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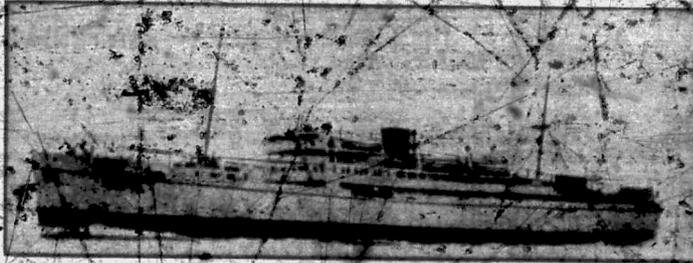
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

ARE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT peculiarly fitted for the responsibility which rests upon a Governor in a Colonial Dependency? The question, which has often been mooted, was raised once more by Sir Edward Crigg in his new book on the British Commonwealth, in which he also states that "it is a misfortune that service as a Governor should not be regarded as a training and qualification for office in this country, particularly in the Departments dealing with Imperial Affairs, with the consequence that promising and ambitious M.P.s. prefer to remain at Westminster where they claim to advancement and are under constant notice. It is, of course, undeniable that the standard of debate on Colonial Affairs is far higher in the House of Lords than in the House of Commons, for the obvious reason that the Upper Chamber has more members with extensive first-hand knowledge and experience on which to draw. It is equally evident that the Mother Country, the Colonies and the Empire as a whole would gain from ample knowledge of the Colonies in the House of Commons, and that the election of good candidates who have achieved success in some sphere of Colonial activity would be advantageous from every standpoint. We can think of retired Colonial Governors—men of character, judgment and vision—who by any criterion are well above the average of the House of Commons; but to be candid we can also think of Colonial Governors, present and past,

whom nobody would wish to see in the Mother of Parliaments. Service as a Governor is therefore not in itself a strong enough reason for membership of the House of Commons, though in a man of the right type it should assuredly add to his usefulness.

There is certainly a real need at Westminster for more members with practical experience of the overseas Empire, but it is not merely the gubernatorial side of Colonial life which requires representation. The admirable contributions to debates on many subjects of Sir George Schuster, at one time Financial Secretary in the Sudan, afford an instance of most helpful participation by a senior official not of Governor's rank, and the late Sir Sydney Henn showed as a back-bencher that an able, hard-working and far-sighted business man who kept himself abreast both of developments of all kinds in Eastern Africa and of modern political and economic thought could wield considerable influence among his fellow members and not least with those in charge of the Colonial Office. Young countries find inevitable difficulties in securing enough really good

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men for their own Legislatures, for although they have often many residents of ability, few can spare the time demanded by public service (often one-third at least of each year). One of the problems of such territories is to meet the need for leaders of ever better quality. Yet men who have done well as non-official or official members of a Colonial Legislature might occasionally be persuaded to stand for election to the Imperial Parliament, in which we should also like to see from time to time one of the misnomer statesmen whom this country has a tradition of producing—men of broad outlook and generous sympathies, selfless in their search for truth and its service, and influential by reason of their simplicity and sincerity. Of the men, whether living or dead, of this calibre of whom we can think, there is not one who has not held the highest opinion of the general body of British officers in Africa, and not one who has disagreed with Lavigne's dictum that Christianity and commerce must be the twin mains of establishing civilisation in Africa. I consider the value of testimony of that kind in a Chamber which, primarily because it lacks knowledge, allows some members to cast repeated and unprovoked aspersions upon the good intentions and behaviour of fellow-Britons overseas. It would, then, be well if the House numbered among its members not merely some of our Governors, but also agriculturists, traders, professional men, and missionaries of wide Colonial experience.

In considering the selection of M.P.s. for appointment as Governors, we would put first the question of character. If the best man who can be found from the dual standpoint of character and competence be

Army Officers as Governors.

by all means let him be chosen; but it would be an evil day for the Empire if it should ever become so established a practice to nominate an M.P. that one would be offered the office even though none of those available was unmistakably qualified for the task. It was recently calculated that about one-third of the members of this Parliament hold an office of some kind within the gift of the Government or of individual Ministers. There are very obvious dangers of nepotism in such a situation, apart altogether from the fact that the Colonies would have the strongest objection to being used, or seemingly to be used, as stepping-stones in the political careers of men not of outstanding quality. On the other hand, they would rally round first-rate Governors, whether from either House of Parliament, the world of business, a Dominion, or the Colonial Service. It is

equality that they require and appreciate, not selection from any particular environment. British Eastern Africa, in fact, owes a much greater debt than is commonly realised to administrators trained in the British Army, particularly to Captain Lord Lugard, General Sir Reginald Wingate and Colonel Sir Percy Cruttwell, and in considerable though lesser degree to Major-General Sir Edward Northey, Brigadier-General Sir Joseph Byrne, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Major Sir Hubert Young and Major-General Sir Hubert Huddleston. They will certainly bear comparison for character and achievement with Governors from any other group, and some general officers now in the Colonies are as excellently as Governors after the war.

The only other group of importance is, indeed, that of administrators brought up in the Colonial, Indian, and Sudan Services, which have supplied Eastern Africa with

Sir Herbert Stanley, Sir
It is The Man—Donald Cameron—**that Matters.** Sir
Liam Gowels, Sir John Mailey,

Sir Stewart Symes, Sir Harold MacMichael and Sir Philip Mitchell (so far the only Dominion-born Governor in our territories—which, however, have had two outstanding railway managers of Dominion birth in Sir Godfrey Rhodes and Sir Christian Felling). What other names of former Governors still stand out after a term of years? Chiefly those of Sir Robert Coryndon, a product of Rhodesia and the British South Africa Police, and of Sir Frederick Jackson and Sir Alfred Sharpe, gentlemen-adventurers of the best type, who did valiantly in the pacification of East and Central Africa and then worthily in its early administration. The deduction to be drawn from this brief survey is surely that it is the man that matters, not the early choice of profession. A second point is that the Colonial Service has produced its share of able, wise and trusted leaders, and that, in common fairness to those who devote their lives to the Colonial Empire, its best men should not find themselves deprived of the highest office, unless obviously better appointees can be found elsewhere. Secretaries of State have not always been good judges of the men they have recommended to the Crown as Colonial Governors. Everyone knows of good (and mediocre) Chief Secretaries who have failed badly when entrusted with higher responsibilities. Indeed, there have been so many such disappointments that anything like automatic promotion from headship of a Secretariat to a Government House ought to have been abandoned long ago. When Secretaries of State are allowed to remain in office long enough to

know their men, and to realise that the appointment of poor Governors will be an obstacle to their own plans, not those of their present successor. They will be much more likely to approve modestly routine promotions, even of senior officials demonstrably devoid of inspiration and dynamism. There is, we venture to say, no

part of the duty of a Secretary of State more serious than that of deciding upon whom to devolve responsibility in the Dependencies. If the right men are picked and trusted, faulty systems can be made to work. If the wrong men are made Governors, good plans and excellent intentions may come to grief.

A Missionary Looks at Eastern Africa

Points from a Survey by the Rev. H. M. Grace

THE BRITISH AND OTHER COLONIAL EMPIRES must come within some form of international mandate, but there seems no more reason for any other State than there would be for us to take a hand in the governing of the Philippines or the Belgian Congo.

Neither before nor during the war has there been any sensible expression made by our Colonial Office to vote out of the British Empire. Indeed, the movement has been in the opposite direction. We have and hold the Colonial Empire as our own responsibility in order to fit the peoples within it for self-government as Dominions in the British Commonwealth and Empire, or as self-governing States without it—as they may choose. Our Colonial Empire stood alone, coloured peoples and all, for one year against all the might of the Axis before our Russian and American allies joined us in the fight.

Let us discuss the great burden we shall undertake after the war. It is a burden of Empire, and craven souls, when they realise the great difficulties and hazards, might desire to see the British Colonies under international control.

Our Responsibilities in Africa

We have in a generation or two to develop a backward Colonial Empire fit and freedom on the general lines of the Atlantic Charter, President Roosevelt's four freedoms, the Pope's five points, and the Archbishop's five points. If we capitol on this, our Colonial Empire will integrate with shattering effect on the rest of the world.

We are pledged to seek no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned; to respect the right of all peoples to choose their own government; with due respect to existing obligations, to give all peoples equal access to raw materials; to bring about full economic collaboration between all nations; to establish a peace which will lead to freedom from fear and want and freedom of speech and religion; and to work for a revival in the sense of divine vocation amongst men.

In Africa our responsibilities are fixed as the most baffling setting imaginable. Four Eastern Powers (Italy, France, Belgium and Portugal) control the large part of Africa; the rest is divided into four self-governing States—South Africa, Liberia, Ethiopia and Egypt. The geographical boundaries are often quite arbitrary, sometimes cutting tribes in two. Some of these tribes were working towards a polity by which eventually all the inhabitants would become citizens of the European democracy; others set the people of the Colonies on the road to self-government by the development of local government.

We shall be faced after the war with a growing, well-informed African opinion emphatically pointing to what we have done or left undone in India—where there are more illiterates to-day in proportion to total population than there were 20 years ago because the birth-rate has increased and the death-rate decreased, owing largely to our efforts, but where we have failed to educate the people. They compare India with Russia and what she has done with her Colonial areas in 25 years. They ask, if Abyssinia is free, why they cannot be.

In my opinion, it is almost as if the Winchester dinner, Mr. Grace, who was at one time a missionary in Uganda, is now joint secretary of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.

The soldiers returning from the wars are not like the Indians, the Negroes and Mohammedans returning from the last war. A large number of them are literate and Christian, and are familiar with the gossip of the newspapers in the Middle East and beyond. Further, these soldiers have been educated in the Army in all sorts of trades and callings. They may be the apostles of unrest in the villages of Africa unless they can find useful employment. They will leave and depopulate the villages.

Into this Africa creeps up from South Africa the mass of white men who are being displaced from white South Africa and may have a devastating indirect influence on British Colonial Africa.

But I am not pessimistic, because I believe this Empire has been given us by God for a purpose. We did not carry out this Empire of set purpose, generally speaking, it was done on the way as we traded and travelled the world. Providence has given us all the most difficult places in the world to develop and protect and says: 'You have found a job of your white Empire. Make a job of this coloured one. You have made some special mistake in India. Don't make them here at all, or make them small.'

I think we can do it, but first the British people must awaken to their responsibility. Many of the examples which to share some of the burden. Particularly of providing personnel, capital and workers to help develop rapidly the Colonial peoples.

I would, however, make one exception—South Africa. This Dominion cannot be considered fit to provide officials, as any one who develops tropical Africa, these men will almost certainly be centred with the curse of the colour bar.

There is an expanding platform of discussion on the Colonies, and a spate of lectures, books and periodicals. There is hope in this growing interest. The Church must carry even more this burden of Empire; not often does one hear of Religion and Life Weeks concerned with this issue so vital to the future stability of our country.

We have no reason on the whole to be other than proud of our civil servants in the Colonies, and particularly those who have been recruited over the last 10 or 15 years. We have a Secretary of State who has grasped the essentials of the situation, is well advised by able men and who, with no shop-window adornments, will direct our Colonial policy wisely and well. If this proves to be the case and he is left in office—for surely the Government has learnt what the country thinks of their treatment of this office in the near past—then this is another great asset.

Need for a Colonial Council

Also the Colonial Office has able and vigorous men to advise the Secretary of State, backed by advisory committees in the fields of medicine, nutrition, education, economics, social welfare, labour and research, working out great plans for advance in many of our war ends and even before. Behind them is the often bold and despised staff of their servants who inspire, criticize, condemn, judge and sift the hundred and one problems and situations which come to them daily. I believe we can rely on our Colonial Office and the staff its overwork to save us and our Colonies well as servants of Empire.

There remains the constitution of some body less hampered by work and countless committees than our present members of Parliament to criticize, examine and, if possible (sometimes even initiate) Colonial Office policies, and which can report to Parliament through the proper channels. No great department of State, which has such a vast responsibility for the Empire, must be allowed to escape from the very closest attention by the public they serve. There seems some hesitation on the part of the Government to do this.

But I am certain there must be a change in the attitude to the tempo of operations both in the Colonial Office itself in the Governments in the Colonies. Soberness, the public's lesser faith and the waiting of events must be met, and the

THE WAR

Kenya-Uganda Railways in War

Manufacture of Many Essential Articles

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE WAR work of the Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours have now been released for publication, but they represent no more than the bare outline of a highly important record of achievement, which far surpasses any pre-war expectations.

While the Civil Engineering Department of the Railways was busy in work at the outbreak of war to organize the signalling system and the land-laying of building materials, the Mechanical Engineering Department set itself to design and build the tools and apparatus necessary for the newly-formed East African Reconnaissance Squadron, motor ambulances, and a series of experimental mortar mortars which proved so successful that a further 77 mortars were manufactured. A mortar sight, made by the use of photographs or drawings, was quite accurate, and a number of sights of this kind of design were produced.

Early in the war also a large number of parts for Bren and Vickers guns and anti-tank rifles were made, and anti-aircraft mountings, practice mortar bombs, water tanks and other articles.

By June, 1940, experimental work in connection with land-mines was completed by the staff of the Administration and the Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, and production of the mines begun. This necessitated alterations and additions to the workshops, including an extension of the foundry.

Four new third class coaches were converted at the same time for use as ambulance coaches. The seats and doors being widened and provided with double folding doors to permit the entry and removal of stretchers for use with these coaches two covered goods wagons were converted to kitchen cars, and a further two similar wagons to African staff cars. Seven coaches supplied by the Tanganyika Railways were likewise equipped to serve as ambulance coaches and the necessary alterations made to enable them to be run by the Kenya-Uganda Railways.

Twenty-four petrol tanks were built, each capable of holding 12,500 gallons, and mobile electrical workshops and store lorries were designed and a large number built. Eighteen armoured cars were also constructed and mounted on Ford V-8 chassis.

Tank-Carriages to Knee-Pads

Between September and December, 1940, orders from various units ranged from lorries for the carriage of light tanks to leather knee-pads and boot-measuring rules. Four 60-pounder guns were overhauled and fitted with pneumatic tires, a new design suitable for fast travel over rough country being evolved by the staff of the Administration. The gun fixings were dealt with similarly.

Early in 1941 arrangements were made for the mass production of anti-tank mines of a new type, and other work included the manufacture of anti-aircraft lorries, grenade dischargers, gas checks, sand tracks for armoured cars, spring shackles, pins and washers for Ford lorries, together with alterations to a large number of Harmon-flat-topping armoured cars.

Designs produced in the drawing office of the Chief Mechanical Engineer resulted in the manufacture of a large number of six-inch bench vices, the bodies for the vices being fabricated from mild steel by electric welding, while the screws and nuts were produced from locomotive fire steel. Combination tools for Bren guns, armoured cars for the Somalia Coastguard, further sets of mobile workshops, and lorries for home and mail transport were also manufactured.

The most important work undertaken during 1942 included the construction of petrol tank wagons, the manufacture of a very large quantity of furniture for the Royal Navy, and Royal Naval Air Service, many thousands of spammers and brass belt buckles, and the camouflage painting of numerous armoured cars and lorries. An idea of the magnitude and variety of the work undertaken in the Chief Mechanical Engineer's workshops may be gained from the fact that on December 31, 1942, no fewer than 1,400 separate orders had

been placed with them from various Army and Air Force

Railway towards Northern Frontier Begun

At the outbreak of war the Kenya Administration began a reconnaissance survey for a railway extension beyond the Nairobi Branch towards the Northern Frontier, and a year later at the request of the military authorities further surveys were made between railheads and the Frontier areas. Instructions were then received for a branch line to be constructed from Thika towards the Northern Frontier, and the ground for a basic station was rapidly collected and a Resident Engineer, Military Works, appointed. Through January and February, 1941, work on the Thika Branch continued, but in the last week of March it was stopped on account of the need of the military. Plans were launched against the Italians, which made the railway line a target. In the next half month the main line was extended and the obstacking had been done, and 81 miles of earthwork and 175 miles of plate laying had been completed.

During the seven months for which a special organization for urgent military work operated a large programme was undertaken including the construction of 100 motor sidings, 3000 tons of mechanical service workshops, 10000 tons of roads. Further work included a shed for a vulcanizing plant, a compressor house, an armory drying-room and many other items of major importance.

In addition to this work a number of military stores and the military work shops were built. The work was completed that day and night for these two years and the work of the workshops was never slack.

P.M. Greets Rhodesians on Leave

Expansion of Colony's A.T.C.

When more than 100 Rhodesians recently reached Bulawayo on leave after serving in North Africa and Malta, mainly with the King's Royal Rifle Corps and the Cheshire Regiment anti-tank battery, they were met by the Prime Minister, cheered by a large crowd and given a hearty breakfast.

The expansion of the Air Training Corps, in which Southern Rhodesian schoolboys are trained for the Air Force, was promised by Air Vice-Marshal C. W. Meredith, Air Officer Commanding the Rhodesian Air Training Group, when he visited air cadets in Gwelo last week. Under new regulations the welfare and progress of each A.T.C. unit will be the responsibility of the parent air station. Limitations on recruiting have been removed, and it is hoped that the A.T.C. will expand until it is as large as the Army Cadet Corps. Air Vice-Marshal Meredith said that air cadet training would be extremely useful after the war. "This country," he said, "needs air development. Your A.T.C. training will help you after the war with airfield and air route planning, aircraft design and maintenance, and management and communications apart from actual piloting. We hope the A.T.C. will form the basis for training boys in aeronautic subjects in this country after the war."

Casualties and Awards

Flying Officer Peter Rutherford Duff, eldest son of Captain and Mrs. R. D. Duff, of Chinoter Ranch, Southern Rhodesia, is reported to have been killed on active service last month. He was 22 years of age.

Sergeant Pilot J. R. Hilton, R.A.F., of East Africa, who has been killed on operational duties in the Middle East, was a student at the London School of Printing before the war.

Sergeant Pilot John S. Garnham, R.A.F. V.R., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Garnham, formerly of Uganda, and now of Sheffield, has been missing since the raid on Cologne on July 3. He was captain of a Halifax bomber. Sergeant Pilot Garnham, who was born in Kampala, was 20 years of age.

Pilot Officer Gordon William Oldham, of Plumtree, Southern Rhodesia, has been awarded the D.F.C.

Flight Sergeants Ernest Peters and H. J. Goodwin, both of Bulawayo, have been awarded the D.F.C. Peters is a prisoner of war in Germany.

(War News continued on page 12)

Background to

Germany's Black Year. For Germany the fourth year of war has been a year of unmitigated disaster. The beginning was the Battle of Stalingrad. Within a matter of weeks a nation so confidently expecting victory was compelled to face defeat. There followed most drastic emergency measures amounting to an almost complete economic liquidation of Germany's middle and lower income classes. Overnight professional and business men, small industrialists, artisans, and shopkeepers were robbed of their economic existence and sent into the armed forces or war factories. These measures emptied the houses of thousands of Germans. What is the main cause in the crisis is that Hitler has completely withdrawn from all affairs concerning the human beings he has visited no city, town, district or bombed town, he has not made a single political speech since he committed himself nearly 12 years ago to the plan that Stalingrad will be taken. Goebbels appears to be the only prominent Nazi leader with sufficient energy, skill, and courage to defend his party in the face of growing popular contempt. History offers no significant indication of the crisis in the National Socialist regime was the complete silence of all German leaders after the news of Mussolini's resignation and the collapse of Fascism in Italy. — *The Times*.

Hitler's New Secret Weapon. — "Since motor-lorries now swim submarines may one day crawl. Perhaps, the likeliest new development in armaments is a self-propelled torpedo, steered by a radio beam. The idea is by no means new, and the Germans may have found the means of putting it into operation. If it succeeded, aerial bombardment could be carried on without risking the *Luftwaffe's* depleted resources in aeroplanes and pilots. "One possible secret weapon within reach of Hitler is blackmail. In Hitler's hands are 12,000,000 Allied prisoners of war and workers conscripted from France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Poland, Greece, and Yugoslavia. With the ruthlessness in evil of the Nazi leaders, they might even attempt to make the lives of these defenceless men a bargaining counter. It is already being rumored in Germany that the reason why women and children are being evacuated from Berlin and other cities is not to save their lives (which have little value in the eyes of their Nazi rulers) but to provide the regime with hostages for the good behaviour of husbands and fathers who remain behind in the munition factories. Mr. G. Ward Price, in the *Daily Mail*.

Practical Idealism. The evil characteristics that makes a Nazi a Nazi is his utter inability to understand and respect the qualities and rights of his fellow men. His only method of dealing with his neighbor is to delude him with lies, then attack him treacherously, then beat him down and step on him, and then either kill or enslave him. The same thing is true of the fanatical militarists of Japan. Because their own instincts are so primitive, they are unable to comprehend how it is that, different from the inferior human beings who are to live together as good neighbors, by unanimous action in driving out the Jews and keeping their hands off for ever, we can attain peace and freedom from fear and violence. They verily and only cry at those who assert vociferously that the four freedoms of the Atlantic Charter are unattainable because they are unattainable. Their people, if they had lived a century and a half ago would have said that the Declaration of Independence was simply folly. If they had lived nearly 1,000 years ago they would have laughed mockingly at the work of Moses and the Ten Commandments. If they had lived several thousand years ago they would have derided Moses when he came from the mountain with the Ten Commandments. We concede that these great teachings are not perfectly lived up to, and that the good old world cannot arrive at Utopia overnight. The destroyers who still exist in our midst, like some of our enemies, have a long road to travel before they accept the ethics of humanity. Some day, in the distant future perhaps, but some day with certainty, all of them will remember with the Master: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. — President Roosevelt, addressing the Canadian Parliament.

Low Shipping Losses. Within 48 hours of the initial assault on Sicily, the Seventh and Eighth Armies had landed approximately 1,000 vehicles, 80,000 men, 500 tanks and 700 guns. Yet during the period, which covers not only the assault on Sicily and its occupation, but also the initial transport of men and material from Great Britain and the United States, the tonnage lost up to midnight August 17, was slightly less than 85,000. And the North African and Sicilian operations were carried out with a very much smaller loss of men and shipping than we had expected. The First Lord of the Admiralty.

Hunishness in Poland. Trustworthy information has reached His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom regarding crimes committed by the German invaders against the population of Poland. Since the invasion in 1939 a belt of territory extending from the province of Bialystok southwards along the banks of the River Vistula has been practically emptied of its inhabitants. The only measures were extended to practically the whole of the province of Lublin, which was then placed in German hands immediately. These measures are but a further display of the victims' brutality. Most of the victims were segregated into labor camps. Some children are killed on the spot, others are separated from their parents and either sent to Germany to be brought up as Germans or sold to German dealers and dealt with in the women and old men to concentration camps. His Majesty's Government intend to resolve to punish the instigators and actual perpetrators of these crimes. They further desire that so long as such atrocities continue to be committed by the representatives and in the name of Germany, they must be taken into account against the time of the final settlement with Germany. Meanwhile the war against Germany will be prosecuted with utmost vigour until the barbarous Hitlerite tyranny has been finally overthrown. — Warning issued by H.M. Government.

Relations with Russia. — "Draped by the ruins, Russian gamble, Hitler will fall like Mussolini. The next German regime will renounce the mad fantasies of 'Mein Kampf'. By retreat from soviet territories and the border lands, it will seek some kind of truce with Moscow. What we have to avoid is no serious danger like a separate peace, but something far more insidious. If one party begins to feel treacherously or wrongly, that the spirit of engagements and even the letter of promise are not adequately fulfilled, the warmth and life may go out of a treaty which articles human formulae intact. A pact alliance is as possible as a broken marriage. That is the danger to be avoided. And the danger is better Mr. F. L. Garvin, in the *Sunday Express*.

the War News

Opinions Epitomised. King Boris of Bulgaria a friend. — Hitler.

Jesuits are the story of the Roman Catholic Church. — Pater Manning.

The rest of the B.A.P. is a gutter. — Mr. Fisher.

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The growing savagery of the German in the Low Countries is the reaction of a century. — Mr. The German is becoming increasingly aware that the war is lost. — Mr. Adler.

By Government subsidies the cost of the air passage from Great Britain to Australia will be reduced to 10 shillings. — Mr. The Australian A.P.

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Our part-time army should regard it as a duty to undertake extra training in petty details of training, organising as well as weapon development. Such an army would attract men of intelligence, as the 1939 army never did. — Mr. Frank D. Barber.

The attack by Flying Fortresses on Regensburg destroyed 10% of the Nazi day-fighter production. Even if wings and engines were ready it would take six months to make good the factories. — Mr. Major General H. C. George.

After the war reconstruction of industry and agriculture of Germany will be necessary if we are to avoid serious inflation. Time must be allowed for modernisation and reconstruction. — Mr. Theodor Chamberlain.

The increase in munitions powers is food news for us. It shows that the British are trouble inside Germany. Hitler would not have taken this step except under the pressure of real emergency, for it is certain to cause resentment among Goering and the generals, who were already jealous of Himmler. — Mr. G. Ward.

I do not think we can anticipate that after the war half the maximum pre-war ocean travel in the first and cabin classes will be shifted into the air. It is reasonable to anticipate a post-war average of 100 passengers by air a day in each direction between the United States and Canada and the British Isles and the continent of Europe. — Dr. Edward P. Warner, Vice-Chairman, U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board.

The trouble, so called, in India today comes from the fact that a Christ-flied man from England 150 years ago sailed the stormy seas to give the Gospel to the whole world. Because of that book the days of Western domination are numbered, and the dividends of shareholders in London and New York are liable to shrink to vanishing point. — The Rev. Sydney G. Morris, President, Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Sunday, September 26, will be celebrated as the Battle of Britain Day, commemorating the air engagement known as the Battle of Britain, the prolonged series of night attacks which followed, and the deeds of the Royal Air Force, the anti-aircraft gunners' civil defence services, Royal Observer Corps, and the aircraft workers, all of whom contributed to the victory. — Mr. Albert Tomlinson, M.P.

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OBITUARY

The Rev. Alexander Dewar.

Missionary Work in Nyasa 50 Years Ago

The Rev. Alexander Dewar, who has died in South Africa, was appointed to the Livingstone Mission of the Free Church of Scotland in 1893, and pioneered most of the territory lying along the Stevenson Road between Lakes Nyasa and Tanganyika. His first station was at the lake, but he transferred to the Livingstone Church Mission. He remained there for nine months, and the remainder of his first year at the station spent at Mwezo. On returning on leave in Scotland, he took charge of the mission station at Karonga, where he remained until he resigned in 1909.

He had a very intimate knowledge of the dialects, beliefs and customs of the Africans with whom he came in touch, and was the first to commit to writing the language spoken in the locality of his first station. On returning to Scotland in 1907, he came overland to Cape, and claimed to be the first married man to travel from the Zambezi to the Mediterranean via Uganda and the Sudan.

In 1908, he went to South Africa to take charge of the Free Church of Scotland Mission there, supervising the work over a wide area, and making constant journeys, often under difficult conditions. He had a hardy constitution and was a hard worker. In 1927-8 he was elected Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, and the last General Assembly sent him congratulations on the celebration of his jubilee as a missionary in Africa.

The Hon. Mrs. Donner

One who knew her well writes: "For nearly three years Angela Donner suffered terribly, yet all that time no word of complaint ever passed her lips. There was no hint to her fortitude and patience. Since last autumn she could see only a limited amount, she had great difficulty in speaking, she could not write or feed herself, sit alone walk, or even hear properly. We should rejoice that she is free at last, free from a condition over which only a great spirit could triumph." Her thought was for others only, never for herself, and her spirit seemed to convey that she would never flinch or bend beneath a burden which would have crushed so many others utterly. She had a rightness of vision and an inner goodness and goodness that was purity and bravery and courage and thought for others and a wonderful quickness of understanding.

Mr. Alec F. Webster, who has died in Fort Jameson, had been one of the most prominent tobacco-growers in the district, in which he had lived for 41 years.

Captain H.C. Armstrong, O.B.E., author of "Steel," a biography of General Smuts, died in Brighton last week at the age of 51.

Miss Augusta Lactitia Cruikshank, eldest daughter of the late A.W. Cruikshank, of Langley Park, Co. Angus, died in Umtata, Southern Rhodesia, on August 20.

Sir Francis Fremantle, Conservative M.P. for St. Albans from 1919, who died last week at the age of 71 was a leading spokesman for the medical profession. Among his books was one on "The Health of the Nation."

Canon the Hon. Arthur Francis Northcote, fourth son of the first Earl of Egleborough, died on Monday in Bradburn, Devon. He was the father of Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Indemnification Officer to the East African Government.

Sir Henry Burdett, Bt., M.C., who died suddenly at Ngwe, Ruims, last week at the age of 72, served throughout the last war with the Essex Regiment, went to Kenya in 1919, and succeeded three years ago as tenth baronet. He is survived by Lady Burdett, a son born in 1931 and two daughters.

Mr. F.H. Eke, who has died in Southern Rhodesia at the age of 55, served in the B.S.A.P. from 1908 to 1911 and in the last war with the 1st Rhodesia Regiment and later with the Royal Fusiliers in France. On returning to Rhodesia he joined the Native Department, and was stationed in many parts of the country, retiring through ill health only last year, while Native Commissioner in Marandellas. As a soldier he was other than however, he recently volunteered for duty as an assistant instructor in Salisbury.

Mr. Jimmy Wirtle, who has died in Bulawayo at the age of 76, recalled that country in 1895 after having been in the British Army. He was a very popular name among the Matabele, Relations, a squadron sergeant-major in the Southern Rhodesia Volunteers, sergeant-major instructor of the 2nd Rhodesia Regiment in the last war, and instructor in Bulawayo. He was a founder and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge of Progress, and District Grand Master of the Southern Constitution in Rhodesia.

The death is reported from Bulawayo, Uganda, of Yasbath, Suar Bhandi Kairalah, who had served in Equatoria under Emin Pasha, was brought by Captain (now Lord) Lugard to Bunyoro, where he enlisted in the Uganda Rifles in 1893, fought for the British in Uganda in 1897 and 1898, in the Somaliland campaign of 1908-10, in the German campaign of 1913-14, and against the Germans in East Africa from 1914 to 1918. For ten years after his retirement in 1919 he acted as Chairman of the Nandi Court in Kenya. He was awarded East and Central African Medal, the African General Service Medal (with 1908-10 and 1913-14 clasps), the 1914-15 Star, the British War and Victory Medals of the last war, the K.A.R. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Silver Jubilee Medal.

Lobengula's Brother

Mazwelambila, brother of Lobengula, last King of the Matabele, died at the Empandeni Mission, Matabeleland, on August 12 at the age of 119 years. In the struggle for kingship following the death of Mzilikazi in 1868, Mazwelambila was spared by Lobengula, who entrusted him with the care of immense herds of cattle. Mazwelambila was born in the Transvaal in 1833, and fought many battles as leader of the Matabele warriors. When 103 years old he was baptised at the Empandeni Mission, and thereafter had a daily visit to the mission church.

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Southern Rhodesian Parliament

Further Points from Recent Speeches

THE SPEECHES MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE Southern Rhodesian Parliament in the following paragraphs are various speeches.

MR. PRIME MINISTER (SIR J. HUGGINS):—The war has been a great blessing and in the various provinces of the world has been a great blessing to the world.

Some people think that the hands of white people here have held the country since the beginning of time. It was not so. The country was first discovered by the Dutch in 1662.

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Good Work of Native Demonstrators

Colonel W. H. Ralston.

Very good work has been done by the advisers or demonstrators in the Native reserve farms. They have done extraordinarily well on a thing which might be of value not only for but for Europeans in the area, especially with settling of those who return from the war.

MR. G. H. HACKWILL:—I hope the Government will create in this as possible a Director of Native Medical Services, the greatest asset we have in Southern Rhodesia.

MR. D. MACINTYRE:—In the Zambezi River we have possibly the dreams of most of us, in connection with the instance, of aluminium, and electrification of other large industries, also the electric emulators of the Colony. The success of all this depends on the provision of cheap electric power.

MR. F. B. THOMPSON:—When Colonel Renwick died, the Government had not the necessary finance to pay the estate, therefore his estate in this country had to be sold. The Government had to buy the estate in Gwanda. The Government had to buy the estate in Gwanda. The Government had to buy the estate in Gwanda.

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Industries in Rhodesia

Congo Basin Treaties a Handicap

At the annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Industries of Rhodesia, held in Salisbury on August 10, the retiring President, Mr. N. A. Philip, expressed his opinion that the policy of industrial expansion made for years by the Chamber had now been accepted by the Government, and that a drive was being made to broaden the basis of the Colony's industrial life.

With the signing of the Congo Basin Treaties, great development had taken place in the last three years, and more Europeans were now employed in some of the industries than in other of the primary industries, mining and farming.

It was the need for a new source of supply for both Europeans and Africans, Mr. Philip said, which had led the natives to be able to manufacture some of their own requirements, such as iron, steel, etc., which were formerly imported from Japan and India.

Although of small value, such a development would mitigate poverty in agricultural areas and check migration to towns.

Mr. Philip urged industrialists to support the idea of an African Conference to study the possibilities of industrial expansion in Africa, and to study the possibilities of industrial expansion in Africa.

He thought it was time for the Congo Basin Treaties to be broadened, and the conditions which they were made to be now disappeared and their terms were detrimental to the advancement of the native population.

Mr. Stanley Cooke was appointed the new President of the Association.

We are asked to state that the forthcoming course in social studies at the London School of Economics for students of the Government is a course in social studies, and that all vacancies have already been filled.

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COMPANY MEETING

Standard Bank of South Africa Lord Balfour of Burlingham's Review

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED, was held last week at the head office, 115, Clements Lane, London, E.C. 4.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Balfour of Burlingham, CHAIRMAN, presided.

The secretary, Mr. H. D. ... read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors. A statement was read by the Chairman with the annual accounts for the year ended March 31, 1943, stated:

On the day following the last meeting of shareholders came the sad news of the death of Lord Balfour of Burlingham, who was also a member of the board and had covered a period of over 12 years. It was the directors' great valued colleague and friend.

The member, Lord Sir Ronald Crum, who has since been appointed to sit at the board, is holding the Presidency of the British South Africa Company, he is connected with many African interests. It is fortunate in having the benefit of his wide knowledge of affairs in Africa and the country, and I am sure that at the general meeting the shareholders will be pleased to confirm the appointment.

The balance-sheet at March 31 last shows the record total of £158,000,000. Compared with the figures for the previous year, there is a further increase of about £31,000,000 in deposit, current, and other accounts, which stand at £136,000,000, this being again principally due to the large funds available as the result of expenditure by the Government for war purposes. Cash in hand, at call and short notice is higher by nearly £22,000,000, and investments have increased by approximately £12,000,000 placed in Government stocks. There was a decline of about £3,000,000 in bills of exchange purchased and of some £2,000,000 in customers' bills, etc., for collection, which was to be expected in view of the restriction of shipping of goods of an essential nature. The figures of bills discounted, advances to customers, and other accounts show little change.

A Satisfactory Position

You will see that the profit and loss account reflects a satisfactory position. The balance of profit for the year, after making an appropriation to contingencies account, was £564,326, being an increase of £7,588 over the figure for the previous 12 months. With this amount of £175,504 brought forward, the sum for disposal was £729,830. The interim dividend paid in January last absorbed £125,000, and after appropriating £50,000 for bank premises, there is a balance of £548,830.

It is recommended that £100,000 be allocated to the shareholders' special fund, that a final dividend of 2% per share be paid, together with a bonus of 2s. per share, making a total of 12% for the year, and that £170,830 be carried forward.

When it was decided in 1914 to discontinue the holding of two meetings in each year the shareholders were informed that an interim statement of accounts would be published in addition to the annual balance-sheet. That practice has since been followed, but having regard to the restrictions on the use of paper, copies of the statement of accounts as at September 30, 1942, were only sent to shareholders on application being made for them. Very few such applications were received, and apart from the economy in paper and saving in time and labour I feel sure the shareholders will agree that the preparation of an interim

statement of accounts is now hardly warranted. It is therefore proposed to discontinue the issue of the statement.

With regard to conditions generally in South Africa, the process of continuous adaptation of the economy to the fresh demands of the country's war effort has proceeded satisfactorily, and the untimely absence of various external supplies has encouraged the development of local resources with marked success. The direct and indirect contributions of the gold mining industry have mainly proved indispensable to the maintenance of general economic stability.

Progress in the Rhodesia and East Africa

In Southern Rhodesia, the Government has endeavoured to develop a more diversified economy, and the production of farm produce has increased. In East Africa, the Government of the Nations, in its plans for the reconstruction of the region, has endeavoured to bring about a more balanced and prolonged development, with a special emphasis on the African territories, to be continued in the future.

There are many obstacles in the way of a more rapid and prolonged development, with a special emphasis on the African territories, to be continued in the future.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation of the services rendered by the staff of the Standard Bank of South Africa, and in particular by Mr. Milton Clough and Mr. J. H. Clough, the administrators in South Africa, and Mr. J. H. Clough, the administrator in London, the bank's interests in which are well represented.

Since the outbreak of the war, many members of the staff have joined the services, and a large number of them have been killed. It is a record of the loss of life in the war, and a tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who have given their lives for their country.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the balance-sheet to which the following resolutions were adopted:

Mr. R. E. Dickson moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:

The Chairman moved the adoption of the following declaration:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, on behalf of the bank, has the pleasure to announce that the six months ended March 31, 1943, has resulted in a profit of 500,000 shares, as at the end of the year ended on that date, the profit was 400,000 shares (making with the profit of the year ended on that date a total of 14% for the year), and subject to the approval of the shareholders whose names appear on the register on the fourth day of August, 1943, a dividend of 2% per share, together with a bonus of 2s. per share, making a total of 12% for the year, and that £170,830 be carried forward.

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. E. Clifton Brown, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Brigadier-General Sir J. H. Clough, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., were appointed.

The Chairman proposed the appointment of the following members of the Board of Directors: Mr. R. E. N. J. Sever, Mr. R. W. M. Peat, F.C.A., Sir Nicholas ... and Mr. ...

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Sena Sugar Estates

The Sena Sugar Estates, which are situated in the Sena district of the Northern Rhodesia, are being developed by the Sena Sugar Estates (Rhodesia) Ltd. The company is a subsidiary of the British East Africa Corporation Ltd. The estates are situated on a tract of land of about 10,000 acres, and are being developed for the production of sugar. The first crop of sugar was harvested in 1944, and the yield was about 10,000 tons. The company is planning to increase the yield to 20,000 tons in 1945.

LATEST MINING NEWS

Company Progress Reports

Kapiri. During July the cumulative Kapiri Mines was 10,000 tons of coal, including 4,000 tons from the No. 1 and 10 tons of tin concentrates.

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Mails Lost by Enemy Action

The Post Office has received reports from the various countries in the East African region that a large number of mails have been lost as a result of enemy action. The reports are from Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika. The mails were lost as a result of air raids on the communication lines. The Post Office is doing its utmost to recover the mails, but it is feared that some of them may be irretrievably lost.

Kenya. The Kenya Mines produced 10,000 tons of coal during the second quarter of the year. The total production for the quarter was 12,000 tons.

Uganda. The Uganda Mines produced 15,000 tons of ore milled during the second quarter of the year. The total production for the quarter was 18,000 tons.

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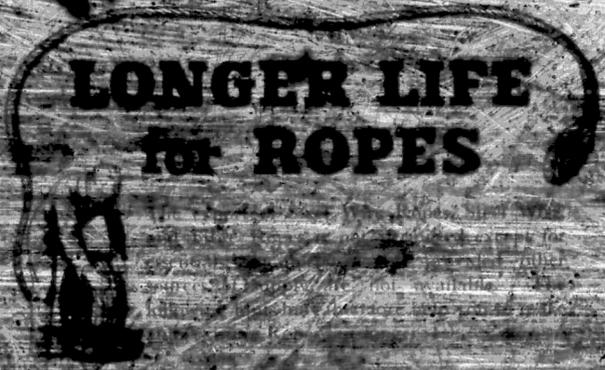
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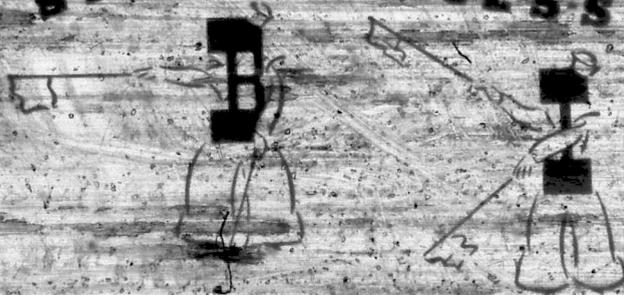
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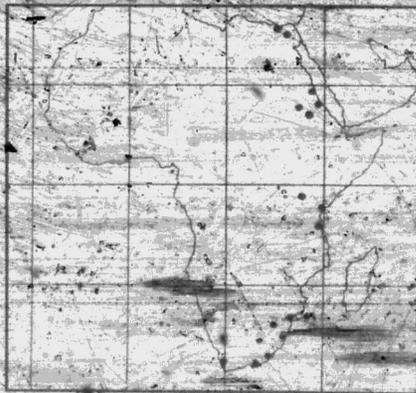
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

NEVER BEFORE there has been possibilities on so large a scale of making real progress in the development of the East and Central African territories as will exist at the end of this war in direct consequence of the mobilisation of many thousands of *askari* who have become accustomed to better food, better housing and better clothing, and whose mental outlook has been broadened by travel and by intercourse with Europeans and with tribesmen from other parts of Africa. That, the regular reader may say to himself, is nothing more than a restatement of a point of view already expressed in these columns. It is that, of course, but more important, it happens also to be the declared conviction of the Government of Northern Rhodesia, expressed in its "Memorandum on Native Development" which we quote textually on other pages. So far as we are aware, it is the first document of the kind made public by any British Eastern African administration. On that account alone it would command comment, but, as will be seen, it has higher claims to the consideration of all concerned for the wise progress of East Africa and the Rhodesias.

range progress on a distinct and provincial basis. Provincial commissioners, to whom this circular over the signature of the Chief Secretary to the Government, Mr. C. Beresford Stooke, was addressed before it became public property, have been specifically directed to draw upon all sources of inspiration, knowledge and advice, and urged to endeavour to form a mental picture of the conditions which it should be possible to create by the persistent application of a policy of progressive development over the next half century. Having looked at that distant horizon, they are charged to prepare five-year plans for the areas under their control. The short view has been taken in Africa so often that it is refreshing to find a Government which is prepared not merely to require its administrative and technical officers to do something better, but to take the public into its confidence from the outset, so that it may both co-operate at this stage and complain later if interest should flag or agreed plans remain unfulfilled without good reason. That is a real challenge, and one on which both parties are to be congratulated.

The memorandum argues the case and suggests the course for ordered, balanced and long-

Frequent transfers of officials, by the deliberate policy of the Government, have been made under the most difficult

By the general absence of accepted plans for each area, with the inevitable consequence that the administrative new... has to be either to do... or nothing to stimulate development. If he has become acquainted with the locality, or has concentrated on some aspect of activity which, though it may have engaged his enthusiasm elsewhere, is not necessarily as applicable in the new environment as it is elsewhere. If a series of non-officials had agreed upon a five-year period of work for each administrative district or division, future staffed personnel will be able to do a great deal of the work of this Government paper, but it seems to us to be a force... which for

... and therefore a much greater interest in their work. Difficulties which exist in the North Rhodesia, which are due to a... of... and... dictation or direction in even the most individual... of... have often... have often... of power, but within... to any extent and ask no questions. A Government adopting this Northern Rhodesian plan will be much more inclined to... for such qualities... in its senior officials... to raise the whole tone of the Service.

a Trusteeship for the African, writes Mr. Stock, "is not the prerogative of a handful

of Government officials; it is vested in the whole British race. We whole-heartedly agree with that statement which deserves to be noted by those persistent critics of East Africa and the Rhodesias who are so prone to suspect all Europeans in or connected with those dependencies who are not members of the Imperial Service. Perhaps it will be noted the assertion... that... to... the welfare of the African... measure... can... even to the Government itself. The testimony deserves to be widely quoted: "One information... it to the Africa... which... are widespread. Theorists in Great Britain do not tire of their... the African should be pushed ahead. The Northern Rhodesian Government, which is presumably a wiser mentor, saw... that 'the African should not be pushed. He should be led... and the... leading. Indeed, there is a... of... and... the European community in their African neighbours... of a sense of their responsibility to the Natives.' In the long run that responsibility must pass from the electorate in Great Britain, with which it now rests constitutionally, to the groups of States which are certainly destined to take the place of members of separate, mostly and... administrations.

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Northern Rhodesia's Plan for Post-War Progress

Text of Memorandum of Instruction by the Chief Secretary

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER, masses of thousands of African soldiers will be returning to Northern Rhodesia on demobilisation from the Army. The vast majority of these men will have changed very much since the day when they left their villages to enlist. They will have changed physically and mentally. The question of their re-education in the community is therefore one which requires serious thought and planning. It might be expected that all that best interest is to... of these... provide land for the... take sufficient... and even... to which these... The alternative... of the Government of Northern Rhodesia... full... of... in the... of... development... the... .

Native development means all those measures which jointly and severally will have the effect of improving the standards of African life... the conditions under which the African lives... of enabling him to live a fuller and happier life. It is... that the African... which... to himself, that... which... and that he... of life to the... ways... those who make... the... the... can be improved... this... to... . Any... of the... of the... . The... of... .

them and the Africans themselves. African opinion should be sought from Native authorities and also from individual Africans of intelligence.

In some districts it may be found convenient to appoint special advisory committees to advise on the plans and schemes which are put forward. In other districts this may not be practicable and the question be left to the various officers concerned to take such steps they consider desirable to ensure that all sources of inspiration, knowledge and advice are adequately tapped.

In the work by plans care should be taken to give consideration to all types of human activity. For instance, the distribution, production and sale of goods, the development of agriculture, industry and transport, the improvement of social conditions, the raising of standards and the raising of the general standard of living, and under all the activities of land tenure are subjects which should not be overlooked.

Five-year Plan in Each Province

When the five-year plan for the province (which will be a composite of developments in the principal centres) will be submitted to the Chief Secretary, who will refer it to the first instance to the Native Development Board. The provincial plans subject to such modifications as the Native Development Board may decide upon, will be referred to heads of departments. No separate estimates and estimates of the central services, which will be prepared to support and maintain the requirements of the districts.

It is proposed that he knows the details of the provincial plans, the Director of Medical Services will not be able to make arrangements for the training of dispensary and health assistants. Heads of departments will, however, give general guidance to their officers by the province. The provincial plans will not be out of proportion to the capacity of the departments to supply staff and material, and so that divergences in policy and in the application of policy in the provinces will not be greater than the variation of conditions and circumstances demand.

The provincial plans should be submitted in the form of a descriptive memorandum accompanied by detailed estimates of additional local staff and equipment required for each of the departments to carry out the provincial development schemes. It should be prepared for each of the departments services required for which no estimate can be prepared, only 75% development of water supplies. Provincial Commissioners should consult the heads of such departments before completing the schedules.

As regards the development of water supplies, which is of primary importance, it is proposed to arrange for the Director to visit provincial headquarters in each province early in 1949 for the purpose of preliminary consultations. It need hardly be said that there should be the closest co-operation in this matter between all heads of departments concerned and the Provincial Commissioners.

In the existing economy it may be said that the principal personal resource of the African in Northern Rhodesia is his manual labour which he sells to employers outside the reserves. How far the African may expect ultimately to go in the employment in European areas is a question of considerable importance and at the same time of some difficulty, but it is not a question which can profitably be discussed in this memorandum.

This memorandum has referred mainly to Native reserves. There is, however, a considerable number of Africans resident in the urban and industrial areas of the territory. While employers and local Government authorities have their particular responsibilities in regard to the welfare of Africans, there remains with the central Government the general responsibility for the provision of social services, and what may perhaps be termed the guardianship of African interests.

The problem of Native development in urban and industrial areas is complicated not only by the multiplicity of agencies through which such development may be achieved, but also by the fact that some Africans in those areas have already experienced a substantial change in environment. The question as to the steps which should be taken is one which requires careful thought and careful planning.

Problem of Urban and Industrial Areas

The problem of educating and developing Africans in such a way that they can form a useful complement to a community which is non-African and at the same time satisfy their own legitimate ambitions has in many more forms than the problem of advancing a community which is wholly African. The achievement of satisfactory results must depend largely upon the outlook and attitude of the European, and in this connexion it is encouraging to note that there are in Northern Rhodesia employers who by their deeds have shown their intention to advance the welfare of their African employees and have achieved already a measure of progress which can serve as an example even to the Government itself. Nevertheless, it will doubtless be found advisable to stimulate in the European community, by means of education and

particularly an interest in and sympathy with their African neighbours and in a sense of their responsibility as trustees for the territory. This trustship is not the formal trust of a board of Government trustees, it is a wider and more flexible trustship.

As in rural areas, so in urban and industrial areas, opportunities should be taken to obtain advice and help from extra-official sources in the consideration and preparation of plans.

This memorandum began with a reference to the problem of the reabsorption of African soldiers on demobilisation, and it will end with a similar reference.

The great majority of these men will have become accustomed to better food, better housing, and better clothing than that to which they were used before they enlisted. Many of them will have had their mental faculties sharpened by travel and intercourse with Europeans, and will have returned to their native Africa. They will have formed a sense of their own worth, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that many if not most of them will wish to continue to live in the new conditions.

If this supposition is correct, it will not be an exaggeration to say that never before in the history of Africa have there been so many men on so large a scale of material progress and development of African territory.

The opportunity must not be allowed to pass unutilised. Apart from other considerations, the presence in the reserves of many thousands of Africans dissatisfied and disgruntled is not future to provide South Africa with the material for intensifying their new found hatred against the Government, a problem which could be regarded only with grave concern.

All officers concerned should, when considering their plans for the future, take full account of the needs of these men, and make adequate provision for their welfare, and for their training to make full use of them in the development of the Native reserves and their inhabitants.

This memorandum is published over the signature of Mr. G. Grosford Cooke, Chief Secretary to the Government. Editorial comments appear under Matters of Moment.

Rhodesian Federation

Colonel S. G. Brown, leader of the non-official members of the Northern Rhodesian Legislative Council, and recently in the Chamber. If federation eliminated the control exercised by authorities 6,000 miles away and substituted a nearer central control, nothing but good could follow. Federation would also eliminate the disadvantages of belonging to a small, isolated political unit. The major difficulty involved is in the constitutional differences between Northern and Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa.

East African Union

Last week we reported that Mr. W. G. Nicol, elected member for Mombasa in the Kenya Legislative Council, had urged the immediate appointment of an East African Secretary and stated that Kenya had already earmarked £5,000,000 for post-war development. A later report adds that Mr. Nicol argued that while Kenya is not yet ready for responsible government she has outgrown the Secretariat system, and non-officials should therefore be appointed Ministers with responsibility for groups of departments. He expressed disappointment that Sir Cosmo Parkinson, representing the Secretary of State, and Lord Moyne, Deputy Minister of State in the Middle East, had not been allowed to make contact with representatives of the non-official community during their recent visits to Kenya.

Lord Harlech on African Contacts

Lord Harlech, High Commissioner in South Africa for H.M. Government in the United Kingdom, and formerly Secretary of State for the Colonies, has arrived back in the Union from his visit to Great Britain. He said on arrival that he had found a "lively interest" in the Mother Country in the question of improving machinery for closer co-operation throughout Africa, not only in British territories, but with Foreign Dependencies. He believed that after the war there would be greater mutual understanding and much more intimate contact between African States, and that Africa would play a greater rôle to play in the world. He had found that people in Great Britain were becoming more conscious of Africa.

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Casualties in Sicily. American casualties in Sicily were approximately 7,500 killed, wounded, or missing. Total United States casualties to August 15 were 31,209 killed or died of wounds, 20,159 wounded, 21,761 missing, and 49,748 prisoners of war. American troops took 421,000 prisoners in Sicily. The British and American capture of 224,000 Italian prisoners. The British and Canadians suffered approximately 14,000 casualties in Sicily. Mr. John McCloy, U. S. Acting Secretary for War.

Germans in Norway. The Germans who lost 55,000 men killed or wounded in the invasion of Norway. The Norwegians should pay ransom to the Germans for their surprise the chief Norwegian doctor rejected the demand. "Do you want to pay ransom? It will be a big sum of money." The reply was: "Not at all." Hitler has announced that at least only 1,400 killed in Norway. "Nothing more was heard of the German demand."

Rear Admiral Rusef Larsen.

Huns Preparing Another War. Goethe's motto and slogan, the suffering of the world is the duty of his lie that Germany did not want the bombing of civilian. The world found hypocritical love for the things of beauty and of the spirit. These are all part of Germany's preparation for a third world war, already being planned by her officers, her Junker class and big industrialists. When the civil population in Germany cracks, rivers of tears of self-pity and disclaimers of responsibility on the part of the people of Germany will flood the world. — Lord Latham, in the London Labour Party's journal.

Coalition with Russia. — Marshal Stalin owes his victories to his intense thinking in terms of the year. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill are thinking chiefly in terms of next year and after. Perhaps it has become too much of a habit, owing to the usual terms of Anglo-American conference with the Soviet Union. Russia believes final victory in Europe can and must be achieved well within this fifth year. In that faith the deeds are vouching. Britain and America must rise to that spirit if they do not want a seven-year struggle. Moscow considers that there must be a limit to Russia's outpouring of rivers of blood. The cost of their triumph is grim. The one thing that might admittedly stretch out the war would be failure in the next few months to cement the present imperfect alliance with Russia into a solid coalition. — Mr. J. E. Gwynn in the *Sunday Express*.

Germany's Losses. One-third of the great industrial district of the Ruhr has probably been demolished, but the Ruhr is of Europe. Generally speaking, Nazi war production ought to be down by well over 50 per cent from its peak and other causes. Nazi war production is seriously short of fats and oils, has ruined the health of her armies and civilians. Her rubber situation is bad, but not desperate. She has adequate supplies of steel and aluminium. Her marine and aeroplane production have not yet diminished much. Her permanent military casualties probably exceed 2,000,000 men, but she has replaced most of the losses by drawing men of military age from the factories and putting foreign workers in their place. She still keeps 10,000,000 men under arms. Probably nearly 45,000,000 foreign are working in Germany today. — Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's confidant.

Anglo-American Co-operation. A certain sort of world-planner thinks that if he can put leopards, lions, antelopes and cheetahs into the same international cage they will cross-breed into an identical intermediate animal. They will not. For centuries many countries have tried to make you less British. We have tried to do it by marrying into Britain. Out of an inter-marriage with an American you today have the most British Prime Minister of your whole history. You do not lose your spots. Nor shall we. American spots have particular importance in international affairs. The first is the average American's conviction that out of many races he has made a new race. So we ought to stop all palaver on either side of the ocean about blood being thicker than water. I am among those Americans who want intimate friendship and intense co-operation with Britain. But I want to base it on reality. You trade in all continents and on all seas. We stand midway between the developed European continent and the undeveloped continent of Asia. You and we can turn into rivals. Together we can be the mightiest force for lifting all the world's regions to a higher and higher level. The second spot on the American leopard is that where competition is natural and feasible the American desires competition and vigorously strives to maintain it. We have more capital than you, but you have more knowledge than we have. In the management of capital I am inferior to you. — Mr. Eric Johnston, President, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Hess; Paranoiac. Rudolf Hess, once Hitler's deputy, still Hitler's adorer, is guarded night and day by a special force of officers, N.C.O.'s and men, tended by six medical orderlies, and cared for by two specialists. He is the only wing of a certain type in the army now housed in a military hospital. But the separate wing still fulfils its ancient function. For Hess is a border-line case, as he was in the first Germany. Hess is a paranoiac, suffering from persecution mania, convinced that people are in league against him, against his voice, against his being present in his land. He will not stand out of the public eye, nor to share his dish. To help his recovery if he can recover — he is allowed to believe the guards and orderlies are his own establishment. He reads two newspapers a day. He used always to listen to the news bulletins, but turned the loud-speaker down to a whisper that he should be heard listening in to the B.B.C. The penalty for which is death in his country. He maintains that his idea in coming to Britain, was entirely his own. Hitler did not know. His aim was to find quislings who would make some sort of patched-up peace and leave Germany free to launch her full weight against Russia. He has a pathological hatred of Russia. Since Tunisia he has lost his faith in the boat and since Sicily his faith in victory. He is fighting a losing battle against losing his faith in Germany and Hitler. This fantastic, hating and hateful, yet somewhat pathetic, man of 48 who was the second man of the Reich a mere 30 months ago, now is ranked merely as a captain. The only money he has is the £6 a month allowed him through the German Red Cross. His doctors are convinced he will never recover. — Mr. Guy Ramsey in the *Daily Mail*.

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the War News

Opinions Epitomised. — I do not think the Germans lasting out the war of 1944. — General Sir Charles Jeffreys.

"Tophious" must be killed at birth. — Sir Charles Petrie.

"We have entered the last year of the war." — Mr. Ian Macdonald.

"The war will drag on until the end of the century." — Mr. E. H. Carr, M.P.

"It will take months to finish the German Army." — Mr. George Murray.

"Where is the *Luftwaffe*? I recalled to defend the Fatherland."

"I am more than 400 hours behind the new air guard." — Mr. E. D. Ashton.

"The officers of the German Army have been promoted Generals." — Berlin Radio.

"Strike the snouts of all rumormongers, so that they can neither see nor hear." — *Tag in Der Angriff*.

"Axis military circles are afraid that a new front will be opened at any moment in Italy." — *Can. Radio*.

"I got into war research only through my knowledge of Engineering." — Prof. J. S. B. Haldane.

"I believe the Allies will gain complete victory in Europe about September, 1945." — General Sir R. G. Congreve, C.B., C.V.

"The Nazis will quit this winter. In my opinion there will not be a single battle fought on German soil." — Herr Emil Ludwig.

"Complete victory should come in the autumn of 1944, through a night conceivably come much sooner." — Sir Eric Phipps.

"The prospect of an end of the war by December is rather better than between then and September, 1945." — Captain Lidashi Harris.

"Germany may disintegrate by April or May next, when the Allied armies are ready to invade Germany from all sides." — Mr. G. Ward Price.

"Our hearts beat strongly for Denmark, which shows how rapidly unexpected situations may arise." — Mr. H. H. Wilson, Prime Minister, Denmark.

"The Eighth Army is given the great honour of being the first troops of the Allied armies to land on the Continent of Europe." — General Montgomery.

"The Civil Service is now 10,000 stronger than it was 14 months ago, when three Ministers appointed by the War Cabinet went to re-educate the 17 million." — Mr. Trevor Evans.

"The Polish Government and nation will see that no single German criminal in Poland escapes just and exemplary punishment." — Mr. Mikolajczyk, Polish Prime Minister.

"Germany's new weapon for protecting U-boats from the sea, a long-distance fighter aircraft, is equivalent to field glasses for the German High Command." — British Radio.

"Britain's courage and faith in holding the eastern flank is being tested against Hitlerism in 1945-1946." — The function of the Allied victories of today. — *London Times*.

"Marshal Petain and all his members of his Government will be handed over to the Allies as soon as circumstances permit." — French Communist Party.

"The rest of the world, east of the Red Sea, is capable of such gigantic exertions this summer after all that it had endured, and all the economic handicaps under which Russia is fighting." — *The Times*.

"Probably not fewer than 5,000 people were killed by the Russian attack on Berlin on September 29th, after which 250,000 people were left to starve in the city. A further 500,000 are camping outside the city." — Report from Stockholm.

"Comrade Stalin has stated that on the part of the Russian Government there would be no objection to an Orthodox Church convening a synod of bishops for the election of a Patriarch of Moscow and of All Russia." — Metropolitan Sergius.

"We are confronted with three of the most formidable Powers of the world, and two of them have not yet thrown their full weight into the scales of the war. Such a situation does not permit of any optimism." — General Dietmar, German High Command spokesman.

"Approximately 2,500,000 tons of Japanese shipping, or one-third of the whole merchant fleet, have been sunk since Pearl Harbour. The Japanese started the war with 6,368,000 tons and have lost 4,868,000 or acquired about 1,250,000 tons." — Colonel Knox, U.S. Navy, Sept. 1945.

"We have in the last six months broken Goebbels's hold on German opinion and made many Germans look to us for truth and guidance. This is almost unknown to the British public, but it is borne out by the whole German Press, whose outbursts against 'ruman' members, 'defeatists' and 'minds poisoned by the enemy' become daily more desperate." — *The Observer*.

"No more leather will be made available for the production of the Sam Browne belt." — Ministry of Supply.

"The manner in which Hitler has been driven from the limelight, leaving his chief murderer and torturer, Himmler, as the virtual civilian master of the Reich, is almost as striking as the way in which the German Army has been successively driven from Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, the Caucasus, and finally from Ukraine." — Mr. E. C. Bentley.

"Bombing has destroyed 100,000 tons of bombs on Germany during the fourth year of the war." — *London Times*.

"The Allies dropped 100,000 tons in the first year; About 11,000 tons were dropped on Hamburg; 9,000 on Essen; 10,000 on Cologne; 6,000 each on Frankfurt and Nuremberg; Fighter Command

137,000 in 1941, and 13,000 in 1942, 1943, and 1944." — Air Ministry.

"Most of Germany's great centres will be in ruins or non-existent in another 12 months. The 'Fortress of Europe' will disappear physically before our air onslaught by night and day. The physical exhaustion of the Germans are not so far off. A deep revolt is brewing, which will in the end be more catastrophic for Hitler than even the horror of the air by night. It will probably take us at least another year to win final victory." — General Smuts.

"At the outbreak of war there were 355,000 men of military age in New Zealand. Those since 1939 'overseas' have numbered 1,000,000 while the total male conscripts in the Army, Navy and Air Force are 480,000. The maximum enrolment in the Home Guard was 124,000. In addition, 100,000 men and 100,000 women are enrolled for civil defence. The Air Force personnel has risen from 1,800 in 1939 to 12,000 this year." — Mr. Fraser, Prime Minister.

"The time-table of victory is fast supremacy in the air and then crashing invasion by land and sea. So far we are on schedule, I believe we can so dislocate German communications and transportation that it will be impossible for her to conduct war as she now sees it. We will not pull our punches. If the Germans do not stop our heavy bombers, they will not have any force left. Bombers with more and heavier guns and more than twice the bomb load of the *Heinrichs* will be ready when and where we wish." — *London Times*.

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PERSONALIA

Mr. N. F. Burt is now District Commissioner in Mbeya.

A son was born on August 30 to the wife of Captain William Delap, of Kenya.

A son has been born in Meru to the wife of Dr. H. Chataway, of the Colonial Medical Service.

Colonel C. E. Pensonby, M.P., Chairman of the Joint East African Boards, was G.O. on Thursday last.

The Rev. Thomas Birley, who recently resigned the office of Bishop of Zanzibar, has arrived in England.

A daughter has been born to the wife of the late Major A. J. White, of the British Military Administration.

A daughter has been born to Mrs. Besy Dennison (née Wollen), wife of Mr. Arthur Dennison, of the Sudan and Reigate.

Miss H. Raungo, G. N. Hornby, W. A. P. and W. H. Macleland have been appointed Justices of the Peace in Northern Rhodesia.

Mr. J. G. S. is now in charge of the South Nyasa District of Nyasaland, and Mr. A. E. Souter is Assistant District Commissioner in Lilongwe.

Sir George Noel Reid has been elected a director of the National Bank of India, Ltd. Sir Robert served in the Indian Civil Service from 1904 until shortly before the outbreak of this war.

Sir Cosmo Parkinson is the former delegate of the Fort Jameson Farmers' Association, Northern Rhodesia, in Lilongwe, Nyasaland, today. He left Northern Rhodesia in mid-August and has since been visiting Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Mr. H. D. Curry, formerly a District Officer in Tanganyika Territory, has been appointed in charge of the Central Civil Depot at Mbeya. Mr. E. E. W. Miller, who has been in charge of the depot, is now manager of the Rumwe Rice Buying Scheme.

Dr. Murad is now headmaster of the Safari Makonen School for Boys and Miss Lydia Joss headmistress of the Empress' School for Girls in Addis Ababa. Dr. and Mrs. Henry, who had been in charge before and since the Italian occupation, have returned to the United States.

The Rev. S. R. Skeens

The Rev. S. R. Skeens, B.A., whose death is reported, was a missionary in Uganda for the C.M.S. from 1890 to 1920. He went to Iganga, Busoga, in the Eastern Province, which then had a bad reputation for its unhealthy climate and a degraded people long enslaved to the neighbouring Baganda. Sleeping sickness, plague and famine had been among the common calamities. It was there that Bishop Hannington had been murdered in 1885. Missionary work had been in Busoga eight years before the arrival of Skeens, but progress had been difficult and slow, and there had been only two baptisms in the whole district. But by the time he came to write "Uganda in Transformation" Bishop H. Grosford Jones could report a very different state of affairs. He wrote:

The coming of the Rev. S. R. Skeens to Iganga in 1891 was a true Godsend to the Basoga, and his name is still a household word. He was able to recruit 1,000 converts in 1911, and in 1912 that the Basoga had contributed 1,000 to their own church support. Better witness than this to his faithful work is a paragraph in a letter from him in 1913, in which he says: "Quite recently we were able to send 15 young Basoga Christians as missionaries to Nyasa. From the Basoga we have sent 50 of these young missionaries, have been sent out now."

Skeens thus made a lasting contribution to the advancement of Busoga, the people of which have progressed markedly since he began his work among them.

Rhodes the Prototype

Lord Elton, Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, said in a recent broadcast talk:

"No Government planned the expansion of England overseas. The foundations of our world-wide Commonwealth were laid by men prepared to go where opportunity and the bright eyes of danger tempted them. All our greatest rivals were authoritarian states, in which colonisation was an affair not of individual enterprise but of ministers and officials. Spain of the Armada, France of the Bourbon, France of Napoleon, Germany of the Hohenzollerns, all were ruled by despots and bureaucrats, and we overthrew them all. The Germany of Hitler is but the latest version of the rigid tyrannical system which our adventurers have so often combated and destroyed."

Do not suppose that the "adventurers" referred to here were those of fighting men, some of the greatest names in our Imperial history are those of men who risked everything to discover, head or heels.

It was not merely a great adventure, but a great discovery, but equally no was a great adventure, for men who discovered the whole course of the Zambezi and explored the interior in order to reveal the bottom of the Arab world.

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Adventurer Serving an Ideal

There are always exceptions to any generalisation, and one outstanding exception is the career of the great adventurer who was the founder of Rhodesia. Cecil Rhodes was an adventurer from the moment when he left England for South Africa as a sickly youth of 17 to the day when he went unarmed and practically alone among 500 angry Matabele warriors to challenge them by force and the superior force of his own personality, to lay down the law.

But he was an adventurer with one great object always in view—the increase of the influence and power of the Anglo-Saxon race, in which he always included the Citizens of the United States. This was the purpose which sustained him through dark days of unpopularity and ill-fortune. For this he amassed his fortune; for this he drafted and redrafted the famous will which devoted all his wealth to his great ideal. But for Rhodes the power of the Anglo-Saxon race was itself but a means to an even greater end—the peace and well-being of all mankind.

Alone in the veldt under the African stars this simple yet penetrating thinker grappled, far ahead of his contemporaries, with the same vast world problems which Governments in our own day have failed to solve. This in itself was adventure and enterprise, adventure on the moral and intellectual plane, adventure of the highest order. For Rhodes is perhaps the prototype of the adventurer of the future, whom the post-war era of vast new opportunity the adventurer will wander off the beaten track and take his risks and so much to make his own fortune as to serve an ideal.

Matabeleland Re-Union Luncheon

A re-union luncheon to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the capture of Bulawayo, the occupation of Matabeleland and the Shangani Patrol is to be held at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London, W.C. 2, on Thursday, November 4, under the chairmanship of General Alexander Godley. All ranks of any unit who served in the Matabeleland and Mashedanland campaigns of 1890, 1893 and 1896 are eligible to attend. Application for tickets (costs 12s. 6d., other ranks 6s.) should be made as early as possible to Major T. J. May, Rhodesia House, 129 Strand, London, W.C. 2. Major-General the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Athlone is President of the Re-union Committee, which consists of General Sir Alexander Godley (Chairman), Brigadier-General Verney Asser, Commander F. C. Tyndale Biscoe, Mr. George Bower, Mrs. George C. Candler, Mr. Douglas Christopher, Colonel Lord Davies, Brigadier-General B. C. Moor, Mr. Frank Johnson, and Mr. Llewellyn.

Welfare of African Labour

An Alternative to Trade Unions

A BUSINESS MAN OF 15 years' experience and large interests in British East Africa writes:

In many of our Colonies trade union legislation has recently been passed and some encouragement given by Colonial Governments to their formation or at least no resistance offered to such a development. This has led in some cases to a multiplication of small unions, staffed and unstaffed, without regular control or supervision by experienced economic people. The result is a downward race this is not only in the number of unions but also in the quality of their management. In the case of the indigenous peoples themselves even in the absence of any trade union legislation, the Government should be in strict control by Government of the formation and administration of unions, whether safeguarding the custody of funds and their regular audit by competent people should not be established by law. That lists of members and names should be regularly submitted to the Government with membership of, say, 500 or more should at once be required, or even compelled, to have a European member selected by the members but approved by the Government. It is the duty of the Government to ensure the stability of the unions and to ensure the quality of their management. The Government should be in strict control by Government of the formation and administration of unions, whether safeguarding the custody of funds and their regular audit by competent people should not be established by law. That lists of members and names should be regularly submitted to the Government with membership of, say, 500 or more should at once be required, or even compelled, to have a European member selected by the members but approved by the Government.

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Would it not be better to move in this direction by steps, by gradually? Why not persuade each employer in every industry who employs, say, 50 or more Africans to set up a small welfare committee under proper chairmanship, meeting at least once a quarter and keeping a regular programme of experience for the workers, their families, and their children. It has been quite common for the employer in many instances can thus be eliminated as a source for improved amenities are advanced in regard to food, health and education; that suggestions affecting production can be usefully considered, and that the spirit of tolerance, goodwill and ordered progress is developed between both parties. This has been the experience of some of the most progressive mines in Africa, which have led the way in social improvements, e.g., the great copper mines of Northern Rhodesia, the Rosterman gold mine in Kenya, and certain companies in West Africa with increasing benefit to themselves and to those who work for them.

Many Europeans living or serving overseas today can have little idea of the great advance that has been made within the past five years in Great Britain in the way of improved welfare for workers and of closer co-operation between masters and men in such directions as workers' canteens, concrete resident hostels for workers away from home, holidays with pay, organised travelling facilities to and from work, and production committees to iron out technical problems and worries and encourage suggestions of all kinds for improved efficiency and comfort. In at least one case, in the U.S.A. the term "employer" has been officially abolished and "associate" introduced in its place.

Surely the time has come for East Africa to ensure a steady improvement in the welfare and amenities of employees in all industries and their wives and families. An important result would be to stabilise labour forces. The reward of such a policy will be increased efficiency from a more contented and happier community, and real development of responsibility and balance on the part of the young African industrial leaders.

If such a system of welfare committees were established, small trade unions (which are likely to be illegitimate) can, with rare exceptions, be avoided at this stage in East African development.

£800 for Makerere College

The Rev. L. R. Hancock, of Woburn, Somerset, who left £3,522 (net personally £3,174), after making bequests of £300, left one-fourth of the balance upon trust for the benefit of Makerere College, Uganda.

Mails Lost by Enemy Action

The Postmaster-General announces that letters and parcels sent by air to Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Mozambique via Delhi, posted in Great Britain between June 1 and 13, and for transport East Africa between June 1 and 13, have been lost by enemy action.

Sir Cosmo Parkinson

His Visits to the Colonies

To the Editor of "East Africa and Rhodesia"

SIR, Your telegram from Lusaka about the arrival of Sir Cosmo Parkinson was very interesting to me, as making it clear for the first time that his visits to the Colonies as the personal representative of the Secretary of State really are intended to establish contact with non-officials of all parts of the Empire. I am sorry you raised this point only a month ago, as I cannot recall any reply in Parliament or elsewhere.

I quite understand that it is a courtesy, visit to accompany Sir Cosmo on his tour of the territory, but that course has very obvious drawbacks. In the first place, it tends to decide in advance that the itinerary shall be that which officialdom would prefer, and not necessarily that which the visitor would have chosen, or what is more important, what would have been best for him to see.

If he is going to visit other parts of Eastern Africa, as I should be hoping, might I suggest that Sir Cosmo should be accompanied by a number of non-officials. The Governors should ask the non-official leaders, political, agricultural and commercial, to indicate how they would wish him to spend at least half of his projected stay? It would be a good thing if non-officials could in this way have the opportunity of selecting things for the representative of the Colonial Secretary to see—such, for instance, as glaring examples of Government shortcomings (such as bad housing conditions of the type which obtain in parts of Kenya) or instances of very successful European enterprise or struggling new industries particularly worthy of help.

Another point, it would be a very good thing indeed if Sir Cosmo would sometime stay in hotels, without a bodyguard of men from Government House, or the Secretariat, or from the local administrative office. He will never hear all he should if he is always the guest of officials.

Royal Empire Society, Your faithfully,
London, W.C. FAX EAST AFRICA.

On another page we publish a report from Kenya that non-official leaders were not given opportunities of interviewing Sir Cosmo Parkinson, and he was accordingly disappointed. It would therefore appear that the position still needs clarification. Perhaps it was the Governor of Northern Rhodesia who took the initiative in arranging for non-officials in his territory to have a single opportunity of meeting the representative of the Secretary of State. Similar arrangements were evidently not made in Kenya. This, then, is another case in which Kenya can learn from other East African Dependencies.—Ed., E.A. & R.

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Colonial Economic Committee Will Begin Work Immediately

Inter-State Regional Commissions, in Colonial areas, to provide effective machinery for consultation and co-operation, so that the States concerned might work together to promote the economic well-being of their respective territories, without interfering the authority and autonomy of the separate Colonial Governments, would be an essay in international co-operation, said General Oliver Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in an interview with the political correspondent of the *Sunday Times*. He stated that:

There is a need in such co-operation, in agriculture, for example, to be concerned in a common market in certain territories, is obviously to be met.

The Commissions would not be executive, but purely advisory, in seeking to find common solutions to common problems. This is only one facet of international co-operation after the war, and an only one considered in relation to the whole project of international settlement and advancement when peace

is restored. The new Colonial Economic Advisory Committee, selected by the Secretary of State, will function in the advisory and consultative machinery of the Colonial Office. It will operate in the same way as the other advisory committees, investigating particular problems and recommending lines of policy. I refer to them as advisory committees, they to me, so that there is a constant interchange of inquiry and consultation.

The Committee will consist of the best part of people outside the Colonial Department, experts in various fields. It will get to work immediately.

Colonial development is one of the most valuable enterprises upon which we can spend money, and I believe it will have a high priority after the war.

I am impressed with the dramatic change in the interest of the people of the Colonies in the Colonial Empire, and with their feeling that they are themselves, not only their responsibility, but also to their advantage.

We must aim at making the Colonies self-supporting, and the best of world citizenship. Neither we nor the Colonies desire that they should become more or less permanent dependents of this country.

When I say self-supporting I don't mean self-contained, but self-matching. I want to see the Colonies with an equal and sound economy, which will meet the needs of government and peoples and provide a reasonable standard of living. I think we can do that, talk about self-government is a little hampering. Actual responsibility goes all with financial responsibility. Government of capital will be needed perhaps for basic developments and social improvements, and private enterprise will be needed in other fields, but under self-government, the high standard type of industrial enterprise must be created.

Reasonable and steady returns must be the basis of private enterprise in the Colonies. I have every hope that after the war, we shall see more than the great race of financial development.

Unity of The Empire

Mr. Attlee, Secretary of State for the Dominions, said at a luncheon at the Colonial Office:

Throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire there are immense diversities of race, colour, creed, and degree of civilisation, yet the links that unite all together, through often intangible, are of a profound and basic character. This was the basis of the unity of the Empire, and it is the basis of the unity of the Commonwealth. The links of unity are not only the ties of race, language, and religion, but also the ties of common history and common culture, which have been learned through long centuries of association.

The British Empire and Commonwealth is not something static, it is constantly in a state of change, and its history shows a process of development. The tremendous advances in air travel may lead to developments in co-operation which cannot yet be foreseen.

The democratic creed rejects the Nazi creed, which asserts that the Germans are the only people who should enjoy the good things of the world while other races should be kept down in their hunger. The democratic creed proclaims the equality of all men, and the right of every man to whatever he can earn. It believes that this view of life is the only one which is based on the principles of Christianity, and that the creed of the Nazis is essentially the creed of anti-Christ. The battle for the things of the spirit will not end with the defeat of Germany and Japan. It must be fought all the time.

Unless we carry into the days of peace the high spirit of adventure and sacrifice displayed in war, we shall lose what we have won. Civilisation has in these days nearly suffered shipwreck, not because of the power of its enemies, but because of the slackness of its defenders. Let us never again take "Safety First" for our watchword. To achieve the victory of man's spirit over the dangers that threaten it, we need courage and faith to dare.

Major Orde Browne's Escape

Major Orde S. J. Browne, Labour Secretary of State for the Colonies, and for many years in the Colonial Service in East Africa, has sent to *The Times* his engaging plea against the use of amnesties for political prisoners.

May I suggest that we should face up to and check up on the plethora of "serious" propositions that one may see in the papers, "leave 'em", "leave 'em out some money here", "they might cash in on some savings of paper", or an indignant public might even judge offenders in their hide-out, or the shot out and threaten them with being beaten up, hanged, or shot up.

Four years ago such a piece of prose as an East African could scarcely have been written with impunity. It might even have put him on the short list of "Information Officers" in some Dependencies!

Community Centres in Ethiopia

Community centres, one of which has already been opened at Addis Ababa, are being established by the Ethiopian Ministry of Education as a means of promoting progress throughout the country. They are to take the form of model villages, with maternity and health centres, clinics, schools, and facilities for lectures and demonstrations in hygiene and improved agriculture. The first centre gives instruction in house work and spinning, and it is to be run by a teacher.

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News Items in Brief

The Southern Rhodesian *Sunday News* recently celebrated its 14th birthday.

Plant for finishing cottons and soap-making is being erected at Senpat, in the S. Rhodesia.

Another eight Africans have been ordained in the diocese of Northern Rhodesia.

A new film of Kenya has been added to the central film library of the Imperial Institute.

Plans have been made for a new works near Bulchela, Tanganyika, where excellent tin deposits exist.

Naturalists have been seen growing their own vegetables and many are also keeping poultry and rabbits.

A film showing factory methods in Soviet Russia is being distributed for exhibition in British African Colonies.

The Imperial Government has undertaken to purchase the cotton crops of Nyalandi until 12 months.

The Central Bank of India Ltd. has declared an interim dividend of 12% for 1944-45, there were interim and final dividends of 7% each.

The school population of Government and aided schools in Northern Rhodesia has nearly doubled in 10 years. In the senior classes it has quadrupled.

Urban Advisory Councils have been established at Lusaka, Mafushika, Broken Hill, Livingstone and all the towns of the Copperbelt of Northern Rhodesia.

The regulation restricting the number of public holidays to be observed in Northern Rhodesia in war-time has been removed, thus restoring the holidays observed before the war.

Last year Kenya's Central yielded a cotton crop of 4,036 metric tons of seed cotton, or 1,292 tons of lint. As recently as 1930 the annual output was no more than 24 tons of seed cotton.

Emphatic opposition to State intervention in the marketing of cotton piece-goods is expressed in a letter circulated last week by the Export Section of the Cotton and Rayon Merchants' Association.

Pyrethrum seed from Kenya has been sent to Australia. We recently reported that at the urgent request of the Government of the U.S.A. 2,000 lb. of pyrethrum seed had been flown from Kenya to Brazil.

There are now two women members of the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce, which is believed to be the first such body in Eastern Africa to elect women members. The first two elected represent businesses engaged in selling frocks and footwear.

The Game Commission of Portuguese East Africa has recommended that an area about 160 miles long and from 20 to 40 miles broad along the Rhodesian border should be thrown open to free shooting, with the object of killing off game in order to clear the area of tsetse.

The collection of wild rabbits in the Marica and Swala districts of Portuguese East Africa, particularly in the region near the border of Southern Rhodesia, has been greatly increased. The raw material is being manufactured in Lourenco Marques, where a new factory has already an output of more than one ton a day.

United Tobacco Companies (South) Ltd. have declared a fourth interim dividend of 4.1/2% on the ordinary and deferred shares, equal to 5d. per 10s. share, free of South African normal income tax, bringing distributions to date up to 16.2/3% compared with 12.1/8% in the corresponding period last year, which the total distribution for the year ended 31st March 1945 was 25.5/8.

Rhodesia's foreign exchange earnings for the first nine months of the financial year ended 30th September 1945 were £88,200 and £1,306,087 respectively in the previous years.

Receipts of the Beira Milling Company were £203,327 and £655,559 for the first nine months, compared with £81,394 and £672,409 in 1944-45.

The *Tanganyika Gazette* of July 9 details the Licence Regulations which govern the export of tin produced in the Lake Province.

Provision is made for the establishment of a Tin Producers' Association of Cotton Exporters, admission to which will be restricted to applicants who during the last five years exported within 12 months not less than 2,000 bales of cotton lint produced and ginned in the province.

The Institute of London Underwriters has circulated a ruling by the War Rating Committee that war risk cover on shipments of flour by Swedish flag from the east coast of South America to Portuguese East Africa is 74% if warranted for consumption in E.A.A. and warranted Portuguese flag for other subject to permit for sailing from belligerents.

Portuguese East Africa is not specially rated in the current schedule of war risks rates, but the normal rating for voyages between the east coast of South America and East Africa is 10%.

London-South Africa in 26 Hours

An air service from London to South Africa in 26 hours was predicted by Mr. E. C. Sturrock, Minister of Transport, when speaking in Pretoria a few days ago. The South African Government would, he said, probably build two great airports, costing about £1,500,000 each. In a visit to Southern Rhodesia a short time previously Mr. Sturrock had said that the Union Government welcomed the suggestion of the Parliament of Southern Rhodesia for a Pan-African Conference to discuss plans for post-war progress. He believed that inter-territorial co-operation between African States must be one of the chief items in future policy.

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LATEST MINING NEWS

Mining in S. Rhodesia

THE MINING DEPARTMENT in Southern Rhodesia were recently made in the Chamber of Mines. Captain A. W. Whittington, who was unable to understand how the Government could have a policy of closing down non-paying properties, which would have become economic gold mines in the future.

At the same time, which started in the Broken Hill mine in Northern Rhodesia. They were producing lead ore; they had abundant stocks of zinc and silver, but they were not producing it. Large waste dumps were scattered round the mine, and a discovery that in the waste there was a certain amount of gold.

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Speech of the Minister of Mines

The Minister of Mines, Mr. Flanagan, and the Colonel E. Lucas, Guest, in the course of his reply.

I have occupied this portfolio for approximately five years, and it is the first occasion on which anyone has attempted to make a debate on the gold mining industry. It is a remarkable fact that the industry which is the very backbone of Rhodesia should be so neglected by hon. members. More than 90 per cent of the national income is derived from gold mining, some apart from the metal mining.

So long as people are using gold as a means of storing wealth and a medium of exchange, gold will retain its value. At the beginning of the war gold mining was on top of the order of priority because it was impossible to obtain the necessities of war without the credits which gold provided. Since the introduction of lease lend and since America came into the war that position has been completely changed, so that gold has now lost its high standard of priority; but I cannot say that it is not still an important part of our war effort.

Before the war started we had got to the stage in the production of gold when a decline was inevitable unless something was done to arrest it, and I invited the Chamber of Mines and Mining Federation to co-operate with my department and endeavour to find ways and means of stimulating the production of gold, but the assistance which we received was not very helpful. Nobody was able to think of anything except the reduction of taxation. When this war is over, who ever sits in this seat will have to apply his mind very seriously indeed to stem the decline.

I believe that there are gold-bearing occurrences in the country which had not come to the surface and will not be discovered unless systematic and scientific prospecting is introduced. I suggested to the Chamber of Mines that the country should be divided into areas, for at least that part of the country which we know contains gold-bearing occurrences that the Government should appoint teams of scientists with all the necessary paraphernalia and machinery for prospecting for gold, that they should have with them primary prospectors and that each block should be thoroughly examined by this means. I am sure that has been done it is impossible for anybody to say whether or not there are gold-bearing occurrences in the country.

In order to conserve mining supplies and ensure their use to the greatest possible advantage, the Government is giving monetary and other assistance only to three classes of gold mines—first, those in economic production; secondly, those which have reasonable prospects of economic production; thirdly, those which will be useful to the country in the post-war reconstruction and which do not, or which were even would, close down.

We hardly get any mining supplies from America, and I have been warned that they are prepared to assist us only so long as they are satisfied that we are doing the maximum amount of gold mining. I have been warned that they are prepared to assist us only so long as they are satisfied that we are doing the maximum amount of gold mining.

I will compulsively recommend that we should have a more systematic and scientific prospecting programme, which would be a more systematic and scientific prospecting programme, which would be a more systematic and scientific prospecting programme.

the Colony representing the Ministry of Supply, and they have insisted that that must be urgently needed. They are not doing their best effort to increase production. The need to get the price increased was the first thing that occurred to me. They did not think it possible, but they have agreed to do this a certain proportion of stamped gold which would otherwise have been unmarketable.

Que Que Roasting Plant

Mr. W. Deppington, who said that the roasting plant at Que Que had last year produced gold worth £100,000, which could have been obtained by no other process, stated that a by-product from the plant was used in the local production of water for the Colonists, and present source of supply.

Concluding the debate, the Minister of Mines said that a considerable proportion of the staff of geological surveys and geologists had been sent away with the Rhodesian Survey and Geologists in Nairobi. It had been found which had been sent away with the Rhodesian Survey and Geologists in Nairobi. It had been found which had been sent away with the Rhodesian Survey and Geologists in Nairobi.

Company Progress Reports

Wankie Colliery, 5,500 tons of coal and 6,922 tons of coke.

Thistle-Brona, 1,500 tons were crushed in August for yield of 840 tons of gold and a working profit of £2,700.

Cherwood Colliery, 2,000 tons of coal and 2,000 tons of coke.

Coal and Motor, 25,000 tons of ore crushed in August for yield of 1,500 tons of gold and a working profit of £22,000 compared with £22,000 in July.

Reverend, 10,800 tons crushed in August yielded gold to the value of £1,500 and a working profit of £3,500, compared with £1,000 in the previous month.

Mineral Producers' Union

Captain A. E. Kennedy, Chairman of the Rhodesian Mining Federation, has invited all mine-owners and tributors in Southern Rhodesia to express approval or disapproval of the Federation's resolution that a Mineral Producers' Union be formed for the Education of National Farmers' Union and that the Government be requested to consider enabling legislation to this end, as was done in the case of the Farmers' Licensing Act.

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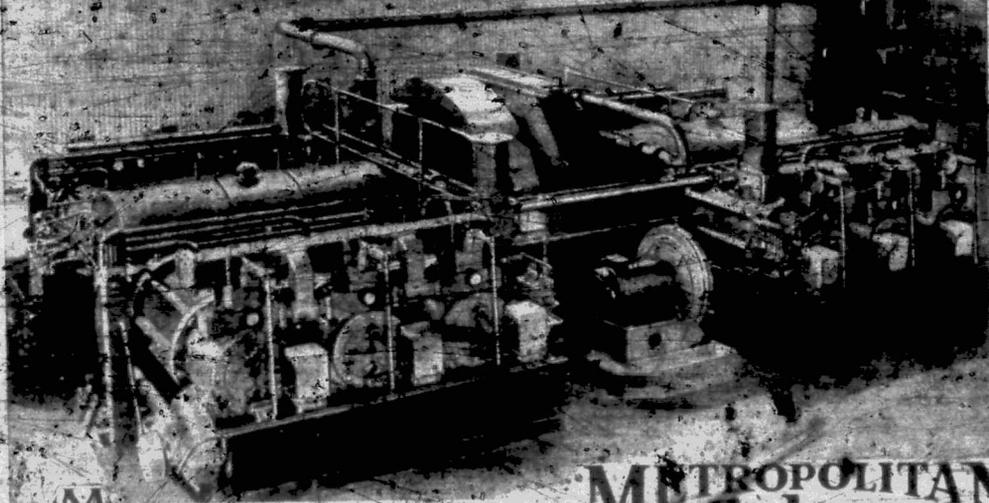
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ment might have warned the presumptuous pair of Axis forgers (in both senses of the word) that the British had a long record of throwing off their sloth and tolerance, and of throwing up new leaders, great leaders, in crisis.

In Eastern Africa more than three years ago Italy was to make the bitter discovery which Germany was likewise making during the Battle of Britain, that scum forces of inexhaustible pluck and resource could hardly shatter military deductions made **Justified** with mathematical exactitude. In

East Africa, and particularly in the Sudan—as in the skies above Great Britain and the English Channel—men gave the world its greatest demonstration of the fundamental truth of the creed which Kipling preached in one of his best-known poems: "If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, if you can wait and not be tired by waiting, if you can follow your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone, and so on when there is nothing in you except the Will which says to them: 'hold on!'" The margin between disaster and recovery was just that—the dogged will of a little group of men who exemplified those simple virtues with a heart-beated gallantry completely beyond the understanding of the masses.

For a time the danger to the Sudan was dire. Our forces there were so slender that bold action by the enemy must have swept them aside and carried him to Sennar, Khartoum, Atbara and on towards into Egypt. But coolness **No Will** and courage stood between the **to Fight** massed Italian tanks, guns and aircraft and the unsubstantial fringe of ill-armed men who guarded the approaches to the British Arch in the Middle East. If we had not men and machines, then we must bluff; and magnificently did we succeed. It is to be hoped that General Sir William Platt, now General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in East Africa, and at that time King in the Sudan, will one day be persuaded to write the history of the defence of the British territories in Eastern Africa and the splendid victory which followed in Eritrea, Somaliland and Ethiopia. The record should make one of the most arresting of war narratives. At the moment of Italy's richly merited disaster we need no more than recall this bare outline. But we can do no less for public memory is short, and whereas it never fails to pay tribute to the gallantry of the few who saved the Empire in the Battle of Britain and the steadfastness of the whole country throughout months of heavy German

triumph in that distant theatre of operations was built the salvation of our cause in the whole of the Middle East and in the Indian Ocean. Troops from East Africa (black and white), Rhodesia, West Africa, South Africa, Great Britain and India, British, Rhodesian and South African airmen (aided by Kenya's tiny but gallant and most useful Auxiliary Air Force), and British seamen all contributed their share to the collapse of Fascism in a compact area measuring about 1,250 miles from north to south and the same distance from east to west. It was, moreover, a country and a nature for defence, generously supplied with every military resource save one—the will to fight.

THERE IS A LITTLE GROUP of men who suffered admirable service in administrative and other official capacities in Kenya and Uganda in the early days of British administration and retirement on

A Case for Consideration pensions which are about half the annual sums they would draw under the regulations now in force. The life of the official in those early days had its compensations, but the risks, hardships, privations and inconveniences were immeasurably greater than they are today, or have been during the past twenty years or so. Having retired before the introduction of a much more generous pension scale, these pioneer officials have for years suffered considerably, in comparison with men who served the State for a similar period, but under much less onerous conditions. Long before the outbreak of this war these former members of the Colonial Service must have found the cost of living in England substantially above the cost at the time of their retirement, and now, of course, there has been a further sharp rise. Costs of living has been accepted as an equitable basis for a claim to variation of pensions, salaries and wages in any cases, including those of servants of the Crown, and it does appear unjust if public opinion should still have received no consideration of their pensions were based on the level of prices paid before the last war, and far below those since then, and as few of our citizens, who receive a small sum of money, would be involved in increasing their needs. The matter has, we know, passed through the process of consideration by the Government of Uganda, the East African Governors' Conference and the Colonial Office, which between them have taken about a year and a half to agree to reject the request. It would be both gracious and right for this matter to be re-examined.

THE WAR

Large East African Force Sent to India and Ceylon

Adoption of Policy Commended by "East Africa and Rhodesia" Two Years Ago

A LARGE FORCE OF EAST AFRICAN SOLDIERS HAS BEEN SENT TO INDIA AND CEYLON. That was officially announced in Nairobi last week.

Details have, of course, not been given, but the London correspondent of the "East Africa and Rhodesia" writes that the force will consist of a division of African infantry, a division of African cavalry, and a division of African engineers. The force will be sent to India and Ceylon to fight against the Japanese. The force will be sent to India and Ceylon to fight against the Japanese. The force will be sent to India and Ceylon to fight against the Japanese.

The high standard of organization and discipline of the East African Command since the end of the Ethiopian campaign, the East African Command wrote.

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That he will rain fell at the farewell ceremony was regarded as an exceptionally good omen, auguring well for the success of the battalion. The King's African Rifles band had travelled over 2,000 miles to play at the parade.

The British left afterwards by motor lorry for a camp near Nairobi, the journey lasting more than a fortnight.

Death of G.O. Southern Rhodesia

At the request of the press we learn that Brigadier John William Watson, G.O.C. Southern Rhodesia Defence Forces, died on Monday at the age of 57.

Admiral Sir H. J. Stadhorne Brownrigg, previously reported missing, is now officially presumed to have been drowned while acting as a commodore, R.N.R., in charge of a ship. His son was for a short time a journalist in Kenya, where he died some years ago.

Major Claude Cecil O'Hagan, M.C., King's African Rifles, is reported to have died on July 20 as the result of an accident, was the elder son of Captain Claude O'Hagan, late The Buffs, of Nyuri, Kenya Colony, and the late Mrs. O'Hagan.

Flying Officer Harry Whitty John Filmer, reported missing from air operations over Sicily, was born in London, educated in Southern Rhodesia, and employed in the Bulawayo office of Rhodesia Railways until he began his preliminary air training in the Colony. He is the son of Flying Officer H. J. Filmer, who is in duty in Southern Rhodesia.

Subaltern Navigator John Peter Taylor, R.A.F.V.R., only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, of Lorakooti, near Salvasha, Kenya Colony, is reported missing, he served in the front line in active service last month, at the age of 21.

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Neville Syfret, K.C.B., who took part in the Madagascar expedition, has received the King's permission to wear the insignia of Commander of the Legion of Merit of the United States of America.

Gallantry in Convoy to Russia

Mr. J. G. Welford, fourth engineer in a merchant ship, has been awarded the M.B.E. for great courage and determination in dealing with fires caused by enemy air attack on a convoy bound for Northern Russia. He is the son of Mr. A. Welford, of Tanganyika Railways.

Lieut. Colonel E. B. Scott, D.S.O., 4th/6th Rajputana Rifles, is leader of the contingent of the 4th Indian Division which is now visiting this country. It is a mixed contingent, comprising British officers and other ranks from British battalions as well as Indians from well-known regiments. The Division rendered valuable services during the campaign in Eritrea.

Mrs. P. McPail, widow of the late Flight Lieut. J. A. McPail, is now serving with the W.A.A.F. in the Middle East. She had recently lived in Kenya, where her father is a group captain in the R.A.F. Miss Wendy Nicholas, the Kenya-born daughter of a wing commander, has also gone to join the W.A.A.F. in the Middle East.

Mr. James M. Lamb has been appointed American Director of Economic Operations in the Middle East.

Mr. John Rilay, Price Controller in Tanganyika Territory, has also been appointed Controller of Produce Disposal, it having been found desirable that the two controls should be vested in the same authority. Mr. Henry Moore Gilbert had previously been Controller of Produce Disposal.

Escapes of Italian Prisoners

Drew Petrol From Enemy British Depots

Five appear to have been some of the number of recent escapes by Italian prisoners of war in East Africa.

Five, some of whom were Italian quartermasters, soldiers, are officially stated by the Information Office in Tanganyika to have been apprehended by an administrative officer and a veterinary officer on their march about 20 miles to the north of Dodoma, and it is also officially stated that a second group of nine prisoners, again containing three British soldiers, was arrested by the police in Dodoma less than about 100 miles three weeks later.

An astounding report from a source who is not named states that five Italian prisoners, who were seen to be slipping nearly 1,000 miles from East African Kenya, were being taken through Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, and Eastland. According to the report their leader was one of the former aides de camp of the Duke of Austria. This prisoner, who speaks English fluently, is reported to have disguised himself as a British soldier and called himself an Italian. He was accompanied by an Indian in the party who spoke Kikuyu and was disguised as a sergeant, and their three companions posed as British sergeants, two of whom were a sergeant and sergeant, who used a British military lorry, and boldly drew petrol from British military depots on the route, duly signing the necessary vouchers. These five sportsmen are stated to have been a full month on their journey, which might have been thought an ample period for their disguise to be penetrated.

Polish Refugees in Eastern Africa

Mr. Kazimierz Kazimierzak, a delegate of the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, says in a report upon Polish refugees in British Eastern Africa that some 12,500 of his compatriots have already been accommodated and that others are now on their way to Kenya, which had not hitherto been numbered among reception areas.

Tanganyika is host to about 5,000 Poles, who are in camps near Tengeru, Kondea, Irangi, Ilitula, and Kidugala. Uganda has about the same number in camp at Masindi and Kaji. Southern Rhodesia's guests are accommodated near Marandellas and Rusape, and Northern Rhodesia's in the vicinity of Lusaka, Bwana Mkubwa and Abercorn (where a new settlement for about 2,500 is being organised). Special school settlements for children have been set up in Nyasaland.

The most advanced settlements are those in Rhodesia, where the refugees live in well-built brick houses with concrete floors and mosquito-proof windows. Elsewhere the accommodation, arranged at shorter notice, is generally in the form of comfortable wooden or mud-and-wattle huts. Mr. Kazimierzak states that each settlement is located in a particularly healthy area.

All types of the work of which they are capable, the women engaging in house duties, plastering, white-washing, sewing, embroidery, weaving, rug-making, toy-making and agriculture. There are also workshops for shoemaking and joinery.

Committees of experts ensure the maintenance of high standards of handicraft in traditional Polish goods made for local trade, they are said to find a ready market among the British communities, which has shown a marked preference for dolls embroidered in Polish national dress.

The Rhodesia Fighter Squadron Put the Typhoon on the Map

RHODESIA HAD ITS FIGHTER SQUADRON in the last war, but it was disbanded in April, 1919. Within a month of the outbreak of this war it had been revived, under the command of Squadron Leader W. A. Hunnard. It was soon operational with Spitfire aircraft, and was in action over Duskirk. On June 25 in battles at 25,000 feet, during the evacuation, the squadron probably shot down four Me 109's and one Me 110 for the loss of one of its own pilots.

The commander of the squadron, Squadron Leader J. Wilkin, was over on June 20, 1940, and a few weeks later he had entered one of the fiercest phases of his existence. From August 8 to 21 it was in continuous action from forward aerodromes in the South of England which were constantly bombed by enemy bombs. At times the pilots even had to retreat to their own aircraft. Within those 14 days its score was 11 German aircraft destroyed, five probables, and 11 damaged. On one occasion the squadron attacked 200 German aircraft and shot three of them down in flames.

On August 22 the squadron moved back from the front line, but action was by no means over. During the heavy German night raids on London, Birmingham and Coventry, it provided night fighters, which even in those early days, before British night defences were completely organised, had a very good bag.

By August, 1941, all the flying personnel were Rhodesians except the leader of the squadron, now Squadron Leader T. B. de la P. Berestard. At that time the main work was convoy escort and sweeps over France.

Early in 1942, under Squadron Leader (now Wing Commander) Charles G. P. C. A. took over the most formidable fighter which Britain possesses, the new Typhoon. Indeed, the Rhodesia Squadron really put the Typhoon on the map, nursing it through all its teething troubles. At that time, to quote one of its number, "we were practically test pilots."

The Squadron's Bag of Enemy Aircraft

The first sweep over enemy territory in Typhoon fighters was carried out by the Rhodesia Squadron, and the first German aircraft to be shot down by this new aircraft was bagged by two Rhodesian pilots, who shared a Ju. 88 hit in a battle over the North Sea. These fighter sweeps were more or less continuous until the end of October, 1942; and it is worth noting that at that time the group captain commanding the station often flew himself in a subordinate position somewhere in the formation.

Early this year saw the opening of a new phase—the German tip-and-run raids on many sections of the southern coastline of England. Typhoons soon put tip-and-run raiders out of business, because German aircraft quickly discovered that this new killer was ready to pounce. In fact, the tip-and-run phase lasted only a few weeks, obviously because they proved too costly to the Luftwaffe.

The Rhodesia Fighter Squadron has at one time or another swept practically every mile of enemy coastline from Holland to the French Atlantic coast. Now it specialises in attacking enemy ships (especially small warships of the R boat type), enemy aerodromes and similar targets, and also in escorting "Bombophons" (bomb-carrying Typhoons), on a variety of sorties.

To the middle of July this year the squadron's total bag was 41 enemy aircraft destroyed, 21 probably destroyed, 30 damaged, and eight locomotives destroyed.

The squadron has now Rhodesian flying personnel throughout. Squadron Leader A. S. MacIntyre of Salisbury (now missing), arrived only recently from the Middle East to take command.

Statements Worth Noting

Let men say among the nations the Lord reigneth. — I Chron. XVI.

Platinum spells peace. — Sir Donald Maclean.

Colonial self-government based on the ballot box is bound to fail. — Captain F. D. C. G. G. G.

I would like to get out of the House at any time to go fishing or bowling. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

The broadsheet of Southern Rhodesia is better than that of any other part of the Empire. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

I do not exclude the possibility of the Empire's becoming a republic, but I do not see it speaking in Cape Town. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

There is no need to be afraid of the enemy. We have 10 regular battalions. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

Emperor Haile Selassie.

A higher percentage of African population are in the South of Africa than in any other part of Africa. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

One of the dangers of the Empire is the breaking of a healthy Christian public opinion. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

Bishop of Central Tanganyika.

Remember that no people in the Empire have a direct interest in wishing that each member of the Empire is strong. — National Review.

We should approach the question of trade unionism for the Native with great care. — Mr. T. F. Sandford, Secretary for Native Affairs, Northern Rhodesia.

We must avoid a system of tribute which puts the labor market in the hands of a few men. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia.

A long experience of Kenya warns me that really good rains are not usually experienced after a late start, since they seem to stop it about the same time at what ever date they start. — Mr. J. H. S. S.

If after the war people ask why we want money for Colonial development, the answer will be: "We are repaying only a little of what we owe them." — Colonel Oliver Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The area under the plough for cereal crops and fax in Kenya has increased from 150,000 acres in 1936 to 321,000 acres in 1943, and the output of butterfat has risen from 2,455,516 lb. in 1939 to 4,000,000 lb. in 1943. — Major F. W. Cayendish-Bentinck, M.I.C.

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the War News

Opinions Epitomized—The Allies could not have held the Middle East but for the Field Marshal Lord Wavell.

Our greatest fault was our mad conceit of imperialism. — *Popolo di Roma*.

Naples is now nothing more than a heap of rubble.

Possession of Italy completes the air encirclement of Germany. — Mr. Ronald Walker.

The harder the struggle the more convincingly we declare it is grand to be a German. — *Ley*.

More U-boats than merchant ships were sunk in August. — U.S. Office of War Information.

The Soviets are breaking their heads against a German wall. — German Transocean Agency.

Vienna, Munich, Augsburg, Graz and Stuttgart are to be liberated. — Berlin announcement.

Flamethrowers have been dropped by parachute for the first time in the Pacific campaign. — *The Times*.

The first offer of surrender was made by the Italian Government to the British. — Mr. Wilson Broadbent.

Thirty thousand men of the Allied merchant navies have died during the war. — Mr. George Gibson.

What the Germans will do after the Italian surrender will astonish the world. — *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*.

In Stalino the Germans burned many Russians alive in a large air-raid shelter. — Mr. Alexander Werth.

It was not the aeroplane that won the Battle of Britain, but the spirit of a great people. — General J. L. Devery.

Italy's surrender has removed 65 divisions from the ranks of the enemy. — General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

The best Italian divisions were wiped out at Stalingrad. More than 200,000 picked Italians failed to return home. — *Pravda*.

Coal sent to Italy will be used only to run railway and factories producing for the Allies. — Major Lloyd George, Minister of Food.

The Germans have recalled most of their troops from the installation of more anti-aircraft guns. — Colonel Knox, U.S. Army Secretary.

Even the biggest numbskull in London or Washington ought to realize that there can be no surrender of the Italian army. — Berlin Radio (on the morning of the Italian surrender).

Allied prisoners in Italy number 59,042, including 40,776 from the United Kingdom. — Mr. R. G. Casey, Minister of State in Cairo.

Russia's engaging four-fifths of the German ground force and one-third of the German air fleet. — General G. C. Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff.

Of more than 90 enemy submarines destroyed in May, June and July, 29 were destroyed by American forces. — U.S. Navy Department.

I do not see why we should not try to spread our common language even more widely throughout the globe. — Mr. Churchill, addressing Harvard University.

Let Italian prisoners of war be put down the mines to hew coal for their own country, and send Italy precisely the quantity which they dig. — Mr. R. Cox.

No one in the world can stand up to adversity like the Briton; but when he is winning he likes to give the cup to the fellow who has lost.

— Sir Walter Womersley, M.P.

Mussolini is the greatest son of the Italian land since the downfall of the ancient Roman Empire. I was, and am, happy to call this great and true man my friend. — Hitler.

The good Germans have made up their minds that this war is lost, and are thinking of how to prepare for the next one. — Mr. Duff Cooper, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The strategic air gains offered by the Italian bases are worth as much to the Allies as would be the gift of another air force as big as those they already possess. — Mr. Colin Bellair.

No such dividend could have been earned by an invasion of northern or western France as by the surrender of Italy. The Mediterranean strategy has been brilliantly vindicated. — *Daily Telegraph*.

Invasion of Central Italy would have stood a far better chance of leading to big results this year had it begun on August 8 instead of on September 3. — *Seriatator*, in the *Sunday Times*.

When the full story of the Churchill visit to the United States is told, perhaps it will be found that it chiefly concerned a permanent partnership, military, political and economic. — Mr. Don Iddon.

Hitler's speech shows us a man fearful of himself and all around him, fretful in rage, ludicrous in recrimination, listening to the footfall of doom for himself and the punch who began to mistrust him. — *Sunday Express*.

The Germans in Spain have taken the swastika from their lapels and now discuss only German culture, not Germany's overwhelming military might. — An Englishman who has just returned from Spain.

In my belief Hitler's ace of trumps (Hitler and the S.S.) will prove to be only a joker when the internal crisis in Germany has boiled a little more and he tries to play this master card. — Mr. Douglas Reed.

Commander of the Polish Underground Forces directly subordinate to the C. in C. of the Polish Forces in London, and a special executive body in Poland, the Directorate of Underground Fighting. — Dr. Stephan Lataur.

The rumour goes that Churchill is awaiting in Roosevelt's company the surrender of Italy. The rumour as it is, is a lie. — Mr. J. P. Father, Christmas, British Foreign Office, statement on the morning of the announcement of the Italian surrender.

German parachutists and men of the security service and the armed S.S. today performed an operation for the liberation of Mussolini, who had been imprisoned by the clique of traitors. The coup succeeded. The Duce is at liberty. — German News Agency.

Every attempt by Germans of their satellites to disarm or disband Italian forces, to take possession of their arms, stores, petrol and water, or points in which they are situated, must be resisted by force of arms. All German orders will be disregarded. — British broadcast orders to Italian forces in the Balkans and the Aegean.

Any landing force rushed to the Italian coast would be met by a co-ordinated force with open arms in the numerous days following the change of Government in Rome. So confused were our councils that instead of grasping this wonderful opportunity we sent planes to bomb Milan and the other northern Italian cities and disperse and terrify our friends and potential allies. — Lord Strabolgi.

During the two months of the summer offensive from July 5 to September 8 our troops on all sectors of the front destroyed 5,729 planes, 8,400 tanks, 5,192 guns, more than 28,000 lorries. The enemy losses in killed exceed 420,000 officers and men, while their total losses in killed and wounded amount to at least 1,500,000 officers and men. During this same period our troops captured 1,041 tanks, 2,048 guns of various calibres (including self-propelled guns), 5,382 machine-guns and 7,553 lorries. Thirty-eight thousand prisoners have been taken.

— Soviet announcement.

OBITUARY

Colonel Sir Frank Johnson Leader of the Rhodesian Pioneer Column

WE DEEPLY REGRET to report the death last week in the Isle of Man at the age of 77 years of Lieut. Colonel Sir Frank Johnson, K.B.E., D.S.O., leader of the Pioneer Column which in 1890 occupied Mashonaland. A Norfolk man, the son and grandson of country doctors, Frank Johnson lost his father at the age of 14, and two years later landed in Cape Town with 44 lbs. in his pocket. With still only 18 he was a quartermaster's assistant in the Bechuanaland field force, from which he transferred as regimental quartermaster, sergeant to the Bechuanaland Border Police on its formation. Infected with the fever for gold, he soon obtained his discharge, and with Maurice Henry, Ted Burnett and Harry Borrow as companions, laid the foundations of his future and his fortune when he established the firm of Johnson, Henry and Borrow to conduct mining and trading operations.

Johnson's first expedition into the Matabele Country was a bold venture, his quest of gold was regarded with little favour by the Government, and on a number of occasions the prospectors were in mortal danger. But the little party pushed steadily on to the Amazoe River, and got back to South Africa with news of rich alluvial. The direct result was the formation of the Bechuanaland Exploration Company, Ltd., of which Johnson, now 22 years of age, was appointed general manager at a salary of £1,000 a year, but as a result of mishaps, all he had got out of the Amazoe was enough gold to make a wedding ring for his wife. His was the first large company in the new field, and soon after followed the Bechuanaland Trading Company under the same auspices.

Contracting to Cecil Rhodes

December 22, 1889, was to prove the most fateful day in his life, and an important one in the history of British Africa. Arriving in Kimberley in the early morning from the interior, he went to the club for breakfast. A few minutes later Rhodes entered the room, sat at his table without a word of greeting, and then began to blurt out the story of his troubles. He held the charter, but could, he said, not take possession of Mashonaland because the military advisers insisted upon a minimum occupation force of 2,500 men at an estimated cost of £1,000,000. The paid-up capital of the Chartered Company was only a quarter of that sum, and out of it Rhodes had undertaken to build a railway to Mafeking.

Purely from a desire to cheer up Rhodes, Johnson poured scorn on the estimate, declaring that he could walk through the country with 250 men. There were not then a dozen Britons who had been in Mashonaland, and he was probably the only one with any military training. Realising that Rhodes challenged him to work out the cost of his scheme, which he proposed to do by lunch-time. Within the stipulated period he had his plans ready for a force of 179 pioneers and 150 Africans to carry out the occupation within seven months at a total cost of £20,000. "Within a quarter of an hour Rhodes was a changed man. 'Good!' he said. 'I accept your offer. You will command the expedition.'

Johnson refused flatly because on the board of the British South Africa Company were two men whom he felt treated him shabbily in an earlier business deal. Rhodes, to whom he gave his reason, was furious, but nothing would persuade the young man to change his mind. That night he left for Cape Town, whither Rhodes followed him within a few days, to tell him that the military authorities described his (Johnson's) estimates for the expedition as that of a lunatic. For hours he tried every persuasion, every taunt, every kind of

guile to get him to accept command; but nothing would induce him to take service under the company while the two men he had mentioned remained on its board. Then came an inspiration. "All right," he said to Rhodes at last, "you win. I'll go, not as your servant, but as your contractor, undertaking to hand over the country to you fit for civil government within nine months."

The Imperial Factor

Within a day or two Rhodes was insisting that recruits should as far as possible be limited to the sons of the leading families in each district of the Cape Colony. When Johnson retorted that he was interested in choosing pioneers who would build up a civil population, not in the social standing, Rhodes explained:

"Do you know what will happen to you? You will probably be massacred by the natives. You will probably be surrounded by the natives. You will probably be surrounded and shot off. And who will rescue you, do you think? I will. I will be the Imperial Factor. And who do you think will bring pressure to bear on the Imperial Factor, and stir them to save you? The influential fathers of your young men!"

It was a typical instance of Rhodes' narrow, but the long view, but, as his contractor commented, it was a wearisome job going through the elder sons of the leading families for expert labourers, tailors and blacksmiths. When Rhodes later wished to include certain people whom Johnson had not chosen, he was told that he must pay for them if they were to be added to the expedition. So the "twelve apostles"—one of whom was Trooper Bob Coryndon, afterwards Sir Robert Coryndon, Governor of Uganda and Kenya—went north with the column, which comprised 196 officers, non-commissioned officers and men divided into three regiments. In addition there were 16 civilians on the strength, one being Dr. Jameson. The characteristic foresight Johnson had brought a searchlight (which probably prevented attack by the Matabele at night), as well as nine-pounders and machine guns.

The expedition—critics of which seldom recall that Rhodes and Johnson were in high degree inspired by the determination to beat German agents in the race for Mashonaland—was a triumphant success, and on September 12, 1890, the column made its last camp, on the spot where Salisbury Cathedral now stands.

Achievements of the Pioneer Column

One life only had been lost, by accident; a 400-mile road had been cut through practically unknown country; forts had been made at Tuli, Victoria and Charter, and one was now to be built at Salisbury; Mashonaland was annexed and added to the British Empire, and the nucleus of a self-contained civil population was already in the new country—all this thanks to the vigour, resource, acceptance of responsibility and contempt of danger of a man of 23 years. If ever £20,000 was well earned, it was Johnson's profit on his contract. He had to wait exactly half a century for the knighthood which he had so richly merited.

When Borrow and Burnett were about to drive the first peg of the first mining claim in Mashonaland for the mine, Johnson stopped them, insisting that so momentous an occasion must be properly celebrated; that first peg must be christened with one of the last bottles of champagne. But they would not have good wine wasted, and so the champagne was first drunk and the empty bottle then broken on the peg of the Pioneer Claim, the first gold property to be registered in the country.

Soon afterwards Johnson returned to the Cape by an adventurous journey across unknown country to the east coast. "You've got back. You're looking well." That was Rhodes's greeting, without even a mention of the Pioneer Column's great achievements. A day or two later he sent for Johnson, and, without preliminaries, said: "Do you know the contents of the first

cable which will await me in England? It will be that the firm of Johnson, Heany and Borrow, being at the end of their financial tether, have ceased work and gone bankrupt. Yes, you will be bankrupt. What information of the mineral resources of the country for my shareholders! You have a lot of claims on old workings, stunk a number of little 50-foot shafts, and found gold. Let us assume these claims and your other possessions are worth £100,000. I'll give you 100,000 £1 shares fully paid up, and, through my company, the Gold Fields of South Africa, I will subscribe for £100,000 at par. Then I shall go to England happy, knowing that I shall not be worried by hearing on arrival that you are bankrupt.

In Partnership with Rhodesia

Within a few minutes the deal was completed. Rhodesia himself suggesting that the new enterprise should be called Frank Johnson and Company, Ltd., and that he should be Chairman and Johnson managing director. The other original members of the board were C. D. Rudd, F. B. Langerman, Captain Heany and H. Harrison. That company did much pioneering work in Rhodesia, being the first to bring in a little three-stamp mill and the first five-stamp battery. Johnson's mining interests grew so much that it became necessary for him to move his headquarters to London, where at the outbreak of the last war he was Chairman of 12 companies operating in different parts of the world. He was also interested in oilfields in Rhodesia.

He disclosed a few years ago that Rhodesia and Jameson had taken him into confidence in regard to the plan for the action which developed into the Jameson Raid. He strongly opposed the idea, but, sympathising fully with the Uitlanders, suggested an alternative which was rejected as lacking "sublimity". When a candidate in Parliament for the Cape, Johnson publicly described the Raid as "the most disgraceful act ever performed by Britons". He laid the chief blame on Rutherford Harris, who, he believed, falsified and delayed the transmission of telegrams from Rhodes to Jameson because he (Harris) stood to benefit enormously from large-scale bear operations which he had been conducting on the London Stock Exchange.

Johnson commanded a field force during the Matabele Rebellion. Three years later he was a member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of Imperial and Colonial officers which reported on the defence of Cape Colony, and he was appointed Staff Officer of the Cape Colonial Forces.

Service in India

During the last war Johnson raised the 2nd/6th Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment, commanded it with distinction during operations in Baluchistan, and dealt most successfully and without the spilling of blood during a rising in the Punjab. Instead of resorting to firearms, he told the people of Lahore that the spot on which a bomb exploded or a soldier or a policeman was shot would be taken as the centre of a circle with a diameter of 100 yards, one hour would be allowed from any such incident for the removal of belongings, but not for goods of any kind from the buildings within that circle; every building except mosques or temples would then be demolished. The warning sufficed; thereafter there was not one attack.

When Southern Rhodesia was granted self-government Johnson returned to the Colony and was elected one of the members for Salisbury in the new Legislative Council, in which he became the leader of a small Opposition to the policy of the then Prime Minister, Sir Charles Coughlan, for settlement of the railway problem. In consequence Johnson lost his seat at the next general election. But his interest in Rhodesian affairs never flagged and he was never happier than when discussing the progress of the country he had done so much to found.

Three years ago he published his autobiography, which he entitled "Great Days", writing at the time to *East Africa and Rhodesia* to say that he had been bullied into it, being compelled to "overcome natural laziness and write it when men like Sir Godfrey Huggins put it as a duty I owed to unborn generations of Rhodesians." It is now pleasing to recall that the same letter stated that the first message of congratulation received on his knighthood was that from the writer of this obituary.

No man could have worn more modestly his really great services to British Africa. He was young in spirit, dauntless in everything, and seriously annoyed with a War Office which considered him incapable of further service in its ranks.

There will be widespread sympathy with the Johnsons and their two sons and five daughters.

Mr. J. C. Kitchingman, of Malamba Estate, Palombe, has died in Nyasaland.

Mr. F. G. Bullock, formerly of Bulawayo, has died in the Cape Province at the age of 79 years.

We learn with regret of the death in Dar es Salaam of Mrs. Margaret Milsted, widow of the late

Lady Olga Margaret Pitt-Rivers, M.B.E., wife of the late Sir Herbert Byatt, a former Governor of Tanganyika Territory, and in England of the late

Surgeon Rear-Admiral Sir William de Courcy Wheeler, Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Navy in Scotland, who died last Saturday, spared the eldest daughter of the late Lord Craigmyle, who had large shipping and commercial interests in East Africa.

We deeply regret the death in a nursing home on Monday after an operation of Mr. Percy James Haler, M.B.E., M.Sc., M.I.Mech.E., Principal of the South-East Essex Technical College, Ipswich, and father of Mr. Antony Haler, Press Officer at the Colonial Office, and at one time a journalist in East Africa.

Mr. Hector Maclean Watt, Deputy Assistant Civil Secretary in the Sudan, has died in Khartoum, following a fall. The son of a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland, he went to the Sudan in 1924 for the Sudan Plantations Syndicate, and joined the Political Service in the following year. During the war he had given up much of his leisure to work for the Church of England Soldiers' Institute. He gained his "Blue" at Oxford for Association-football.

Secretary of State to Visit East Africa

As we close for press we learn that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has accepted an invitation from the Governor and Executive Council of Kenya to pay a short informal visit to the Colony on his way home from a tour which he is at present making of the British West African Colonies. He will also take the opportunity to pay short visits of a similar informal character to the Governors of Tanganyika Territory and Uganda and to the Sultan of Zanzibar and the British Resident in that Protectorate. Colonel Stanley expects to reach East Africa about the middle of October. As he can spend only a few days there he will not be able to make any formal engagements in East Africa.

Heavy Air Traffic

Some indication of the density of African air traffic nowadays is given by the statement issued by British Overseas Airways that during a recent fortnight 186 services were received at and dispatched from the company's Khartoum junction, one of its busiest stations. Passengers numbered 1,128 and the amount of mail exceeded 81 tons. On one morning 57 of the rest house at which intermediate passengers are accommodated 12 persons, served 120 passengers.

Official Criticises Kenya Flagrant Breach of Colonial Regulations

The current issue of *The National News-Letter* contains a long letter from a member of the British Colonial Service in East Africa, who says:

The chief cause of the shortage of food in Kenya is the constant failure of the rains, aggravated by lack of foresight. The trouble in these Colonies is that civil servants are not really up to tackling the time problems. The policy of shelving every question which promises additional work or difficulty has receded on our own heads because we are no longer capable of coping with anything but the routine.

Another serious drawback is the transferring of Colonial servants within the Colonies. I have seen a District Commissioner who has been in the same District for 15 years, and an amountable amount of time spent in moving on in a few months. You never see the man you wish you had worked for, you never get to know the people. If you tour the district, you know, and the Native knows, that you do not intend to revisit the various places to see if anything has been done to carry out your programme.

I have spent quite a time in Kenya now and visit the four parts of it, and have not been very impressed with the official type I have so far seen. Very much of the land is on the verge of being unproductive, and the suspicion which exists that the Government is not getting the best technical advice which he needs. In the Native reserves it is made mainly of steep hillsides, with no soil conservation measures. The Agricultural Department staff is here.

Before there can be any extension of European farming something drastic must be done about the present position. In most parts the flow of the rivers is too small, and there are many labourous enterprises for the water, such as starting some artesian borings, which may bring help in limited areas, and dams might be built elsewhere, but I think water may be the limiting factor in European development. In the Native areas the lack of water and sanitation is one of the main causes of the low state of advancement.

Attack on Majority of White Settlers

I think it is a pity that the Government should not be really suitable for permanent white settlement. Unless future discoveries make considerable development possible here, there can never be more than a very limited number of Europeans, and what the effect on them of being a select minority will be I don't know. The majority are reactionary in their outlook and just want a position where they can be grand seigneur for the least possible expenditure of effort. Not likely to be a very lasting condition with things trending as they do at present.

The Indian question will be their great problem after the war, and I don't quite know how they will deal with it. The Indians are in a very wealthy position in the towns and have made a great deal out of the war, the Government being afraid to tackle them, and not a little confused by their book-keeping methods. They will certainly agitate strongly for a better position in East Africa.

As far as the Native is concerned, the chief thing will be to keep the returned askari occupied. If treated properly I think they should be great raving among the masses, by demanding better conditions of living and themselves getting down to creating them. If they are allowed to get out of hand there will be an unholly mess, and I am afraid that the present calibre of Government officials has little imagination.

There must be higher education, too, for the men, but it is quite useless spending large sums of money trying to educate people who are a mass of diseases and whose diet is inadequate and ill-balanced as is that of the majority of Natives. Maize has become the curse of East Africa from the nutritional point of view. It is very easy to grow and to pressure out in the form of flour, and is consequently popular on estates where it can be milled but with the minimum of trouble for the managers.

At present there is too much working for cash which is spent on imported articles, which means that the Native does not really get value for his money, though it helps the customs revenue. With the war there has been quite an increase in local hand industries in the Native villages, and I hope this will be encouraged after the war. The Native will find it too expensive to raise his standard of living if all the things he will need about his house and farm are to be expensive imported articles. The time for them will come later.

I wish some of the gentry who get up on their hind legs in the House of Commons would devote their attention now to seeing that the Africans, at any rate the East Africans, were getting the primary necessities of life rather than worrying about their political position. I should have thought that the experience of the last century would have explored the idea that better standards was the goal to be aimed at. The

average Native here has no political feelings at all; it is hard enough to get him to work or take any interest in the local Native administrations, as any Native will tell you, let alone raise interest over areas which mean nothing to the Native mind.

I still think the general standard of education and intelligence among the people is sufficiently high to enable them to appreciate political problems, it is merely handing the masses over to the clutches of a few demagogues to give them too many political rights in the way of votes, etc. With the return of thousands of Native soldiers who have seen North Africa, Ceylon, etc., there will be a great demand for African representation in the control of affairs which interest him. That is where the demand should come from and should be reasonable met, not from political theorists abroad. The truth is the average man is more interested in a full belly than in political science.

Our Comment

The first point to make is that the letter represents a flagrant breach of Colonial Regulations which quite naturally forbid any member of the Colonial Service to engage in public criticism of his employer or Government under which he is serving. The writer is a member of his superiors and his colleagues, who will have their own idea of his sense of loyalty and *esprit de corps*. Some of the criticisms are but an echo of comments already made editorially in our pages, but for such statements to be expressed in this manner in *East Africa and Rhodesia* is a very serious matter.

It would be interesting to know in what districts he has served to have derived the impression that "the majority (of white settlers) are reactionary in their outlook, and just want a position where they can be grand seigneur for the least possible expenditure of effort." Having known many hundreds of settlers, we have no hesitation in declaring that such a description could be fairly applied to only a very small minority of them. There can, indeed, be very few lazy men who managed to weather the years of world depression, locust infestation and drought in East Africa, and the idea of grand seigniors on the land in Kenya during the war when two, three and even four farms have been run by one group manager, is ludicrous. It is also an indictment of the civil and military authorities for gross negligence in regard to man-powers.

Criticism could be made under about half a dozen other heads, but the lack of balance will be so obvious to most of our readers that the matter need not be pursued.

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News Items in Brief

British Rope, Ltd., announces an annual dividend of 15s. The company's 1942 profits for the year were 122s.

The Emperor of Ethiopia has placed his buildings in Gondar at the disposal of the Jewish community for use as schools.

The African Teacher's Association of Southern Rhodesia, which was founded two years ago, has now 10 branches.

Brazil is reported to have offered to make a free gift of half her coffee crop to the United States and United Kingdom.

The League Committee in London has announced that it has now jurisdiction in the Belgian Congo and French Equatorial Africa.

A scheme to improve the roads in the two years in East Africa was considered by the Government on January 21 last.

Four children were arrested recently in the Highlands when roasting an ostrich. They will be charged with the offence of roasting a bird.

The British and French troops are stepping up their search for German planes in Northern Rhodesia during the last ten days of the year.

The Government has instructed the High Commissioner for governments in East Africa as to the amendments to be taken in regard to demobilisation regulations.

Exports of hides and skins from the Highlands for a month of the Ministry of Supply are stated to have been brought up to British Army standard by improved processes of preparation.

Production of sisal has fallen from the ratings of East African Sisal Plantations, Ltd., in Natal, to 150 tons, against 300 tons for the first two months of the current financial year.

The Kenya Information Council has established a film lending library, so that private owners of 16mm film projectors may show films to Europeans, Africans and Indians or fairs and in the reserves.

The Institute of London Underwriters has announced reductions in a number of war risk insurance rates for cargo. For voyages between East Africa and Middle East ports generally the rates are lowered by 11%.

A price of 25s. per bag of 200 lb. for No. 1 in the wheat is guaranteed by the Government of Tanganyika for all wheat grown and harvested in the Territory in 1943. This is the price for wheat delivered at the mill in Iringa.

The Financial Secretary, the Director of Civil Supplies and the Price Controller in Northern Rhodesia recently discussed with the Livingstone Chamber of Commerce and a representative of the Associated Chamber of Commerce of Northern Rhodesia problems arising in regard to supplies and price control.

The main branch of Dr. G. W. Broomfield's "Cattle Counter" is now in abbreviated form in a book of 104 pages in Central Africa (number of 16) published by the Government in Africa. The price is 1s. 1d.

The Gold Mining Commission of Southern Rhodesia has established an interim board for all cattle delivered between January 1 and June 30, the rates varying from 1s. per head for yearling stock to 1s. 6d. per head for Rhodina 1st grade.

Officers of the King's African Rifles, officers in the Java Police, subordinate officers in the Prisons Department, forest guards, members of the Kenya Naval Volunteer Force, and members of any unit established by the Government, will continue to be exempt from payment of poll tax in 1943.

Sixteen development schemes, worth a total of 100,000 acres, have been approved during the Colonial Development and Welfare period during August involving a total investment of £41,000. No scheme for East or Southern Rhodesia is included in the total list of major works for which funds have been granted.

The value of agricultural produce exported from Kenya last year was £5,220,700, compared with £4,500,000 in 1941. It is pointed out that the value of produce does not give an accurate indication of the value of production during the year, since the war has increased the price of many agricultural products required for consumption within the Colony.

Rhodesia Railways Trust

At the year-end meeting of the Rhodesia Railways Trust, reported credit balance of £12,315, a decrease of £1,500 from the previous year, during which two dividends from Rhodesia Railway, Ltd., were brought forward in lieu of dividend in connexion with the accounts for 1941-2. Dividend of 1s. per share will be paid on 1st March with 6d. per share brought over. The annual meeting will be held today.

East African Industrial Council

An East African Industrial Council has been set up in Nairobi to consider questions of policy in regard to industrial development of the territories, with a special reference to the so-called "minor" industries to be developed in the "back" and "hinter" lands. The personnel of the Council has not yet been known in this country, but it includes both African and non-African members, among whom are non-officials. The Council has also an Industrial Management Board and a Research Board. At the inaugural meeting of the Council it was announced that the Industrial Commission has authorized the supply to East Africa of a large quantity of machinery for the manufacture of textiles, and one of the first duties of the Council will therefore be to advise the Governments as to the best industrial plants to be developed.

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