

British Plan Major Development of Colonies Still Held in Africa

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
 NEW YORK—(AP)—British military authorities in London disclose that the projected withdrawal of England's main Mediterranean and Middle Eastern defenses to East Africa is to be accompanied by an economic, social and political development in Africa which will be "truly historic."

Hot on the heels of this momentous statement we see British, French and Belgian colonial administrators meeting in Paris to discuss a program for intensive development in southern, central

and equatorial Africa. They tell us that this great project is to be started at once.

No Fanfare
 All this has been got under way without blare of trumpets. Indeed it's only now we get a close-up preview of a vast enterprise that is calculated to strengthen a British Empire which some gloomy prophets have said darkly was breaking up.

This prediction has been voiced more persistently since mighty India with her four hundred millions has been granted her independence, thereby removing one of the brightest gems from the imperial crown.

Still Leader
 Winston Churchill said a few days ago that Britain would continue to play a leading role in world affairs. "Albeit not in the full stature of former days." He added: "It is my unconquerable faith that if we have hard times ahead—we shall come through the difficulties in the end."

I don't think we can quarrel with such an estimate, always provided England doesn't forget that her fate as a sovereign democracy is linked with America's.

Change Slow
 The term "breaking-up" isn't an apt one to use in connection with the changes in the British Empire.

It is undergoing a metamorphosis which thus far has resulted in dividing it into two parts—the British Commonwealth of Nations (comprising sovereign states) and the empire (including the dependencies.) These two divisions complement each other.

Four-H Leader Lists Scholarship Winners

Jo Ann Day, assistant county club agent, Tuesday announced 20 winners of half scholarships that will enable the 4-H clubbers to join Lane County's 110 student quota at the summer school in Corvallis, or the camp at Fall Creek.

Winning the spring achievement awards for keeping project records were Vern Chalberg and Earlene Myers, Willagillespie; Patty McIntire and Eva Stults, Veneta; Joe Canaday and Edna Kostab, Crow; Nell Effinger and James Templeton, Riverview; Joan Petersen and Jeanette Mar- ion, Noli; Dan Lane, Lower Camp Creek; Peggy Kitterman, Lancaster.

Josephine Williamson and Wana Sugg, London; Audrey Gatewood, Eugene High; Dorothy Earle, Florence; Shirley Sparks and Gay Rugs, Colin Kelly, Bob O'Connor, Thurston and Doris Johnson, Swamp School district.

Valued Stamp Found After Slipping Mount

NEW YORK — (AP) — A stamp exhibited as the world's most precious at the international stamp exhibition, a British Guiana 1856 issue valued at \$50,000, was missing when officials made their daily check of exhibits Tuesday.

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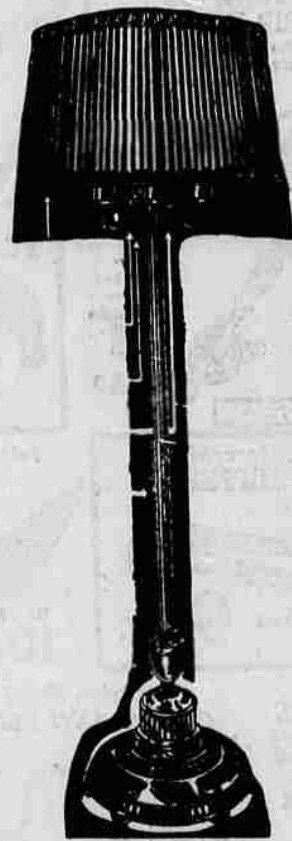
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