

Black Africa Moving Rapidly Toward Self-Rule; Post-War Calm Vanishes

LONDON—UPI—In the Vatican, the first black African cardinal is cheered to the echo...

In South Africa, Boer police shoot down more than 80 native demonstrators; a white farmer shoots the prime minister...

In Kenya, white settlers boo and cry "traitor" at British Colonial Secretary Iain MacLeod for promising the Kikuyu and Luo and other tribes more political power...

Black Africa has the bit of independence between its teeth. And if it seems at times to be moving too fast towards self-rule, there is no stopping it.

At the close of World War II, the great colonial empires were intact. Then India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma became self-governing within the British Commonwealth. Indochina broke away from French rule, Indonesia from Dutch colonialism.

All Africa took note and the calm erupted into storm. Egypt and the Sudan cut all

ties with Britain. Morocco and Tunisia gained their freedom and Algeria still is in the midst of a bloody war of independence.

The Mau Mau terror paralyzed Kenya. Blood flowed in Nyasaland. France was forced to offer its many colonies freedom or full partnership.

Today, apart from the Union of South Africa, where the policy of apartheid is administered with an iron hand and armored cars, the continent is comparatively quiet—and much of it is free or has been promised freedom.

Half Freed
By the end of 1960, more than half the 260 million population of the "black continent" will be run by black Africans.

Most were former colonies and territories administered by Britain, France and Belgium. Of the other independent nations, the main ones are the ancient kingdom of Ethiopia, the tiny republic of Liberia, and Libya.

Of the vast sections of the continent once colored red on

maps to denote allegiance to Britain, Egypt became independent in 1922 and was declared a republic in 1953. The Sudan became a republic in 1956.

Ghana, formerly the Gold Coast, became an independent nation within the British Commonwealth in 1947 and now is moving swiftly towards a republican constitution.

Negro Is Cardinal
Kenya still is a colony, but with growing African representation in the administration. Tanganyika—home of the new cardinal, Msgr. Laurian Rugambwa—is a protectorate with well-advanced plans for an elected African majority.

Uganda is a British-administered U.N. trust territory destined for self-determination.

The central African federation, formed by the white-dominated colony of Southern Rhodesia and the protectorates of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, originally had high hopes of becoming a dominion ranking equal with Canada, Australia and South Africa.

But agitation in Nyasaland against the feared domination of Southern Rhodesian whites led to bloodshed last year. The Monckton commission now is touring the federation examining how best to reconcile opposing views.

On Oct. 1, Nigeria becomes the biggest independent nation in Africa, with a population of 39,500,000. The British Cameroons vote next year on whether to join Nigeria or the republic of the Cameroons. British Somaliland becomes independent late this year and may join with Italian Somalia, which becomes self-governing July 1.

South Africa Different
Progress in the smaller British colonies is slower, but Africans are getting more and more say in their own affairs in such places as Bechuanaland, Swaziland, Basutoland, Sierra Leone, Zanzibar and Mauritius.

Main stand-out in the English-speaking world is the Union of South Africa and its mandated territory of South-West Africa. The dominion, stubbornly opposing the flood-tide of African nationalism, is moving towards a republic outside the commonwealth.

The French flag has disappeared entirely from Tunisia, Morocco, Guinea and the Cameroons. Togo becomes fully independent April 27.

The future of Algeria is in the lap of the gods, the French Army and the Algerian nationalists. But most other French African possessions have chosen the status of autonomous republics within the French community. As such, they are full partners with France, which conducts their defense and guides

foreign policy. The members of the French community are Dahomey, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Niger, Upper Volta, Chad, Gabon, Middle Congo, Ubangi-Shari and French Somaliland.

The Mali Federation, comprising Senegal and the French Sudan, also is a member of the community but under agreement reached early this month conducts its own defense and foreign affairs.

The Belgian Congo, with spur of a series of riots last year, has been granted independence starting June 30 this year. The adjoining U.N. trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi still is administered by Belgium, but future plans envisage two independent kingdoms.

Spain and Portugal are the principal remaining colony powers in Africa, but neither shows signs of granting more than token self-rule. Spain administers Ifni, Spanish Sahara, while the principal Portuguese possessions are Angola and Mozambique—two of the largest countries south of Sahara.

Governor Accepts Book Writing Offer
Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield has accepted an offer from the New York publishing firm of Harcourt, Brace and Company to write a book on the role of the modern-day governor.

George L. White of the firm told Hatfield in a letter he is especially interested in Hatfield giving consideration to questions of ethics and today's government, intelligence and government, ways of communicating concepts of change to the people, and how new problems which beset state government may be more intelligently met.

Hatfield said he would begin serious work on the book during a vacation period next summer.

Hatfield Schedules Week's Activities
Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield will address the Benjamin Franklin Friars in Portland this evening.

At noon Wednesday the Salem Rotary Club will honor him and the other members of the Board of Control at a luncheon.

Thursday morning the governor will swear in Drs. J. Warner Henderson, Hood River, and William B. Prophet, John Day, to the Oregon Board of Dental Examiners.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Ever Hear of an Ant Keeping a Milk Cow?

It is a strange sort of parade; a performance that goes on nearly all the time, but one that is all but unnoticed by most of us. Its results and its repercussions concern nearly everyone who owns a tree, a shrub, or a living plant.

It is a strange and almost unbelievable drama; an act where the actors are so small we only see them when we look closely. Seldom do we comprehend the meaning unless we look with a discerning eye at what takes place on the trunk of a hibiscus bush, or at the base of a plant.

By a close scrutiny you too can have a front row seat at the free performance. Notice the ant struggling up the trunk of a plant stem, carrying in its foreclaws a wriggling form.

Small Insect
You may need a strong glass to see what it is the ant is lugging, but the glass will show you it is a small, plump-bodied insect, greenish in color, about the ant's size except much slimmer. It is an aphid. Some people call it a plant louse.

Up the plant stem the ant pulls the little insect until it arrives on a tender leaf or stem. Here the ant carefully deposits the aphid. The aphid goes immediately to work by plunging its sharp little beak into the tissue of the leaf. Then the little body becomes a tiny pump that sucks the sap from the plant. The ant will now hurry away to capture another aphid and bring it too back and place it alongside the one already there.

This may go on for several days; or the ant may go elsewhere, seeming to know by some strange reasoning that baby aphids will soon be born. They will populate the leaf from end to end with hundreds, or even thousands of individuals.

But whether the ant brings more aphids or waits until those already established raise a large family, it does know when there are enough for its purpose. For then it, and all its fellows make regular trips up the plant stem to where the aphid herds are pastured. Each ant selects an aphid and gently strokes the little insect with the antennae, and the aphid exudes a tiny drop of honey-dew from its body which is greedily lapped up by the ant. Some of the sweet, honey-dew may be carried away by the ant to the nest and fed to the ant larvae.

Leaves Get Sticky
The aphid horde may become so great as to exude honey-dew on such a scale that the leaves of the entire plant may become sticky. And all the time the ants are herding the aphids here and there on the plant where the pasturage is the best, for the more sap the aphids can drink the more honey-dew they exude. Many scientists have watched and marveled at this ant-habit of "keeping aphid-cows to milk" and mostly have been amazed. Honey-dew seems to be a very necessary

part of an ant's diet, and there are some species of ants that feed entirely on it, but nearly all ants practice the herding procedure and actually keep "stables of aphid-cows" just to "milk."

Carried Underground
Some varieties of ants capture and carry the aphids down into their underground tunnels, along with fresh, green leaves and plant stems, on which the aphids can pasture. Thus the ants have the "insect-cows" always near at hand so that they do not have to leave their homes to tend or milk the herd.

In the ant-world, as well as in the world of the aphids, there are habits and actions that cause thinking people to wonder what it is all about, and pose a question as to how these insects we call ants ever learned in the first place how to keep "milk-cows" for their own use. Just a wee bit perplexing, don't you think?

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Medford Police Investigate 102 Major Offenses

Medford police last month investigated 102 major offenses of which 18 were burglary and 11 larceny under \$50, according to the department's monthly report.

Police cleared 20 of the major offenses reported for a 19.6 average. This is compared to the March, 1959, average of 36 per cent when 36 out of 100 major offenses reported were cleared.

No cases of rape, robbery, manslaughter or assault were reported to police last month. They received eight reports of auto theft.

Eleven reports of embezzlement and fraud were received during March and 22 cases of embezzlement and fraud were cleared, many of them being cases of previous months.

Grand Total
A grand total of 2,156 reports were received by police of which 2,018 were cleared for a 93.6 average. This is compared to 1,669 cases reported in March, 1959, of which 1,532 were cleared for a 91.8 average.

There were 58 motor vehicle accidents reported to police during March and 17 injuries resulting from traffic accidents. There were no fatalities. During March, 1959, there were 51 motor vehicle accidents reported resulting in 12 injuries and no fatalities. Police issued 368 traffic citations last month compared to 434 for the same period in 1959. The greatest number of citations were issued for violation of the basic rule, 52, and no stop at sign or signal, 44.

Some 2,538 parking meter citations were meted out during March, a slight decrease from the 2,757 issued in March 1959.

Pendleton—UPI—John G. Moses, 83, Thornhill, was killed today when his car collided with a freight engine.

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