M. BOYD, lately Resident in Buganda, is doing special duty in the Secretariat, and will act as Secretary for African Affairs when Mr. SENI leaves Uganda.

MISS SYLVIA PARKHURST and **MR. RICHARD PARKER** left London yesterday for Addis Ababa to attend the inauguration of the Princess Tsaahai Memorial Hospital.

PRINCESS ALICE, COUNTESS OF ATHLONE and the **EARL OF ATHLONE** were the principal guests at the London dinner given by the Royal School of Mines to celebrate its centenary.

MR. MERVYN COWIE, director of Kenya's national parks, will leave Nairobi by air on Tuesday to attend the first performance of the film "No Vultures Fly" in London on November 5.

MR. I. C. W. BAYLDON, M.L.C., has resigned from the Mbeya regional committee of the Tanganyika European Council because a resolution rejecting the proposal for constitutional development was adopted.

MR. JOHN MARSHALL has been re-elected president of the Nyasaland Chamber of Commerce, now entering upon its 60th year, and the doyen of such bodies in British East and Central Africa. The vice-president is **MR. R. C. BUCONET**.

MR. LEWIS LEWIS, a director of Van Riebeck Film Productions, Ltd., of Cape Town, and **MR. E. W. TATE** have been on a three months' visit of East and Central Africa to make colour films of Native life, wild life, treated diseases, and missionary work.

MR. PETER BISHOP, of the Irrigation Department of Southern Rhodesia, recently received a tattered package which had been travelling for eight years through Africa and Britain. It contained a Compagnie Générale Medal awarded to him in 1940 for heroism during a flood, sold over Stuttgart.

MAJOR-GEN. O. C. T. DYEAS, who has just arrived in Kenya to take up his appointment as staff officer to the Northern Rhodesia Color Corps, served in India, Burma, and China during the last war, and was in the British Army Staff in Washington. He left Britain in 1945 and took up farming in South Africa.

MR. PAUL HARRIS, an American film producer, who has been touring East and Central Africa, edited the travel film "Africa Speaks." 10 years ago, and hopes to bring it up to date, tie in radio magazine, and show it for the Farrell-Brownish Line, with a 25-cent charge on the top of David Livingstone.

MISS YOUNG, typist in the Security Unit, Colling, East Africa, representative of the B.B.C. on the Junior Branch of East Africa Women's League, in London; **MR. NEIL HOLLEY**, of Aden, spoke of mounting in England; **MISS BEATRICE DIAZ**, formerly of Tanganyika, who is lately returning to London after taking a degree in an Australian university, speaks of life in Mombasa.



annual cricket match between Settlers and Rhodesians, the Settlers won by five wickets. The outstanding batsman was Mr. D. G. HUNTER, who was not out in the first innings and 95 not out in the second, in which Mr. D. W. DAWSON made 10 not out. In the Officials' second innings Mr. J. CAUDLE scored exactly 100, and he was also top scorer in the first knock with 74.

BRIGADIER C. C. H. BRAZIER, a director and general manager of Chilanga Cement, Ltd., who went to Northern Rhodesia three years ago to supervise the construction of the factory which began production a few weeks ago, will leave at the end of this year. The new general manager will be Mr. J. J. CAMERON, works manager at the Green Island Cement Company in Hong Kong where he has worked since 1924.

MR. O. E. THORNTON, Financial Secretary to the Northern Rhodesian Government since 1945, retires next Tuesday after 34 years of Government service. Born in 1899, he went to Northern Rhodesia as a clerk in 1919 after military service. He became Assistant Commissioner of Taxes in 1928, Commissioner of Income Tax four years later, and in 1937 was appointed Accountant-General. He will leave on November 9 for Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where he will make his home. Mr. J. O. TALBOT-PHIBBS, Deputy Financial Secretary, is to act in his stead.

Obituary

MRS. MARIE CATHERINE GLADYS SELOUS, of Heathor-side, Worplesdon, widow of Captain Frederick Courtenay Selous, the Rhodesian pioneer who was killed in action in East Africa during the 1914-18 war, died in Guildford last week. Their son, Mr. Harold Sherborne Selous, is in the Colonial Service in New Zealand.

MRS. THEODORE WOODSEY C.B.E., whose death is reported, was for 11 years president of the Mothers Union, a society with branches in every part of the Commonwealth. She visited Africa in 1938.

MR. ROBIN KIDD PARKER, a well-known farmer of Inyazura, Southern Rhodesia, and chairman of the Inyazura Turf Club, was killed recently in a car accident near his home.

MAJOR ROBERT DOUGLAS KINGDOWN CORLETT, M.C., who died last week at his home in Farnham at the age of 65, was until recently a director of Sisal Estates, Ltd.

MR. CHARLES HOLLAND, late of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd., has died in Nairobi.

Passengers for East Africa

PASSENGERS FOR EAST AFRICA on the maiden voyage of the S.S. RHODESIA CARTEL include:

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Sabi Valley Scheme Planning Need for Preliminary Research

THE SABI VALLEY SCHEME is possibly one of the most weighty factors in the eventual destiny of Southern Rhodesia, said recently Dr. Charles Converse, director in charge of the Sabi Experimental Station. He added that one-fifth of the Colony's land could be included in the scheme if it were carried to its maximum development.

"We are now engaged in the first stage of action-learning," he said. "In America hundreds of thousands of dollars lie in ruined canals and forgotten fields, broken buildings and broken people because the pioneers leap too often before they look." Even 10 years research is hardly adequate for a land as new as the Sabi.

"I am planning experiments in fertility, in the use of green manures, and rotations to make agricultural soils out of the calcareous materials of resistant, impenetrable sodium-poisoned clays we are starting with."

"I plan studies in the use of water — of how much to apply, when to put it on, and how it should be done, and what plants will stand wetting, or if they must grow bridges with the water flowing between them."

"A tragic tale, told time after time in the United States, as well as everywhere else where men have tussled with nature by irrigating the desert, is that of prosperity for the first few years of a scheme, then rapid siltation and flooding out of the land, with its final abandonment. This must not happen here; we should have learned by now that it sometimes costs as much or more to get rid of irrigation water as to get it on the land."

"They would experiment with oilseed crops, fibre, storage crops, and fruit." Dates might be tried.

"We will try rice, or anything that anybody suggests," he added, "if we can get the seed and it looks like yielding an honest bit of steaming."

Uganda Governor's Farewell

SIR JOHN HALL said in a farewell message:

"I cannot leave Uganda and its lovely people, of whom my wife and I have become so very fond, without saying 'thank you' to the countless persons of all creeds who have shown such kindness, friendliness, and understanding, and by so doing have contributed so infinitely much to our happiness during the nearly seven years in this lovely land."

"It has indeed been a pleasure and a privilege, as well as a most rewarding experience to work as I have worked for the present and future well-being of the people of the Protectorate, and it is with a heart full of gratitude and affection that I take my leave of you all, and go with real confidence that I wish you all and your country a bright and prosperous future."

About 200 members of the Uganda Chamber of Commerce, the Uganda Planters' Association, and the Uganda Cotton Association attended a farewell sun-downer party.

Mr. E. C. F. Whitehead to Retire

MR. E. C. F. WHITEHEAD, Minister of Finance in Southern Rhodesia since 1948, is to retire at the end of the present Parliament in the Colony, for health reasons. The son of Sir Beetham Whitehead, a diplomat, he was born in Berlin in 1905. He was educated at Elementary and University College, Oxford, and in 1928 joined the Southern Rhodesian Civil Service. Two years later he bought a farm in the Vumba, and was president of the Eastern Farmers' Federation in 1933, 1936, and 1938. After assisting the Umtali Smith team in 1934 and 1936, Mr. Whitehead was finally posted in 1939. However, he resigned within a few months in order to go on active service, and spent most of the war in West Africa, being demobilized as a lieutenant-colonel. For four months in 1945 he acted as High Commissioner in Uganda, helped to launch the Padibridge Memorial college scheme, and on return to the Colony recommended an increased immigration. Although defeated in the 1948 general election at Umtali South by Mr. T. R. Lake (Lab.), he was returned to Parliament in a by-election.