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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

IT HAS BEEN OBVIOUS that the  
Matters of Eastern African Dependence  
Trade and Information Office in London  
would require new staff for post-war work,  
but if it is astonishing  
H.M. Eastern African  
Dependencies Office  
explicitly base its decision in the case of  
the recommendation of its senior executive  
officer, Sir Charles Loch, that such  
re-organization would be  
the best solution  
of the problem of obtaining better supplies of  
consumer goods for Eastern Africa. That  
is equivalent to admitting that the com-  
plex structure of economic controls built  
up by the East African Governments during  
the war, partly for the specific purpose  
of obtaining consumer goods, is superior  
to the fact that the Governors prefer not  
to have to rely upon it. Even though it has  
been several months' practice and progress of  
officer in London, it is not possible to  
the flow of goods to East Africa. And of  
course, the Colonial Office has no supplies de-  
partments with a considerable staff. In view of  
these facts it is somewhat ingenious of the  
Government to propose that the new head  
of the London Office should solve the problem  
of consumer supplies for Eastern Africa as a  
side-line. He will have many other functions

to perform, and we should attach far less im-  
portance to this question than the Governors  
Conference has done, since we take it for  
granted that many able business men in the  
United Kingdom and in the Dependencies are  
applying their energies and initiative to the  
task of procuring goods for the Eastern  
African markets as soon as they become avail-  
able in this country. It is, we trust, no disre-  
spect to the London Office to suggest that the  
prospective Commissioner could more profit-  
ably apply his time and talents in other di-  
rections. Though it has become the fashion to  
assume that officials must be concerned with  
every detail of commercial transactions and  
ease the way for them, many of our readers  
must have had experience during the war  
which have made them both rightly sceptical on  
the first point, and convinced that official  
assistance is on the whole more likely to  
waste than save time on the second. If it is re-  
asonable to suggest that business men are  
more capable of doing business than officials  
with a little inducement, it is equally  
abnormal circumstances of war in which  
numbers among the traditional  
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that the new Trade and Information Commis-  
sioner in London will be Sir Reg. Nettles

may show to non-official in Kenya has done better work during these years. He has been standing as

**Mr. Roger Norton the New Commissioner.**

ful as Director of Non-Native Education. His proposal (in which in capacity he has negotiated contracts with the Ministry of Supply, the forces in East Africa, and the official officers) and as Deputy Chairman of the East African Supply Council, that some of the valuable public work would assuredly have been found. But he has decided to remain in East Africa, where he was known before the war as a successful farmer and businessman and for his judgment in public affairs. He has a business sense which commercial concerns in Great Britain will soon learn to value, and which will assuredly prevent him from adopting the curious misconception of his main duties reflected in the official statement. If the intention is to placate the business element, it is unlikely to succeed. Fortunately Mr. Norton is the kind of man who can quickly rectify this unfortunate impression. If Kenya will lose by his return to this country, East Africa as a whole will certainly gain. He has always taken a broad view of Eastern African affairs, and we are confident that under his guidance there will be none of the compartmentalism which did so much harm in the London Office before it was reduced to a war basis in 1939.

It is to be hoped that the appointment of Mr. Norton (which may perhaps not be officially announced until his return to Kenya from his present mission to the United States of America) will cause the East African territories and Kenya in particular, to take a closer and continuing interest in the work of the Office. It may, without exaggeration be said that the friction between Eastern Africa and the Office has always been bad, that there have been long periods during which it has been almost non-existent from some territories, and that the non-official leaders have, with a few noteworthy exceptions, shown as much indifference as their Government. Long and loyal service was given to the Office and the territories by some members of the staff, in particular by the late Major Corbett Ward, the late Mr. W. McHardy, and Mr. G. W. Chapman, who has been in charge throughout the whole period of the war and has had the very minimum of clerical assistance. During the worst of the bombing and the flying boat periods Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and Miss Young went quietly about their business, carrying on the work of the Office with a

frugal, discreet, and including the office work in connection with the East African forces in this country. Theirs has been an unspicacular but very devoted service.

**IN THE EARLIER YEARS OF THE WAR** expenditure under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act was inevitably restricted by shortage of personnel and materials, but during the last year or two all Eastern Africa receives 15% of the Government of the Colonial Grants.

Colonial Empire have received reiterated requests from the Secretary of State to prepare and submit five or ten year plans and to apply for financial assistance under the Act. A White Paper published last week and summarized in this issue shows that grants and loans for Colonial development, welfare, and research have totalled almost exactly twenty-four million pounds between July, 1940, when the Act came into operation, and the end of March of this year. Of that total the British Eastern African Dependencies (Kenya, Uganda, British Somaliland, Zanzibar, Tanganyika Territory, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland) have together received a little more than £2,500,000, while the four British West African Protectorates have been promised well over £8,600,000. The respective East and West African shares were thus 15% and 36% of the whole. That difference is so striking in its own right, but since conditions vary widely within the territories on both sides of the continent, there would be manifest danger in attempting to draw general conclusions from figures which are no more than pointers. Yet they challenge careful inquiry by the men engaged in public life in East and Central Africa. They can obtain access of the White which is a part of the duty in the White Paper to give in detail, though not in full of the document would have been a summary or introductory memorandum summarizing the position in the various regions of the Colonial Empire.

Uganda, the most opulent of the East and Central African Dependencies, has received a larger sum than any of the other territories. From grants exceeding £1,360,000, well over £800,000 is to be devoted to the territories, and more than £275,000 to medical services and more than £275,000 to rural water supplies. Measures against the tsetse menace, which has been spreading and spreading are to cost £50,000, and £40,000 is to be spent on cattle dips. Uganda then, is to concentrate





# Colonial Development and Welfare Fund

## How Eastern Africa Will Spend £245,000

**BETWEEN JULY, 1940, AND MARCH 1948, EXPENDITURE TOTALING £245,000 HAS BEEN APPROVED UNDER THE COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE ACT, 1940.**

Of that total the share of the Eastern African Dependencies (Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika Territory, British Somaliland, Zanzibar, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland) is shown by a White Paper published a few days ago to have amounted to £245,267, or rather less than 45%.

Kenya and Uganda each have received more than 1,000,000 shillings so far, exceeded more than any other Eastern African territory, received grants aggregating £1,306,000 for seven schemes, including £477,000 for Mulago Hospital, which is to be rebuilt and expanded to provide 1,120 beds; £350,000 for anti-malaria, anti-tuberculosis and anti-venereal diseases campaign; a nutrition survey, an ambulance service and provision for the training of medical staff; and £270,550 for the improvement of rural water supplies.

£100,000 has been contributed towards the cost of the construction in Kampala of a central Public Works Department depot equipped with fixed and mobile plant for use in the general development programme, tests and reclamation, defence and reclamation work is financed to the amount of £30,000, £10,000 is set aside for the foundation of cattle dips, and £10,000 has been provided for the visit of an expert to investigate and advise on soil drainage and reclamation, and small-scale experiments to provide him with necessary data.

KENYA has been granted a total of £1,100,000, made up of grants of £814,000 for 11 schemes, loans totalling £170,000, and three research grants together amounting to £17,000.

The largest item is £169,000 for female education, involving £91,000 towards the capital cost of the establishment of training colleges and centres for European, Indian and African women, £29,000 for recurrent costs over seven years, £16,000 appears under the heading of a new Hospital at Nairobi, and £10,000 for assistance in housing of Government African housing, other than for Government employees, in Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu, and Kisumu. The balance is to be repaid by 40 equated annuities with interest at 3%. The housing of African employees of the Government in Nairobi (including such ancillary buildings as recreation hall and bicycle sheds), together with water-borne sanitation, roads, paths and tree-planting, appears in £83,000, and the housing of Arab and African employees of Government, including a social hall in Mombasa, at £78,000. £2,500 is provided for the translation of a German work on the ethnography and anthropology of the Somali and Galla peoples.

### Nyasaland's Five-Year Education Plan

NYASALAND receives £117,000, £7,000 for a piece of research and the balance for a five-year education programme, which provides for more effective control by the Education Department, the consolidation of primary education by increased attendance, missionary societies for the salaries of teachers, European, African, and for building and equipment of a new primary secondary and higher educational facilities, the development of the Jeanes School, and the re-constitution of a local school committee on a representative basis.

TANGANYIKA TERRITORY receives £130,000, £100,000 for 10 schemes totalling £257,000, and five research grants adding £28,700.

The largest single item is £56,000 for the improvement of water supplies, including the provision of water supplies, development of grassy reserves, cattle trails, and the construction of camps, and rivers and canals. £40,000 is the estimated cost of the establishment of rural centres for Africans at the headquarters of the major districts and in certain of the rural areas. The centres being intended to serve as a nucleus for the new progress committees of the African population, including a Settlement and so-called "village" schools, and a school for boys and girls. £10,000 is provided for the improvement of the Magozi

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### West Africa's £8,678,000

The British West African Colonies have received a total of £8,678,000.

There is an interesting table showing the classification of grants and loans to the Colonial Empire as a whole. Of £23,571,258 under development and welfare, grants amount to £21,479,566 and loans to £2,091,692.

The largest single item is for water supplies and irrigation, for which purposes grants have totalled £1,022,327 and loans £1,139,130. Then come communications and transport, with grants totalling £3,708,405 and loans of £1,000,000. Education receives £3,382,057; agriculture and animal husbandry £1,075,278 in grants and £435,200 in loans; plus £168,695 for research; and medical, public health, and sanitation schemes £3,036,524 in grants and £7,742 in loans.

Housing and land settlement appear at £1,528,568 in grants and £1,159,120 in loans; social services at £771,112; administration at £694,919 (with a note that this heading includes schemes for the development of advisory and technical staff, development officers, etc.); forestry at £468,655; industrial development, including public utilities, at £354,350 in grants and £1,600 in loans; telegraphs, telephones, and wires, including broadcasting, at £257,955 in grants and £11,200 in loans; surveys at £101,782; nutrition at £24,053 in grants; and £160,000 in loans; and miscellaneous at £114,250.

Editorial comments appear under "Matters of Moment."

### £3,000,000 Victory Loan

The Government of Southern Rhodesia has issued a Victory Loan of £3,000,000 in 3½% Local Registered Stock, 1950-55, at an issue price of 98½%. Holders of Southern Rhodesia 3½% Local Registered Stock, 1945-50, and of the 1948 Loan issued at 95% may, if they so desire, convert their holdings into the new Victory Loan and receive a bonus of 10% in cash or stock.



These are subjects of problems of great importance which threaten the stability and agriculture, and thus the wellbeing of this country. What is the rapid and reckless advance of the tsetse fly in the central and other areas. In the last eight years 1,600 square miles have been invaded by tsetse and closed to cattle. Unless the tsetse is stopped they can be in the hands of Uganda, a tsetse production country, it can be known back to the tsetse fly. The tsetse fly, with the increasing population of this country, will develop a serious and shortage.

Lately thanks to the investigations of the Tsetse Research Department of Kampala, the spread of the tsetse fly in places has been reduced, but so far a radical solution to the problem has not been found. It is possible that this solution will be found in the new tsetse fly, B.D. 1. Work done from our own laboratory tests that it kills the tsetse fly, but the practical application over vast areas presents a practical difficulty of great complexity.

Mr. H. C. Griffin, Director of the B.D. 1. who is a first authority on tsetse fly, and who has been in the country since 1920, is paying a special visit to Uganda and should reach Uganda in two of the next weeks. He will be followed by an expedition of research officers who will work in Uganda exclusively on this problem.

Meanwhile, in the hope that additional flies may be found for agriculture, Mr. H. C. Griffin, formerly Director of Agriculture in the Sudan, has arrived in this country to undertake an investigation into the possibility of tsetse fly infestation.

**Bringing the Government to the People**

For the first time Legislative Council is meeting in Kampala, in temporary accommodation provided through the courtesy of the Chief Justice. This is the first instalment of the policy which I hope to follow in bringing the Government to the people rather than forcing the people to come to the Government. It is the first time that the Government exists for the convenience of the people and not the reverse. I hope that in due course arrangements will be made so that the day-to-day business of Government can be transacted in this town rather than in the remote location of Entebbe.

I hope, also, that before long we shall be able to welcome 200 of our district representatives of the African race, so that they may be associated more closely with the business of Government and the framing of measures which so intimately affect their lives and the future of their country.

The motives and intentions of Government are largely responsible for those misunderstandings and suspicion upon which subversive activities, such as those which we saw expressed in the January disturbances, are fed and fostered. Unless suspicion of Government's motives and actions is dissipated, mutual confidence cannot be restored. I hope that the introduction of a new member into our councils and the development of a greatly improved information service between Government and the people will do much to that end, that they can be in a better position to understand the true position of economic.

The origin and underlying purposes of the disturbances are being investigated. This story for honourable members will soon have the opportunity of reading the report of the Chief Justice. As a special commissioner has carried out a very full inquiry, it is, I think, perhaps better to mention that steps have been taken to strengthen the police force both in numbers and in equipment, to provide a system of internal communication which cannot be interrupted, to make arrangements to improve Government intelligence services, and also to make arrangements whereby military assistance can be speedily and effectively provided in case of need. It is, however, my earnest hope that these measures will never in practice be needed, and that civil order will never again disturb the peace of any part of our area. My only progress along the road which leads to a better and happier area, well-being, and a white culture.

**Sudan Government Catering**

The Sudan Government Railways and Steamers control hotels in Khartoum, Port Sudan, Juba and Wadi Halfa, and refreshment houses in Kosti, Atbara, and Bahari (this last refreshment being run on hotel lines), for throughout last year the total average of 22,000 passengers for the whole of the year. The hotels and catering part of the Government deal with a large number of passengers on the Nile and in tributaries, since restaurant cars on the 2,000 miles of railways, and two rail camps. The turnover of the organization last year was about £1,100,000, of which exceeding 700,000 were Sudanese, and only four British.

**East African Trade in London**

**Statement by Governors Conference**

An announcement issued by the East African Governors Conference stated that Sir Charles Lockhart, its Chief Secretary, who recently returned from the United Kingdom, had held the Governors of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, and Northern Rhodesia, and the British Resident in Dar es Salaam, when they met in Nairobi last month, that he believed that the best solution of the problem of obtaining supplies of consumer goods for East Africa would be to set up a High East African Trade and Information Office in London, and to appoint as its head an official who had an intimate knowledge of East Africa, and who would be in a position to present the needs of East Africa continuously and effectively to the relevant departments and to bring about a close co-ordination of the supply authorities in East Africa and the Government should any further agreement materialize in the availability of goods and supplies.

The Conference agreed with the above, and decided that early steps should be taken to organize the Office as suggested. The proportion of expenditure by each territory will be decided in accordance with the amount which each Legislative Council is prepared to vote.

Editorial comment appears under Matters of Moment.

**Quick Cure for Bilharzia**

**A Southern Rhodesian Discovery**

A new technique which may revolutionize the treatment of bilharzia has been developed by Mr. William H. G. Hamrick, Research Laboratory in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. Simultaneously a new method has been discovered of testing whether patients are infected with the disease or not. The new test takes only two days and the test is completed in 10 minutes. A description of the new treatment has appeared in the *Southern Rhodesian Journal*. The treatment is extremely simple and was 80 days before men were able to be treated for a course of injections, thus greatly reducing the treatment in the labour camps. The new test is carried out at points of entry of labour. The new technique takes only seven or eight injections within 24 hours. Success depends on intravenous injections given every 10 to 15 minutes, the solution remaining as long as five or six minutes in the arm of the patient. No special preparation or after care are needed beyond detumescence bed. The dose depends upon the weight of the patient. For the average man 100 grains, or about one-third of an ounce, is sufficient to cure the bilharzia. No constitutional ill-effects have occurred.

The test is done by giving a small injection given under the skin of the forearm, and a lump about a quarter of an inch high. Ten minutes later it is examined with a small glass rod and measuring device which detects the spread caused by the positive reaction. The time also is noted, and recycles if the disease is present in the patient.

The immediate advantages of these discoveries are that they are simple and can be carried out in the bars of a public house, yet they are a great boon to the patients of the hospitals or sanatoria, except temporary, with the work of labour camps.

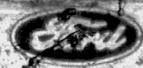


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## Empire's War Casualties

casualties of the British Commonwealth and Empire (including the armed forces, merchant seamen, and Home Guard) and civilians in the United Kingdom) in the first and foremost years of war ended on May 1945, amounted to 6,000,000, of whom 525,234 were killed, or died of wounds or injuries, or are missing, believed killed.

Leading deaths in natural causes, the number of all ranks of the forces of the Commonwealth and Empire in the form of a list of persons of various ages, particularly from New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, and other territories, who were missing, or were wounded, or were prisoners, including Service internees, 189,439; total killed, 36,018; missing, 5,051; wounded, 52,073; war prisoners, including Service internees, 5,051; total, 101,003; Australia killed, 21,415; missing, 6,319; wounded, 37,477; prisoners, including Service internees, 2,000; total, 31,111; New Zealand killed, 9,441; missing, 2,200; wounded, 19,253; war prisoners, including Service internees, 8,485; total, 29,783; South Africa killed, 6,412; missing, 1,980; wounded, 18,773; war prisoners, including Service internees, 14,591; total, 26,769; India killed, 20,392; missing, 12,264; wounded, 62,000; war prisoners, including Service internees, 59,692; including officers and other ranks missing, presumed to be prisoners of war, total, 176,345; killed, 6,877; missing, 6,773; prisoners, including Service internees, 8,000; total, 36,376. These figures include civilian casualties due to enemy action, including merchant seamen, and to members of the Home Guard on duty, and merchant seamen, total, 1,252; killed, 4,390; missing, 1,252; wounded, 1,506; internees. Casualties in ranks of the Home Guard attributable to service reported between May 1940 and December, 1941, included 1,206 killed or died of wounds, injury or disease, and 567 wounded. The total civilian casualties, killed, missing, or injured, due to enemy action in the United Kingdom from the outbreak of war to the end of the war in Europe was 146,740. The number killed, or missing, or died, was 50,585, including 26,920 men; 35,392 women; 7,736 children under 16, and 527 unidentified. Those injured and detained in hospital numbered 86,175, including 40,736 men, 37,816 women, and 7,623 children.

—Ministry of Information

## President Truman in the Middle of the Road

In his first three months as President of the United States, Mr. Truman has been moderate, friendly, composed and confident. He has wrought profound changes in the Government: a new Secretary of State (Mr. James C. Byrnes), a new Secretary of the Treasury (Mr. Fred M. Vinson), a new Secretary of Labour (Mr. Lewis L. Schwellenbach), a new Attorney General (Mr. Tom C. Clark), a new Secretary of Agriculture (Mr. Clinton P. Anderson), and a new Postmaster General (Mr. Robert E. Hannegan), have altered the whole complexion of the Cabinet. Such affirmations and changes, all made by a President within a few weeks, could have been expected to throw the country into a sweat of argument and re-examination, but virtually every move Mr. Truman has made and every appointment, without exception, has been applauded. Ten days ago a Gallup Poll was recording Mr. Truman was more popular throughout the nation than Mr. Roosevelt had been at any time since 1935 when the mere presence of Presidential popularity was first begun. People knew what they approved of what Mr. Truman had done, it had brought an end to a period of conflict within America. It was direct outcome of decisions that the Democratic Party and Republican Party were working together more harmoniously than at any time within memory. That executive departments and Congress were on terms of mutual respect, that the Government and business and the Government and Labour were no longer at loggerheads. Mr. Truman had set a pattern and his Cabinet appointments fitted it and confirmed it. He pointed the way down the middle of the road.

## South African Cases

From September 1, 1939, to the end of May of this year South African casualties among the land, sea and air forces numbered 37,962, including 9,927 deaths (6,813 Europeans and 2,114 non-Europeans), 7,700 still missing, 14,933 prisoners, and 24,633 and-as casualties in the European campaign were included 122 deaths in the Middle East campaign, 2,013 including 3,275 deaths and 14,116 prisoners, and in Italy 1,750 including 1,521 deaths and 196 prisoners of war. Casualties in the Royal Navy and the South African Naval Forces numbered 24, including 292 deaths and 29 prisoners. —Official statement.

## The War at Sea

In the battle of the Atlantic 643 enemy submarines were sent to the bottom. Allied Sea land air forces under the Royal Navy have responsible 525 kills, 460 B-boats, and 6 Italian submarines. Captured German records show that 120 more U-boats were sunk for various causes. Eighty-one midget U-boats were also captured or sunk in the North Sea. All, like the larger vessels, apart from those captured after Germany's capitulation. The Allied ships lost totalled 674, or one ship in every 131 that sailed. Merchant ships sailed more than 200 million miles in convoys, and escort vessels made 43,000 separate escort voyages. Nearly 1,500 ships were escorted by the Royal Navy in 76 convoys and from North to Asia upwards of 173,000 tons were escorted in some 7,700 British coastal convoys. —Admiralty.

## Prime Minister of Australia

Mr. J. B. Chifley, who at the age of 60 has been elected the 16th Prime Minister of Australia, was born in New South Wales, the son of a blacksmith, and still occupies the modest house to which he took his bride in 1921. He came to politics from the ranks of the Railway Locomotive Engine-Drivers' Union, which has given the traditional Labour Party many sturdy men of right. He was a driver in the service of the New South Wales Government Railway, and served in Parliament in 1928. Could Mr. Chifley have named his successor, undoubtedly his choice would have been Mr. Chifley, who was not only his ablest and most trusted lieutenant, but also his closest friend and confidant in Parliament. For both the history of living which Mr. Chifley enjoys on Australians in time was the normal one. Both were completely devoted to their job. Both disliked the publicity inseparable from public office. Mr. Chifley has none of Mr. Curtin's eloquence. An astute parliamentarian, he has already given evidence of the qualities needed for national leadership. He is disinterested over his party promises to be firm, and his influence within the party to be a unifying one. He is likely to prefer Labour principles, which are interpreted, to shifts and compromises. Generally, he offers Labour its best chance of retaining the confidence of those non-party voters to whom the Government must look in 1946 for a renewed mandate. He is a man who will, with the best of his kind, [The Sydney Morning Herald's correspondent]





### Fairbridge Memorial College

#### Rhodesia to Encourage Child Migrations

The Federal Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has announced that it will grant a grant of £100,000 to the Fairbridge Memorial College, Rhodesia, to encourage child migrations.

The grant will be paid to the chairman, said that the Government of Southern Rhodesia was prepared to accept any child at any time, preferably in the summer months of 1953, and to provide for the child's maintenance and education in Rhodesia. It was noted that the grant would be equally so. Lord de Saumarez, Minister of Education, Sir Alfred Beit, and Sir John Gubbins, a British deputation to inquire into the Rhodesian child migration scheme, which might be expected from the Federal Government.

The grant will be used for the selection of children for migration, and will start at an early date. They are to be trained at the Induna air station 10 miles from Bulawayo and will be regarded as Rhodesians by the Government of the Colony.

#### New Director of Standard Bank

The Hon. Jasper Ridley, O.B.E., who has been elected a member of the board of the Standard Bank of South Africa, is joint deputy chairman of the National Provincial Bank. He is a Fellow of Eton College, a trustee of the National Gallery, and the Tate Gallery, and has served on numerous Government committees connected mainly with livestock problems.

#### Obituaries

Owing to heavy pressure, obituaries of Bishop Lucas of Masasi, Bishop Michard, and Mr. M. Hoys and Mr. A. M. Johnston are held over until next week.

### Air Crashes in Kenya

#### 44 Persons Killed in 48 Hours

Within 48 hours last week, 44 persons had been killed in three air accidents in Kenya.

On Thursday an aircraft leaving Nairobi for Kisumu and buta into flames, killing 10 persons and injuring 10. R. Marlow, chairman of the Kenya Air Services, said that the accident occurred on the 11th, and that the pilot was flying low over the territory.

On Friday, a large transport plane, the first to be built in the territory, crashed near Kisumu, the pilot being killed. The plane was built by the East African Power and Lighting Co.

That same day a Catalina flying boat crashed near Kisumu, killing 10 persons and injuring the other 10.

On the previous day 20 passengers (all members of the South African Forces returning from Italy) and a crew of four had been killed near Kisumu when a Dakota aircraft of the South African Air Force crashed.

Sir William Battershall, Governor of Tanganyika, attended a memorial service held in the Anglican Church at Dar es Salaam for the Tanganyikans who had lost their lives, and the Aga Khans whose birthday was to have been celebrated by his adherents in the town, however the ceremony is postponed.

### New Bishop of Masasi

The Rev. Leslie E. Stradling, Bishop-designate of Masasi, Tanganyika, will be consecrated in Westminster Abbey on July 15. *Central Africa*, the organ of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, says of him:

Those who know Leslie Edward Stradling will have no doubt as to the excellence of the choice made for the bishopric of Masasi. A scholar of Queen's College, Oxford, he took a 2nd in "Greats" and went on to Cambridge to complete his training for holy orders under B. K. Cunningham at Westcott House. Such a contact with the two greatest universities is in itself a valuable asset for an overseas bishop.

After a period at Oxford House, where he proved a trusted leader of the boys and a close friend to his contemporaries, he was ordained in 1933 in the diocese of Southwark and took his title at St. Paul's, Lombard Square, famous in the days of the Catholic Revival, where he served for five years under the Rev. Arthur Ross. In 1938 he was appointed vicar of St. Luke's, Chamberwell, a parish with a strong Anglican tradition, and in 1940 he was appointed to the Bishopric of Masasi. It is no surprise that in the Bishopric of Masasi, Stradling is the successor of St. Anne's, Wandsworth, one of the few parishes of the diocese.

The poorer parts of Southwark at any time make the fullest demand upon the energy, patience, and self-sacrifice of a parish priest. In war-time South London, more perhaps than any other part of the country, has called in addition for infinite resource and adaptability, for devotion, steadiness, and reality of living as well as hard work. There could be no better school for the training of the bishop of an African missionary diocese. Masasi has secured for its bishop a priest who at the age of 38, has proved himself in this exacting school, and the U.M.C.A. may look forward with the greatest confidence to his episcopate.

#### Sir Reginald Robins

Sir Reginald Robins, General Manager of the Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours, left England on Tuesday by air to return to Nairobi. We understand that he has been successful in obtaining the most urgently necessary equipment for the system, the urgent needs of which were the cause of his mission undertaken at the request of the House of Commons.

Miss Lill has held appointments in the Ministry of Labour, the Assistance Board, and several commercial firms.

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# Native Products and Trade Comprehensive Rhodesian Report

THE NATIVE PRODUCTS AND TRADE COMMISSION of Southern Rhodesia has just issued a comprehensive report which may be said to be the most important to all the British territories and their dependent territories. The Commission, headed by Mr. W. A. Goddard, Chairman, and Messrs. R. E. Talbot, F. V. Johnston, W. M. Munro, B. S. Gray, and A. Pendered (Secretary).

The report is divided into two parts: (a) the production and marketing of all commodities (including livestock, raw agricultural or mineral products, or manufactured articles) produced by Natives, and (b) the marketing of other commodities derived by Natives from the marketing of co-operated methods of buying and selling and co-operated native areas, and (c) the marketing of these products, and (d) from the establishment of Native Boards in respect of either existing or new commodities.

The Commission is establishing a central marketing board. (4) The continuation of the system of barter now practised by the Natives and the substitution of parallel development of the European method of buying and reselling for money.

The Commissioners state boldly that the African must not expect his needs to be handed to him on a platter. It is our view that reasonable opportunities for and guidance in development should be provided for Natives, but the speed of such development must mainly depend on the use which they make of such opportunities and guidance. It is noted that Native response to the better economic methods introduced by the Native Agents in the past has been disappointing; the majority of Natives are indifferent, suspicious, and even hostile to the methods shown in the demonstration plots, where demonstrators have been operating for 10 years, and there is still primitive cultivation on adjoining lands.

The report will be considered at some length in these columns at a later date. Meantime the findings may be very briefly summarized as follows:

Appointment of a permanent commission continuously to review every aspect of Native development and legislation; survey of the Native Affairs Department; periodic examination of the methods of other countries; and control of the technical policy of the Colony's agricultural and animal husbandry; preference for competent Africans in the allocation of the hold lands; and the appointment of a member of the Native Agricultural Department to the Natural Resources Board.

The institution of a Marketing Board for all Native products with the conjoint duties of operating a savings deposit scheme, taking orders for livestock and agricultural requirements, preventing the Native from selling cash which he needs for his own food, and co-operating with the Native Agricultural Department in preventing excessive marketing of any crop. A few weeks for good agriculture over two-year periods; reduction of stock to that which a reserve will carry; limiting of the price extension of the weight and grade scales of the Field Storage Commission; transfer of land and population when necessary to Crown or other lands for temporary periods; the allocation of additional reserve pasture; pasture improvement; rearing of cattle dips and building more of them; and increased water supplies.

Firm administration to preserve the natural resources which the Natives of the future will have to depend on; increased prestige and authority for chiefs; education and training for potential chiefs; and reduction of the ruling houses.

establishment of Native Courts in urban areas; appointment of Native Agents to form the courts; and the launching of campaigns to Native appeal courts; the launching of a labour bureau to provide labour for the mines; the launching of a Native and a master family agency; and the launching of a Native and a master family agency; and the launching of a Native and a master family agency.

# Disturbances in Uganda Report of Commission of Inquiry

Too late for treatment in this issue we have a copy of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the disturbances which occurred in Uganda during January and February 1946.

The Commission's report is a long and detailed one. Uganda seems to be the only part of the Protectorate which is badly infected with the "virus," and it may be hoped that these disturbances may never have been a blessing in disguise, as having a long time brought to light some of the troubles which require to be removed. Uganda has for so long enjoyed such a good and profitable existence that the Government, both Protectorate and Native, as well as people, have not been able to see the need for change with a clear eye.

"I have seen many earnest patriotic Ugandans honestly and bravely serving their country. All that seems to be required is that those who have been using their undoubted abilities to their Government should now use them to assist, and put up with their private political ambitions to work together for the common weal."

The definite impression produced by the evidence as a whole is that except in Buganda there is no real anti-British feeling, and that in Buganda such feeling is not generally reported or spontaneous, but has been worked up and spread during the last few years. The vast majority realize that they are wisely and justly governed.

Extracts from the report will appear in our next issue.

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# Empire Air Transport Council

## Testimony to Southern African Conference

**W**HEN THE COMMONWEALTH AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE met in London last week Lord Smuts, Minister of Civil Aviation, who presided over the proceedings, gave the opening address to the Southern African Air Transport Conference recently held in Cape Town on the initiative of General Smuts. He said:

"We dealt in detail with all the Commonwealth services and through the territories represented with the great air route from the United Kingdom to South Africa. The local services in the different territories, and particularly those which will link up those territories, we regard as essential. That local and regional services, and the general trunk services, could all work together."

"We went over all the details of the organization of the trunk route, agreed upon the number of frequencies for the route, how the frequencies shall be shared between the operators, how the sharing of revenue, how the expenses should be shared, and by the areas in which the companies would look after the commercial and technical interests of the other. We agreed also on the types of aircraft to be used."

"But as every one knows very well, it takes more than plans and papers to make an air service regular and safe and successful. We, therefore, with the help of our experts under the able chairmanship of Dr. Schonland, worked one together all the meteorological services, communications and flying aids which will be required in the various territories for regular and safe flying along the route."

"It was to follow up this work, to make sure that all arrangements should be carried out regularly and in complete accordance, that the conference organized the Southern African Air Transport Council, comprising all the territories concerned, and arranged that that regional council should be in constant touch with this Commonwealth Air Transport Council."

"It was also the firm intention of the Conference that there should be full co-operation between the Commonwealth territories and their foreign neighbours, all of which, it is hoped, will be linked to them by air services, and that association is already under way."

### Ten African States in Partnership

MR. G. HEATON NICHOLLS, British Commissioner in London for the Union of South Africa, said, *inter alia*:

"From the Cape Town Conference has emerged the Southern African Air Transport Council, an achievement of tremendous importance for the future of Commonwealth aviation. Ten political States have joined together in partnership to provide a better air service which shall be complementary with Southern Africa's needs and in harmony with the provisions of security established by the United Nations at San Francisco."

"Seven of these States are Colonial territories under the Colonial Office, but all of them in Southern Africa are encompassed in one geographical and economic unit, with their people closely linked together by race and language and by a developing national consciousness. These seven States are a whole together as Virginia and Kentucky, and close together as Ontario and Quebec. We have been accustomed in Africa, and probably elsewhere, to think of South Africa and Kenya as being separate from each other as the islands of the Pacific, and until the advent of airways their affinities were largely ignored. We have been for a long time drawing these separate Colonial territories together by means of the Union Air Service, in conjunction with Imperial Airways."

The new plan hammered out in Cape Town by the British territories have entered into a partnership, the pooling of their revenues and services on an equal basis, in which the Portuguese, the Belgian and the French Governments have been invited to take part, is an immense advance and with the development of the subsidiary services from East to West, as well as the alternate routes from South to North, we can look forward to rapid air development throughout the whole of the African Continent."

"Southern Africa covers an area comparable to the United States of America with a total population of about upwards of 60 million people. The lack of economic resources over a very large part of the continent has led to a great deal of economic and social backwardness. It can be no doubt that the development of air transport will be of great advantage in the opening up of these vast territories."

"What the United States is to the rest of the world today, Southern Africa may be tomorrow for who can judge the possible rise in the scale of production and productive power of the Bantu peoples."

"The establishment of a regular air service between the territories of the East African continent is a political necessity which is being met by the Imperial Airways machines which are being fitted out for the service."

"The machines which are being fitted out for the service are being fitted out for the service and the machines which are being fitted out for the service are being fitted out for the service."

MR. S. M. LANGRISH O'NEILL, High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, expressed the gratitude of the Colony for the opportunity of being represented, and added:

"Most of our troubles and problems have been solved at the Cape Town Conference, and I am very glad to be able to say that, speaking generally, we were satisfied of our complete satisfaction. I am also very glad to be able to say that, speaking generally, we were in agreement with the Government of the Union of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia will do everything it possibly can to fall into line with the rest of the Commonwealth."

SIR GURENATH BEWOOR, representative of India, said that India had already planned for a regular external air service including one to East Africa."

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## Kenya Celebrates its Jubilee Opportunity Missed by Information Office

In 1915, marked the 50th anniversary of the formation of the United Kingdom and in the end of the century the Colonial Office issued the following statement:

In all the 50 years it has been difficult to find a territory where greater changes have been wrought in half a century.

On July, 1895, the ancestor to the Crown of the 220,000 square miles of mountains and valleys, rivers and plains that make up what was called the East African Protectorate was an adventurous affair. Seven years later the Imperial British East Africa Company had obtained a concession from the Sultan of Zanzibar to develop part of the hinterland to his coastal possessions, but the task proved far beyond the company's slender resources.

At the time of the formal transfer of the land to Britain there were only a few score of Europeans in the Protectorate, but within a few years hundreds of traders. Today the European population is 23,000. Fifty years ago the African people of Kenya had not yet entered the era of a wheel. Today a Kenyan African, Eliud Wambu Maitha, sits in the Legislative Council representing the interests of the people.

Before 1895 was over the programme of British development had started. In December the railway from Mombasa to Nairobi was begun and six years later the first train rolled into Mombasa, 200 miles away. The story of this railway on which has been called the most magnificent railway in the world is an epic of the struggle to deal not only with some of the toughest conditions in the world but man's ingenuity and hostility to man.

The gradual development of the land also saw the growth of an immigrant brown race—Indian community. They had been Indian traders on the coast since very early times, and later when labour was needed to build the railway, 35,000 Indian coolie labourers were brought from their country to undertake the work. Some of them remained behind when the job was finished, and did much to open up trade with the interior. Further immigration has increased the members of this community steadily, and today it numbers 85,000 and is the second largest racial element.

It was in the early days of the building of the railway that Lord Delamere, one of the richest and most influential men in Kenya, arrived in the country from the Northern Frontier. He climbed the 4,000 feet escarpment rising from the wet basins of Lake Tanganyika and saw before him the green hills and cedar to red slopes of the Highlands, where he and other pioneers were to make their home. At this time the country was still in its wild state, except for a series of small farms managed by government administrative officers a hundred miles or so apart, but with the completion of the railway business men and prospective farmers began to flock into Kenya.

In 1902 the Government reorganized the administration of the territory and a Land Department was organized. In 1903 the price of land was fixed at two shillings an acre, and families came out in big numbers, both from England and South Africa, and gradually they made progress.

Kenya came to begin to gain a good name overseas, sugar, a flourishing industry, and the future of wheat looked rosy. Life seemed good to settlers and officials alike, though conditions were still primitive and Europe seemed a long way away.

A district commissioner stationed at Nairobi in the summer of 1917, in friendly contact with the press, sent several copies of *The Times* to his headquarters. In an old copy of *The Times* he had heard the rumour of war. On August 4 he visited one of General Jan Smuts' staff and arranged to arrange some questions relating to the boundary between the Protectorate and German East Africa. All was settled amicably, and the two men took a long walk to Nairobi to drink sweet champagne. When they returned to Nairobi he learned that he had been in the line as Germany and Britain were at war.

Since the soldiers left the Protectorate, it has been gaining to revert to scrub and bush. It is the East African Campaign in which the European and African tribesmen fought side by side.

### Between the Wars

Kenya began to develop as a Crown Colony. The Government launched a second settlement scheme and in September 1919, 500 families arrived in the inland. Many of them had a hard struggle for years but eventually the majority of them established their families and the post-war depression by their hard and honest work.

The next big step in the history of Kenya was the award of a franchise for the Legislative Council. Kenya's first Council is made up of 15 members, 10 nominated official members (five Indians, five Europeans and five Arab) and one nominated member representing the Arab community, and 50 non-official members representing the African community. In 1920 the former East Africa Protectorate became a Crown Colony, its name derived from the Arabic name of the white mountain, a dominant feature of the landscape east of the Rift Valley.

In the twenties Kenya started to show wide post-war development. At the same time a big river had been built in Kenya in the steady signs of development, mental, physical and physical for the African people. The first big step in the process were inaugurated in order to associate the African people more closely in the government. This was the first step in his political development.

In 1936 the first shadows of the war were seen in Kenya when Mussolini conquered Ethiopia.

The Kenya Navy, a small voluntary unit, already based on the coast. The Kenya Regiment, the Kenya Defence Force, and the Special Reserve came into being, and all European women registered for work. When war broke the response to the call to arms on the part of both black and white races was magnificent. In addition, a body composed largely of Kenya fathers was formed to organize the country's production. The Colony's production of vital war materials, chiefly oil and pyrethrum, deserves to rank high in the production lists of the United Nations.

An Information Office worthy of the name would have prepared in advance for such an occasion which could have yielded the Colony's story at deal of the right kind of publicity in many countries. We have received no communication of any kind in regard to the jubilee from the Kenya Information Office, which presumably sent to the Colonial Office the basis of this indifferent summary of Kenya's first half century of recorded history. Even this must have been sent late, for in our experience the Press section of the Colonial Office is prompt in issuing urgent news releases. Here again Kenya has been let down by her Information Office, the rehabilitation of which is badly overdue.—E.D.



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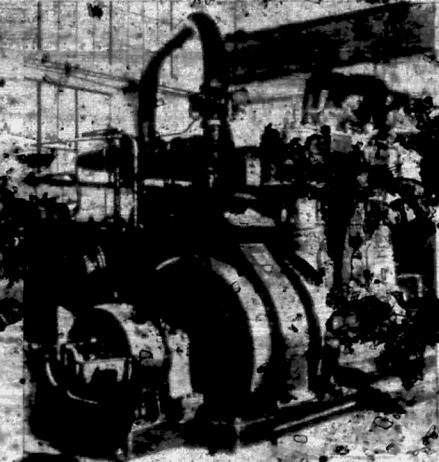
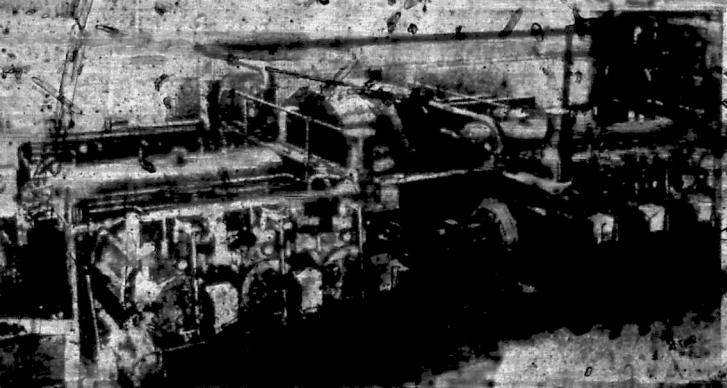




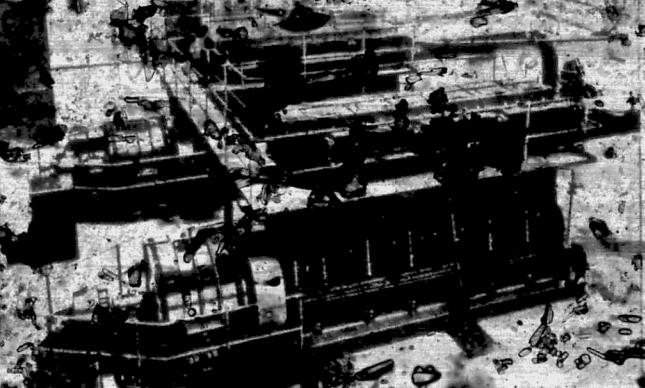
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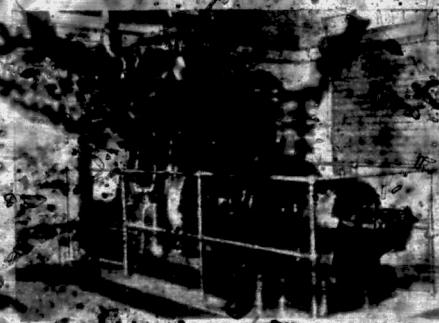


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### Tanganyika Sisal Growing

The annual report of the Tanganyika Sisal Growers' Association is available in a detailed document which describes the industry and is of interest in itself as a study of the sisal industry in East Africa. The total output of sisal in Tanganyika in 1944 was 11,270 tons, an increase of 1,000 tons on the 10,270 tons of the previous year. The increase is due to the fact that the number of estates producing sisal has increased from 12 in 1943 to 17 in 1944. The total output of sisal in Tanganyika in 1944 was 11,270 tons, an increase of 1,000 tons on the 10,270 tons of the previous year. The increase is due to the fact that the number of estates producing sisal has increased from 12 in 1943 to 17 in 1944. The total output of sisal in Tanganyika in 1944 was 11,270 tons, an increase of 1,000 tons on the 10,270 tons of the previous year. The increase is due to the fact that the number of estates producing sisal has increased from 12 in 1943 to 17 in 1944.

In 1944 there were seven estates which produced 2,000 tons or more, 12 producing between 1,500 and 1,999 tons, 432 between 1,000 and 1,499 tons, 91 between 500 and 999 tons, 12 between 200 and 499 tons, and 64 producing less than 200 tons. Six estates began processing for the first time and together contributed 1,374 tons to the total; producing estates not defined as those possessing processing facilities.

The total of African labour employed last year was 99,258, which averaged 216 days' work during the 12 months, compared with 212, 194, and 197 days each in the previous three years.

### Rhodesian Air Services

Southern Rhodesian Air Services have carried more than 53,000 passengers during the year without any loss of life of a single serious accident, although no aircraft had to remain in use until last year. The distance flown is more than 6,600,000 miles.

### East African Trade Report

Barclays Bank (C. & D.) has been advised by the American Navies that heavy imports followed the Kenya, Malawi and Uganda during June, when rainfall was above the average. It is stated that in this regard in 1944 Tanganyika and good weather prevailed. The heavy rainfall has had an effect on the sisal crop, which is expected to be a good crop. The weather in the Northern Province of the Lake Province is expected to be good. The weather in the Northern Province of the Lake Province is expected to be good. The weather in the Northern Province of the Lake Province is expected to be good.

### In Kenya

An order to stop the sale of potatoes has been placed in Kenya by the East African Government. A general meeting of the England Branch of the East African Women's League is to be held at 2.15 this afternoon at the Girl Guide Headquarters, 4, Buckingham Palace Road, London. Mrs. Zimomo will speak. East African Sisal Plantations, Ltd., announce that the production of sisal and tow for the company's estates in East Africa during 1944 was 1,357 tons for the financial year ended 31st March 1945. Sudan Salt, Ltd., has declared a dividend of 2% (the same) and announces that the profit for 1944 after providing for taxation and reserve for contingencies, amounted to £8,913, compared with £8,562 in the previous year. The report and accounts will be posted on July 20, and the annual meeting will be held in London on July 21.

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JET AIRCRAFT PROSPECTS

MICHAEL S. BIRNBAUM, Chairman of the Board of De Havilland Aircraft Co. Ltd., said:

Reports of various kind on the accounts have been in the notes accompanying the accounts already in your hands. I shall therefore confine myself now to a review of the Company's performance since August 30, 1944, has once again shown the largest turnover in the Company's history since the formation of E.P.T., however, the profit was almost identical with that of the previous year.

It is a pleasure to say and regret that I record in the Board Room of our Company that the number of our staff and trained least men are much bigger than in 1944.

Let us take up our position today. Within the compass of our numerous and widespread activities we have been able to make a substantial contribution to the war effort. In the past two years our deliveries of aircraft, engines and propellers have had an aggregate value of fifty-nine million pounds. It is interesting to observe that after paying for materials, labour, overheads, the balance left for dividends to shareholders and for ploughing back into the business by way of reserves during these three years has been £14,000,000.

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Lessons of our own experience have shown us that the Mosquito is a very efficient and a very reliable aircraft. It is certainly the most versatile.

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the Valla conference the Prime Minister's speech and his leading newspaper were delivered almost every morning by Mosquito aircraft.

POWERFUL PURE-JET TURBINE

Of the other projects which I am allowed to mention doubtless you are all aware. The turbine engines constitute the most important development that we have made since the formation of De Havilland Aircraft Co. Ltd. The prototype engine, designed by Mr. P. M. Mills, for 18 years a sound member of the Board Room of our Company, is a very efficient and a very reliable engine.

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## British Central Africa Company

The British Central Africa Co., Ltd., reports that the net profit for the year ended December 30, 1914, amounted to £117,000, as compared with £22,119 in the previous year. Dividends of 10% (£11,700), and interest and bonus of 1% (£1,170) are being distributed to shareholders. The company's revenue for the year was £23,500, with an expenditure of £12,331, leaving a surplus of £11,169.

The company's capital is £1,169,000, and it has a contingent reserve of £116,831. Estates in Africa appear in the balance sheet at £78,471, the interest on these estates being £1,170. The company also has investments in the African Lakes Corporation of £40,000, other investments of £3,642, stores in Africa of £26,311, and other assets of £11,169, and cash of £39,288.

The annual meeting is to be held in London this afternoon, when Mr. Henry Chapman will retire and offer himself for re-election. Other directors are Sir Montagu Barlow (Chairman), Mr. Donald C. Bruce, and Mr. Vivian...

## Whiteway Laidlaw

Messrs. Whiteway Laidlaw & Co., Ltd., a company with stores in Kenya and the Protectorate, reports that the profit on trading for the year amounted to £26,008 (compared with £10,392 in the previous year), less charges, net profit after providing £12,678 for taxation (£13,330), was £13,330 (£13,330). The directors recommended payment of an ordinary dividend of 12% (£1,600). The amount carried forward will then be £13,662 (£13,662). The annual general meeting will be held on August 1st.

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The Government of Northern Rhodesia is examining the question of tobacco research in the Protectorate, and has decided that the activities of the tobacco station near Fort Jameson shall be extended when staff becomes available.

## Mining Company Progress Reports

**Fairfields.**—There was an output of 1,625 tons of iron ore in the month of June, and a total of 4,000 tons in the year. The output of phosphates was 1,000 tons in June, and a total of 2,500 tons in the year.

**Wander Consolidated.**—The company reports an output of 1,100 tons of iron ore in June, and a total of 2,500 tons in the year. The output of phosphates was 1,000 tons in June, and a total of 2,500 tons in the year.

**Cam and Motor.**—The company reports an output of 1,100 tons of iron ore in June, and a total of 2,500 tons in the year. The output of phosphates was 1,000 tons in June, and a total of 2,500 tons in the year.

**Rezende.**—A report from Southern Rhodesia advises that the railway increase in the price of gold granted by the Southern Rhodesia Government was £1,000,000, making a total of £1,000,000 for the year.

**Shelvey Start.**—The company reports an output of 1,100 tons of iron ore in June, and a total of 2,500 tons in the year. The output of phosphates was 1,000 tons in June, and a total of 2,500 tons in the year.

## African Land and Investment

The African Land and Investment Co., Ltd., which is holding a company interested in mining in the Rhodesias, reports a net profit for the year ended March 31 last of £20,982. Dividends on the 6% preference shares of £1,000, and on the ordinary shares of 8d. require £16,127. The balance carried forward is £4,855, compared with £16,330 brought in. The issued capital is £100,000, and the reserve is £115,000. Investments appear in the balance sheet at £115,000, and cash at £43,868, and properties at £2,000.

The directors are Messrs. P. S. Hammond, Chairman, and Messrs. W. W. Barclay, G. Carleton Jones, and J. A. J. Parker. The company is interested in secondary industries in Northern Rhodesia, and Messrs. H. D. Bowler, Harvey W. Jones, and C. O. Walker are its associates. There is a London Committee consisting of Mr. A. J. Parker, Mr. R. Carr Taylor, and Mr. J. M. ... The third annual meeting will be held at the Grosvenor Hotel next Tuesday.

## Mining Personnel

Mr. T. W. Longridge, a mining engineer formerly in Cyprus, is now in Northern Rhodesia.  
 Mr. Arthur Cook, Assoc. Inst. M.M., has left Roan Antelope Copper Mines, Ltd., for Bulawayo.  
 Mr. Frederick William Keedall, who is reported to have been lost at sea at the end of May, was an assayer in Southern Rhodesia, and afterwards in Northern Rhodesia, from 1906 to 1907. At the time of his death he was in his 63rd year.  
 Captain Paul Charles Curthbert Cayley, R.E., who is reported to have died on service on May 18, 1915, as a result of an accident, was the son of Admiral George Cayley. From 1925 to 1931 he was on the staff of the Nile Congo Divide Syndicate, and prospecting in the Sudan for alluvial gold and tin. He then spent several years in West Africa, and returned to the Sudan in 1932 to prospect on his own account. He joined the Royal Engineers at the outbreak of war.

## Union Miners

Union Miners of the Haastanga has announced that production from the company's mines in the Northern Rhodesias is 48,000 tons of copper, all of which was sold at 10s. per ton. The company is now in the hands of the Government, and the beginning of this year the output of the company has been purchased by the Government. The production of tin in excess of the annual average has been considerably in excess of the annual average, and the production of tin had been increased to 1,260 tons per year.

## Rhodesian Anglo American

Rhodesian Anglo American, Ltd., has just paid a dividend of 21%, equivalent to 8d. per 10s. unit of ordinary stock less income tax of 10% in the £. This is an interim distribution in respect of the year ended June 30.

## Canadian Interest in Rhodesian Mining

A four-year option on the Conemaugh mine in Southern Rhodesia has been taken by Probisher Mines, Ltd., a Canadian company.

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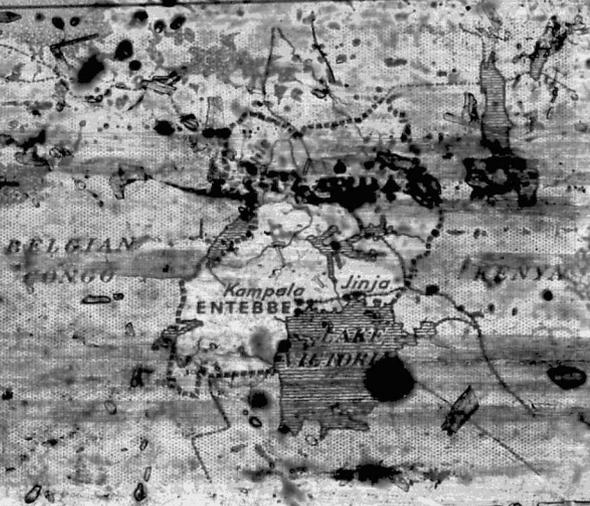
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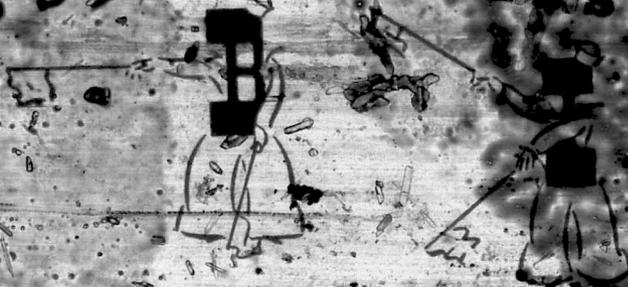
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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

**THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA** was taken completely by surprise by the widespread disorders which occurred in January, although it is inconceivable that they could have occurred without elaborate preparation by means of propaganda and careful organization. That is the finding of Mr. Justice N. L. P. Whitley after an inquiry lasting forty-four days and involving the examination of more than two hundred witnesses. The Commissioner reports that "highly-placed plotters" had been engaged for some considerable period in planning a general strike, not in protest against economic hardships resulting from war conditions, but with the political purpose of enabling them to seize power in the Kabaka's Government. In this carefully prepared scheme, deliberate disclosure to a number of Uganda, including many in Government service, must have been intimately implicated, and many others were equally certainly used in subordinate capacities which gave them some knowledge of what was afoot. Scores, if not hundreds, of Africans who had been in varying degrees of contact with Europeans were kept privy to the treachery, and not one of them confided in any European, whether an administrative or other official, a missionary, a merchant, or a planter. It is a most striking and instructive revela-

tion which should provide a healthy jolt for the people (some of them in Africa, but far more of them in this country) who are persuaded that a substantial number of Africans who have had the benefit of a good education and some experience under European guidance may now safely be regarded as "within the family." While liberal doctrine, even to that point of view, is much to be preferred to repressive policies, what is justifiable at any given moment must clearly be decided in the light of knowledge, not in the glow of sentiment. In the case of the Buganda Kingdom sentiment has obviously been at a premium, and knowledge and caution at a discount.

The view of Sir Charles Dundas, Governor of the Protectorate from 1940 until a few months ago, was, writes Mr. Justice Whitley, that British supervision was being given in a way which presented the Buganda Government from

reliance and proper progress to self-government; by diminishing the control it was apparently hoped that a sense of pride would speed the Baganda to move on their own initiative towards more progressive and liberal ways of government. So the Governor ordered a very marked relaxation of the degree of super-

vision hitherto exercised by the British administration. When he made the formal announcement of this decision to the Lukiko last October, he expressed "some doubt as to whether the Lukiko had felt or had the right of being able to give a verdict of the proposed re-orientation of the country. It is no evidence that he maintained the vigilance which that would assuredly have required. Several witnesses told the Commissioner that they had given him no indication whether the time was suitable for a reduction in British contacts, and whether conditions in Buganda did not rather call for more careful and continued guidance. Fretful elements among the mis-intendants in fact interpreted the change as tantamount to complete abandonment for the Baganda, and proceeded on a course of intrigue and skilful misrepresentation of British actions and intentions. The Commissioner was "to be doubted that since 1930, or since the death in 1939 there had been in existence or gradually forming a faction which aimed at getting all the power and patronage into its own hands, shaking off British control as far as possible or convenient, and replacing the young Kabaka by some other prince who would be their puppet. Many of the chiefs were concerned only with their salaries and their own advancement. It was in those conditions that Sir Charles Dundas naively increased the power of these subversive elements."

European non-officials in the country had become ever more anxious about the weakness of the administration, and long ago we had been told by one leading non-official that the state of Buganda could be "licentious and licentiousness." The words "licence" and "licentiousness." That judgment was endorsed by every other non-official to whom we submitted it for comment; and in almost every case there was an expression of the opinion that there would be serious trouble sooner or later unless the Government abandoned its policy of appeasement and began to govern. Officialdom had obviously at least had the opportunity of discovering the facts, and the decision to relax British control had therefore all the appearance of recklessness, for which the country has now paid a bitter price. The intelligence of the Government failed not only last year when *laissez faire* was given this further blessing, but again in January when "Government and police were taken completely by surprise." The intelligence of the plotters could, however, scarcely have been better. At the time when they were chosen for office the Governor was travelling in Karamoja, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police were both absent from

their headquarters with a considerable section of the force, the Kabaka was on holiday outside his kingdom, his Minister of Home Affairs was on sick leave, and he was curious how many of the chiefs were on leave or absent from their headquarters for some reason or another, the evidence suggests that some of them were known perfectly well what was going on, and when? The war-time Security Intelligence Bureau might have been expected to keep itself informed of the matter of intrigue among the Native leaders, and the police and the civil administration had an equal and similar duty. Mr. Justice Whitley remarks restrainedly: "It is reasonable to assume that there should be in the system of procedure by which information should be collected, sifted, interpreted, and utilized. The Native Administration Report in Kampala showed up badly, some of them had a small strike of their own, and some in uniform even washed European trousers during the disturbances and some were seen to be in the streets."

The Commissioner is deservedly critical of the incompetence of the Information Office, and recommends for consideration the desirability of the Government taking the public much more fully into their confidence than they have done in the past.

#### Failure of the Information Office.

East Africa and Rhodesia was the first organ of opinion to call attention to the failure of the Information Office at a time when its services were most needed, and our strictures are abundantly justified by the report, extracts from which appear in this issue. It highly praises the behaviour of the general public, including the general body of Africans outside Buganda, but records the criticisms of many witnesses of all races of the decision of the Government during the course of the troubles to grant substantial retrospective increases in wages and bonuses. Workers received a lump sum which came in the nature of a windfall; these windfalls and the increases are regarded by most Africans as being the direct results of the strike. Although political in origin, has thus been given an unfortunate appearance of having succeeded from the economic standpoint. Is it surprising that Africans have not believed the statements made by the Governor at the end of January that it had been decided to grant the increases before the outbreak of the strike? It is the fault of the Government that when appointing a sub-committee three months earlier, it failed to announce that the question of wage and bonus rates was under consideration. We had been told *ad nauseam* that the Information Offices in East Africa were two-way channels.

of communication between the people and the Government, and between the Government and the people. This document states explicitly that the channels of communication are broken.

There is another unfortunate result of the strikes—the resignation of the Treasurer, Mr. Kulubya, an able man whose strict control of the finances of Baganda had made him the object of a continuing campaign of calumny by chiefs who wanted a more pliable person in that key office. One African witness testified that "the political situation ceased to take an interest in the labourer (whom they had induced to strike) as

soon as they had achieved the removal of Kulubya—who was one of the three agents of the East African Company after the death of his father, whose firmness was a main obstacle in the way of the conspirators, and against whom the chiefs had been agitating for a long period. His resignation was announced on January 23 and the disturbance promptly subsided. Is it surprising that the acceptance of his resignation at that particular time should have been regarded by the disloyal leaders as a triumph? It is almost all the appearance of the worst kind of appeasement, and it suggests that a non-official member of the Government might inquire even now whether it was entirely voluntary or whether it was induced or influenced by pressure or persuasion.

## Optimism Infectious in Southern Rhodesia

### High Commissioner Greatly Impressed by State of the Colony

MR. S. M. LANIG AND O'KEEFE, High Commissioner in London for Southern Rhodesia, who has just returned to this country from re-visiting the Colony, told EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA a few days ago that he was astonished at the progress made in almost all directions since he had last had the opportunity of seeing things for himself in 1938.

He found the spirit of enterprise, energy, and optimism general and infectious, and he is confident that Rhodesians released from the forces will be re-established in civil life wisely, quickly, generously, and with advantage to themselves and the country as a whole.

The many new industries which have been started in Salisbury, Bulawayo, and other towns are both a revelation and a portent. In Bulawayo, for instance, when visiting a factory which makes ploughs for Native use, and ploughs as good as anything hitherto imported from the United Kingdom or America. Mr. O'Keeffe was told that an order for 2,000 had just been received from Turkey. That was encouraging as showing the value of the industry in special war-time conditions, to a country with which business was not to be expected in the ordinary way, but this incident, and others of a somewhat similar kind, had not been misinterpreted as meaning that the young factories in the Colony would soon enter the export trade. Everyone understood that their purpose is to cater for the internal demand—internal being understood in Southern Rhodesia and in the neighbouring territories of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and embracing those three contiguous territories.

An asbestos cement factory in Salisbury is producing prefabricated buildings with a speed and at a cost which promise to solve the housing problems of a country in which accommodation has always been a problem. So impressed was Mr. O'Keeffe with his tour of the works that he promptly decided to build a new asbestos cement house on his own farm some 30 miles from Bulawayo on the main road to Salisbury. The project will calculate, halve the cost of a similar dwelling built in brick, and reduce the time of construction of the shell of the house to a few days.

Another surprise was the Gatooma factory for the



MR. O'KEEFE

spinning of locally grown cotton. Mr. Lanig declared that in the dry, high climate of that part of Rhodesia it would be difficult to attempt to make yarn, but a modern factory with a concrete floor to reflect the heat to deflect the sun, and numerous fans throughout the buildings to assist the climatic conditions, was now working on the eight-hour shift daily, and the management of two able young men from Lancaster, who wanted to extend their operations as soon as some thousands of additional spindles could be delivered to this country. Work at the spindles is done most successfully by young African boys who are much more deft at this delicate task than their elders. Some of the yarn is now being sold in the Union of South Africa, but the output will soon be absorbed by the needs of two textile factories which are in course of building in Bulawayo.

Dehydration has likewise proved most successful, the output being now reserved mainly for the Royal Navy. Peas, beans, carrots and potatoes are among the best of the products, and dehydration of oranges make a material as well flavoured as that on sale in this country. Mr. O'Keeffe brought back with him a small tin of dehydrated potatoes which he gave to the chef on the ship, who openly professed his scepticism, but promised to follow the directions faithfully and produce the results for dinner one evening; they proved to be the best potatoes served during the voyage.

### Land Use Most Generous Service Under Scheme

One of the most impressive experiences of the High Commissioner was a day spent with the Game Master near Victoria, where the Government has set aside 100,000 acres of land for the use of that number of African men fortunate enough to have their names drawn in the ballot. Each farm has 10 acres under irrigation and about 2,000 acres of open or grazing land in the country. At the time of the visit the irrigated land was under most prosperous wheat crops, and each farm has, or will have, a good house and other necessary buildings.

For the first seven years each occupant will be under the strict and constant supervision of the State, which will train him, help him in every way, and lend him £2,500 for the purchase of cattle. This indentured or lazy farmer will know from the outset that he will be removed from the land, those who work steadily and intelligently will qualify for the gift of a freehold.

at the end of the seven years. When their obligations will be that of repayment of the loan for the purchase of the cattle. The land, the water, supplies, buildings, and the training will contribute to the welfare of the country to the returning soldier, sailor, or airman. Is there a more commendable aim for the Government than when in the Empire? The Government should create areas for settlement in different districts, some for mixed farming, some for tobacco growing, some for cattle.

The pledge that Rhodesians should have first consideration was given early in the war and that was taken to be fulfilled in the letter and in spirit. Since the Prime Minister is determined that his full word should be given, it is to be hoped that he will have whatever is possible in the shape of a new start in life, there is a definite specific scheme for the land settlement of non-Rhodesians, but it has been made clear that those with real qualifications and the determination to work will be well placed since the Rhodesians have been dealt with.

**Post-War Settlement**

First preference should be given to displacement of the country who have served in Rhodesia during the war, among them, of course, many officers and men who have passed through the Rhodesian Air, Training School into the Royal Air Force. Many of these have married Rhodesian girls and some have children; they disclaim the right to return to their own other home, but they want to remain in Rhodesia if they choose to do so in Great Britain. They have the advantage of being able to judge from personal experience whether they wish to make their future careers in the Colony, which in its settlement policy will quite certainly show the emphasis not upon the possession of capital but upon the character and capacity of the applicant.

As he indicated about the country Mr. Koefie was

also struck by the improvement in the quality of native-owned cattle, this being the direct result of the Government's policy of increasing better quality bulls for sale to the Native reserves. There were other signs of the relative prosperity of the Africans, but also signs that their advancement is still hindered by ignorance and apathy.

**Conditions in Native Areas**

Whereas many of the Native agricultural demands have not been implemented, the Government have worked hard to improve the conditions in the Native areas. It is encouraged by the provision of manure and other simple means of increased productivity, so as to raise the standard of living of the people, the great bulk of these for whom they are of the greatest value will look on for their own good and do their best for the improvement of their own conditions. The Government have been unable to purchase land under the present conditions, but they are doing their best to secure though it could produce a very good crop after manuring, but many of the best lands are continued to decline to make even that effort because the land would then produce only water for the more needs, with which they were not prepared to cope.

That said the Prime Minister was a fact and a factor in the often overlooked by those who, without a quite knowledge of the African living in his own land, would make plans which would lead to a disaster which would in fact be a disaster. It is to be hoped that the Government will be able to find a way to encourage the best among Africans in the forces, some of whom have shown unusual sense of responsibility and an unmistakable power of leadership of their fellows. That was fully recognized by Rhodesia in which relations between the races were better than he had ever known them.

**Secondary Industries in Northern Rhodesia**

**Recommendations to Government of Dr. W. J. Besschnau**

DR. W. J. BESSCHNAU, who was invited by the Government of Northern Rhodesia last year to visit the territory in order to report on the whole question of the development of secondary industries, has rendered a detailed report which has now been published (at 2s. 6d.) by the Government Printer in Lusaka under the title of 'Report on the Development of Secondary Industries in Northern Rhodesia.' It is a booklet of 91 pages, including a number of useful appendices.

The main recommendations are thus summarized:— That in a statement of Government policy it should be clearly laid down that in any request for Government assistance to start from private enterprise the onus is on the person or persons applying for assistance to prove the necessity for such assistance and the establishment or continuance of the industry; (b) to state the nature of the assistance needed; and (c) to prove the desirability in the community's interest of such assistance.

**STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT.** The Government of Northern Rhodesia should institute a Department of Statistics to collect and compile statistics relating to the territory and the department to be under an economic statistician appointed to attend the first year of his service in a study of the statistical services available in the United Kingdom, the Union of South Africa, and Southern Rhodesia.

The Government should appoint as a part-time body an Advisory Committee on Industrial Development (A.C.I.D.)

and other persons, the latter to be remunerated for their services on the same basis as for time spent on a Government Commission.

**Advisory Committee on Industrial Development**

A.C.I.D. should be broadly representative of the territory's economy, and its personnel should consist of:

- (a) Government representatives.—The Financial Secretary, Economic Secretary, Adviser on Development, Economic Statistician, Director of Agriculture, Secretary for Native Affairs, Director of Public Works, and Comptroller of Customs.
  - (b) Representatives of public bodies (nominated by Government to represent one body under each heading).—The municipalities, Chambers of Commerce, Chamber of Mines of Northern Rhodesia, farmers' associations, Rhodesia Railways, labour unions, banks, British South Africa Company, Servicemen's organizations.
  - (c) Other members chosen for personal capacity— an accountant, electrical engineer, general chemist, geologist, economist, and a lawyer, making 23 members in all.
- The Financial Secretary shall act as Chairman of A.C.I.D. in order to provide continuity and the secretariat of the undertaking shall be a member of his staff.
- The objects of A.C.I.D. shall be to advise the Government on all matters relating to the establishment, development, improvement, and control of existing and potential industries in the territory, with special reference to: (1) the location of industries; (2) the licensing of industries; (3) the policy to be pursued in relation to the development of industries, including such matters as subsidies, grants, protective tariffs, import and export quotas, the marketing and transportation of industrial products; (4) the training of industrial workers; (5) the regulation of conditions of work; (6) industrial enclosures such subjects as hours of work, minimum hours

of work, factories and shops, etc., and by any other matter referred to A.C.F.D. by the Government.

**Annual Report of Research.**—Government departments submit reports on the work done in 1945, of the research progress and contribution to the economy, with recommendations for further research. These reports should be sent into one report by the Director of Industries and presented to A.C.F.D. and the Legislative Council by A.C.F.D. after consulting the Advisory Council on Research. Government on a programme of research.

Consolidation should be given to the grant of special leave to officials to do such research on subjects of subjects lying outside the normal range of their duties, where they are qualified by training or experience, the results of the research so undertaken to be available to the Government for publication without any additional payment for the work involved.

Applications for grants for purposes of obtaining technical advice and of conducting research into the utilization of local products will be considered by the Government after the grant has been obtained.

Efficient use of the employees from private firms in investigation of the use of local products and trade in local products, and the establishment of research centres through existing organizations, such as the Agricultural Research Institute.

**The State and Industry.**—A.C.F.D. will not recommend that the Government grant loans to private industry to supply the capital in private industry.

It is the reasons why such finance is not forthcoming in the State and the Government should make a study of the reasons, such capital only in cases where it is satisfied that its investment in the uncertainty involved is likely to be superfluous to the private financial agencies.

**Financial Statements.**—No financial statements should be made in the Government's accounts for Northern Rhodesia and its neighbours, but they should be made for the future and if the financial and trade conditions of such neighbours are changed to any significant extent.

**Tariff Protection.**—In general, protection through tariffs should be regarded as an unsuitable instrument with which to encourage the development of secondary industries in Northern Rhodesia.

**Local Tariffs.**—The Government, on the advice of A.C.F.D., should consider the imposition of tariffs to counter the effect of subsidies on imports which conflict with local manufacturers and to counter the effect of dumping of imported goods at a price below the export price (or cost of production) plus the cost of transport (including insurance) to the territory of Northern Rhodesia.

**Central Engineering Works.**—The Government should ask the Northern Rhodesia Chamber of Mines to investigate the possibilities of establishing central engineering works and foundry.

**Dehydration of Fish.**—The Government should keep informed of developments in dehydration and with the advice of A.C.F.D. should consider the establishment of a pilot plant to deal with the dehydration of fish.

**Local Timber and Fibre Board.**—The Government should through existing research organizations sponsor an investigation into the use of local timber, the manufacture of fibre board and cardboard, the manufacture of cellulose and plastics.

**Cellulose and Plastics.**—The Government should arrange for an intensive investigation into the properties of local timber and its utilization in different processes in the manufacture of cellulose, plastics, and associated materials, such research to be arranged in the first instance through existing research agencies.

**Development of Tourist Traffic.**

**Tourist Trade.**—The Government should invite localities, other local authorities and other public bodies to submit for consideration by A.C.F.D. proposals for the development of tourist traffic, particularly in connection with amenities for tourists, and accommodation.

**Information on Industry.**—A.C.F.D. should advise the Government on the desirability of inviting representatives of the Chamber of Industry and other similar bodies in the United Kingdom and neighbouring territories to visit the territory to examine industrial development.

It would be difficult to assess exactly the share of the copper mining industry's aggregate income. On the other hand, the Government should make available to the writer the following information:—

... (this) of the income enjoyed by the territory.

**Impact of the Copper Mining Industry.**

... does not follow that if copper mining is reduced to half of the present scale that the aggregate income would contract by 30%. The point is that in fact the contraction of the aggregate income would be greater than the result of copper mining activity in the sense that the aggregate income depends on the aggregate of other industries, the aggregate result of any one person depends on the expenditure of other people. Hence, while copper mining contributes three-fifths of the territory's aggregate income, a partial total decline would have a greater effect on aggregate income in the absence of other opportunities having compensatory effect. The aggregate effect of sudden contraction in copper production would indeed be serious, causing a diminution of the income and loss of income. Although a part may constitute one-tenth part of a body, the destruction of that limb may vitally damage the rest of the body.

The effect of a 50% copper production reduction would only mean the emergence of a large volume of unemployed Northern Rhodesians. The effect is rather that employment will largely go elsewhere. The permanent residents of Northern Rhodesia are the Africans, while the Europeans are for the most part temporary residents; they may be said to have one foot in Northern Rhodesia and the other in their country of origin.

The full force of a depression is borne, therefore, mainly by the Native Africans, who have both feet in the territory. On the other hand, whose employment opportunities in the territory are being the African also will have a great incentive to seek work outside the territory. Generally it can be said that European labour in Northern Rhodesia is greatly mobile while African labour, while less mobile, still possesses a considerable degree of mobility.

The highest common factor in the economic life of British Southern Africa (the Union of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia) is the dependence of the separate territories on mining activity.

Northern Rhodesia of the three territories is probably the most dependent on mining activity. Hence its European population is the least stable. The problem for the Northern Rhodesia Government is the instability of aggregate income and of aggregate employment in the territory is itself no simple one, and it must be connected with the development of new industry primary or secondary, which may provide compensatory employment in copper mining declines, and also to raise the standard of living. The dangers to be confronted by the Government in this connection are therefore manifold.

**Re-Division of Equatoria Province**

The Bah-el-Ghazal and Mongalla Provinces of the Sudan were amalgamated in 1935 to form a single Equatoria province, with headquarters in Fada and an area of 52,090 square miles, nearly the sixth of the total area of the whole country. The Equatoria Region stretches from the border of Ethiopia in the east to the French Equatorial Africa in the west and from the boundaries of Kenya, Uganda, the Belgian Congo, and French Equatorial Africa in the south to Darfur in the north. It has not proved possible to administer satisfactorily so large an area with such undeveloped communications, and the Civil Secretary therefore recommended to the Governor-General's Council that the province should be divided. The Council has considered the question and has resolved that the Equatoria province be divided into two provinces, Bah-el-Ghazal and Mongalla, with an additional post office at Bah-el-Ghazal. The Bah-el-Ghazal area, with an area of 27,000 square miles, is included in the Equatoria 1946 budget.

**Southern Rhodesia Prepared for 1946**

The Medical Director of Southern Rhodesia stated that the Colony is well prepared for anything that might happen in the next few months. Thanks to the foresight of the Government in the purchase of J.K. Smith three to supply the army and air forces of the war and of a supply of...

# Commissioner's Recommendations to Uganda Government

## Findings of Mr. Justice Whitley on General Strike

MR. JUSTICE WHITLEY, from the findings of the Uganda Government on the general strike in Uganda in January last, has issued his report of great interest—namely, of course, to those connected with the affairs of Uganda.

Again and again the Commissioner reiterates his conviction that the origins of the disturbances were political rather than economic and that clearly of the nature of an organized conspiracy among Ugandans in responsible positions.

Extracts from the report in regard to the historical background and the object, organization, and extent of the disturbances will be published in later issues of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA. Hereunder we quote the recommendations of the Commissioner.

Generally speaking, when the chiefs and headmen are hard-working and accessible, chiefs and the people are happy and contented. I feel some doubts as to whether the present method of selecting and reporting on chiefs in Buganda is entirely satisfactory, and I suggest that it be overhauled and reconsidered with a view to ascertaining whether some better method can be evolved. Whenever it becomes apparent that any chief is lazy, disloyal, or incompetent, or does not take a proper interest in his duties, I suggest that no questions of sentiment should be allowed to prevent his being removed. The paramount consideration should be the welfare of the people.

### Inadequate Personal Contact

Some witnesses consider that there is a tendency nowadays for chiefs to be tied down too much by their work, which prevents them from coming around among the people as they used to do. This I feel should be remedied. The recent disturbances and the astonishing false reports and rumours which have so freely circulated over the countryside show that at a time like this, and especially when the soldiers begin to return to their homes with all the new ideas which they have picked up, personal contacts between chiefs and people should be encouraged to increase and not allowed to diminish.

The same observation, in my opinion, based upon what I have heard from many earnest witnesses, genuinely anxious for the country's welfare, applies with equal and perhaps even greater force to contacts between Administration officers and not only the chiefs but the peasants themselves. A venerable and greatly respected missionary with well over 20 years' experience in Uganda told me that, wherever he goes, he finds that the Natives regard the Administration officers not only with real respect but even with affection, and that the more they see of them on *safari* the better they are pleased. Ever-increasing office work seems also to be the bane of the district officer's existence, allowing him less and less time for travelling round his district.

It is a pity to have to hurry such a task, whether by Euro- or by African means, and the average African takes a long time to get to the point. I have had experience of that point of view from the Commission. Some of the most valuable African witnesses have spent an hour or so with me, and have produced the evidence which has been placed before the present enquiring body. They have indicated the need for more communicative methods, and the Commission has decided upon a system which seems worthy of consideration. Each district officer should be asked to spend a certain amount of time each week in travelling round his district, and to have the best of all the time available for the purpose of interviewing the chiefs and the more important headmen.

It is not compatible with the new protective state which we are introducing that the personal contacts of Administrative officers with the people should be allowed to exist in Buganda and not only be restored, but be increased. It is necessary to increase the police and to increase the number of police stations in the Protectorate, but not to the detriment of the rest of the Protectorate, tend to which the new police is inefficient and subversive.

### Government's Defective Intelligence

Government and police were taken completely by surprise. They were not in possession of any information which would suggest the possibility of the disturbances which occurred. It is inconceivable that such a widespread and serious disturbance could occur without that preparation by means of propaganda and careful organization. As the higher police officers were not in possession of information of such facts in the country, or persons or both, by which information should be obtained, and interpreted and utilized.

It is in the interests of public security in the future, and imperative that this aspect of the matter should be most carefully considered in order to find out where the weakness lies and to eliminate it.

Provisions connected with the war, the Intelligence Department is separate from the Police and C.I.D., and the head of it is in no way subordinate to the Commissioner of Police or to the C.I.D. The Commissioner suggests a fusion of the C.I.D. with the Security Intelligence Bureau, and several police officers outlined schemes for the organization of a special branch under the Commissioner, one of the principal duties of which would be to keep the authorities thoroughly posted as to what was going on and to see the people, secure public opinion, and try to obtain the earliest and most possible information of any subversive activities.

This branch will not have an easy task so far as Africans are concerned. How well they can be selected is illustrated by the fact that even now the police have so little precise information as to the identity of the real heads who conceived and worked out the plan for these disturbances.

I recommend early consideration of some reorganization such as that suggested by the Commissioner. If available, the details of the workings of the Special Branch in Singapore before the war might be helpful. It was exceedingly efficient, and I know that one of its officers is still at Blantyre.

Two Kampala police officers who have obviously given much thought to the matter have put forward constructive suggestions.

### Public Should Be Taken into Confidence

I recommend for consideration the advisability of Government taking the public much more closely into their confidence than they have done in the past. The appointment in March of a senior administrative officer as what may be termed a both-ways public relations officer is a step in the right direction.

I suggest that the fullest possible use be made of the Inacular Press to keep the Africans informed in simple language of all measures and matters which affect them or are of interest to them.

The question of encouraging the formation of social clubs especially in the out-districts also seems worthy of consideration. There is one at Nyenga which meets at the cantonment headquarters every Sunday evening. I have addressed them on the war situation on two or three occasions. There were good attendances, and I do not think that the fact that this club is under suspicion as having served as a base from which agitators directed operations in Basoga should be allowed to prevail as an argument against establishing such clubs elsewhere. Many witnesses expressed their approval of the idea. Expense is practically nil.

Administrative officers, health, veterinary, agricultural and education officers as well as others would no doubt give addresses from time to time, and the *baraza* chief might make a point of doing so. The points of contact should be rigidly maintained.

Another important matter is the poor quality of some of the news which is being disseminated. It is not only the quality of the news, but the way in which it is disseminated. How quickly or how slowly it is disseminated, and the manner in which it is disseminated.

During the circulation that pernicious publication, *Uganda Nyasa*, I was asked if it had been prepared by a European, which would not say for European understanding, as well as for the Native mentality. It is a pity that the only one printed and distributed.



# Providing Universities for the Colonial Empire

## Specific Proposals of Higher Education Committee

THEY ARE THE COLONIALS. HERE four institutions of higher education, which as such are autonomous, are in a body of their own institutions dealing with the creation of the basis of university colleges in the service of the existing universities. Whether the institutions are recommended as being the associates of the universities of the Dominions and India with the Colonial institutions, the Commission expresses the hope that these universities will join with those in this country in entering into effective co-operation with the institutions of higher education in the Colonies.

Universities should be established in areas as possible in those areas which are not now served by an existing university. The immediate objective is to produce men and women who have the standards of public service and capacity for leadership which the progress of government demands, and to assist in satisfying the needs of the Colonies with the professional qualifications required for the economic and social development of the Colonies.

Among the vocational subjects for which facilities should be provided by a university, the training of teachers for secondary schools must take a high place.

### Makerere Should Be Developed to University Status

The first step towards the establishment of universities is the creation of university colleges; this should be undertaken immediately. The Commission supports the proposal to develop Makerere College in East Africa to university status.

In determining the appropriate area which a university should serve, the test should not be the size of the population, but the capacity of the area to produce an adequate flow of students able to profit from higher education. The primary type of university is to be preferred to that based on a system of federation.

A university will not fulfil its purpose unless it makes provision for a fairly wide range of subjects; it should be at the same time a centre for the study of subjects in the faculties of arts and science and for instruction in professional subjects. There should be a balance between the two, while the production of an educated, well-educated class, divorced from the needs of the Colonies and without adequate employment in it would be a serious failure. The professional training would be almost equally negligible. Minimum facilities should be provided for some subjects in the faculty of arts, for some in the faculty of science, and for one or more professional subjects. It is of equal importance that facilities should exist for research.

The universities should be entirely residential, and open to men and women of all classes.

In the faculty of arts, English language and literature must have a special place, and there should be provision for the teaching of at least one other language other than English, in some areas the study of languages appropriate to the region is desirable. History, geography, and the social sciences should be included at all university institutions, in arranging the syllabus for these subjects, attention must be given to the syllabus for the teaching of geography.

The faculty of science should comprise departments of mathematics, physics, chemistry, botany and zoology; in some cases a department of geology may be needed. The facilities for the study of science should be fully staffed, fully equipped libraries and laboratories are essential.

Exact sciences should be taught in the primary and secondary schools. University education should provide adult education for the benefit of the Colonies. The facilities for the study of the sciences should be fully staffed, fully equipped libraries and laboratories are essential.

The successful functioning of the Colonial institutions will depend, firstly on the provision of a staff adequate in numbers and experience, and secondly on suitable conditions in

which the members can maintain contact with intellectual and academic life in the Colonies.

The subject should be discontinued unless when a transition is made to professional subjects is given by officers of Government departments seconded to these institutions.

The Colonies universities should take an active interest in the existence of such institutions from overseas. It is recommended that appointments in the Colonial institutions should be made in the Colonies to those of different overseas departments in the Colonies. The Commission is recommending that the salary of those appointed to academic posts at home of the appointment of members of home university staffs to serve in the Colonies. There should be liberal provision of leave and of other facilities.

### Recruitment of Academic Staff

It is necessary to co-ordinate different scales of remuneration for the staff recruited from overseas and those recruited locally. The difference between the two scales of remuneration might be met by the payment to the overseas staff of a supplement from a special fund provided by the Government of the United Kingdom.

Part of the staff of the Colonial institutions should be provided by secondment to them of members of the academic staffs of home universities. They might be of varying seniority, but they should be guaranteed a reasonable prospect of return, without loss of seniority to their home university.

To facilitate the recruitment of staff, the treatment of the staff from the Colonies should be local graduate, research, research assistants and should also be given the opportunity of post-graduate study in Great Britain.

Research is an essential part of the life of a university. This must be recognized not only in planning the strength of the staff required by the university, but also in providing time and facilities for research or original study.

The research proper to a university is of a fundamental type, and utilitarian results should not be demanded from the research activities of members of the university staff. The Colonies present many special problems, both in the natural and social sciences, in which research of a fundamental type can be suitably and profitably undertaken by members of the academic staff.

As regards research in the applied sciences, the distribution of the universities should be the training of graduates who are fitted to become research workers and to fit a career in applying their scientific knowledge to practical problems.

Workers in the field of applied sciences can benefit from close association with an academic staff and institutes or organizations for investigation or research in these sciences should wherever possible be located near a university.

### Inter-University Council Recommended

The development of the new Colonial institutions will depend largely on the active interest and co-operation of the home universities. This can best be secured through the creation of an Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies.

The Council should be representative of all the home universities; it might co-opt representatives of certain university colleges and institutions of comparable status in Great Britain. Each Colonial university or university college should also be invited to nominate a member.

The Council would keep in touch with the development of the new Colonial institutions through regular visits of its members to them. Its services would be available in assisting them to engage staff from overseas, in helping to arrange for the secondment to them of members of home academic staffs, in arranging for the appointment of different branches of staff, in arranging for the appointment of staff to visit them; and in providing advice on the general educational policy on which they should be based.

The members of the Inter-University Council should be invited to visit the Colonial institutions, and to visit the existing Colonial universities and university colleges.

It would be in a position to advise an intending student from the Colonies as to the institution in this country best suited for his proposed studies and able to accommodate him.

The Secretary of State on the academic side, and the Secretary of State on the financial side, should be invited to appoint representatives of the home universities should be invited to visit the Colonial institutions in this country.

It would be the precedent of most of the new universities in this country. A Colonial university should have a senate, which would have authority in purely academic matters, and a council, which would be the supreme governing body and would exercise the property of the institution. There should be a council, appointed by the Crown, as a check on the responsibility of the council.

The members of the council of the university should not be appointed by the government. One-third should be members of the government, one-third should be members of the university, and one-third should be members of the area government. The government should be represented by the representatives of the Inter-University Council, the Guild of Graduates, and members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The centre of instruction and learning should be the extent of the institution according to its degree in the academic world. It will take time for the new Colonial institutions to reach a position in which their degrees can compare with those of the British institutions. The initial stages of the development of the institutions must be consistent with the existing Colonial standards of qualifications. The time is also a factor.

It is recommended therefore that for this interim period Colonial colleges should enter into a special relationship with London University, in which while students may attend the classes of that university, the university has agreed to conduct the classes in order to secure that while the students are in London, they are treated as if they were attending a university in London. The fees and examinations should be arranged to be on a local basis. The power giving powers should be conferred on the Colonial institutions only when the following conditions have been fulfilled: the staff must have had adequate experience of work of a university standard; conditions of work must have permitted the satisfactory continuation of research or original work; a substantial number of students must have completed satisfactorily the courses for degrees in a sufficient field of academic subjects.

**Undergraduate Education Should be Local**

The undergraduate education of Colonial students should wherever practicable be carried out in Colonial institutions. Undergraduate study overseas should be confined to those students who wish to study exceptional subjects for which there is no local provision. The facilities for undertaking post-graduate studies overseas should be extended.

In order to render assistance in the allocation of funds from the Home Government, a Colonial University Grants Advisory Committee should be created, on which the Inter-University Council should be represented. It may be desirable that an appropriate part of the funds available under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act should be specially assigned for the establishment of universities in the Colonies.

To meet the urgent need for the expansion of the existing medical staff and of the primary health services in the Colonies, medical schools should be established to serve those Colonial regions which do not yet possess them. Early steps should be taken to improve the quality of teaching in existing schools which have not yet received recognition from the General Medical Council in Great Britain. Special emphasis in preventive medicine should receive increasing emphasis.

The training of hospital assistants should be carried out in schools distinct from those used for medical students. The courses should be of a high standard, the medical curriculum either of four or five years.

The medical school should be an integral part of the university, and students should participate fully in the university life. The school should be entirely residential.

Though there should be the close collaboration between

the university and the local government, the local government should not have a say in the appointment of the staff of a university. The staff should be appointed by the university.

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**The Bar of the Colonies**

The majority of Colonies have no facilities for practising the law. A call to the Bar of the Colonies is a call to the Bar of the United Kingdom. Legal education may well be developed in the Colonies. The subjects of law in Colonial universities should provide facilities for the present procedure for acquiring a practical qualification must continue for some time, certain reforms are made regarding the conditions which Colonial students have normally to satisfy in order to be called to the Bar in England. The requirement of "eating dinners" in the Inn of Court is over-acting and it would be a convenience if Part of the law examination could be passed in absentia as has been possible during the war.

When a Colonial university or university college establishes a law school, the collaboration of the judicial authorities should be sought in framing the curriculum, and the form of the final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Laws. It is necessary in order that the degree may be accepted as satisfying the national requirements for admission to a local Bar, thus avoiding the imposition of any further educational tests. It will also be for the judicial authorities to advise regarding the number of students to be admitted to the law school, with a view to ensuring the production of a number of graduates in law to meet the needs of the Colonies.

Subjects of one qualification, civil engineering may be a suitable and valuable addition to the professional subjects studied in a Colonial university or university college. It is an accepted principle that the qualifications for the profession of engineering must comprise two years' practical experience of good engineering work, and in many Colonies it may be difficult for some time to satisfy this condition. It is suggested that for the study of B.Sc. Engineering in the Colonies, Colonial universities should be established. For the present it would be necessary for the student to complete his full training as an engineer to be placed overseas for this purpose.

The provision made for the training of teachers will be the responsibility of the department of education under a professor of education. It should be a centre of research in the many special problems of school education in Colonial conditions. It should be in close touch with the department of education in the Colonies and take a large part in its extra-mural activities.

In the Colonies one of the most difficult problems of university education arises from the fact that the medium of instruction is usually English, and that the official language of the majority of the student is another language. Further investigations into the general problems connected with the teaching of English as a foreign language, this however, is a subject which an appropriate body should be formed in this country. It is essential that members of the university should be equipped for training of teachers should be exceptionally well equipped for teaching English to the students. It is suggested that English teachers should be trained in the Colonies.

Specialized courses in the training of teachers should be provided. Those who are proceeding to the Colonies to take up posts in connection with the training of teachers. A similar provision should be made for training teachers in the Colonies. The university department of education can discharge its responsibility in this respect.

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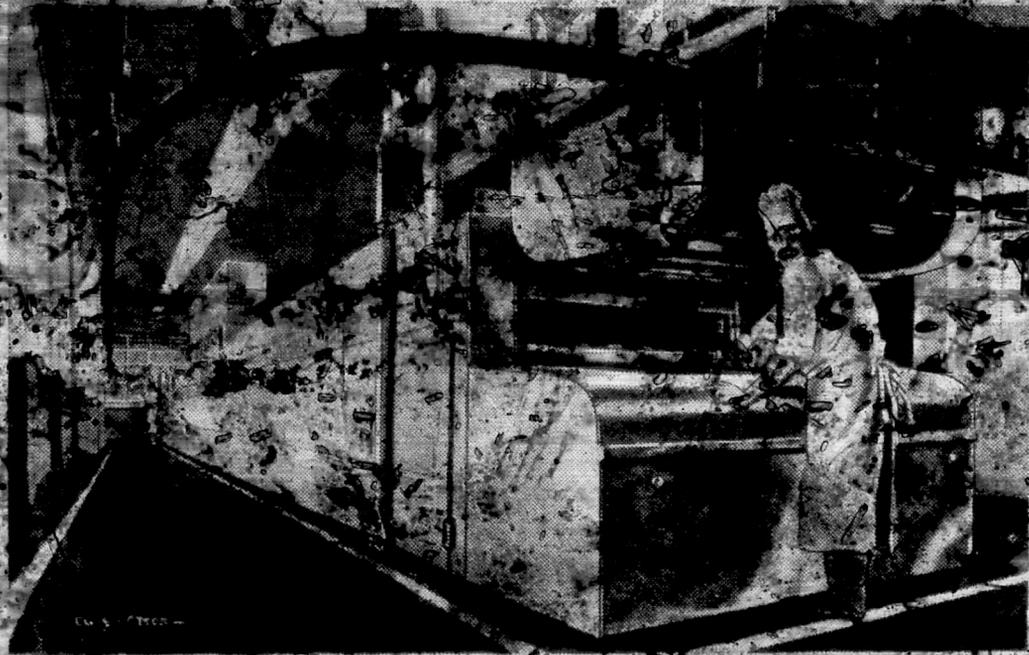




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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conditions of Colonial War

Views of Gauda W. J. Wright

Editor of EAST AFRICA, 11, RINGWAY,

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Dear Sir, I have just read your issue

of the 10th November and am glad to

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... Italian Minister ... Italian Government ... British Government ... Italian propaganda ... I have evidence of such propaganda ... a great mistake to state that the Italians are more popular than the British.

I was in Durban last December I was informed by the British civil affairs officer that the Ethiopian Government had requested the British Administration to take back 2,000 undesirable Italians who had crossed the frontier from British-controlled Eritrea into Ethiopia. ... Yours faithfully, E. SYLVIA FANKHURST.

Why Not Jeeps? The Government of Kenya has announced that mounted sections of the police force are to be established in areas to which horses or mules cannot be kept, and that arrangements are being made to purchase jeeps. ... Yours faithfully, WOODBINE GREEN.

Conditions in Ethiopia

Editor of EAST AFRICA AND RHODESIA

I have read in your issue of the 10th November reports from the frontiers of Ethiopia to the effect that the conditions of colonial war are such that the people of the country are suffering from lack of food and clothing. ... Yours faithfully, G. W. WRIGHT.

... The Government of Ethiopia was responsible for the excessive cost of the war. It is a subject which has long interested me and I am glad to see that you have included the views of some of our people on the subject of the conditions of colonial war.

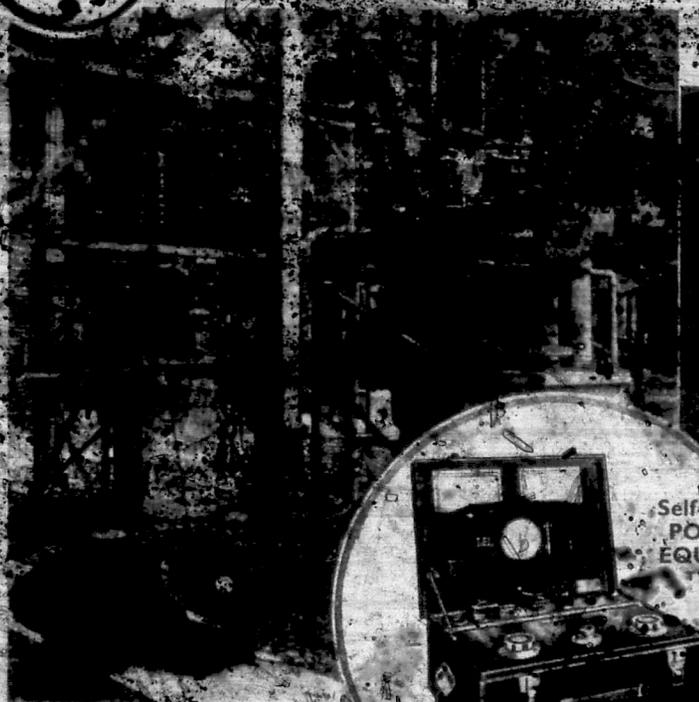
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## News Items in Brief

The Bulawayo Golf Club has celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The use of motor cars is now again authorized in the Sudan.

During January-March European births in Southern Rhodesia numbered 78 and European deaths 471, including 30 of infants aged one year.

The East African Coffee Planting Co., Ltd. will reopen its Nairobi mill on August 1 for treatment of the first portion of the 1945-46 coffee crop.

One African from the Sudan was one of 43 students who attended a summer school for youth leaders organized by the Scottish Youth Leadership Training Association.

By the Rhodesian Seed Maize Prices Order, 1945, an increase in the price of certified seed maize from 30s. to 35s. per bag is authorized. The price of seed wheat is unchanged.

The Compagnie des Compagnons Katanga reports that its average copper crop for the past five years exceeded 500 tons, compared with an average of 470 tons for the last five pre-war years.

When addressing the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce last week, the Minister of Commerce in Southern Rhodesia, Mr. J. B. Fenwick, stressed the importance of buying British in order to reduce to the minimum the British need of dollars.

The Board of Economics and Finance in the Sudan has recommended that the Public Works Department should be asked to investigate the possibility of using motor-planting vehicles, in the light of recent experience in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

In order to deal expeditiously with the business before the Rhodesian Parliament, members have agreed to shorter sittings. During future sessions the House will sit until 7 p.m. every day except Fridays, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays when business ends at 6 p.m.

The Secretary for Native Affairs has announced that an African Representative Council for Northern Rhodesia, to be formed after consultation with Provincial Commissioners and the African Provincial Councils, will probably hold its first meeting next year.

A conference representing all the East African Dependencies and the Rhodesias is to open in Nairobi tomorrow to discuss questions concerning Polish, Czech, Cypriot and other refugees now in those territories. While the Polish authorities are understandably anxious that their nationals shall be repatriated as soon as possible, shortage of shipping is likely to cause a delay of some months.

Arable prices in the Sudan have risen by about £1 per ton as a result of increased demands from abroad.

An American seaman bathing in Kihindini Harbour was so badly mauled by a shark that he died shortly afterwards.

About 100 members of the Police Reserve in Southern Rhodesia have been awarded the Special Constabulary Long Service Medal.

From now on there are to be twice weekly air services between Belgium and the Belgian Congo, and aircraft will leave Brussels on Mondays and Fridays.

In Kimberley a man was recently sent to prison for 12 months for picking the pocket of a person standing next to him on an identification parade at the police station.

The Electors' Union of Kenya has decided to appoint a London representative whose main task will be to counter subversive propaganda and give information about the Colony.

Mr. H. O. Wether, secretary of the East African Industrial Research Board, has written a pamphlet on the manufacture from local materials in Kenya of "besto-lime" as a satisfactory substitute for cement.

A new cheese factory opened in Fort Victoria, Southern Rhodesia, has been named Roquelort Dairy Ltd. The enterprise has been started by Messrs. R. Stockil, A. Reich, D. Cameron, and W. F. Rothenberg.

The Department of Agriculture of the United States has announced that the area under cotton, estimated at 18,365,000 acres, is 9.8% below last year's planted area, which was itself 7.6% lower than in 1943. Those plantings were stated at the time to be the lowest for 49 years.

The Nyasaland Chamber of Commerce has decided by 19 votes to vote to resign from the Convention of Associations, and has appointed a sub-committee consisting of Mr. D. C. Hess (Chairman), Mr. J. Leslie, Mr. R. B. Clegg, and Colonel J. M. B. Sanders to make recommendations on the subject of an electoral system.

### Jibuti-Addis Ababa Railway

It is reported from Paris that French Government representatives in Jibuti are negotiating with Ethiopia for the return to France of the Ethiopian section of the railway from Jibuti to Addis Ababa.

### Postal Rates Increased in Sudan

Rates for inland postage in the Sudan have been increased from July 1. The minimum for surface mail will be 10 m/ms. instead of 5 m/ms., and by air the cost will be 25 m/ms. as compared with the former rate of 15 m/ms. The charge for postcards has been raised from 3 to 5 m/ms. The cost of the first six words of internal telegrams has been doubled, as has also the charge on foreign telegrams, with certain exceptions.

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Address of the Report by Mr. Harvey

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Mr. Harvey, M.P., Chairman, K.B.E., Deputy Chairman of the Company, was in the chair, said that on various occasions in special duties at the Ministry of War Transport, he had been asked, as were others, during the war, to ride at the helm. First, he must refer with deep regret to the loss which we sustained by the death on September 26, 1943, of Mr. J. H. Gilchrist, who had served the Company for a long period of 22 years, becoming a member of the company in 1912, a director in 1920, and Chairman in 1932, which position he held until August, 1942, after which he continued as a director of the company. Mr. Gilchrist, much to the loss of the friendly relations which existed between this company and the people of South Africa, and his passing personally will be greatly missed.

## The Accounts

So far as the balance-sheet is concerned, the only marked change on the assets side is the increase in our holding of National War Bonds, but, as you will notice, the increase is more than offset by the reduction of our bank balances. On the liabilities side you will notice that the reserve fund account is £25,000 in excess of the rate for 1942. Turning to the profit and loss account, you will see that the profit on completed voyages during the year was about £200,000 less than in 1942. This fall in voyage profits was due partly to excessive tonnage in 1943, but mainly to the smaller total voyage periods terminating in the year.

The increase of £1,749,012 in income from investments and properties arises from the increase in our holding of National War Bonds, whilst the reduction in interest received is due to the reduction in our deposit account and to the fact that, having received full payment of the insurance monies to which we were entitled on account of our vessels lost by enemy action, we found it necessary to place to us on balances outstanding in this company.

We have recently arrived at a provisional settlement of our E.P.T. liability up to the end of the year 1942. This provisional settlement establishes that the group, comprising your company and its four 100% subsidiaries is not liable for the amount up to that date, although there is a small E.P.T. liability on the Union-Castle Company if taken as a separate entity. This releases the greater part of the provision previously made against the possibility of E.P.T. liability on our 1942 profits, and so, together with Dominion tax relief, a further £166,176 is brought into the year's account.

Against the £1,776,192 to the credit and to account the amount to be set the provision for depreciation on ships, property and plant, which has been charged on the same basis as for 1943, interest on debenture stock, £100,000 for deferred repairs and renewals, and provision for estimated taxation. The last figure, at £1,770,000, is £225,000 less than that provided in 1942.

After these deductions have been made, there remains a balance of £528,721, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from 1943 of £139,184, making a total of £667,905.

The amount required for payment of the preference dividends is £87,000, and the total of £580,000 has been set against the fleet replacement account. During the war the company has incurred considerable cost of tonnage, which it is essential to replace as soon as possible, whilst amplifying costs, which have been met from fleet-replacement accounts, which largely represent the

cost of insurance recoveries over book value. It is to be noted that, as was provided primarily to enable the high costs of tonnage to be written down to economic values.

It is proposed that the dividend on the ordinary stock should be maintained at 5% (less income tax at the rate of 1944, after allowing for Dominion tax relief). This leaves the slightly increased amount of £528,721 to be carried forward.

## Replacement of Lost Tonnage

During each of the years 1943, 1944, and 1945 we have been delivering one refrigerated cargo vessel, and we have also been engaged in further construction, which are due to be completed in the first half of next year.

Under the restrictions upon labour and materials which have operated throughout the war, it has not been possible to contract for the construction of passenger tonnage lost, but, as mentioned in the statement, we are now completing the construction of two new vessels of the CAPT TOWN CASTLE class, to replace the WARWICK CASTLE and WINDSOR CASTLE. The cost of these two new ships will not exceed £1,000,000.

To restore our fleet to its pre-war size, it will be necessary to build further passenger vessels of the intermediate type, also cargo vessels, and to due course to replace other ships as they become older. In these circumstances, it is anticipated that it is essential for you, the company, to liquid resources to the greatest possible extent.

During a flying visit to the Union of South Africa earlier this year, our Chairman negotiated a new ocean mail contract and a new freight agreement, both operative from January 1, 1947, for a period of 10 years. We have no doubt that these agreements will prove of great benefit to the Union of South Africa in assuring that Dominion and the restoration of the regular service of the passengers and cargo vessels at the earliest possible opportunity. At the same time the existence of these agreements affords us some assistance in our banking upon the greater expenditure involved.

The whole of the company's fleet has remained under requisition to His Majesty's Government throughout the year under review. All our large passenger ships have been engaged in the conveyance of troops to various theatres of war. These activities have prevented the use of the ships on the South Africa route, and it has only been possible for one or two of our own cargo vessels to call at South and East African ports during the year. We have, however, been able to maintain a restricted cargo service to South and East Africa throughout the war by our operation, under the liner requisition scheme, of vessels belonging to other companies, and of vessels managed by us but owned by or chartered to the British Government.

## Interest in Air Transport

As you are aware, our directors have followed with keen interest the development of the Government's policy in regard to air transport, and, in case it became practicable and desirable for this company, which as early as 1936 had obtained the necessary powers, to engage directly in the operation of air services to and from South Africa, we formed in 1943 a subsidiary company for this purpose.

At each of the annual meetings of this company, and during the war reference has been made to the matter, and it is to be hoped that, in the near future, we shall be able to pay a very cordial tribute to the bravery and devotion to duty of our commanding officers and crews who have manned our ships during these long and dangerous years. The fact that 100,000 men have been made to other sea-going personnel, in addition to 25,000 men in dispatches, and 25,000 commandings, is some measure of the value placed upon their services.

COMPANY MEETING

British Central Africa Co.

Sir Montague Barlow, Review

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA COMPANY, LTD., was held on July 14 at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Great Piazza, London, E.C.4.

The Rt. Hon. Sir MONTAGUE BARLOW, Bt., P.C., M.P., presided.

The following was extracted from the chairman's report which was read and with the report and accounts—

There is little upon which to comment in the present year, except that you will see the increased provision for taxation of £1,740 and that £3,500 by way of the tea levies expenditure.

As to dividends, last year we recommended a dividend of 2% plus a bonus of 14/12, which equated to 11% and represented 4/10/400 gross per unit of 2s. of stock, less income tax at the rate of 3d. on the £, or a net payment of 1d. per unit, and we propose a similar distribution net of 1d. this year.

Tobacco.—In spite of climatic difficulties, this crop has proved somewhat more productive per acre than last year.

Tea.—This crop again shows steadily increasing output in fresh portions of our plant of tea being taken into full bearing.

Soya Bean.—During the year 1,335 acres were under cultivation, as against 1,025 in the previous year, and 665 tons were produced, as against 660.

Nyasa Sisal Estates, Limited.—359 tons of sisal and tow were produced, of which the major part has already been disposed of at good prices.

Now a word of two, as usual, as to the current year

and of 1945. As to our crop prospects for 1945, Mr. R. G. Nicol, who writes from Limbe, has prospects appear satisfactory. We had already made considerable more tea up to January, 1945, than by that date in 1944. As to increased provision for handling the steadily growing tea output, some smaller additions to the machinery were made during the year, up to the end of September, 1944, and the machinery is in the approved capital expenditure up to several thousand pounds for considerable extra machinery for drying purposes, also for additional machinery required for processing and manufacturing the tea.

As to the last report received state that harvesting and sowing operations have been completed on all our plantations. As to soya, arrangements have already been made for a substantial harvest area, and the crop is good.

The concentration of our attention and the others of experience in working hills for a long time, the board has to thank the various departments of the business for the year's work, and more especially in connection with our tea estates.

Finally, the cordial and grateful thanks of the board and of the shareholders are due to our general manager, Mr. R. G. Nicol, working in Africa, to our secretary, Mr. Pollock, in the London office, and to the staff working under them. The year has imposed a heavy burden of much hard and tiresome work on all

of our staff, and it has been so severely and for a longer time than the recession during the war, and our staffs, alike in London and Nyasa, have met and all engaged with admirable ability and efficiency throughout the year, in spite of the war and all its duties and dangers.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.



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Company Progress Reports

Bushbuck... 300 tons of ore milled in June yielded 202 oz gold... working point of 700 on the... 13.2... 6.1 dwt... 11.9 dwt...

Rosterman... 1,712 fine oz. gold were produced in June from 1,050 tons of ore milled... The main shaft was sunk 32 ft to 100 ft... level driving on the east and west was in low value...

Dividends

Rezende... has declared a dividend of 100 shillings per share... Anglo and Motor Gold Mining Co. (1919) Ltd. has declared a dividend of 1s. per share... African Investment Trust Ltd. has declared a dividend of 1s. per share... Rhodesia Copper and Gold Exploration and Finance Co. is to pay 2 1/2% of respect of the year ended May 31 last...

Mining Trust

Mining Trust Ltd. reports that during the year ended December 31, 1954, there was an excess of income over the requirements of 1954 which reduced the debit balance to nil.

Mining Personalities

Sergei V. V. Trichwell... temporarily released from the Army... George Arthur Davampou... among the members of the Council of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy...

Selukwe

Selukwe... in the year 1954... more than 1,000... was £11,058... £11,580... 20 cents per share...

Sudan Salt

Sudan Salt... made a profit of £90,765... £1,162,162... £11,760... £223,776... £1,000,000... £1,000,000... £1,000,000...

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